



# Newsletter

MARCH 2019

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Overall February was an uneventful month, mostly filled with minor adjustments to the Class schedule, chasing up member details and checking class enrolments. Members may like to offer their input on a couple of topics raised at the Committee meeting. Send your comments or suggestions to [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com). I look forward to your input.

1. While we have a handful of Life Members, there does not seem to be any established criteria for the awarding of Life membership. We would like to fix that and would welcome members input regarding possible requirements (and any existing requirements we have yet to identify).
2. As we have a number of members who live some distance from Gympie, we are considering holding one or more activities on the fringes of our catchment area, such as Widgee or Tin Can Bay. It would be useful to know what activities and locations would be of interest to members, and who would be likely to attend.

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## TRAVEL GROUP

We are planning two trips at the moment, one to Tasmania and one on the Indian-Pacific to Perth.

At our next meeting, we will select specific travel dates and start planning our Tasmania itinerary. Come to the meeting with a short list of your personal "must see's". Putting these together will form the basis of our itinerary. (If you cannot attend the meeting, send your list to [travel@u3agympie.com](mailto:travel@u3agympie.com).)

TASMANIA 2019 - In mid-October we will fly to Tasmania for a week. Revelling in isolation, Tasmania is busting out with fab festivals and sensational food and drink. From Port Arthur to MONA, from Cradle Mountain to the penguins at Bicheno, Tasmania has a feast for the eyes too.

INDIAN-PACIFIC 2020 - In March 2020 we will fly to Sydney, then board the Indian-Pacific for a ride across the Nullarbor to Perth. The train journey includes some sightseeing stops along the way. Once in Perth we will stay a few days to enjoy the sights on offer there, then fly back.

## TRAVEL GROUP MEETING

**1.30pm on Wednesday 27th March at Gympie RSL in the Coffee Lounge.**

## MIND GAMES

**Every Wednesday during term at the the Centro Food Court**

**9.00 - 11.00am RummiKub & Scrabble**

**1.00 - 3.00pm Beginners Mahjong**

## STATE CONFERENCE

The State Conference for U3A Network Queensland is on the 16th & 17th May in Bundaberg. Details are available on the website: [www.u3aqlconference.org/](http://www.u3aqlconference.org/). Members who would like to attend the Conference are invited to put their name forward for the Olga Thew scholarship - \$100 towards your Conference costs. Send an email, no later than Friday 5th April, to [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com), asking to be included in the draw at the April Committee meeting.

## CLASS CO-ORDINATOR

All the classes are well attended.

Line Dancing, Thursday 1.30 at AICM, has proved popular, If a little challenging for one or two.

We now have a facilitator for a third Book Club, which still has a couple of places available. It meets at Gympie Community Place, from 1.00-3.00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, starting in March.

I have made contact with a tutor for a Spanish class, to commence in term 2. Please contact Denice (Class Coordinator) if you are interested in joining this class.

Remember, you are welcome to attend one lesson in a class, before deciding to Committee the class by paying class fees.

Denice, Phone: 0490757458, Email: [classes@u3agympie.com](mailto:classes@u3agympie.com)

## GARDEN GROUP

This month the garden group is meeting on Friday 8/3 9am at 5 Iron St Gympie. We will be walking around my garden, specializing in Bromeliads, Tillandsias, Succulents and exotic fruit trees. I will also demonstrate propagating succulents, broms & tills and herbs. There is plenty of parking as I live on the corner of Iron and Clematis streets, the large old queenslander surrounded by large trees.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

## CRAFT GROUP CANCELLED

Since launching the Craft Group, I have discovered the Library also has a Craft Group, meeting at roughly the same time. It has been decided it would make more sense to merge the groups. The Library Group meets every Monday from 10.00 until 11.30 or 12.00, in the foyer of the Library. You can attend as frequently as you wish. Bring whatever craft project you are working on. Enjoy a cuppa, a chat and some helpful advice or instruction if you need it.

### **CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY 16th March 9 am - 4 pm The Pavillion**

Showcasing the groups, clubs and businesses that work within the Community of Gympie

We are showcasing your U3A Gympie, so come along and support us

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**5th March** – Tuesday Lunch  
**7th March** – Agenda items due  
**12th March** – Tuesday Lunch  
**12th March** – Committee Meeting  
**16th March** – Connecting the Community  
**19th March** – Tuesday Lunch  
**26th March** – Tuesday Lunch  
**27th March** – Travel Group Meeting  
**29th March** – Coffee with Friends