

Workshop – 6th December 2016 (20 participants) Lecture Series Group Maleny

STRENGTHS

- Companionship
- Variety of Speakers on Different Subjects
- Ability to Discuss Subjects
- Contribution of Members of Subjects
- Keeping the Brain Working in Old Age
- Updates on our Changing World
- Depths of Experience of Speakers and Skills
- Having Marty Coordinate our Meetings
- Most Appreciative of the Venue
- Varieties of Topics
- Good Speakers
- Keeps us up to World Things
- Well Run Meeting
- Social Reaction
- Competent Facilitator
- Good Venue
- Instil Community Spirit
- Sharing Experiences
- Brain Stimulation
- Provide Varied Specialist Groups

Weaknesses and Solutions

- Need Written Program
 - Perhaps a printed list of offerings and venues and phone numbers. Or get this per office via mail. Or survey members to get two lists – those who need hard copy and those who prefer email.
- Better promotion needed.
 - At local sites, paper, other media.
- Website too complicated.
 - Redesign
- Payment via PayPal not liked.
 - Pay Class Captain
- Enrolment process not easy (both technically and physically).
 - Form may identify those folk preferring 'snail mail'.
- More offerings at Maleny needed.
 - More tutors? More Venues? Maybe library?
 - Podcasts by lecturers? Video Clips? Utube?
- Limited knowledge of Website and Facebook page.
 - Promote availability of website, Facebook to email contacts.
- Lack of advertising (publicity). So many unaware of U3A.

- Do more publicising.
- More Courses in Hinterland Area
 - Increase Offerings.
- Lecture resources need to be made more available.
 - Place on web. Have hard and soft copies available.
- Communication (from organization) to members is poor.
 - Reintroduce handbook.
 - Provide 'snail mail' option
- Some speakers difficult to hear.
 - Use microphones that are provided.
- Some issues with audio/visuals
 - Speakers should ensure their equipment works and is compatible.
- Limited opportunity for social interaction.
 - Arrange social get together or coffee morning once a term. (Invite Colin heheh!)
- Members do not know financial health of their organization.
 - Provide members with a financial report at least annually. Not all can make the AGM.

Ideas for the future

- Outsource office work (Administrator)
- Provide better parking at Uni for seniors (closer to office and free)
- Record lectures for distribution.
- More Variety of SATH Lectures
- More training for setup lecture aids.
- Be more aware of the more elderly in providing services.
- Keep technology items up to date (example: data projector)
- Provide ongoing membership drive (TV ads)
- Working with the Uni on research for and to the aging.
- Organization to encourage much younger people to join, i.e. new retirees.
- Talks on how the world is changing for the aging.
- An alternative to speakers – Arrange facilitators from the group choosing a subject for members to research and speak about.
- Provide uni research outcomes (reports) to members.