



- January 2022 Edition -

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From the President

Hello Members,

Welcome everyone to 2022...Another year has passed, and hopefully we can all have an enjoyable year.

COVID-19 POLICY:

U3A Gympie has adopted a COVID-19 Policy in line with the recommendations of U3A Network in Queensland. Copies of the policy documents are available for viewing on our website.

This means that attendance at all U3A Gympie classes and functions in 2022 will depend on every person being fully vaccinated, or medically exempt. This will need to be verified by each member producing their proof of either full vaccination or their medical exemption registered on the Australian Immunisation Register. On sighting proof we will not be recording anyone's vaccination or exemption details, but will note that they comply with our policy. We ask for everyone's cooperation in this matter.

U3A Gympie has a duty of care to our members but all of us have personal responsibilities to protect ourselves and others through COVID-19 safe practice. We must all be mindful that the management of risks around catching COVID-19 is broader than just being vaccinated.

OPEN DAY FUNCTION on Wednesday 12 January, 2022.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in attendance on the day at Gympie Bowls Club Southside. Hours are from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Please do not arrive early - there will be no admissions earlier than 10:00 am. Your patience will be needed as we go through the check-in process.** Refreshments will not be available on the day, so tutors, committee members and volunteers who will be there for the four hours are advised to bring along their own drinks, and snacks on the day. All members and visitors must still sign in to the venue QR code and abide by the appropriate social-distancing, mask-wearing and sanitising rules.

Evie

VALE LILLIAN WALLACE

As we say farewell to the year 2021, we at U3A Gympie must also say goodbye to one of our own. Lillian Wallace was an active member, also serving on the Management Committee, until she passed away just days ago. Her sudden passing has come as a shock to all, and we extend our sincerest condolences to her daughters and their families, and to her friends, at this very difficult time. Lil will be sadly missed by many at U3A, and especially by her friends at Life Writing Group. Thank you so much Lil for your friendship, and your contribution to U3A Gympie over the years.

Class Coordinator's Report

Dear Members,

Welcome everyone back to your selected classes. Here is a link to view our interim class schedule for Term 1: View our Interim class schedule by clicking here. <http://u3agympie.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Class-Schedule-Term-1-2022.pdf>

This is not able to be finalised and will likely change. It is for guidance only at this time.

I am particularly looking for expressions of interest in the following classes:

Budget and Money Management - Wednesday weekly, 10:30 - 11:30

Creative Writing - 5 weeks commencing Friday 4 March 2022, 9:00 - 12:00

Mahjong - looking for expressions of interest from players and a tutor/facilitator is also being sought.

Memoir Writing - TBA

Rag Rug Making - 5 weeks commencing Wednesday 2 February 2022, 12:30 - 3:30

Reflexology - TBA

Relaxation Meditation - Weekly Tuesdays, 11:00 - 12:30

Email me at classes@u3agympie.com or phone or text me on 0490 757 458.

By paying close attention to venue capacities, mask-wearing where needed, and sanitising of hands and surfaces we will be doing all we can to keep ourselves and others safe. Looking forward to a bright, active and friendly 2022.

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.



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

From the Management Committee

Dear Members

Open Day, Wednesday, 12 January 2022, Gympie Bowls Club, Southside. 10:00am - 2:00pm
Volunteers are needed for this function.

Please email [u3a@u3agympie](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com) or contact 0490 757 458 if are you able to assist.

Annual General Meeting, Thursday, 3 March 2022. Gympie Bowls Club, Southside. Doors open from 2.00 pm.

Nomination forms and Proxy forms (if needed) will be available on our website and distributed to the members by the Class Coordinator. In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting
 - (b) to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the association during the last preceding financial year
 - (c) to elect office-bearers of the association and ordinary committee members
 - (d) presenting the financial statement and signed statement to the meeting for adoption;
- Additional information will be provided in our February newsletter and social media sites.

Reminders: 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.

Mary Inman
Secretary

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,

Following is information on our membership, classes and courses fees, social activities costs, and how to make payments.

MEMBERSHIP FEE AND PAYMENTS

Membership for 2022 is \$20.00. Those members who paid their Membership fees during Term 4, are now able to enrol in their preferred classes or courses. To do this could you please email or text the Treasurer your details, the name of the classes or courses you wish to enrol in, and how you will be paying the fees i.e. at the *Open Day*, during the first or second lesson, or by direct credit. Contact details for the Treasurer and bank details are shown below.

CLASSES & COURSES FEES

Classes are **\$20.00** per **unit**.

Weekly Classes – 1 Unit per Term (4 Units per year) (\$2.00 for extra sessions)

Fortnightly Classes – 1 Unit per Semester (2 Units per year) (\$2.00 for extra sessions)

Monthly Classes – 1 Unit per Year (\$2.00 for extra sessions)

Courses for 5 weeks – \$10.00 per course (\$2.00 for extra sessions)

Additional costs: Some classes and courses may occur additional costs for venue and/or materials.

Classes at the pool also incur admission charges

Ad Hoc Activities – Some activities charge \$2.00 per session, rather than per Unit.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COSTS

The cost of Social Activities varies. Some are either \$2.00 per session, free, or at a commercial venue where you can decide how much to spend. Other Activities that incur an additional cost will be advised well ahead of time.

Mary Inman

Treasurer

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.

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

11 January - Management Committee Meeting/ Working Bee

12 January - Open Day

24 January - Commencement of Term 1

25 January - Tuesday Lunch - Charlie's Hotel

26 January - Australia Day Public Holiday

1 February - Tuesday lunch - Charlie's Hotel

3 March - Annual General Meeting

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



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