



# Newsletter

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We certainly hit the ground running this term. First week back and we were busy decorating a tree, putting up a display and joining in a street party. That was on top of our usual round of collecting class fees, enrolling new members, sorting out the Class & Activities Schedule, general running around and occasional under our breath swearing.

Winter Trees on Mary was held on Wednesday 17th July. We had a tree decorated by Lynlie, Anne and me, with (crocheted) late-blooming flowers and information about our various classes and activities. Outside Pazazz Fabrics, (thanks to them for the support), there was a promotional display, (thanks Lynlie), and a great performance by Retro Jukebox Singers, (thanks all of you). While quieter than the Christmas street party, it was a fun night for all.

Coffee with Friends is at Decks on Mary this term. There were a few first timers at July's gathering, which is good to see. All members and prospective members are welcome to come along. It's a great way to get to know people not in your particular class. This time there was also the chance to find out a little about the trip to Tasmania in October. I look forward to seeing more faces at the next Coffee with Friends at the end of August.

I also look forward to joining in the Seniors Week Celebrations in mid-August. Things kick off on Sunday 18th at the Duckpond Dash. This is an all abilities novelty walk for Seniors. There are various displays, including one by U3A, entertainment, including Retro Jukebox Singers, and a Devonshire Tea. All for just a gold coin donation.

Celebrations continue on the following Tuesday (20th), with a Seniors Concert and Morning Tea. Places have been booked for U3A, so please contact Anne (0400 827 820) to secure one of those places.

Finally, a short word about your Committee. Each year, all Committee positions are declared vacant and elections held to fill them. However, often the only nominees are those already filling the positions. That will not be the case this year, with some current committee members (including me), intending not to nominate for their position again. If you have ever considered joining the Committee, this would be a good time to put your name forward. While the elections aren't until November, you may like to come to a meeting or two to get a feel for things. Please contact Anne (0400 827 820) if you would like to do so.

**Duckpond Dash Sunday 18th  
Seniors Concert & Morning Tea Tuesday 20th**

## A Message from the Secretary

This year is simply flying by and before we know it our AGM will be rolling around again. This is my 6th year as Secretary and I think it is probably time to have a break from this position.

At our State Conference, held in Bundaberg this year, I was surprised to learn that most Queensland U3A's have a limit of three years duration for their Executive Officers, and they must then step down from the positions they hold. Keeping that in mind, I am hoping that there will be an enthusiastic Member out there who would be interested in being nominated for the position of Secretary at the November Election of Officers.

Just a brief outline on what is expected of our Secretary: The main thing is, answering correspondence received through our private post box or via Emails. The Secretary holds the key to the P.O. Box and is responsible for clearing the box and passing on any mail specifically addressed to any of the executive committee. eg. Bank Statements or Invoices for payment, to the Treasurer. The Secretary also holds the U3A Gympie Inc. 'Common Seal' which is the stamp used on any important documents eg. Our Common Seal was used on a lease agreement when we leased a building some years ago now. I use it to stamp the Minutes when they are added to the Minute Book and also on our Annual Return to the Office of Fair Trading. Speaking of Minutes. The Secretary takes the Minutes at all meetings...usually Management Committee Meetings and the A.G.M., as we rarely hold General Meetings. The Minutes are then emailed or posted out to the other Committee Members prior to the next meeting so they can be read through in advance of passing them at the next meeting. I hold the majority of records of U3A Gympie Inc. If we had a permanent 'home base' these records would be kept there, but as we don't, I have them at my home, so you would be required to store those also. As Secretary you are entitled to a U3A Computer and Printer for your use. You have a Petty Cash Card at your disposal, to replenish your stationary needs. (All receipts to be forwarded to the Treasurer for her records.) That more or less covers the job, although other small things may come up occasionally.

Please give the position some thought and if you think this could be something you might like to take on, to assist the smooth running of U3A Gympie Inc. after November, then please email our President Susan Hayes [president@u3agympie.com](mailto:president@u3agympie.com) and make her aware of your interest. I really enjoy being Secretary, however I feel I have been in the position quite long enough now and it is time for someone else to have a turn.

Best regards to all,

Coralie

### LINE DANCING

We have the prospect of a Tutor for Line Dancing.

There will be two lessons this term as a trial run, with the regular class starting next term if all works out.

**Those interested should contact Class Coordinator Denice for more information: 0490 757 458**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6th** - Tuesday Lunch at RSL
  - 8th** - Items for next meeting agenda due to Susan
  - 12th** - Items for Gympie Living due to Lynlie
  - 13th** - Tuesday Lunch at RSL
  - 13th** - Committee Meeting
  - 18th** - Retro Jukebox Singers at Lake Alford
  - 18th** - Duckpond Dash at Lake Alford
  - 20th** - Seniors Concert and Morning Tea
  - 20th** - Tuesday Lunch at RSL
  - 25th** - Items for September newsletter due to Karen
  - 27th** - Tuesday Lunch at RSL
  - 30th** - Coffee with Friends at Decks on Mary
- \*Items for website due every Monday\***

U3A Gympie Travel Group

**Tasmania  
Mid-October, 2019.**

Flights, car hire and accommodation will cost about **\$1500pp.**

Meals, admission charges, fuel and shopping not included

Everyone who is interested please Email ([travel@u3agympie.com](mailto:travel@u3agympie.com)) or Text (0416 158 648)

Travel dates will be decided at Tuesday Lunch 6<sup>th</sup> August

U3A Norfolk Island

In March 2020 Norfolk Island will commemorate the

**230th Anniversary of the  
Wrecking of HMS Sirius**

There will be a fascinating and unique week on Norfolk Island with never to be repeated presentations, tours and workshops.

**For more information contact:  
[maria@travelcentre.nf](mailto:maria@travelcentre.nf)  
freecall on **1800 1400 66****

## WRITING COMPETITION

Lambing Flat Fellowship of Australian Writers (FAW) announce their 2019 Short Story and Poetry Writing competition and invite U3a members to enter.

There is a short story limit of 1500 words, so let your fancy and pen fly! And not forgetting the poetry – up to 50 lines of traditional rhyming or free verse is most welcome. Writers of fiction, family history, romance or articles are encouraged to enter. Closing date 27<sup>th</sup> September.

*Fifth Annual Seniors Week*  
**DUCKPOND  
DASH**

Sunday 18 August 2019  
8.30am – 11.30am at Lake Alford, Gympie

Take on friends and family in this all abilities novelty walk for seniors.  
Gold coin donation includes complimentary Devonshire Tea and entertainment.  
Please register for races and team relays at [gympie.qld.gov.au/seniorsweek](http://gympie.qld.gov.au/seniorsweek).  
Prize for the Best Dressed Duck!  
For more information call Council on 1300 307 800.

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