



U3A Darwin Inc. Newsletter

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Activities for July 2026

All held at 10 am at Casuarina Library, Bradshaw Terrace, unless shown otherwise.

We charge \$5 per person at meetings and mahjong sessions to cover room hire, audio-visual equipment and air-conditioning. Tea/coffee/bikkies are included.

The first meeting and first mahjong session held each month are fee free!

Thursday 2 July
(NO meeting fee)

Raine Caldwell:
The Titanic

Thursday 9 July
TBA:

Thursday 16 July
Wayne Wood:

The Lifesavers (neither sweets nor beach heroes!)

Followed by Board Meeting

Thursday 23 July
Philippe du Prel de Chapois:

My work with remote community stores

Thursday 30 July

Excursion to NT Chinese Museum, Darwin

10.30 am sharp, transport leaves library. 11.00 am guided tour begins.

All coming in their own transport MUST be at the Museum by 11.00.

There is no parking inside the Museum grounds.

Lunch, at own expense, at the Cavenagh Hotel, 12 noon.

Transport returns at 13.30.

Booking form is on page 3 of this newsletter.

**Mahjong every Monday at 1 pm throughout the year
(except public holidays).** *NO meeting fee on first Monday in month.*

Meetings start promptly at 10 am, so, as a courtesy to speakers, please be on time.

All phones should be switched off or silenced during talks.

Be kind - wash up your own mug, but after speaker and questions have finished!

From the President

The U3A Board met on Thursday 18 June, 2026 and discussed edits required to bring the presentation of, and information contained in, the U3A Darwin brochure up-to-date prior to public distribution.

The President will distribute a consolidation for the Board’s agreement.

The public distribution of the updated and redesigned brochure will be the first action in raising the profile of The University of the Third Age in Darwin.

Joan Kieboom

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Board Backchat – meeting of 21 May 2026

The continuation of U3A Darwin is not assured unless it attracts active new members in significant numbers now.

Joan Kieboom

President

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Allan Mitchell recognised in King’s Birthday honours list

As a long-standing and active U3A member Allan is known to most of us. His community activities range from having been an Alderman to long-term involvement with Darwin Heart Foundation walking groups. Allan is especially passionate about showing Darwin and the Top End to guests.



U3A Darwin excursion - Thursday 30 July 2026

Chung Wah Society's NT Chinese Museum
in Woods Street, Darwin CBD.

The Museum highlights the importance, and explores the history, of the Chinese contribution to the development of the Northern Territory. Committed to documenting and preserving the history of the Chinese in the Territory, particularly Darwin and surrounding regions, the Museum holds extensive family history data.

Group transport will leave Casuarina Library at 10.30 sharp.
Those using own transport MUST be at Museum at 11.00.
There is no parking inside the museum grounds.

No stairs if you access Museum via pedestrian gate from Litchfield St.
11.00 Guided tour begins – please be on time.

Lunch at own expense – group booked at Cavenagh Hotel 12 - 13.30
Return group transport leaves at 13.30.

BOOKING FORM

Booking and payment required by Thursday 23 July 2026

Excursion fees

Members	\$5	(own transport)
	\$10	(group maxi taxi from Casuarina Library)
Non-Members	\$10	(own transport)
	\$20	(group maxi taxi from Casuarina Library)

Names of Participants:

Please circle your response below

1. Member Y / N Fee \$5 \$10 \$20
2. Member Y / N Fee \$5 \$10 \$20

TOTAL TO PAY \$

Please confirm mode of transport (tick): Group Own

Payment methods:

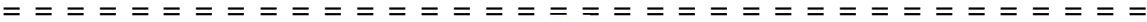
- Pay cash at a meeting, OR
- Bank transfer to: U3A Darwin Inc BSB 633 000 A/c No: 216820035
and please put your name and 'excursion' in the description box for transfer.

*Email completed booking form to: treasureru3adarwin@gmail.com OR
hand in at a meeting with your payment.*

Happening in July

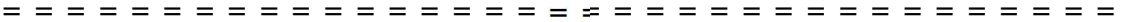


Fort Hill Parkland, Anchorage Court, Darwin City Saturday 4 July 2026.
 3:30 pm: Gates Open. 6:00 pm: Main Rodeo. 9:00 pm – midnight: Luke Geiger.



