



## February and March 2022 Edition

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### From the President

Hello Members,

Welcome to the February and March newsletter. Although there is not much to report about our activities during January however, there is plenty to report about what has been happening during February and March. We received 23 incoming emails that include some issues that will be mentioned in the Management Committee report.

I'm very happy to say that U3A Gympie will be back in full force in Term 2. The **Sign on Day** for Term 2 will be held on **Tuesday, 5 April 2022** starting from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm at the **Gympie Indoor Bowls Club**, Graham Street. I am looking forward to seeing you all again.

Committee members, Rose Becker and Lindy Bell have resigned from the committee. On behalf of the committee, I thank both Rose and Lindy for their time and efforts during their time on the committee

The good news is that Lindy will be continuing her role as the Newsletter Editor as a Non-Committee Member so we will continue to be grateful for all her hard work when generating our monthly newsletters.

Another priority that needs to be addressed is our shortage of elected committee members. We have had several people resign from the committee; this has caused our committee numbers to be reduced to four members. I would like to ask if anyone would please put their hand up and become a committee member or a non-committee member until our **Annual General Meeting**, which will be held on **Wednesday, 11 May** at the **Gympie Bowls Club at Southside**.

As you all know, U3A needs a solid committee to be able to run. If we are unable to fill the positions on the committee at the Annual General Meeting, there is a real possibility that U3A Gympie will have to close. I know none of you want that to happen, we have a strong member base, so surely there are some people out there who can come onto the committee.

It would be great for some of our more youthful members to become an active part of our U3A. Being a committee member can become a very rewarding experience. Please consider putting your hand up and contact Mary, our secretary on 0417 433 034 or at [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com).

I hope not too many of you were badly affected by the recent floods. In Kybong, we were cut off north and south for 5 days, and no power. Where I live, we rely on electricity to run everything, even the toilet, so for me, who has never been in flood conditions before, it was a real experience to have a bucket of water beside the toilet to flush...We were pretty lucky that that was our only problem.... for those of you who had floodwaters through your house, I am thinking of you. I realise that doesn't help much, but you are in my thoughts  
Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Evie

## **Class Coordinator's Report**

Dear Members,

So glad to announce that we are up and running for term 2 starting on Tuesday, 19th April 2022.

Laptops have been split into two 5 week courses at \$10.00 for the 5 weeks. Beginners 9.00 am to 10.30 am followed by Intermediate 10.30 am to 12.00 pm. Smartphones classes at the Gympie High School have been cancelled as they are using the seniors to help the juniors catch up from lost time through COVID, this leaves us without a tutor so please ask around for anyone to help us. Phones and Laptops are the two classes we seniors need.

The Drawing and Painting classes have been combined and renamed on the schedule at 'Arts Class'. This class will held be on Tuesdays at the Indoor Bowls Club, Graham Street from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.

The Pickleball group will be no longer playing as a U3A activity. They will be still playing and invite members and friends to join them at the Reg English courts on Thursday's starting at 8.00 am. U3A Gympie thanks Margaret Gillett from the Kandanga Tennis Club for all her efforts and support with our Pickleball group over the last two terms in 2021, for this year as well.

The Cooking Demonstration and Rag Rugs Making Courses have stepped aside for term 2 for are expected to return term 3.

The class schedule for term 2 is now available on our website and Facebook or click here <http://u3agympie.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Class-Schedule-for-Term-2-2022.pdf>. The schedule has been changed in that it has the ongoing classes with some changes to times and venues. The proposed new classes that will only proceed subject to the numbers enroled are

1. Budget and Money Management, Wednesdays, 9.00 am to 10.30 am, for 5 weeks starting on 20th April at the USC Campus.
2. Reflexology, Fridays, 10.00 am – 11.30 am for 5 weeks starting on 22nd April at the Nashville Scout Hall.
3. Relaxation Meditation, Tuesdays, 11.30 am – 12.30 pm for 5 weeks starting on 19th April at the Gympie Art Gallery.

**Please use my contact details shown under this report to advise Expressions of Interest in the classes listed above.**

My last call is for some of our members to take an active role, if not on the committee but helping with the publicity, organizing our functions, Open day, End Year function, AGM. I would hate to see all the hard work of the last 30 years go to waste.

Masks have been lifted but we still need to be aware of social distancing.

Looking forward to seeing you all back in the classroom. Stay Safe.

Denice, Class Coordinator.

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

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

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## **From the Management Committee**

### **Dear Members**

As mentioned by the President, the management committee received a large volume of incoming correspondence some of which require ongoing actions so the **Secretary will be emailing another newsletter covering Annual General Meeting and other matters and actions to be taken asap.**

**Life Membership** – with the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 11 May, it is time to submit nominations for *Life Membership* awards for outstanding U3A Gympie members. The URL for the nomination form is <http://u3agympie.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Life-Membership-Nomination-Form.pdf> and will be added to our Notice Board and our social media sites. The **due date** for the submission of a nomination is **12 April** and the awards will be presented at the Annual General Meeting. *Please notify the secretary on 0417 433 034 if you are mailing a nomination form. Thank you.*

**Sign on Day, 5 April 2022** – This function will be held at the **Gympie Indoor Bowls Club, Graham Street Gympie from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.** Both cash and EFTPOS facilities will be available and members and visitors will be able to make a cup of tea or coffee so bring a cup or use one of ours. Members must provide evidence that they are vaccinated and abide by the appropriate social distancing, sanitising rules, and any other rules in place when entering this venue.

