



Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone, welcome back. The year is off to a terrific start, even though the public holiday means some classes have yet to meet.

At our next Committee meeting we will be deciding on a date for this year's AGM and end of year Feast. (Yes, already!) Last year we held them on separate dates, though they have previously been run sequentially on the same date. Do you prefer one option over the other? If so, let one of the Committee members know before Tuesday 13th, so we can take your opinion into consideration when making this decision.

We would also be happy to hear your opinion of our Open Day. What did you like? What would you have liked? How could we do better? Remember, let us know before the thirteenth. In fact, if you would like a regular say on how your U3A is run, why not join the Committee. We have a casual vacancy available and would love to have you join us.

The new Family History Class will meet for the first time on Friday, in the GFHS rooms at the old railway station. Even though it hasn't started yet, it is proving very popular. Give Denice a call if you would like to join.

Anne's Laptop Computers Class has proved so popular she has turned it into two classes, Beginners and Intermediate. The Smartphones and Tablets Class also continues to attract new members. Those of you with classes at GCP will notice the cupboards have been tidied and re-arranged. Obviously I hope the changes make it easier to find the things you need, so feel free to make suggestions for further improvement.

If you are at GCP, remember you can grab a free cuppa anytime. There is an instant boil tap in the kitchen and just inside the door, on the high shelf is a labelled box with tea, coffee and sugar. There is long life milk, though if you prefer fresh, you will need to bring that yourself. There is also chilled water on tap, if that seems a better choice on these hot days. Please remember to label anything left in the fridge and to clean up after yourself as it is a shared kitchen.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS

There are now two Laptop Computer classes:

Intermediate:
10.00 - 11.00am

Beginners:
11.00am - 12.00pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

6th February - Pub Lunch (Jockey Club, 12.40)
7th January - Games & Puzzles (Central, 9.00)
7th February - Cruise Group Coffee (Michel's, 11.30)
13th February - Pub Lunch (Jockey Club, 12.40)
14th January - Games & Puzzles (Central, 9.00)
20th February - Pub Lunch (Jockey Club, 12.40)
21st January - Games & Puzzles (Central, 9.00)
27th February - Pub Lunch (Jockey Club, 12.40)
28th February - Games & Puzzles (Central, 9.00)
28th February - Coffee with Friends (Michel's, 9.30)

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

The photography class is for both beginners and more experienced snappers. It doesn't matter what sort of camera you are using, even just the one on your smartphone.

Starting with the basics, we share information, tools, tips, tricks and techniques about using your camera and being in control of the images you make. As a result you should find you have fewer photographs to hastily delete and more with which to wow your family and friends.

Drawing Classes

**are held
every Tuesday
9.00 to 10.30
at
Gympie Community Place
except:**

30th January - Lake Alford (Duck Ponds)
6th February - Lake Alford (Duck Ponds)
27th February - 2.00 to 3.30pm at GCP
29th May - 2.00 to 3.30pm at GCP
12th June - Lake Alford (Duck Ponds)
19th June - Lake Alford (Duck Ponds)
28th August - 2.00 to 3.30pm at GCP
30th October - Lake Alford (Duck Ponds)
6th November - Lake Alford (Duck Ponds)
27th November - 2.00 to 3.30pm at GCP

2018 Queensland Volunteering Awards

The 2018 Queensland Volunteering Awards are now open for nominations. These awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of volunteers, volunteer managers and volunteer-involving organisations, and promote the importance of volunteering.

This year alone 980,000 individual Queenslanders donated their time to volunteering supporting a variety of causes, natural disasters and events. To highlight the significant number of volunteers, and the variety of volunteering, the awards will be presented across six categories.

Awards to be presented are:-

- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Youth Volunteering Award
- Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award
- Excellence in Volunteer Management Award
- Volunteering Impact Award
- Corporate Volunteering Award

Nominate a worthy individual or group for their positive action, compassion and commitment to their community today. Nominations close on Monday 19 March 2018.

To make a nomination or for more information, visit the website volunteeringqld.org.au

COME CRUISING WITH U3A!

Find out more about our Great Barrier Reef Cruise by joining me for a coffee and chat at Michel's (Central Shopping Plaza) at 11.30am on Wednesday 7th February.