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## From the President

Hello Members,

Welcome back everyone to Term 2. It is certainly getting colder in the mornings, but I guess with winter approaching it is only to be expected. Thank you all for returning or joining our classes at U3A. Let's wish for a really great Term 2.

Please note there are changes to the Class Schedule. It has been updated and is available on our website. Click [here](#) to go to our website and then click on Class Schedule.

\* [Tuesday Lunches](#) venue has changed - to the Jockey Club, Southside.

\* [Coffee with Friends](#) will be at D'Cafe, Southside.

The committee position of Publicity Officer has become vacant. If you would like to find out more about the position, and what it entails, please contact Treasurer Mary Inman on 0417 433 034 or use [contact us](#) on our website.

We have had a public holiday on the 26th April, and another falls on 3rd May. A reminder that there will be no classes on the first Monday in May. With the Gympie Show going ahead this year we will also have a public holiday on Friday 14th May.

That's it from me - enjoy.

Evie



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

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## Class Coordinator's Report

Dear Members,

Public holidays are good for the work force but for retirees - they just confuse us even more.

Term 2 classes are going well with vacancies in all classes except Life Writing Group and Book Clubs.

- Splitting the [Laptop](#) class into Beginners and Intermediate has enabled us to take more numbers with the help of volunteers.

- Family Genealogy Class - Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30 am at Gympie Art Gallery, Nash Street. This class is up and running - led by our capable tutor Barbara Dobson. I have received good reports from the first Family Genealogy class, thank you Barbara. Not a lot of room left, so be quick if you'd like to enrol.
- Cooking Demonstrations - Fridays 10.30am – 12.00 at the Nashville Scouts Hall, Batchelor Road. Rediscover some old but proven techniques and learn new techniques. Demonstrations and taste tests. Starting with basics and moving on to more intricate recipes, side dishes and desserts. Presentation, colour and flavours will shine.
- Windsong Mah Jong group has ceased. Our thanks to Maureen McCulloch for sharing her expertise on this subject. As can be seen from the following article the Social Mah Jong Group is still very active.

Tutors, can you please check your class for anyone I may have missed when collecting payment of class fees for this term? Also, please let me know if you need more wipes or hand sanitizer as Covid rules are still in force.

Denice

*Please contact Denice McDougall on 0490 757 458 for information or enrolments in any class.*



## **THANK YOU TO CENTURY 21 PLATINUM AGENTS!**

69 Monkland Street Gympie

### **From U3A Social Mah Jong Group Co-ordinator Kaye Olsen**

This happy group of Mah Jong players meet every Wednesday from 2 to 4 pm at Charlies Hotel. We have three complete sets of Mah Jong tiles, racks and books, etc. which until now have been ferried back and forth in two wheeled suitcases, which are quite heavy. Recently our terrific treasurer, Mary, had the inspiration to ask the staff at Century 21 (which is of course next door to Charlies Hotel) if we could store the gear at their office to avoid having to handle the suitcases in and out of the car and back and forth to the venue.

The Century 21 staff were agreeable! The team at Century 21 like to help local community groups and this is so much appreciated by the co-ordinators and players. What a great gesture!

The photo above shows Mah Jong players, John and Margaret, with Century 21 staff (left to right) Jamie, Rachel and Kellie, holding the suitcases of Mah Jong gear.

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## Featured Class - Chit Chat Group

Members find that it is both enjoyable and enlightening to share facts, ideas and opinions in an open and relaxed manner.

Though small in number, the group's fortnightly conversation offers a wide range of information, understanding, observations and viewpoints on the chosen topic. It is indeed chat with a purpose! Our topic "Is our society becoming more angry?" provided much scope for research and discussion, as we covered aspects such as evidence of increasing anger in our own community and in our Australian society; and then considered reasons for this.

"Is our education system working effectively?" was also a topic that gave us much to consider. How do our standards compare with other countries? Problems? Possible solutions?

