



# Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

By now, all classes should have received a visit from a Committee member to complete membership formalities for 2018. Please let us know if we have somehow missed or overlooked you so we can fix that. If you haven't yet received your members badge for 2018, please check the Tutors Cupboard at GCP. If your badge isn't there, please email or SMS a selfie with your name and membership number to Anne. Or just phone her if those are not options. ([annemanson@bigpond.com](mailto:annemanson@bigpond.com) or 0400 827 820)

The annual U3A Network State Conference is to be hosted this year by U3A Redcliffe on 31st May to 1st June. Plans are well in hand to make this one of the best conferences yet. The full Conference Package is \$135 and includes refreshments, lunches and the Conference Dinner. Remember all ordinary members of U3A Gympie attending the conference will go into the draw for a \$100 subsidy towards the cost of registration. Redcliffe is close enough to commute each day, but if you would prefer to stay overnight to attend the Dinner, contact the Committee to ask about a roommate. You can get more details about the conference by visiting the website - [www.u3aqldconference.org/](http://www.u3aqldconference.org/).

I would like to remind all members there is a casual vacancy on our Management Committee. If you would like to take a more active role in planning and running your U3A, come along to our next meeting and nominate. Only the current Committee votes to fill casual vacancies and you may well be elected unopposed.

Term 1 finishes at the end of this month, on the day before Good Friday. If there are any changes or corrections you want made to the published Term Schedule for the Term 2 issue, please let me know before the end of March. A new schedule, and the April newsletter will be published during the upcoming holidays, so don't leave it too long or you may miss out. I make any necessary adjustments to our website every Tuesday, so any requests for that need to be made no later than Monday afternoon each week. Newsletter items should reach me by the 25th of the month for consideration for the next issue.

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## SEEKING BOOK CLUB MEMBERS

U3A Gympie currently has two Bookclubs. Clubs meet once a month, one on Wednesdays and one on Thursdays. We are currently looking to start a third Bookclub which will probably meet on Mondays. Each Bookclub needs to have at least five members, but no more than eight. We are seeking expressions of interest from members interested in joining a new club. If you are interested in this, or any of our Bookclubs, please contact Jill on 5482 4518.

**Term 1 finishes Thursday 29th March**  
**Classes resume Monday 16th April**

## FEAST WITH FRIENDS

**Wednesday 14th March** - Join us for lunch in Maryborough, where we hope to be joined by a few U3A members from Maryborough, Howard, Hervey Bay and possibly Bundaberg.

Feast with Friends is a new activity for 2018, loosely based on previous Pop-up Lunches. Each term we head out of town to enjoy lunch with local U3A members, and invite them to join us in Gympie in Term 4.

This term, we will head to Maryborough RSL. They have two dining options with light meals from the Galley Cafe or something more substantial from the Bugler Bistro, both servicing the same dining area.

You can arrange your own transport, or contact Susan to get a carpool seat. Non-drivers will be expected to pay \$5.00 to their driver to defray costs. Phone Susan before 5.00pm on Monday 12th to arrange your lift. (0416 158 648 or 5482 8648)

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## TRAVEL NEWS

Planning for the Barrier Reef Discovery Cruise is well underway, with a number of berths booked. By now there are limited berths available on the ship, mostly at the more expensive end of the scale. However, it can be worth checking the P&O website for last minute deals as they often offer significant price discounts rather than sail with unoccupied berths. Keep checking back, because even when the ship is full, there may be late cancellations.

We have received information of a number of tours to Norfolk Island, in conjunction with U3A Norfolk Island. Special discounted packages are available. Visit our website for more information.

In term 2 planning will start for our next travel adventure. A meeting will be called for everyone interested, but this time those attending will determine the destination and those travelling will collectively plan the trip. Everyone will get a say on where and when we go, and what we do once we get there. Keep an eye on the website and future newsletters for more details.

### TRAVEL GROUP

11.30am

Wednesday 7th March

Michel's Patisserie

Grab a cuppa and have a chat with Michelle, who has just disembarked from the same Barrier Reef Discovery Cruise we will be enjoying.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**6th March** - Pub Lunch (Jockey Club)

**13th March** - Pub Lunch (Jockey Club)

**13th March** - Committee Meeting (GCP)

**14th March** - Feast with Friends (Maryborough)

**20th March** - Pub Lunch (Jockey Club)

**27th March** - Pub Lunch (Jockey Club)

**29th March** - Coffee with Friends (Michel's Patisserie)

### COMPUTER CLASSES TIME CHANGES

All classes will start 15 minutes earlier, starting immediately. For more information, please contact Anne on 5481 2478.

- Smartphones & Tablets - 8.45am
- Intermediate Laptops - 9.45am
- Beginners Laptops - 10.45am