

From the President

Dear members

Our newsletter this month is later than usual, we waited for the AGM to be held, so we could notify you all of new positions. We welcome and thank the new committee members for putting their hands up to take on the new roles. Thank you for your time to the old committee as well. Here's hoping for a great 2021. Details on the new Management Committee Members can be found below and on our website.

The annual U3A State Conference will be held on 12th and 13th May at Stanthorpe. Any members who would like to attend are invited to register on the U3A Qld Conference website at <https://www.u3aqlconference.org/>. Please contact me if you decide to attend so we can discuss possible accommodation and carpooling

This will be our last newsletter, as we have a new editor. Lindy Bell kindly put her hand up to be our news editor. So send any news items to Lindy at news@u3agympie.com before the 28th of each month. Many of you will know Lindy from being the tutor for life writing, or memoir writing as it used to be known. So until next time, stay safe be happy.

Evie

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2021

President – Yvonne Artho

Vice-President – Wendy Flikweert

Treasurer – Mary Inman

Secretary – Beryl Leggat

Class Coordinator – Denice McDougall

Publicity Officer – Sarah Henshaw

Newsletter Editor – Lindy Bell

General Committee Member – Rhonda Whitewood

General Committee Member – Rose Becker

General Committee Member – Lillian Wallace

General Committee Member – Claire Truscott



Happy Birthday!

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



Congratulations to our Tutor, Annette Jensen for being awarded her second Silver Medal at the 2021 Queensland Line Dance Competition held at Cooroy on 20th and 21st February 2021.

From the Class Coordinator

Our first term is winding down and I am working on new classes for term 2, these will be advised in new schedule before its start on 19th April.

There are still places available in History, Creative writing, Retro Juke Box, and cooking demonstration.

We are also hoping for a beginner's 10 week class IT Laptop class.

We are urgently looking for tutors or member prepared to be trained.

Enjoy your break I know I will.

Denice McDougall
Class Coordinator

James Nash (1834-1913), discoverer of the Gympie goldfield, was born on 5 September 1834 at Beanacre, Wiltshire, England.

James Nash first discovered gold in Nashville (later names Gympie) in 1867. Financial crashes occurred in Brisbane in 1866. Among the largest was Bank of QLD. Gympie was known as the town that saved Qld due to the gold discoveries. It was proclaimed a town in 1890 and a city in 1905.

About August 1867, Nash left the Nanango district in search for gold. He travelled down to what is known as Caledonian Hill. He found a speck of gold in a dish of dirt here. After one and a half days he had 1 ounce and 3 penny weight. On the 2nd day he broke his pick and could do no more digging so went to Maryborough. Nash tried in vain to sell the gold to several stores and two banks. Times were bad. They hardly knew what gold was like.

Nash came back to where the gas works used to be and got 75oz. in six days. Returned to Maryborough again and received £1000 reward for his find in Gympie, as well as an extra claim and half. At the time he made £7000 from his alluvial claims. James Nash had invested in mining companies on the field and lost a lot of his money.

He finished up his days taking care of local powder magazine at Traveston. In January 1912, Mr Nash was granted a pension of £100 a year after retiring from this position.

Written by Judy Surman, member of U3A Gympie's History Class



From the Treasurer

Dear Members

I am very happy to be elected as your Treasurer for the next 12 months.

As part of our financial responsibilities as an incorporated association we are required to lodge an annual financial return with the Queensland's **Office of Fair Trading**. There are three different reporting levels, which are based on the value of an association's current assets and revenue.

U3A Gympie Inc. reporting level of association is level **3 as both** the value of assets **and** revenue is less than \$20,000.

Normally, the Treasurer, the President and the Secretary verify the financial statement submitted at the Annual General Meetings however; for the *2021 Annual General Meeting* the management committee agreed that our financial documents would be verified by a certified accountant.

Once the records have been verified the accountant would provide a written statement as detailed in the **Office of Fair Trading** website.

I am very pleased to be advised that the statement verification written by the certified accountant was actually for an association level 2 (**either** the value of assets **or** total revenue is between \$20,000 and \$100,000). A copy of the statement can be found on our website on the AGM 2021 page.

I still have an unclaimed payment of \$20.00 for a 2021 Membership payment. The payment was made from a Bank of QLD account on 4 January 2021. Contact me at treasurer@u3agympie.com or on 0417 433 034 if this is your payment.

Mary Inman
Treasurer



THE MEMBERS OF U3A GYMPIE INC. WISH TO THANK THE GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TERM FOR THEIR CONTINUAL SUPPORT WITH MANAGING THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT ROUND 2.

Dates to Remember

- 1st March - Management Committee Meeting**
- 2nd March - Tuesday Lunch**
- 4th March - Annual General Meeting**
- 9th March - Tuesday Lunch**
- 16th March – Management Committee Hand Over Meeting**
- 16th March - Tuesday Lunch**
- 23rd March - Tuesday Lunch**
- 31th March - Coffee with Friends**
- 13th April - Management Committee Meeting**

Newsletter Contributions

Please submit all contributions no later than the 28th of the month. The newsletter is published on the first week during the following month. Please keep publication dates in mind for any time sensitive contributions.



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