

# **U3A** **GYMPIE** *Newsletter*

- May 2022 Edition-

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## **From the President**

Hello everyone,

Easter is behind us, and we had some lovely weather to see us through. And another long weekend this week, so enjoy it.

Classes started back last week, and it was lovely to see my class again. I noticed it has been a bit cooler than before. I'm not an early morning person, so I certainly notice the changes in the weather.

The annual U3A conference is happening in June at North Lakes. Any new committee or any members can nominate to attend. There has been a tentative booking made for accommodation, so if you think you may be interested, look up the details on the website. <https://www.u3aqlidconference.org>

Also, the AGM is looming fast. All positions will be declared vacant, so there is still time if you think you would like to be on the committee. Nominations will be taken from the floor on the day. Remember if we don't have a committee, we don't have a U3A. It will be held at the Bowling Club, Bowlers Drive, Southside, on the 11th May, at 2.00 pm. Thank you for the offers of help for setting up, that is most appreciated.

Welcome to our new members and tutors, I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Short news from me,

Keep safe everyone, Evie



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

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## Class Coordinator's Report

Dear Members,

Yes I have been running around like the proverbial chook, but it has been so good to see all the familiar faces and some very nice new ones in all our classes. Thank you to Vicki for helping me with collection.

Reflexology and Relaxation Meditation have proved popular, so book for next 5 week session starting the 1st June if interested. Budget has been delayed to Term 3.

We have a room and a Tutor for Beginners Laptop but no interest at this stage. This would be a good opportunity to sign up for next 5 week session costing \$10, and ask for an assessment of your computer skills.

Discussions are still being undertaken with St Patrick's regarding the topics that their student could teach. The possibilities include Smartphones, both iPhone and Android, and, social media including Facebook. However, we need expressions of interest as soon as possible as without members, there will be no classes.

I asked some members – both old and new - to write a comment on their class experience (see below). I hope you enjoy them. Remember you are always more than welcome to “taste test” a class before signing up for one.

Tutors, if you have any members wishing to pay please text me and I will collect without interrupting classes.

Hope to see you all at the AGM on 11th May. Please see me if you want anymore details about our classes.

Denice McDougall

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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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## Management Committee Report

Dear Members,

### **Changes to the U3A Network Queensland - COVID-19 - Vaccination Policy**

The U3A Network Queensland – COVID-19 Vaccination Policy was adopted after consultations with U3A Gympie members in late December 2021 and early January 2022.

As restrictions on unvaccinated people have now eased, U3A Gympie is once again

consulting with its members as to whether membership applications from unvaccinated people should be accepted for the remainder of term 2, term 3, and term 4, 2022.

Following are the agreed actions to be undertaken by the Management Committee:

1. An email has been sent to all members inviting them to 'have a say' about this matter.
2. An email will be sent to all tutors requesting that they and members attending all the classes take a vote about allowing non-vaccinated members to join their class.
3. Members who are not attending classes can either have their say at the Annual General Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May or by email to the Secretary at [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto:u3a@u3agympie.com).

More information on the Government policy can be found on the Queensland Health [Queensland Health](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts): URL <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts>

**Annual General Meeting**, Wednesday, 11 May 2022 at the Gympie Bowls Club, 16 Bowlers Drive, Southside, doors open at 2.00 pm. Refreshments will be available for this members-only function.

**Election of the Management Committee for 2022/2023** - Nomination forms were received from the following members for the election of office-bearers of the association and ordinary committee members:

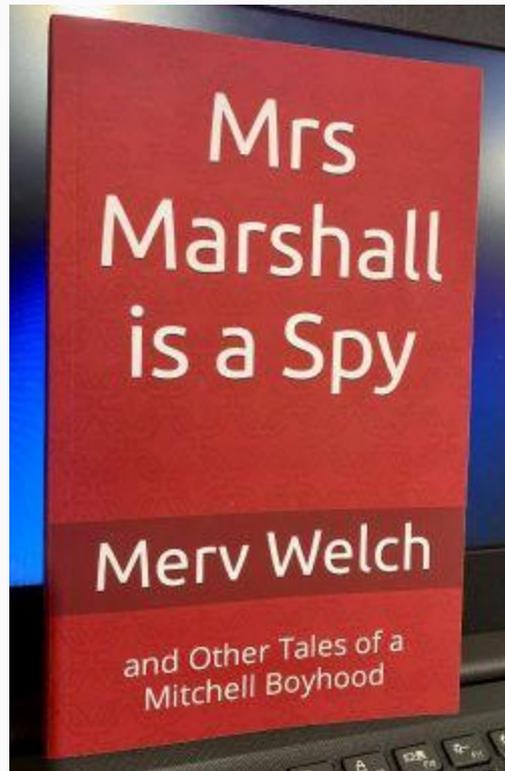
<b>POSITIONS:</b>	<b>MEMBER'S DETAILS</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	M816, Greg Jones	M188, Jill Jones	M190, Margaret Dawson
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>			
<b>SECRETARY</b>			
<b>TREASURER</b>			
<b>CLASS COORDINATOR</b>	M644, Denice McDougall	M845, Mary Inman	M693, Yvonne Artho
<b>PUBLICITY OFFICER</b>	M1145, Vicki Belletty	M693, Yvonne Artho	M887, Margaret Tienan
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b>			
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>	M1171, Chrissy Anderton	M693, Yvonne Artho	M358, Janet Bates
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<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>	M12118, Lynette Krocs	M644, Denice McDougall	M845, Mary Inman

