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- December 2021 Edition-

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From the President

Hello Members,

Wow, last newsletter for the year. I can't believe how quickly this year has gone. I remember way back when I was a kid, Christmas took forever to come around. I guess time gets shorter as you get older.

Our end of year function was held last Thursday. We had an excellent turn out, and the entertainment was great. I would like to thank everyone who was involved - you all did splendidly...I don't think we will ever hear 'How Much is that Doggie in the Window', with the same thoughts we may once have had about a cute little doggie!!! Well done to the Singing for Pleasure Group. Of course the Retro Jukebox Singers looked and sounded fabulous, Poetry Group kept up the high standard, and the Line Dancers excelled. I'm still trying to figure out how they kept in line.... Our Annual Open Day will be held on the 12th January. Full details will be included below in the Committee Report.

Also coming up in March will be our AGM. I will not be standing for president again, because of personal reasons. If you think you would like to be a part of our committee, please use the u3a@u3agympie.com email address or phone 0417 433 034 to discuss.

In closing, let me wish all of you, and your families, a very happy Christmas and New Year. Stay safe and well, Evie



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

Class Coordinator's Report

Dear Members,

Now year-end is near, and so we face the Christmas crush. Thank you to all the tutors for attending and speaking at End of Year Function and for all your hard work throughout the year. I would like to add my thanks to Evie's for the wonderful turn out of members and participating classes at our luncheon.

A request: If you are intending to return to a class in 2022 please mark the attendance sheet with an 'R' against your name. This will assist in planning for the new year.

I am proposing 7 classes next year - some returning - others new, but will not book venues without a solid response of expression of interest, enabling me to include them in the schedule for our Open Day on 12 January. Interested members please phone or text, or email - see my contact details below.

5 Week courses fee is \$10.00

Rag Rugs Making Course; Budget & Money Management; Creative Writing; Reflexology; Relaxation Meditation

Full term class fee is \$20.00

Memoir Writing, Mahjong.

The possibility of new entrance restrictions to some buildings may require a change in venue for some classes.

Best wishes for Christmas to all members and their families, and for 2022 a year of good health, happiness and friendship.

Denice McDougall

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.

From the Management Committee

Dear Members,

Open Day for 2022 - Wednesday, 12 January 2022, Gympie Bowls Club, Southside. Function is from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. Early arrivals can wait in the Bar area or outside on the patio until the doors are opened. Additional information will be provided in our January newsletter and social media sites. No refreshments available on the day so please bring your own.

CAN YOU HELP? Volunteers will be needed for this function. Please email [u3a@u3agympie](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com) or contact 0490 757 458 if are you able.

Annual General Meeting 2022 - Thursday, 3 March 2022. Gympie Bowls Club, Southside. Doors open from 2.00 pm. Additional information will be provided in our January newsletter and social media sites.

Reminder: Please use the u3a@u3agympie.com email address or phone 0417 433 034 to discuss joining the management committee either before or at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, 3 March 2022.

Getting the **Check In QLD** app: If you don't already have the app, please go to <http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld> for links to download the app from Google Play or Apple App stores. Once the app has been downloaded, click on the app and enter your details which will be saved to be used each time you scan a Check-In QLD QR code.

To check in, open the Check In QLD app and select 'Check In Now'. Hover your smartphone over the QR code which will say 'you're checking into *name of venue*'. Before pressing 'Check In', see if there are any class members that do not have a smartphone and add them by using the 'Check In additional people'. Once this is done, press 'Check In'.

IMAGES: We are still seeking images not just of U3A activities, but of the city of Gympie and surrounds to be used to update our website and Facebook page and for new promotional material for 2022.

Regards, Mary Inman - Secretary



Featured Class: Rag Rugs

MAKING RAG RUGS IS FUN!

First time rug makers have made good progress.

On the first day, they learned 'toothbrush' technique; knotting over a core to make a circle.

Some completed rugs will be displayed at Open Day in January 2022.

Thank you to tutor Deirdre and class participants.

Most have found three string plaiting and then lacing to be their preferred technique.

Donna is planning a darker border to finish her plaited and laced rug pictured above in two stages.

Natalie made her knotted rug into a handy bowl.

More on offer in 2022!

U3A Gympie Noticeboard

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

From the Treasurer

Dear Members,

End of Year Function, 25 November 2021: Seventy members attended another great end of year function with plenty of great food, laughter, songs, music, and lucky door prizes. The Gympie Bowls Club catering manager has agreed to vegetarian and gluten-free meals being available for 2022.

Membership and Enrolment Forms: Thank you to members who have completed the new membership forms. It would be greatly appreciated if members could continue to complete this form prior to term 4 finishing on Friday, 10 December 2021.

Scamwatch: Scammers are getting increasingly sophisticated in their attempts to get your money or personal details. Be alert and protect yourself from being scammed by following our tips listed on the Scamwatch website. The link <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/get-help/protect-yourself-from->

[scams](#) takes you to the ACCC website for all the information and help you will need to protect you, your family and friends from scammers.

Regards, Mary

Mary Inman - Executive Officer, Treasurer and 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.

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 to treasurer@u3agympie.com, or by voicemail or text to 0417 433 034

U3A Dates to Remember

7 December - Tuesday Lunch - Jockey Club Hotel

10 December - Last day of Term 4

11 December - School Holidays commence

***** MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all ***
2022**

12 January - Open Day

A huge 'Thank You' to the generous sponsors of our Lucky Door Prizes at the End of Year Luncheon, held 25th November 2021.

Nestles', Gympie - Gift Basket

Bunnings, Gympie - Voucher for \$50.00

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Llew O'Brien, Federal Member for Wide Bay - Voucher for \$50.00

Tony Perrett, State Member for Gympie - Kambrook Citrus Press

Betty Rimmington, Author - Book and bookmarks

Lillian Wallace, U3A Gympie - Bottle of wine

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Mary Inman, U3A Gympie - 2 small bottles of wine

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Image Left: Happy members celebrating at U3A Gympie End of Year Function, 25/11/2021

Image Right: One of our Lucky Door Prize winners, Caroline Barry receiving her \$50 Voucher.

U3A Gympie wishes to acknowledge and thank State Member for Gympie, Tony Perret MP for assistance from his office in printing our Newsletters.

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

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