



-October 2021 Edition-

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From the President

Hello Members,

Welcome to the start of our final term for 2021. The years seem to go more and more quickly. Someone reminded me the other day that in October my son will turn 50...I had to think about that to make sure it was right... it certainly doesn't seem that long ago. Hope you have all been keeping well. As most of you know, I am very hard of hearing and I had the operation for my 'Baha' hearing device on the 10th September. So at the end of October I will be fitted for the piece and hopefully I won't have to sit and pretend I can hear anymore. I am pretty excited about the whole thing, so will let you know what happens.

I will be returning to both Aqua classes this term - it is getting warmer, so getting up early will be easier. I'm looking forward to catching up with you all. Thank you once again to Sarah Henshaw for carrying the class and the people who helped her out. I am very grateful to all of you. I am thinking of having a deep water class, which will be held in the outside pool, at the deep end, using waist belts. At this stage I am only taking names, so if you would like to have a go, just see me at the pool, and tell me what day of the week would suit best.

As the year comes to a close, I would like to ask you all to seriously think about joining our committee. A number of committee people will be stepping down and we really need others to step up and fill the roles. Our AGM is in March, but now is a good time to be thinking about it. Without a committee there is no U3A. So if you want our U3A Gympie group to keep on functioning, please put your hand up to fill a position. I would be most grateful to you if you did.

At this moment we are in dire need of a secretary, if you feel you could fill in and assist please help us out - it is very difficult to function without a secretary. *More information provided in the Management Committee report.*

Now I'm sure Denise will tell you all about the classes, and the new courses we are running, so I won't spend any time on them, but have a look at what is on offer and see if they interest you.

We have new enrolment forms for next year, and everyone needs to fill out a new form. Term 4 would be the ideal time for current members to do that - to avoid too much work updating our database at a busy time in the new year. Most tutors will have them, so take one and fill it out and return to your tutor or a committee member.

That's it from me, enjoy the classes, the fun and the friendships in Term 4.

Evie



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

Class Coordinator Report

Dear Members,

We are ready for our last term of the year, with 3 new exciting courses. There are 2 places left in the afternoon session of **Rag Rugs Making**, places in **Budget and Money Management** (this class I think will be very interesting), and also in **Everyday Make-up**.

****This class is now meeting for the next four weeks on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 12.00pm at the USC Campus in Cartwright Road.**

I have tutors for two proposed 5 week courses to start 5th Nov and need expression of interest:

- **Seated Relaxation and Stress Management.**
- **Reflexology for Pain Relief and Relaxation.**

Phone me on 0409757458 to register your interest in these short courses.

******I am urgently seeking Tutor or Facilitator for laptops and smartphones******

You do not need to be an expert just a retired office worker or PA familiar with computers.

PICKLEBALL is now a 6 week course starting on **Thursday, 4 November 2021**. Course times and venue are **8.00am to 9.30am** at **Tennis Gympie**, 26 Cartwright Road Gympie. (U3A Gympie will be hiring two courts for a maximum of 14 players). U3A members are invited to the **Pickleball Meetup in Kandanga**. For more information on this event, click on the Gympie Regional Council's link to their Event Listing for our region: <https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/seniorsmonth>.

Myself or a committee member will call into classes to collect fees in the first 2 weeks, or you can pay online - just remember to nominate the class/es you are paying for.

I finish this with a reminder that COVID is very much on our doorstep so please observe the COVID safety rules. Enjoy your term, and go and mark 25th November on your calendar for our end of year function. Denice

Class Coordinator Denice McDougall can be contacted on 0490 757 458 or email classes@u3agympie.com for enquiries or to express an interest in any of our classes.

CHEERS FROM MEMBER - DAWN PERRYMAN

Dawn joined U3A Gympie in June 2015, during her time with our Group, Dawn attended our Book Marks Book Club, Memoir Writing, My Kind of Poetry, Family Genealogy and Smartphone and Tablets classes.

Dawn asked that the committee thank all her friends for their friendship during her time with U3A Gympie. Dawn hopes to be able to join U3A Buderim, which is attached to the U3A Sunshine Coast group, to continue with her love of reading and poetry.

Best wishes on your relocation Dawn from U3A Gympie, and thanks for the memories!

U3A Gympie Notice Board

[Click here](#) to check out our virtual notice board and keep up to date with changes to classes and courses etc.

From the Management Committee

Dear Members

COMMITTEE VACANCIES: As mentioned in the President report, the role of the **Secretary** is now vacant. The role of a secretary is a 'must have' under the Office of Fair-Trading rules. We are required to advise any changes to the executive within one month of the vacancy occurring. This means we will need a secretary before 27 October 2021.

As I am the point of contact for new committee and non-members committee members, please use the u3a@u3agympie.com email address or contact me on 0417 433 034 to discuss this and the other vacancies in the committee. A list of current committee members and vacancies are on the **Practicalities** page on our website.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR END OF YEAR FUNCTION: This function has been booked at the Gympie Bowls Club at Southside on Thursday, 25 November, doors open from 11.30am for a 12.00pm start. The ticket price is \$25.00 for members and visitors. Further details will be advised by email and on our social media sites. For catering purposes we are required to provide an estimated of members attending as soon as possible, so if you are intending to join us could you please let me know by one of the contact details available at the end of this report. Payment details for members wishing to prepay the \$25.00 for tickets are provided in the Treasurer's report.