***The topic for discussion is negotiated by the members for the following meeting, and new members are always welcome.***

Elizabeth Power

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## Community Volunteer Expo

Gympie U3A will not be holding a stall at this event, but in any case this would be an informative and enjoyable outing with entertainment and free sausage sizzle. Saturday 22 May 2021 10:00 am to 12 midday at Tin Can Bay.

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## From the Treasurer:

Dear Members,

The Management Committee members are very happy to advise that we were successful with our grant application with the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF).

The letter received from the office of Shannon Fentiman MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice stated that " *The GCBF awards funding to not-for-profit community groups to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities. As Minister responsible for the fund I know first-hand the hard work organisations such as yours contribute to the community*".

Some of the approved items include equipment for the AQUA classes, a 3x3 metre marquee, a 2-metre folding panel and other promotional items; a membership printer; portable keyboard and laptops for the committee members who hold designated roles or roles assigned by the President. We also have a commitment to formally acknowledge the GCBF grants so more news in our future newsletters.

Mary Inman, Treasurer

## Dates to Remember

- 3 May - Public Holiday Labour Day**
- 4 May - Tuesday Lunch**
- 11 May - Tuesday Lunch**
- 11 - 13 May - U3A Network State Conference**
- 14 May - Gympie Show Holiday**
- 18 May - Management Committee Meeting**
- 18 May - Tuesday Lunch**
- 22 May - Cooloola Coast Community Volunteer Expo**
- 25 May - Tuesday Lunch**
- 31 May - Coffee with Friends**

## Planning a meal, a drink or coffee out?

**From 1 May 2021, all Queensland hospitality businesses must use the Check In Qld app when signing in patrons to their premises.**

The Check In Qld app is a contactless, free, secure and convenient way for customers to sign into a Queensland business. By using the Check In Qld app you'll be:

- able to check in to participating businesses without having to enter your details each time.
- protecting your own personal information – data is stored by the Queensland Government and only used for contact tracing if needed.
- helping make contact tracing faster, more reliable and complete.



For more information, or to download the App, please visit <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld>

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## Be Connected - Connecting to others

It is becoming an increasingly online world - and for those who have not had a lot to do with computers, smart-phones, tablets and so on, it can be quite a challenge.

Laptop classes this year are being introduced to online resources to increase understanding about the informed and safe usage of the internet. One of these resources is the Be Connected website.

Be Connected is managed by the Good Things Foundation Australia and U3A Gympie is a registered Network Partner. Here are some links that all members may find helpful.

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/social-media-apps>

Social Media - Explore the world of social media with the big names like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest.

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/introduction-to-mobile-banking>

Mobile banking - Using an app on your smartphone or tablet to bank online is known as mobile banking.

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library>

Link to additional online courses covering Home Safety; How to use Zoom and Buying and Selling Online.

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### Getting to Know.... Wendy Flikweert

Hello, I'm Wendy.

My life has been busy doing all sorts of things - Pharmacist Assistant, Kindergarten Teacher, Wife, Mother, Short-order Cook, Seamstress, Tractor Driver, Truck Driver, Contract Cleaner, Safety House Participant, Courier, First Aid Instructor, First Aid Officer, President of Southside Neighbourhood Watch, Teacher Aide, Laboratory Technician. These days old age and arthritic knees have slowed me down somewhat, but I still keep busy. I'm Vice President of U3A Gympie, attend three different U3A classes (Aqua Tuesday and Thursday, Mah Jong, Chit Chat), am a member of Wesleyan Methodist Church craft group, President of the Gympie National Seniors, President of Gympie Family History Society Inc., and a member of QCWA Gympie Branch.

In my spare time, I like to read, watch TV/movies, listen to music, catch up with friends and family, do craft work, and travel. I don't enjoy housework of any kind, but at least I do the bare minimum. I'm a bit loud, some say funny

(looking?), friendly (mostly), kind (when I want to be) and a downright problem child. Did I say I have a good sense of humour?

## Newsletter Contributions

Please submit all contributions no later than the 28th of the month.  
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Please keep publication dates in mind for any time sensitive contributions.

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