

From the President

Welcome to 2021

Hopefully it will be a better year than 2020, but to make it so, we all have to be aware that Covid 19 is still around and necessary restrictions are being adhered to. So please be advised that some class sizes may have to be restricted.

It isn't long till our Open Day, and the committee has been working hard to bring it all together. It is being held at the Gympie bowls Club, Southside, on the 15th January 2021, between 9.20 and 12.30. I'm looking forward to catching up with a lot of you there. There may be a couple of new classes on offer, so come along and find something that suits you.

I have had a bit of illness over the last couple of days, but thankfully am on the mend now. I just wonder sometimes why doctors don't listen to the patient when they obviously have no idea what to do about a situation. It could lessen a lot of pain and worry. But that's it, rant over...lol

Our AGM will be happening in early March, but will let you know the details as soon as they are available. All positions will be vacant, so if you wish to join the committee as an ordinary committee member, or take on one of the executive positions, get in contact with the secretary to get a nomination form. Keep healthy, keep safe and see you on the 15th January at Open Day

Evie



Happy Birthday!

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

From the Class Coordinator

Hello 2021 and are we glad to see you. Hope you are all ready for an exciting new year of classes and prepared to taste test our new classes. However, we still need to be reminded of our social distancing rules and limited class numbers.

NEW CLASSES:

HISTORY with Maria Rankin to be held on Mondays, 10.000 to 11.30am at the Gympie Art Gallery. The class will be looking at the Gympie region's Gold Rush Festival, Gold Mining and Early Transport. Additional details will be available at the Open Day

CHAT GROUP with Elizabeth Power to be held on Thursdays, 10.00am to 11.30am. Venue to be advised. Here is your opportunity to come alone to a friendly chit-chat where you can share and perhaps broaden your ideas and opinions on a range of topics in enjoyable non-judgmental group atmosphere.

CRAFT GROUP To be established in town, venue to be advised on Open Day.

Our Questionnaire showed a large number of members are interested in a walking group and also a card game group.

I am looking for anyone who is interested in convening either of these groups also a convener for garden club that only meets monthly.

Please contact me on classes@u3agympie.com or phone 0490 757 458. Happy New Year to everyone and my wish for a better 2021 for ourselves and the world.

Denice McDougall
Class Coordinator

CHANGE OF CLASS DETAILS NOTIFICATION

Please note that the following classes are now being held on Wednesdays at the USC

Gympie Campus:

9.00 to 10.00am - Smartphones and Tablets

10.00 to 11.00am - Beginners Laptops

11.00 to 12.00pm - Advanced Laptops

From the Publicity Officer

Congratulations to one and all on the completion of a great year. Yes, we've had problems and obstacles but have overcome and continued to grow despite the restrictions. We've increased in both strength and numbers, through the continuing labours of our hard-working committee, the wonderful input from our fantastic tutors and word of mouth from you, our own members. This year we're looking forward to even more fun and learning opportunities

through U3A, with new and interesting ideas put forward at our End of Year function on December 3rd. The function was a tremendous success, our biggest and bests yet with 82 tickets sold.

Retro Juke Box kicked off the entertainment with two fantastic numbers, there were poets rhyming lyrical, Line Dancers doing their "thing" across the dance floor (*especially Merv with his wiggles in just the right places*) and the Singing for Pleasure group stealing everybody's thunder with their renditions of "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" & The Teddy Bear's Picnic (*I don't think Gussie will ever live that one down*). The caterers provided a delicious 2-course meal, outdoing themselves once again. Winners were grinners when it came to the Raffle & Lucky Door Prizes plus there were special draw prizes throughout the day. Congratulations to all the winners.

As Publicity Officer I'm always interested in new and innovative ways to advertise and broadcast what we're about so if you have any ideas to help expose us further please get in contact. While in class, with your tutor and fellow members, take a snapshot and forward to publicity@u3agympie.com with the details. Photos are a fantastic way to generate interest in U3A via our Facebook page and Press Releases.

Your Committee is currently working towards another successful Open Day at the Gympie Bowls Club on Friday January 15th. If you'd like to volunteer to help on the day please get in contact. Email us via u3a@u3agympie.com with your name and contact number.

Lynlie Cross
Publicity Officer.



Jill and Dianne (above) and Lee and Donna (below) enjoying a 'dry' lunch at the Gunabul Homestead after many 'wet' classes together as members of the very popular AQUA Aerobics classes during 2020.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Treasurer

Duties:

- Assist the Treasurer by collecting and receipting fees at class venues and functions such as 'Open Days' and 'Sign On' held during the calendar year.
- Assist the Treasurer make regular bank deposits of monies received
- Assist the Treasurer with actions to be taken with new Membership Form
- Assist the Treasurer with maintaining the Membership, Financial Books and Asset Registers
- Be prepared to abide with U3A Gympie's Constitution, By Laws, policies, rules and regulations
- Have previous experience with using Microsoft Excel
- Have an understanding of being a 'Volunteer' within a Not-for Profit organisations.

Contact the Treasurer at treasurer@u3agympie.com or on 0417 433 034 for more information. Thank you.

From the Treasurer

Greetings and welcome to 2021. It has been a very time with closing off and opening new financial book, registers and much much more.

During 2020 we were enjoying a consistent increase in our membership numbers until term 4 when our memberships numbers were increased by 40 new members and 10 returning members, resulting in a total of 285 active members.

Further to my request for an *Assistant Treasurer* volunteer, let me assure you that although my finance related 'pieces of papers' are now out of date, I have undertaken financial, administration, developing and testing databases, purchasing, tendering, procurement and contract, training of both military and public servant roles throughout my working career. I have also been awarded two Australian Day Medallion's so please be assured that if I don't know what you need to know, I know how to find it!

Mary Inman
Treasurer
0417 433 034

BACK AGAIN, TODAY I RECEIVED A DIRECT CREDIT \$20 PAYMENT FOR A 2021 MEMBERSHIP. UNFORTUNATELY, NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS WERE PROVIDED SO IF HAVE MADE A PAYMENT AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN EMAIL ADVISING THE RECEIPT NUMBER, COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 0417 433 034.

MANY THANKS, MARY

Dates to Remember

15th January - Open Day
27th January - Classes Resume
29th January - Coffee with Friends
2nd February - Tuesday Lunch
Early March - Annual General Meeting for 2021



**STAY HOME IF YOU
ARE FEELING SICK.**



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