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## From the President

Hello Members,

As we come to the end of a very successful Term 1, I wish you all a safe and happy Easter break. If you are travelling, take care and keep up with the new COVID requirements. As I write this, it seems that we may have lockdown again in the near future. We can do this people, just be aware of where you are and, if you are unwell, stay home.

For next term, which starts on 19 April, we will have a **Sign on Day** on Tuesday, 13 April from 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm. For full details see Treasurer's Report below.

The benefits of great communication are well known, so your committee has added a **Contact Us** form on our website to be used by current and potential new members. Please use this form to communicate with U3A Gympie committee members.

I have also requested that a 'feedback email' be set up for my personal use. So if you are happy with U3A Gympie, please tell your friends. If not, please direct your feedback to me at [feedback@u3agympie.com](mailto:feedback@u3agympie.com) to allow me the opportunity to address the problem. Our group can only improve with honest feedback, and helpful suggestions for improvement are always welcome. This and other new email addresses will be listed in the **Contact Us** page on our website <https://u3agympie.com/contact-us/>

The U3A Network Qld State Conference is coming up in May, with Lindy Bell and myself attending. It will be our first U3A conference, so a bit excited and a bit wary about it. But I'm sure we will muddle our way through it.

That's all from me, see you next term. Evie



## **Birthday Greetings to all members celebrating a birthday this month!**

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### **Other News:**

#### **Badges Update**

Wendy Flikweert, our Vice President, is continuing to generate new badges. At this time badges for our 2021 members, numbers #1141 to #1179 have been either distributed to members, will be available for collection at the *Sign on Day* due to held on Tuesday, 13 April 2021 or will be available on the first or second classes of Term 2. Please use [badges@u3agympie.com](mailto:badges@u3agympie.com) to let Wendy know if you have lost your badge or would prefer a badge without your photo. Please note that Management Committee Members, Tutors and Facilitators will continue to have their photos on their badges.

For insurance purposes, we still need photos of all members and honorary members, including carers, so it would be appreciated if member's #2 and #1140 and new members from #1141 onwards could either ask a friend to take a photo (or you take a selfie) and send it to [badges@u3agympie.com](mailto:badges@u3agympie.com). The photos won't appear on your badge, but will be kept safe for office records only.

#### **Cooloola Coast Community Volunteer Expo**

At the next meeting to held 13 April 2021, the Committee will discuss whether we go ahead with setting up a stall at the Cooloola Coast Community Volunteer EXPO. This is due to be held from 10am -12noon on Saturday, 22 May at the Tin Can Bay RSL Sub Branch, 45 Gympie Road, Tin Can Bay.

We may need volunteers to assist with answering questions about U3A and general knowledge about our classes. We can prep you beforehand. If you are interested, let the committee know by speaking to one of the committee members, use the [CONTACT US](#) form or email your details to [events@u3agympie.com](mailto:events@u3agympie.com).

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## Helpers Wanted

If you have a little spare time and would like to help out we would be pleased to hear from you. A variety of opportunities exist. Contact Mary on 0417 433 034.

### Class Coordinator's Report

Our first term is over - where did it go? Hope you are looking forward to Term 2.

The new Class Schedule will be out the week before Term 2 commences. Classes start on 19th April so please check website as some venues and times have changed.

For Term 2 at SCU Gympie Campus our Smartphone class remains the same, but Laptops have been split into 3 groups. For details see below.

We are calling for Expressions of Interest in a Genealogy / Family History Class - Again, details below.

New venue for Tuesday luncheon is the new Gympie Sports Club.

Coffee with friends will return to a morning time - venue to be advised.

Best wishes for a Happy safe Easter. As I write this there is breaking news from Brisbane, a timely reminder that we are not free of Covid 19, so please observe social distancing.

**Anyone interested in new or existing classes please contact me on 0490 757 458.**

Denice McDougall

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### Laptop Classes Term 2 All held at USC Gympie Campus

#### **Laptop - Beginners\* - Wednesday 10-15 - 11.15 am Tutor Lindy Bell**

- *Getting started with your laptop - for beginners. A slow-paced class to become comfortable with using a laptop. Computer terms. Keyboard skills. Send and receive simple emails. etc.*

#### **Laptop - Intermediate\* - Monday 9.30 - 10.30 am Tutor Lindy Bell**

- *The next step for those wanting to learn more. Adding attachments to emails, Search engines. Saving files and finding them again! How to find out the things we don't know. Content will be driven by the needs of students.*

