

U3A **GYMPIE** *Newsletter*



And they are all standing tall with their lovely fascinators and ready for the running of 2020 Melbourne Cup competition. We have Carol in red, Cathy in white and Sarah in pink. Who will be the lucky winners?

Social Announcements

This Tuesday, 3rd, is Melbourne Cup Day.

U3A Gympie's table is booked for 12.40 every Tuesday at the Phoenix Hotel.

Wear a hat, enjoy some games.

Lunch will be off the menu as per usual

From the President

November already...how fast has this year gone .

On Friday the 30th, a few of us gathered at the weekly craft session and made some fascinators for the Melbourne Cup Lunch. Many thanks to Sarah Henshaw, one of our newer members for her tuition. We also enjoyed a morning tea, thanks everyone for bringing something.

Melbourne Cup day is Tuesday, the 3rd November. Just for a bit of fun, it was decided that we would have a best hat competition. there will be a couple of prizes for best hat, best dressed, etc. Lunch will be at the Mt Pleasant Hotel, 12.30-12.45pm start, usual order from the menu. If you want to come along, let me know ASAP so I can arrange seating.

Because of the elements, our guest speaker, Dr Lisa Stafford couldn't make it to our lunch on the 27th October. I have arranged for her to attend lunch at the Mt Pleasant Hotel on the 24th November to speak with us about integrating the disabled into our community. Although it was disappointing that she couldn't make it last time, I hope you will try and make it for this one. I will send an email later reminding you of the occasion.

Your management committee has arranged for the *End of Year Luncheon* on Thursday, 3 December, and the *Open Day for 2021* on Friday, 15 January 2021. Both events will be held at the Gympie Bowls Club at 16 Bowlers Drive, Southside. I will be providing you more information regarding these events soon. Our next *Annual General Meeting (AGM)* will be held either late February or early March 2021. More on that later.

Evie

Yvonne Artho

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to everyone celebrating their birthday this month.

We wish you all many happy returns.



Pat, Marilyn, Lynlie and Connie are enjoying a great afternoon of fun and games at the Widgee Memorial Hall. This activity will be held every 2nd Thursday of the month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm during the four terms of the Queensland's State School Calendar

From the Class Coordinator

Happy to report that all classes are still filling up with new enquiries every day. Our Advanced Laptop class has been suspended due to low numbers, however, we expect to have a full class for 2021.

As the last day of term 4 gets nearer, our members are looking forward to good food and great entertainment at the *End of Year Luncheon*.

Denice

Denice McDougall

Creative Writing, Tutor - Natalie

Our class has been learning the basics. Slogging our way through commas, dashes and pauses...colons & semi-colons; when to use a long sentence (when to use brackets). When to use a short one.

We're also swapping new words we have learned.

Over the next month, we're moving on to paragraphs and chapters. By the end of the year my diligent students hope to be writing with tension, clarity and style.

Next year the fun starts - writing a plot : plotting a murder? 😊

Retro Jukebox Singers, Tutor – Margaret

What a fantastic response with fifteen singers on the first day.

Some familiar faces and welcome to the new ones, joining in for a fun filled morning singing along to Retro era songs.

The love of music and a zest for life brings great joy and happiness to everyone.

Anyone is welcome to join, regardless of your singing ability.

Hope to see you there.

Thirty three years ago...

Beginning German, Tutor - Margot

Margot Kummerow has given the members of the "Beginning German!" class a good introduction to the language, also an interesting insight into some of the customs of the country.

We're starting to master the pronunciation, and now know why the letter 'Y' is avoided in the German vocabulary, Learning the numbers gave us some Maths practice as well, and the simple query "What's the time?" now involves much more thought before answering, We've enjoyed the friendly, relaxed atmosphere of the classes, and hope they can be continued in 1988,

Thank you Margot.

Tuesday Lunch

at Mt Pleasant Hotel

12.40 every Tuesday

Coffee With Friends

at The Coffee Club

2.30 on the last weekday of the month

From the Treasurer

Anne and I were very happy to register our 1136 member this week. Due to COVID19, we only have three terms, so I expected our returning and new membership numbers would be lower than last year but to my surprise, we have had 154 returning members and 123 new members, a total 277 members. During the four terms of 2019, we had 110 returning members and 105 new members, a total of 215. No wonder your committee members have been so busy...

Mary

Mary Inman

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Helping Hands

U3A Gympie is seeking volunteers as Tutors, Facilitators and Helping Hands, (who assist the Management Committee).

We are now an approved organisation to provide voluntary work opportunities for eligible job seekers. Our organisation ID is 37917.

Addition information can be found on our website -

<https://u3agympie.com/volunteer/> or by contacting Denice McDougall our Class Coordinator (phone: 0490 757 458 or email: classes@u3agympie.com).

Job seekers can also contact our Liaison Officer Mary Inman, (phone: 0417 433 034 or email: treasurer@u3agympie.com).

Be Connected

Online safety for grandparents and carers free guide:

This handy, guide has been designed to help grandparents connect with their grandkids through the technology they use – while also supporting the boundaries many parents put in place.

It includes advice on a range of issues such as online footprints, cyberbullying, the pressures of social media and provides guidance on:

- how to set up devices securely
- sharing time online with grandchildren
- teaching grandchildren when to ask for help
- dealing with gaming and apps
- where to go for additional help and support.

The guide 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' can be downloaded from

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/grandparents-guide> or

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-09/Grandparents%20booklet.pdf>



Dates to Remember

3rd Nov - Tuesday Lunch

9th Nov - Committee meeting

10th Nov - Tuesday Lunch

17th Nov - Tuesday Lunch

24th Nov- Tuesday Lunch

27th Nov - Newsletter contributions due

30th Nov - Coffee with Friends

3rd Dec - End of Year Luncheon

2021

15th Jan - Open Day



A big THANK YOU from all our volunteers and members.

Term 4 finishes on Friday, 11 December 2020

Term 1 starts on Wednesday, 27 January 2021

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