



From the President

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2020. After a very up and down beginning, I am so happy to say that we had 80 members attend our end of year luncheon that was held at the Gympie Bowling Club at Southside. I had very good feedback about our entertainment on the day, and I know I thoroughly enjoyed all of it. A huge thank you to all who participated.

As the year closes, I would like to say a big thank you to all for your support during the year. I have relied a lot on former committee members helping me through my very big learning year. I took on the role of president as without one, we could not have continued. Not sure if I was the best person for the role, but I can say I have done my best and that is all one can do. Of course, the whole committee has been a great help so thank you committee, I couldn't have done it without you.

Our *Open Day* for 2021 will be held at the Gympie Bowling Club on Friday, 15 January 2021, between 9.30am and 12.30pm. You can pay your membership and enrol for your classes then. However, if you are unable to attend, you can pay by direct deposit through the Bendigo Bank. More details available on our website.

Classes will recommence on Wednesday, 27 January 2021. The new classes schedule for our ongoing classes will be downloaded on our social media platforms on completion. However, due to the enthusiastic responses to a list of suggestions provided by members at the term four *Sign on Day* and then the additional suggestions provided by the members who attended our End of Year Luncheon, I expect the classes schedule to include more classes and activities for 2021.

Our *Annual General Meeting* will be held on either the last two weeks of February or the first two weeks of March. Please consider putting your hand up for a position, you may find it very rewarding. We are looking for a publicity officer, and a news editor in particular, but all positions will be vacant, so feel free to nominate for any position. Details information on all positions will be made available to all members late January if not sooner.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy 2021. It can only get better from here on in.

From the Class Coordinator

Well, we made it to the end of 2020, as a believer of good come from adversity our membership has grown extensively since lock down and more members enjoying classes.

All current classes on the schedule will proceed in 2021 with planning of new classes to be notified.

Thank you to our tutors whom without there would be no U3A.

Enjoy your break and best wishes for a merry Christmas and exciting New Year.

Denice.



President, Yvonne Artho and Class Coordinator, Denice McDougall presenting a *Certificate of Appreciation* to Joy Kochel, tutor of the Tai Chi class.



Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to everyone celebrating their birthday this month. We wish you all many happy returns.

Feature Class - U3A Gympie's Line Dancers

As Tutor of the Line Dance Class, I could not be prouder of my students. Whether they be raw beginners or those with a little more experience, everyone has worked hard to learn not only the dances but also the names of the steps used in these dances. We have had a lot of fun and many laughs along the way. I thank everyone for their patience with me and hope to see all of you return next year. Our last day of dance is Thurs 10th Dec.

Annette



From the Treasurer

Scams and Spam

Spam scams happen to everyone once or twice: you get a message from your bank, claiming that you must "click this link and verify your account information." Whether the scammer in question wants into your bank or your Google account, the goal is the same: a third party tries to trick you into giving them your account information. While junk mail is usually a sort of advertisement from a company that has received or purchased your email address, scams use spam tactics, such as guessing email addresses or buying them, to infect your computer or steal your information.

Prevention

Spam can hit your work email just as well as it hits your personal address -- and getting the wrong sort of spam can endanger your work data. The best prevention against spam and junk mail is to keep your email address as private as possible. Listing your email online creates links that make it even easier for spammers to find your address. Use an email service or client that provides solid junk mail and spam protection. Never click a link in an email from a sender you don't trust. Even from senders you trust, close the email if something seems fishy.

SCAMWATCH is run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). It provides information to consumers and small businesses about how to recognise, avoid and report scams. For more information go to <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Don't click on hyperlinks in text/social media messages or emails, even if they appear to come from a trusted source.
- Never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for personal or financial details – just press delete or hang up.
- Never provide a stranger remote access to your computer, even if they claim to be from a telco company such as Telstra or the NBN Co.
- To verify the legitimacy of a contact, find them through an independent source such as a phone book, past bill or online search.



Dates to Remember

15th January - Open Day

27th January - Classes Resume

29th January - Coffee with Friends

2nd February - Tuesday Lunch



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