**\*Note: In-class helpers needed for both Beginner and Intermediate Laptop Classes**

#### **Laptop - Advanced - Monday 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Tutor Michael Crowe**

- *For advanced users.*

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### Expressions of Interest - Genealogy / Family History Class

**Mondays 9.30 - 11.30 am at Gympie Art Gallery. Tutor Barbara Dobson**

*Are you interested in your family history? Would you like to learn more about researching and recording*

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*your family tree? Do you want to record your family's stories for future generations? Would you like to participate in a U3A class to help you on your way?*

- *Let us know if you are beginning level or have experience.*
- *Some computer skills required as much of the course will involve online searching and recording.*

**This class can only proceed if sufficient interest is shown, so be sure to contact Denice McDougall on 0490 757 458.**

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## **AN INVITATION**

### **to join with Gympie National Seniors for:**

A presentation on **Rail Travel** by Amanda Harvey of Queensland Rail

When - Thursday, 13 May 2021 10.00am for a 10.30am start

Where - Gympie

Interested? Please contact Mary on mobile 0417 433 034 or email [events@u3agympie.com](mailto:events@u3agympie.com) for further information.



**Putting smiles on faces and getting toes tapping at St Patrick's Villa**

## **Featured Class - Retro Jukebox Singers**

In term 1 we welcomed 3 new members, giving a class total of 14.

We practiced a repertoire of 24 songs for a performance on Tuesday 23 March at St Patrick's Villa - Aged Care Facility. This was well received by the residents and staff, and much to our delight we have been

invited back. The staff were amazing in their performance alongside us. Thank you, "Team Retro" for your patience and support. I'm very proud of you all and what we've achieved. Well done! Margaret Tienan.

Interested in joining? Contact class co-ordinator Denice McDougall on 0490 757 458.  
No singing experience necessary - just the ability to have fun, laugh and meet new people.  
Tuesdays 11:00 am -12.30 pm AICM Channon Street

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## From the Treasurer

Dear Members,

**Term's 2 Sign on Day will be held on Tuesday, 13th April, 12.00pm - 2.00pm. Please note that due to other commitments, U3A Gympie committee members will only be available at the duck ponds from 12.00pm - 2.00pm.**

We look forward to seeing you at Lake Alford - we will be in a rotunda on Brisbane Road opposite the Monkland State School. EFTPOS and cash facilities will be available to pay your fees. Other options include cash deposits or direct credit transfers to **U3A Gympie's** account at Bendigo Bank.

The accounts details are **BSB 633000 & account 156399636**. Please include your badge number or surname and the name of the class or activities you are paying for. An email to the [treasurer@u3agympie.com](mailto:treasurer@u3agympie.com) would also be appreciated. Additionally, you can make a cash payment for new memberships and classes in the **first** or **second** lesson of each class or activity.  
Mary, Treasurer

## Dates to Remember

- 1 April - Last day of Term 1**
- 2 - 6 April - Easter**
- 7 - 18 April - School Holidays**
- 13 April - Sign on Day at Lake Alford (Duck Pond)**
- 13 April - Management Committee Meeting**
- 19 April - Classes resume for Term 2**
- 20 April - Tuesday Lunch**
- 25 April - Anzac Day**
- 26 April - Anzac Day Public Holiday QLD**
- 27 April - Tuesday Lunch**
- 30 April - Coffee with Friends**
- 3 May - Labor Day Public Holiday QLD**



## Getting to Know.....Lindy Bell - Newsletter Editor

I joined U3A Gympie in 2019, and began tutoring a Memoir Writing class that has since evolved into a 'Life Writing Group'. My career was in the field of Accounting, but I've been a keen reader and writer all my life. I also love music, puzzles, games, travel and meeting people - everyone has a story to tell. I also belong to Bookmarks Book Club and thoroughly enjoy the books and the discussions that ensue. Through U3A I've gained some wonderful friends, and an outlet for my curiosity and my love of learning. Now as Newsletter Editor, and by taking on more tutoring roles, I look forward to more learning and sharing, meeting more members, and most of all having fun. This should be our shared goal for this phase of our lives. Enjoy!

## Newsletter Contributions

Please submit all contributions no later than the 28th of the month.  
The newsletter is published in the 1st week of the following month.  
Please keep publication dates in mind for any time sensitive contributions.

Send contributions to: [newsletters@u3agympie.com](mailto:newsletters@u3agympie.com)