Fresh Tracks

July 19th, 3:00pm and 5:00pm
 Tracks Dance Studio, Harbourview Plaza

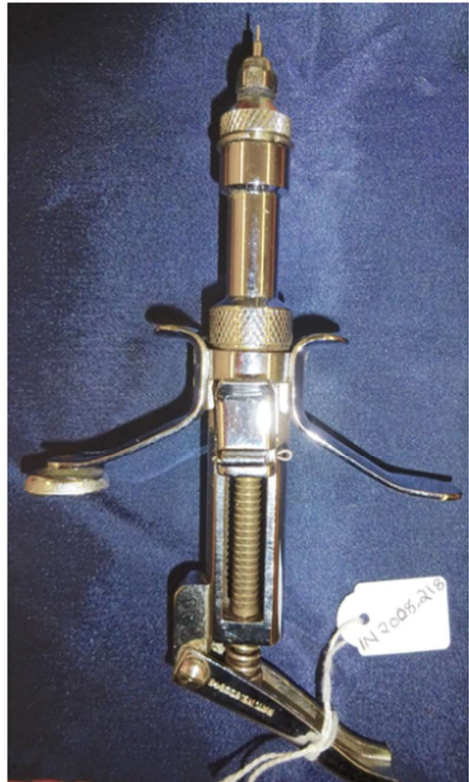
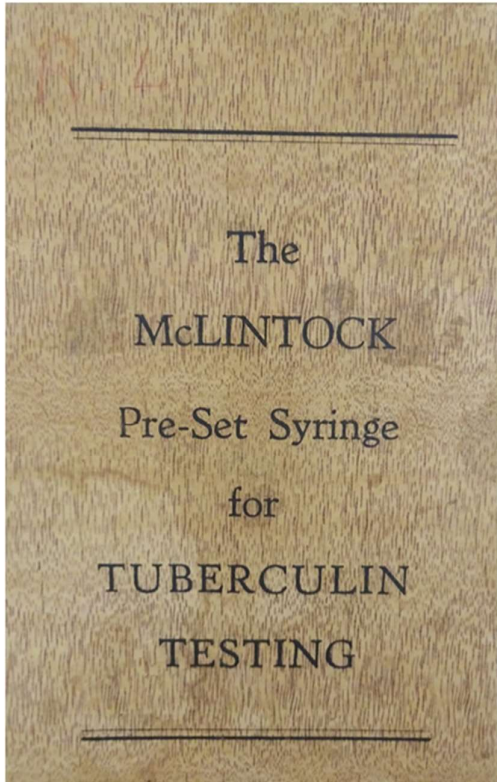


Below: for those who are adventurous and young at heart; and one for the grandchildren!



Historic Treasures

McLintock Pre-Set Syringe for Tuberculin Testing
From Libby Webb, Registered Nurse & Midwife
Nursing Museum, Charles Darwin University



Australia's first nation public health campaign was the Australia Tuberculosis Campaign [ATC] which ran from 1948 to 1976. It featured free diagnostic chest X-ray testing and treatment. For years the big X-ray van was a regular visitor to suburbs and towns. Pasteurisation of milk which kills harmful bacteria including Bovine Tuberculosis was introduced progressively from the 1950s.

The Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Campaign [BTB] to eradicate both diseases in cattle and buffalo ran for 27 years from 1970 to 1997 when Australia was declared free of both diseases. Both these diseases are zoonotic, that is: the infection can pass from cattle to humans and vice versa. Today, the only reported cases in Australia of human Tuberculosis are found in immigrants, returning travellers and expatriates.

The syringe shown above is a veterinary tool. This McIntock syringe can be pre-set to administer up to 20 doses of 0.5cc each before reloading. The injection of protein derived from Tuberculin is given intradermally [superficial skin layer], into the animal's neck. Like the Mantoux test in humans, the animal is examined a set period later for swelling of a specific size for a positive Tuberculosis diagnosis.

