ABOUT THE NEW PRESIDENT

Sue Bagust is an author and Reiki therapist/trainer who now lives in Gympie with her husband, cat, dog, frogs, a few noisy geckos and a nomadic peahen. Sue also writes plays and her books include two novels (Times Four and Fly Me Home), anthologies (Old Saltie, Travellers and Mysterious Ways) and DIY workbooks on subjects as diverse as Reiki, copywriting (DIY Copywriting), Australian animal energy (Circles of Life), lunar energy (Moondancing) and tree energy (The Ogham). She is currently working on her third novel which is a sequel to Fly Me Home.

In her previous life Sue’s trade was that of advertising copywriter (graduate of RMIT), but she has also worked as a publicist, website designer, technical writer and storyliner on a TV soap, and she ran her own freelance writing business (Wordsmith) in Melbourne for 10 years.

Since settling in Gympie in 2008, Sue’s committee experience includes Little Haven Palliative Care, the Regional Arts Development Fund, and Gympie Theatre Association. She retired from all committee involvement in 2015 as she felt too old and infirm to be useful in a service role, and to focus on her goal of becoming a best-selling author - but really should have remembered that advice from Woody Allen "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans."

DATES TO REMEMBER

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OPEN DAY 2020

Tuesday 14th January
9.00 - 12.00
Gympie Bowls Club

Renew your membership
Sign up for classes
Enroll new members

CLASSES FINISH FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL

On the 8th November Class Coordinator Denice, Secretary Francoise and I headed to Maryborough for a regional Presidents Council meeting. As well as Gympie, it was attended by representatives from U3A Network Queensland, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Howard and Maryborough.

We started with each U3A reporting on vital statistics, successes and challenges. Common themes in these reports were identified and discussed. Following that there was an update from the network on insurance issues, the 2020 State Conference and the new-look Network website. Various aspects of volunteering were looked at, including data collection, succession planning, induction and governance issues.

We finished with a chance for an informal catch up over a light lunch.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The AGM was held on the last Thursday of November. At the meeting members voted to add ‘life membership’ to the categories of membership in the Constitution. They also voted to change the financial year to align with the calendar year. This means there will be no AGM next year. The next AGM will be late February or early March in 2021 and subsequent years.

Members decided that membership fees for 2020 will be $20.

Elections were held, with some new faces and some familiar faces in new positions. Your new Committee is:

President: SUE BAGUST
Vice President: KAREN REIBELT
Treasurer: MARY INMAN
Secretary: FRANCOISE GREGORY
Registrar: ANNE MANSON
Class Coordinator: DENICE MCDOUGALL
Publicity Officer: LYNLIE CROSS and SUE DIXON, sharing the role
News Editor: SUSAN HAYES
Social Coordinator: SUE DIXON
General Committee Member: WENDY FLIKWEERT

Entertainment at the AGM was provided by Retro Jukebox Singers

CLASSES RESUME TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY