

U3A **GYMPIE** *Newsletter*

- September 2021 Edition -

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From the President

Hello Members,

Welcome to another newsletter. Spring is upon us, and the last day of Term 3 is 17 September. Classes recommence Tuesday 5 October for Term 4, and I will be back leading aqua classes again after my winter break. Thank you so much Sarah for filling in for me. I'm pleased to see that the short term classes are doing well, and there are new classes planned as per my previous email.

Please remember that U3A Gympie exists solely for the benefit of its members and we do need your support and participation to allow us to offer a great range of classes and activities. Live, laugh, learn and have fun!

****Don't miss our Sign On Day for Term 4**** This has been scheduled for **Tuesday, 28 September at the Indoor Bowling Association Hall, 35 Graham Street, Gympie. Doors will be open between 1:00 and 3:00pm.** Come along and enrol in the classes of your choice, and new members are welcome, so please bring along any interested friends. I'm also happy to say that at this time, the surgery for my hearing implant will take place on the 10 September, unless something unforeseen happens and it has to be cancelled. I am so looking forward to this surgery, so fingers crossed it does what it is supposed to do.

So 'til I see you,

Keep safe, be happy

Evie

Vale Cheryl Kidd

I have to share with you the very sad news that our member Cheryl Kidd has passed away. On behalf of U3A Gympie Committee and members I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Cheryl's family and friends. Cheryl will be particularly missed by our Line Dancing group and friends made during her time with U3A Gympie. Evie



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

Class Coordinator's Report

Dear Members,

I have to tell you I have been very busy, having found tutors for 4 new classes for Term 4, as well as a facilitator for another Book Club.

An email has recently gone out with information about these classes, calling for expressions of interest. The response has been great, so don't delay if you would like to put your name down, or find out more.

SHORT COURSES (5 week duration)

- Rag Rugs
- Budget and Money Management (see below)
- Everyday Makeup Techniques

FULL TERM CLASSES

- Conversational Italian.
- Another U3A Book Club

Thank you to all of our tutors and a special welcome to new tutors!

I am once again looking for a tutor for Laptops and Smartphones.

We are not looking for an expert, just someone who is comfortable with this technology. the classes need only cover the basics. For example Laptops - settings, file types and management, emails, web browsing etc. For Smartphones - settings, add contacts, block numbers, place calls on hold, emails, and so on. Please ask around.

To help us with planning our classes and venues for Term 4 could you please mark attendance sheet with the letter R next to your name to indicate your interest in continuing with that class for Term 4. Just an indication - not a firm commitment - is what we are asking for at this stage.

Help keep us all safe by observing the COVID rules.

Cheers

Denice

Contact Denice on 0490 757 458 or email classes@u3agympie.com for enquiries or to register an expression of interest in any of our classes.



Budget and Money Management

Coming soon! An introduction from Lesson 1:

Managing your money and expenses will make living easier and more enjoyable. Knowing your income and fixed expenses will show you how much you can spend on living and enjoying your everyday life. A wise person once said:

Money is like water! When you hold it in your hands it just runs through your fingers and disappears and you never really knew how much you were holding.

Just one or two hours per month is all it takes.



A Short Course - Creative Writing

Term 3 saw U3A Gympie venturing into the provision of short courses. A Creative Writing course was conducted over 5 weekly workshops. A few comments received from participants:

'This course was engaging from Go to Whoa. Finding inspiration, putting it down, honing, grammar, editing and publishing. Highly recommend.'

'I found this course excellent. Trudy guided us from the first idea, through a brief outline to writing and editing a short story, to publishing options. She was generous with her time in offering to read and critique our efforts. Trudy is a master of her subject matter. She was well prepared with power point slides and handouts to illustrate each point. Patiently and knowledgeably responding to our questions, she gave each of us encouragement to continue writing.'

'This workshop was the most informative and encouraging creative writing workshop I have experienced. The wealth of knowledge that Trudy was able to impart in such a short time frame was comprehensive and inspiring. I have been a member of a couple of writing groups and attended a writing workshop previously but it was not until this one that the pennies dropped, at last!'

and thoughts from the tutor Trudy Graham:

'I thoroughly enjoyed presenting this course of workshops to a group of enthusiastic novice and more experienced writers with varied writing styles and projects planned or underway. At the conclusion of the course I asked for feedback. Some didn't need the creative writing side of the workshop, but they needed editing advice and vice versa. As a result I could see the benefit of offering the content in 3 separate topics as short courses next year. Creative Writing followed by Editing and then Publishing. My suggestion was met with enthusiasm.'