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Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods(RIEL) has a term-time in person or on-line seminar program open to the public. Program and past seminars available at <https://www.cdu.edu.au/riel/seminars> where you can also sign up to their mailing list.

Some text messages will look different from 1 July



From 1 July people will start seeing a clear difference between text messages sent from registered sender IDs and those that have not been registered.

Messages sent using registered sender IDs such as 'AusPost', 'Linkt' or 'myGov' will continue to appear individually with their registered name. The new initiative will give people more confidence that SMS messages sent with a branded sender ID are legitimate.

Under the SMS Sender ID Register rules, messages sent using unregistered branded sender IDs, such as business or organisation names, will appear on mobile phones labelled as 'Unverified'. These messages will be grouped in a single thread with other unverified messages, including possible scams.

This doesn't mean if you get an SMS from an 'unverified' sender, it's necessarily a scam. You should treat it with extra caution though. This means avoiding clicking on links or sharing any personal information if you're unsure if the message is legitimate. You can also check with the organisation directly or visit their official website.

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U3A Darwin Membership Form 2026

Name Phone

Address (if address change or new member)

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Email Joining Date

Newsletters sent electronically if you provide an email address, otherwise by post.

Individual \$20 Organisation \$30 New* Renewal

*If you are a new member, please add \$10 to offset the cost of your badge and tick whether you would like a **pin** or a **magnet** badge.

The badge will be available for you to pick up at a future meeting

Please email completed form to: *treasureru3adarwin@gmail.com*
or hand in, with the money, to Treasurer Joan Mettam at a meeting

Payments may be made by bank transfer to: **Bendigo Bank**
Account Name: U3A Darwin Inc BSB 633-000 Account 216820035

Please put your name + 'renewal' or 'new' in the description box

U3A Darwin Calendar for July 2026

All activities are held at Casuarina Library unless otherwise stated.

If Library is closed, access meeting room via the covered outdoor area. Use small black gate near the book return chute, walk along the outer library wall, go through the silver gate, and immediately on your right is the glass side door to the meeting room.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
			10 am <i>(NO meeting fee)</i> Raine Caldwell talks about the Titanic	
6	7	8	9	10
1 pm Mahjong session <i>(No meeting fee)</i>			10 am TBA	
13	14	15	16	17
1 pm Mahjong session			10 am Wayne Wood explains about the Lifesavers <i>Followed by Board Meeting</i>	
20	21	22	23	24
1 pm Mahjong session			10 am Philippe du Prel de Chapois will talk about remote community stores	SHOW DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
27	28	29	30	31
1 pm Mahjong session	8.30-9.00 Newsletter preparation in the Nightcliff electorate office		Excursion to Chinese Museum 10.30 transport leaves Library. 11.00 Guided tour. Lunch 12.00 at the Cav Hotel. Return transport leaves 1.30 pm.	

Newsletter contributions to Fiona Douglas at u3adarwinnewsletter@gmail.com by the third Tuesday of the month preceding publication, please.

The Editor thanks Judy Dent for proofreading all issues, but errors are the Editor's. Newsletter preparation date will be Tuesday 28 July at 8.30am at the Nightcliff electorate office of Ed Smelt MLA. If you would like to help, please call Fiona on 8985 4179 or email u3adarwinnewsletter@gmail.com.

U3A Darwin Inc gratefully acknowledges the kind contribution of Julie and the Nightcliff electorate office of Ed Smelt MLA. The office prints this newsletter and allows us to use their community room to compile the printed copies.

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U3A Darwin's Honorary Life Members

Judith Cooper (dec.), Lucy Cooper (dec.), Judy Dent, Sue Donnelly,
Yvonne Forrest OAM, Alex Gradussov (dec.), Lorna Hanssen,
Bob Lee (dec.), Colleen Lee (dec.), John MacDonald (dec.), David Swift.

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies," he replied.

"Oh, killed any?" she said.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 females," came the answer.

Intrigued, the wife asked, "How can you tell them apart?"

Husband: "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

IN THE EVENT OF A
TORNADO PUT SOME
WEINERS IN YOUR POCKETS.
THAT WAY THE SEARCH DOGS
WILL FIND YOU FIRST.



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