**Volunteers are requested for this function so, so please email [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com) or contact 0417 433 034 if are you able to assist.**

**Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, 11 May 2022** – This function will be held at the **Gympie Bowls Club, Southside. Doors open from 2.00 pm.**

Refreshments will be available for this member's only day. Members must provide evidence that they are vaccinated and abide by the appropriate social distancing, sanitising rules, and any other rules in place when entering this venue.

**Volunteers are requested for this function so, so please email [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com) or contact 0417 433 034 if are you able to assist.**

The **U3A Dates to Remember** box covers all U3A Gympie activities until the new Committee is elected on 11 May 2022. Please note that at the next two committee meetings, due to be held on Tuesday, 22 March and Tuesday, 12 April at Sherwood Hall, Avenues on Red Hill Road that from 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, your committee members will be available to chat and receipt payments – cash only. For the *Sign on Day* to be held on 5 April, EFTPOS facilities will be available.

Mary Inman, Secretary

## ***U3A Gympie Notice Board***

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

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS, NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS, TUTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND HELPERS**

**U3A Gympie operates completely with the assistance of volunteers. Without our volunteer committee members, tutors and other volunteers there would not be a U3A Gympie.**

**1. If you have the basic computer skills, be prepared to obtain a sound knowledge of U3A Gympie's policies, rules, and regulations. Respect privacy and confidentiality of member's information; be impartial and objective; happy to meet and greet members and protentional members within Gympie and surrounding settlements, please consider becoming a committee member or a non-committee member.**

**2. If you have a passion or special interest and would like to share it with others, please consider becoming a tutor.**

**3. If you enjoy being part of the U3A Gympie community and feel you would like to give something back to our group, please consider offering your time and or skills as a volunteer or helper.**

**Interested? Ready to make further enquiries? Contact the Secretary on 0417 433 034, [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com) or use the Contact Us Form at <https://u3agympie.com/contact-us/>**

**Reminder: Please contact the Secretary at [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com) or phone 0417 433 034 to discuss nominating for the two casual vacancies as an elected Management Committee Member or roles as a Non-Committee Member, Volunteer or Helping Hand.**

### **From the Treasurer:**

Dear Members,

### **MEMBERSHIP AND CLASS PAYMENTS AND ENROLMENT FOR TERM 2**

Many thanks to members who have prepaid their membership and class fees for 2022. Now that you have paid for your membership, you can now enrol in your preferred classes or courses for Term 2. The class schedule for term 2 has been downloaded onto our website and Facebook page or you can click on the URL <http://u3agympie.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Class-Schedule-for-Term-2-2022.pdf>

Our fees can be paid by **direct credit**, a **cash deposit** into our bank account at the Bendigo Bank or in the **first** or **second** lesson of each class or course. U3A Gympie's

bank details can be found in the membership form, on the *Fees and Payments* <https://u3agympie.com/fees-and-payments/> and *About Us* <https://u3agympie.com/about-us/> pages on our website, our Facebook page, and below the Treasurer's report in our newsletters.

However; if you wish to enrol in any of our confirmed classes or courses, email the details to [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com) or by voicemail or text on 0417 433 034 and your details will be added to the attendance records. Could you also advise how you will be paying the fees i.e. at the *Sign on Day* on 5 April, during the first or second lesson, or by direct credit or cash deposit at the Bendigo Bank.

Additionally, if you make any payments to our bank account could you please email the Treasurer at [treasurer@u3agympie.com](mailto:treasurer@u3agympie.com) or by voicemail or text on 0417 433 034 and advise your details, the name of the classes or courses you wish to enrol in.

**Your cooperation with prepayment of membership, classes, and course fees will greatly assist with receipting monies to be paid and updating attendance records before the *Sign on Day* which is only seven working days before the classes start on Tuesday, 19 April 2022.**

Thank you, Mary Inman, Treasurer

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***Mary Inman - Executive Officer, Treasurer and Secretary, responds to emails addressed to [treasurer@u3agympie.com](mailto:treasurer@u3agympie.com), [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com) and the CONTACT US FORM on our website. I can also be contacted on 0417 433 034 for all enquiries not related to classes.***

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### ***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](mailto:treasurer@u3agympie.com), or by voicemail or text to 0417 433 034**

### **U3A Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday, 22 March - Committee Meeting, Sherwood Hall, Avenue,  
and**

**Tuesday, 22 March - Open to all members - 1.00 - 2.00 pm**

**Tuesday, 5 April - Sign on Day for Term 2**

**Tuesday, 12 April - Committee Meeting, Sherwood Hall, Avenue,  
and**

**Tuesday, 12 April - Open to all members - 1.00 - 2.00 pm**

**Tuesday, 12 April - Due date for the submission of the Life Membership nominations.**

**Tuesday, 17 May - Management Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 11 May - Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 10 May - Lunch - Mt Pleasant Hotel**  
**Tuesday, 3 May - Lunch - Mt Pleasant Hotel**  
**Monday, 2 May - Labour Day Public Holiday**  
**Tuesday, 26 April - Lunch - Mt Pleasant Hotel**  
**Monday, 25 April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday**  
**Tuesday, 19 April - Lunch - Mt Pleasant Hotel**  
**Tuesday, 19 April - Commencement of Term 2**  
**15-18 April - Easter Public Holidays**  
**Tuesday, 17 May - Lunch - Mt Pleasant Hotel**

### **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.

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

Send contributions to: [newsletters@u3agympie.com](mailto:newsletters@u3agympie.com)



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