



U3A Sunshine Coast Inc.

2022 Election of Officers - Candidate Short Resumes

President – Glyni Cumming

I am nominating as President to complete my third and final year of office. I am proud to be part of a responsible and caring Management Committee, who speak their minds and contribute actively to positive decision-making, who manage their portfolios efficiently, and help to solve members and tutors' issues and resolve their concerns.

It is thanks to all our volunteers – the tutors who continue to develop new courses, the office volunteers, and the day leaders who have 'stepped up' to take on key roles such as our Office Coordinator, Project Officer and Venues Coordinator – that our organisation has continued to maintain a strong membership despite continuing global challenges. We have prepared a new Strategic Plan ready for critique and we continue to acknowledge the contribution of long-term members in their recognition at our annual Tutors and Volunteers Luncheon.

As an active member of U3A, I enjoy classes in both physical exercise and mental challenges. As a member of the Communication team, I love writing for our e-Voice newsletter along with opportunities to take good photographs, and occasionally contributing to Facebook.

Vice-President – John Saint-Smith

I have been a member of U3A Sunshine Coast for 12 years, currently Vice President and Equipment Officer, and a member of the Management Committee for most of that time. I have also served on the Strategic Planning Sub-committee. I have also been a tutor, lecturer and volunteer for a large number of U3A special events. I remain committed to the growth and development of U3A Sunshine Coast and hope to participate in fulfilling its potential to improve the lives of all those of us fortunate to live on the Sunshine Coast.

Prior to joining U3A I taught high school science and mathematics, and served as administrator of an off-campus Alternative Education Facility that I designed to provide a safe and secure learning environment for children with significant social, cultural and educational disadvantages.

Treasurer –Karen Martin

I joined U3A Sunshine Coast in 2017 and for the past four years I have been an Office Volunteer. I am a Day Leader for the group and currently I also undertake the role Project Officer assisting the Management Committee with projects and the analysis of information for their decision making. For the past four years I have been on the Body Corporate of the building in which we live, and have assisted in the negotiation of a new Management Rights Agreement.

Previously, I worked for seven years with Queensland Treasury in the Accounts Department and I then worked for eight years for Energex. I spend four years as the Procurement Training Coordinator and four years as the Procurement Governance Manager. In these positions I have gained valuable knowledge in governance, analysis of data, extended use of spreadsheets and cost saving through analysis of the systems used.

I have an Associate Diploma of Business Accounting and am proficient in the Microsoft suite of products with system training in Excel, Microsoft project and Access. My hobbies are swimming and Pilates.

Secretary – Dawne Clark

I have been a member of U3A for 14 years, firstly in Sydney and since 2014 a member of U3A Sunshine Coast. I have served on the Management Committee for four years as an elected member and one, as the appointed Secretary in 2019. Our U3A is a marvellous organisation with a sound membership and an amazing number of many and varied courses for members.

Due to our size and the funds we husband on members behalf we are a Category One, Not for Profit organisation, this brings with it quite a large administrative effort. My discipline in my working life was administration, at Director and Board level. I have a sound understanding for the requirement for good governance and the regulatory environment which we need to operate within.

General Committee

Grant Matthews

I joined U3A Sunshine Coast in 2014 following my retirement from working life in Darwin and relocating to Mooloolaba. My aim was to meet new people and enjoy various activities in retirement. My background in accountancy and IT systems management was likely to prove helpful to some not-for-profit organisations, volunteering my time and knowledge.

I joined the management committee in 2015 to take control of the changeover from manual enrolments and annual membership to our online system currently in use. The new online system had a lot of teething problems but with a lot of hard work and changes to the system over the past eight years, we now have a product which I believe assists members readily enrolling in courses and paying membership fees with relatively no fuss.

My role within the management committee has continued to grow and evolve and I would like to continue working with this hard working committee.

Wayne Curran

Over the last four years I have held the position of Tutor and Course Coordinator for U3A Sunshine Coast. During my tenure I have endeavoured to encourage numerous members to become tutors and start new classes, as well as supporting established tutors with their ongoing courses. My aim has always been to offer a broad range of enjoyable and informative activities that our members can become involved with.

I spent the early part of my career in Training and Development before branching out into my own small business in food and hospitality. Both these roles have given me some knowledge and skills to assist tutors. This includes understanding the hands-on requirements needed to conduct classes and an appreciation that tutors control most aspects including course content, student relations, quality control and the ability to change how they deliver and conduct their class if required

John Armstrong

I've had two careers in my working life: as a photographic officer in the Air Force (24 years) and running my own publishing business (30 years). My skills background therefore is in photography (aerial and commercial) and in desktop publishing within my company, Strike Publications.

My role as Communications Office within U3A appeals to me, as it fits nicely with the skillset of my previous careers and, importantly, I regard U3A as providing a better quality of life for older Australians through its educational pursuits and promoting a healthy, fun-loving lifestyle.

In 2021, I accepted the role as Vice President of U3A Network Queensland that I will continue, using my skills in the digital space and in management roles to assist the Network in supporting U3As across Queensland.

My wife Suzette and I live at Birtinya, which is close to bike trails, the beach and the Caloundra Golf Club, all pursuits we thoroughly enjoy.

My goals for involvement in U3A through the Management Committee are focused on further improving communication with our members, especially through digital products such as the current website and emailed newsletters. I also look forward to contributing where I can to the wider objectives of the U3A organisation.

Mike Loftus

As a School Principal, I had responsibility for 200+ staff and an annual budget/turnover of \$3 m+. I was a committee member of many groups and associations and I've been involved in the organisation of a great number of major events.

After joining U3A on retirement from work in 2016, I feel that it is now the right time to contribute further to the organisation by becoming a committee member.

As member of U3A since 2016, and a member of U3A Sunshine Coast since 2020, I have participated in six class groups since 2020 and am currently active in three groups. I am the tutor/coordinator of two of these groups. My other community contributions have been as a Life Member of Australian Universities RL (AURL) and Secretary AURL, 1997-2007.