UPDATING OUR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES AND PROMOTION MATERIAL: We are still seeking copies of images not just of U3A activities but of the city of Gympie at its best to be used in our social media sites and new promotional material for 2022. The committee has just elected our first Non-Committee Member, Bob Watson (a member of the Gympie RSL Sub Branch), as our Publication Officer so would you email copies of these images with suitable descriptions to publications@u3agympie.com. Thank you.

COLLABORATION WITH LIKE-MINDED GROUPS: We have started reaching out to like-minded groups in Gympie and surrounding areas. Our first approach was to the Veteran Service Officers in the Sub Branch of the Gympie RSL Club. We have received approval to promote U3A Gympie in their newsletter. Other matters under discussion are their members becoming volunteers as tutors, committee members and non-committee members or enrolling in our classes and courses.

Regards, Mary

BANK DETAILS

Bendigo Bank

Account Name: U3A Gympie Inc.

BSB: 633000 Account Number: 156 399 636

Please note in the description and/or reference fields, your name and the purpose of the payment, then notify the Treasurer by email at treasurer@u3agympie.com or by voicemail or text to 0417 433 034

From the Treasurer

Dear Members

First of all, sincere apologies for the delay in the publication of the October's newsletter due to the lateness of this report. Appreciate if all members take the time to read both reports and response where possible. Thank you.

BANKING: Thank you to the members who are now paying their fees either as a direct credit or depositing into our account at the Bendigo Bank. Our bank details are available above the Treasurer's report, in the **Practicalities** page on our website, on Facebook, from the Class Coordinator and the treasurer at treasurer@u3agympie.com.

I have been advised that some members wish to prepay their membership fees for 2022 and the \$25.00 for a ticket for the **End of Year Function**. If you wish to take this action and only for October, could you please only pay by direct credit or direct

payment into our account at the Bendigo Bank. Committee members will be visiting classes for cash payments for this function from Monday, 1 November 2021. Could you please note in the description and/or reference fields, your membership number or surname and the code **2022** for membership and **EOYF** for tickets payments.

NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM: It is time to update our membership register so all current members are requested to complete this new form. Hard copies will be left with the Tutors and there will be links to this form on our social media sites as well. I have requested that all email address be printed on the form to minimise the errors when setting up new members profiles so that they received all our emails including the newsletters. Also, there is a requirement from our insurers that members must sign this form with their **normal signature** and **initials**. Further information on this requirement was published in our July newsletter. **REMINDER:** New members joining in term 4 are not required to complete a new membership form in 2022 UNLESS their details have changed.

BADGES: As reported in our July newsletter, our badges no longer have to have photos, so if you are returning to U3A in 2022 and have lost your badge or would prefer a new badge without your photo, could you please advise your name, including any preferred names, as a class or an individual by one of the contact details options available at the end of this report.

CLASSES, COURSES & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE FORM: A new schedule is generated and distributed to members before the start of new terms. Unfortunately, unexpected changes have to be made therefore; if the schedule needs changing, the new information will be posted on our **Notice Board** and all the links to our other social media sites will be updated ASAP.

Kind regards and best wishes, Mary

Mary Inman - Executive Officer, Treasurer and Acting Secretary, responds to emails addressed to treasurer@u3agympie.com, u3a@u3agympie.com and the CONTACT FORM on our website. I can also be contacted on 0417 433 034 for enquiries not related to classes.

U3A Dates to Remember

- 4 October - Public Holiday
- 5 October - First day of classes - Term 4
- 5 October - Tuesday Lunch @ Jockey Club Hotel
- 12 October - Tuesday Lunch @ Jockey Club Hotel
- 12 October - Management Committee Meeting
- 14 October - Lions Community Morning Tea (entertainment by U3A Gympie)
- 19 October - Tuesday Lunch @ Jockey Club Hotel
- 26 October - Tuesday Lunch @ Jockey Club Hotel
- 28 October - Last day to submit items for the November Newsletter

****DATE CLAIMER****

**25 NOVEMBER 2021 - End of Year Luncheon.
Mark it on your calendar NOW.**

Queensland Seniors Month is October 2021 The theme is 'Social Connections'

U3A Gympie was contacted by the Lions Club of Gympie and asked to provide some entertainment for their community morning tea to be held at the Gympie Senior Citizens Centre from 10am - 11.30am, on Thursday, 14 October 2021.

For more information on this event, click on the
Gympie Regional Council's link to their Event Listing for our region:

<https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/seniorsmonth>.



Getting to Know Sarah Henshaw

Hello, I'm Sarah. I was born in England in 1958, and in 1964 I and my family spent 6 weeks at sea - eventually arriving in Sydney where we lived in a migrant hostel at Fairy Meadow for a period of nine months.

As a teenager I attended Smith Hill Girls High School in Wollongong. I remember my very first job - it was wrapping Easter Eggs at David Jones.

I worked as a secretary for a time, but at the age of nineteen I moved to Sydney and started Nursing. I worked in the Emergency Department at the RPA for 2 years - what a whirlwind that was! Next was Cardio Thoracic Surgery at Prince Henry Hospital.

In 1981 I was married and subsequently had my two boys. I am so proud of them, and of my daughter-in-law and two beautiful grandsons. Over the years my husband and I have run supermarkets, petrol stations and a bakery. However, nursing was always my first love. I have been retired for 5 years now.

I have so enjoyed getting to know U3A and its members. Currently I serve on the Management Committee, and I lead winter aqua, cooking demonstrations, card making, and in Term 4 I will be presenting everyday makeup classes.

I can't tell you how satisfying it is to see seniors making friends, learning, and enjoying life.

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

