



Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the recent holidays, some of our members went to Coolum Surf Club. We met members from U3A Sunshine Coast and we all enjoyed a delicious lunch and a good long chat. The next Feast With Friends is in Montville, at the Poet's Café. Why not come along, enjoy the company of old friends, meet some new ones and have a tasty lunch?

Third term is off to a good start, with regular classes rocking along and Traveller's French starting at the Library. A new Craft Group will commence on Monday 20th, giving you a chance to explore a variety of crafts, starting with Card Making and Scrapbooking.

The first week of term saw the Winter Trees on Mary celebrations and your U3A was there. You may have seen our decorated tree outside Tom Grady's, thanks to Lynlie and her band of helpers. Further up the street, outside Pazazz you may have stopped to listen to the singing by Tempo and Retro Jukebox, two of U3A Gympie's three singing groups.

You will have another chance to hear Retro Jukebox sing at the Duckpond Dash, a Seniors Week activity. Seniors Week is a celebration of the valuable contribution of older people in our community. There is a variety of activities throughout the week across the region. Check the Gympie Regional Council website for details – <https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/seniorsweek>.

NEW TRAVEL GROUP

Starts 23rd August –A lot of people in our age group find their friends and family don't have the time to travel, have other financial priorities or just don't fancy the same destinations. So we face the prospect of solo travel and the additional costs of single supplements. While that may suit some, it doesn't suit everyone.

U3A Gympie is forming a Travel Group. The new group is intended as a way for travellers to find travelling companions and roommates. This new group will not function as a de facto travel agency, so travellers will need to participate in planning their holiday.

We will meet once a term to discuss possible destinations. From that meeting, those people interested in a particular destination will meet separately to actually plan their holiday. Whether it's a small group of people joining a commercial tour or cruise, a large group hiring coaches and booking admissions or just two people heading for a more esoteric destination will be up to you.

Once planning starts, I will put something onto our website and into our newsletter seeking additional travellers. We can also contact other Queensland U3As to invite them to join any trips planned, and they may invite us to join trips they are planning. You can, ofcourse, invite your family and friends to travel with you.

Come to our first meeting at 2.00pm on Thursday, 23rd August at Toucan Coffee. (On the corner of the Bruce Highway and exhibition Road.)

NEW CRAFT GROUP

Starts 20th August – This group is for everyone who enjoys craft activities of any sort. There will be three Facilitator/Tutors for this group, each offering different areas of expertise. (Pam, Yvonne and Susan) Crafters can follow their suggestions, or bring along something of their own to work on. Help will be available for your chosen project. At the first class, there will be Scrapbooking supplies available in a kit for \$10. This is intended to be a social group as much as a class, so come along, enjoy a friendly chat and catch up with your craft project or learn a new skill. We meet fortnightly at the AICM on Mondays, 9.30 – 11.30.

Seniors Week

18th – 26th August

**Celebrating the valuable
contribution of older people in
our community**

- Senior Citizen of the Year Awards
- Duckpond Dash (18th)
- Seniors Concert & Morning Tea (21st)
- Variety of activities at Gympie Regional Gallery, Gympie Regional Libraries and Kilkivan

Feast With Friends

Poet's Café, Montville

12.00, Wednesday

5th September

RSVP to Susan
(0416 158 648)

by 5.00pm Friday 31st August
(Car pool available)

DATES TO REMEMBER

7th August – Pub Lunch (Phoenix)

12th August – Publicity items to Lynlie

14th August – Pub Lunch (Phoenix)

14th August – Committee Meeting

20th August – Craft Group starts

21st August – Pub Lunch (Phoenix)

23rd August – Travel group (Toucan)

28th August – Pub Lunch (Phoenix)

28th August – Drawing Group at 2.00pm

31st August – Coffee With Friends
(Rendezvous Café)

DRAWING CLASS ON

28TH AUGUST IS AT 2.00PM

rather than the usual morning timeslot