

U3A **GYMPIE** *Newsletter*

-August 2021-

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From the President

COVID UPDATE

With the current lockdown for nearby areas, we have not been able to access the SCU Gympie campus this week commencing 2 August. The admin staff are in lockdown and not able to travel to Gympie. Laptops Intermediate and Beginners, and Smart Phones Classes have been cancelled for this week only at this stage.

Further updates will be emailed as necessary.

Hello Members,

Welcome to our August newsletter. I hope you are all enjoying Term 3 and have settled into your classes. I'm afraid I have to admit to being a keen follower of the Olympics...I have thoroughly enjoyed watching our champions at play.

Our tentative start to Pickleball has gone off with a bang. The members attending are thoroughly enjoying the game. If you think you might like to try it, contact Denice by phoning **0490 757 458**.

Our ideas for short courses is coming together, more news on that later.

With winter showing its true colours the last couple of weeks, our intrepid aqua class is still going to the pool, each Tuesday and Thursday, 7:45 - 8:45am. Not being led by me this term, but by Sarah. (I don't like the cold very much.)

Enjoy your classes, and the Olympics.

Evie



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

Class Coordinator's Report

Dear Members,

Our first week of classes was extremely busy for me:

News came on Tuesday that Joy Kachel our Tai Chi tutor was unwell - I have since been advised that she is in SCUH and progressing well. We wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, a substitute tutor has been found.

On Wednesday our smartphone tutor had to withdraw due to family commitments.

I have visited all classes at least once. If there are any new members or members needing to pay please notify tutor and I will arrange to call in to take payments.

I want to remind everyone that you are welcome to taste test any class before joining, so come along - you may be surprised.

Cooking Demonstration class is on Fridays 10.30-12.00pm. This is one class where you can literally TASTE! This week was Creamy Garlic Chicken with Almond Beans. Yum!

If you plan to drop in please contact me for catering purposes.

NOTE: CANCELLATION OF ONE CLASS ONLY - NO COOKING DEMO CLASS ON 6 AUGUST.

Intermediate Laptops is on Mondays 9:30-10:30am at USC. Term 3 lessons thus far have been helping users to tidy and file the many documents and photos on their laptops. Skills and knowledge covered include Save and Save As; Drag and Drop; File-paths, Working with Split Screen; and creating folders to suit your own needs. There is always more to learn, so come join us.

In other news, **History Class** has been suspended due to lack of interest which is a shame when it is so hard to get volunteers.

If anyone has a topic that could run for just 5 weeks course please contact me.

CLASS CHANGE FOR ONE DAY ONLY Memoir Writing class will be on Thursday 12th August 2:00-4:00pm NOT Wednesday the 11th August.

Please observe COVID restrictions, use wipes and sanitizers and check into building as well as class sign in. Stay safe and enjoy the rest of the term.

All enquiries please phone – 0490 757 458

Denice McDougall



Creamy Garlic Chicken
and Almond Green Beans

Cooking Demonstration Class

Fridays 10:30 - 12:00

New short courses starting soon!

Want the chance to learn something new without committing to a full term of classes?

How about just 5 weeks duration and a tuition fee of just \$10?

Card Making

Have fun and learn how to create greeting cards for any and every occasion. Add that much-loved personal touch and avoid mass-produced cards. Our tutor Sarah will show you how! Bring your own card stock etc. (a list will be provided).

This 5 week course will commence Thursday 19 August 1.30-3.00pm.

Everyday Makeup Techniques

Want to learn how to clean and prepare your skin, apply your makeup to define and disguise? Understand colours and the use of applicators and brushes? Learn the techniques to enhance your everyday 'look', using your own makeup. Start date to be advised.

Expressions of interest - please phone Denice on 0490 757 458

Numbers for each class will be limited, so be quick to ensure your place.



Featured Class Creative Writing

This short course is off to a great start! A series of weekly workshops.

Six participants are on their way to developing ideas into short stories, or incorporating them into their novel or memoir.

'What a talented and creative group of writers they are,' tutor Trudy Graham said about her group, *'with a variety of writing styles; all writing in different genres.'*

Bouncing ideas off other writers can be inspirational. It can also boost motivation and help banish procrastination.

(This current course is full but it may run again next term. Watch future newsletters for details.)

From the Treasurer:

Dear Members

Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant: The latest purchases were a Yamaha Digital Piano and a keyboard stand and stool. My thanks to Phyllis and Evie for travelling to Nambour to make this purchase. Next item to be purchased will be more equipment for the AQUA classes.

Organisation Membership with the U3A Online Group: U3A Gympie has renewed it's organisation membership with the U3A Online group. This membership entitles us to use the U3A Online course notes as the basis for face to face classes. It also allows us to purchase site licences for any courses we want to run within our group. There are also options of independent study courses as well. Interested? Press the Ctrl key on your keyboard and click on the following link:

u3aonline.org.au/

If you are thinking about become a volunteer tutor or facilitator and need some additional resource material then please check out the list of course options at u3aonline.org.au/courses and contact the Treasurer on 0417 433 034, treasurer@u3agympie.com or use the **CONTACT FORM** on our website at u3agympie.com/contact-us/.

An issue with Direct credit payments: Thank you for the payments via direct credit transactions during the year. For members using the Bank of QLD for these transactions, could you please ensure that either your surname or membership number is entered in the description and/or reference fields as this bank does not show the name of owner of the account so consequently, I do not know who has banked the money. Another option is either texting payment details to 0417 433 034 or sending an email to Mary at treasurer@u3agympie.com.

Mary Inman

Treasurer

Dates to Remember

3 August - Tuesday Lunch

10 August - Census Day

10 August - Tuesday Lunch

10 August - Management Committee Meeting

16 August - Mid-term enrolment weekly classes at 50% off

17 August - Tuesday Lunch

24 August - Tuesday Lunch

31 August - Coffee With Friends - Rusty Rails Cafe

31 August - Tuesday Lunch



Getting to Know... Mary Inman, Treasurer

Hello, my name is Mary. I was born in Canberra, lived in a NSW mining town called Captain Flat. I returned to Canberra as a teenager, left school at 16, joined the Australian Public Service (APS), married at 19, had two sons and now six lovely grandchildren.

During my career in the APS I was involved in providing training to all public servants working in Canberra, as well as specialist training for public servants working around Australia. Other duties related to financial, purchasing and administration duties.

At the age of 32, I joined the RAAF undertaking a variety of jobs and some overseas travel. I received an Australia Day Medallion as a Recruiting Officer in Brisbane, and retired as a Sergeant after 12 years and lived in Katherine, NT. More Public Service roles – this time in the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Services in the NT, a Defence civilian at the Richmond RAAF Base, and finally transferred back to Canberra and worked in the APS Commission until I retired.

I currently provide volunteer services to the Gympie RSL Sub Branch, the Gympie District Scouts, and am very happy to be an Executive Officer and Treasurer for the U3A Gympie Group.

These roles allow me to use the many skills obtained during my "second age". Treatment for cancer has limited my physical abilities, but my brain is still working so I am planning on being around for a while. I am lucky to be living in Gympie at this time of my life and sincerely thank current and previous committee members for their assistance and understanding when my physical limitations disrupt plans and so on.

Thank you, Mary.

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