U3A Gympie sincerely thanks Trudy and all of our tutors for generously volunteering to share their skills and knowledge with fellow members.

From the Treasurer:

Dear Members,

Although U3A Gympie is run entirely by volunteers, there are still many expenses to be covered by the annual membership, classes, courses and activities fees. These fees are used to pay for:

- Public liability insurance for all volunteers and members taking part of our classes, courses and activities.
- Voluntary Workers Insurance when a volunteer is engaged in authorised voluntary work including direct uninterrupted travel to and from such voluntary work.
- U3A Network QLD membership fees, copyright and performing rights fees.
- Venue hire for Management Committee Meetings.
- Venue hire for Storage Shed.
- Venue hire for classes, courses and activities.
- Purchasing, maintaining and replacing equipment.
- Internet, mobile service, Mailchimp, Website & Facebook costs.
- Advertising for Annual General Meeting and when required.
- Printing and stationery for Management Committee Meetings.
- Reimbursing approved costs to Management Committee Members and Tutors.

All fees can be paid at our *Open Day, Sign on Days*, at the first lesson of each term or prepaid by a cash deposit to our account, or as a direct debit transfer from your bank account. PLEASE NOTE that EFTPOS facilities are only available at the *Open Day and Sign on Days* functions. Details of the next *Sign on Day* can be found in the President's report.

Our bank details are:

Name of Account: U3A Gympie Inc BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 156 399 636

Members are requested to either enter their membership number and surname, or their surname and initial. Follow this with the first three letters of the class, course or activity they wish to enrol in. For members using the Bank of QLD for these transactions, could you also either text payment details to 0417 433 034 or send an email to the Treasurer at treasurer@u3agympie.com.

Please contact the Treasurer (0417 433 034 or treasurer@u3agympie.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Mary Inman, Treasurer

Easy Apple Strudel

From Cooking Demo Class - Thanks Sarah!

Ingredients

2-3 cups Green Apples
¼ cup Sultanas
¼ cup Brown Sugar
Cinnamon to taste
Egg Wash
Frozen Puff Pastry

Method

Peel and core Apples
Squeeze in tea towel to remove excess liquid
Dice into small cubes
Add Sugar and Cinnamon and Sultanas
Spoon Apple onto pastry
Roll up and seal
Brush on egg wash
Bake 150° for 40 minutes

Dates to Remember

- 7 September - Tuesday Lunch at the Phoenix Hotel
- 14 September - Management Committee Meeting
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- 17 September - Last day of Term 3
- 18 September to 3 October - School Holidays
- 28 September - SIGN ON DAY for Term 4
- 30 September - No Coffee with Friends for September
- 4 October - Public Holiday (Queen's Birthday)
- 5 October - Start of Term 4
- 5 October - Tuesday Lunch at the Jockey Club Hotel Southside

A Writing Competition

The Lambing Flat Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW (Inc) invite U3A members and friends to enter their 39th annual FAW writing competition.

For further details follow the link

<https://fawns.org.au/lambing-flat-faw-annual-writing-competition/>

Gympie Gold Rush

The Gympie Show Will host Gympie Gold Rush Festival on Saturday 6th November 2021.

A date-claimer for your calendar.

Gympie Community Place

Invite participation in craft and share activities. Follow the link for more details.

<https://gcp.org.au/centre-activites/>



Getting to Know...Denice McDougall
Class Coordinator

I attended boarding school at SCEGGS Moss Vale, a place that can get even colder than Gympie. My first real job at 17 was in the Electrical Department at Nock & Kirby, then cashier bookkeeper for General Credits and EMI, with many other jobs including a butcher shop - and yes, I have seen the eyeball on the wall trick!

We bought our first Hotel/Motel in Ballina which included an A La Carte restaurant. It was a popular hotel and we had live bands performing every night 'til 3am over the Christmas period. Everything after that - another hotel in Gympie, a service station, electrical repair business and a fruit shop at Matilda's - was a piece of cake.

With my husband we worked Caloundra Markets for 30 years and I continued after he passed away in 2014 - until my heart told me to stop in 2019.

I have four children and eleven grandchildren - scattered over 2 states. I don't have a craft - cooking or gardening are not for me. The dominant gene in me? Mine is a business brain. My main interests are books, music and live theatre.

I joined U3A in 2013 and have been class coordinator for the last 6 years. For those who have lost a partner - U3A is a non-confronting, friendly way to restructure a new life and future for YOU.

Newsletter Contributions

Please submit all contributions no later than the 28th of the month.
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