U3A Gympie's By Laws, *Section 1: Committee arrangements* state that the Management Committee comprises of up to 10 elected members, including the four office holders (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and three committee members. Consequently, as we have not received enough nominations, we are now seeking nominations 'from the floor'.

**Applications for a *Life Membership Award*** – no applications were received prior to the due date of 12 April 2022. Members are requested to consider this matter as ongoing. Nomination forms are available on our website or from the Secretary and they can be emailed or posted to the Secretary at any time.

Regards, Mary  
Secretary

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### **Life Writing Group**

congratulations to Merv Welch, a U3A Gympie member, on the publication of this first collection of stories - all written whilst a member of Memoir Writing Class and Life Writing Group. This is acknowledged in the introduction to the book, and as a group we are all thrilled to see the birth of this first publication, with more to follow.

***From his very first job of sleeping with the neighbour's wife for a shilling a week, through his love of riding and dreams of becoming a jockey, to a lie that grew out of control, Merv takes us on a rollicking journey through his growing years in the Western Downs***

***Queensland town of Mitchell in the 1930s and 40s.***

***Long-remembered characters of that time and place help to paint a vivid picture of life in a small country town. This volume ends - along with Merv's childhood - in the early 1950s with the story of his innocent first love, and his first French kiss.***

This is a great read. Merv would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in supporting a fundraiser by purchasing a copy direct from the author. Little Haven Palliative Care will be the worthy recipient of the profit on any books sold locally by Merv. Enquiries to: [newsletters@u3agympie.com](mailto:newsletters@u3agympie.com) will be forwarded on to Merv.



Retro Jukebox - great music and great fun.

## **Class Feedback:**

**Family Genealogy** - *'I joined the class a year ago, not knowing very much about the subject or my family history. Barbara, our very savvy tutor, soon pointed me in the directions I needed to follow and since then I've discovered both my convict great-grandfather's, and my grandfather's, many marriages and children. It seems assault, forgery, divorce (and maybe even bigamy!) runs rampant in my family. If nothing else, we've had many laughs about the scoundrels we have uncovered. If you're looking for some variety, surprises and good company, plus a wonderful leader and plenty of laughter, think about joining our group of explorers and searchers.'*

- Margo Brookes

**Relaxation Meditation** - *'Our guided meditation through the forest on Tuesday morning was so relaxing especially with the bird songs quietly playing in the background and left me floating through the rest of the day without a care in the world. Highly recommended.'*

- Janet Bates

**Retro Jukebox** - *'I would like to tell everyone what a great pleasure it is to be back in Retro classes....I have truly missed my friends and the music. We have such fun singing all the old songs and I'm looking forward to the rest of the year and our visits to the retirement villages.'*

- Vicki Belletty

**Creative Writing** - *'I've signed up for the class for the second time. Last year I found the course fast paced as our tutor took us from an idea, through editing, to publishing in one term. This year I am appreciating a slower, more in depth pace. Thank you, Trudy, for your encouragement.'*

- Deirdre Casparian

**Life Writing** - *'The group nurtures the urge to write from life in a supportive environment. The emphasis is on friendly social interaction and acceptance of the worth of all individual writing contributions. At the same time we offer positive comment always with the goal of improving – not only the content but also the writer's awareness and skill. Members are free to write for any purpose - for their own satisfaction or for publication. But especially for enjoyment. We encourage each other to try out our writing wings and let our stories fly – wherever they will.'*

- Merv Welch

**Line Dancing** - *'Having recently enrolled in the U3A line dancing class, I would thoroughly recommend anybody who is thinking about it, to come along and give it a go. It is a fun way to learn something new, great music, good exercise, a friendly group and no pressure. A big thank you to Annette for giving up her time and experience to conduct the class.'*

- A new member.



Reflexology class is proving very popular - and it's easy to see why!

## ***U3A Gympie Noticeboard***

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

### **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

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### **From the Treasurer:**

#### **REMINDER:**

Members are reminded that they must be a financial member to attend the next *Annual General Meeting* and to attend classes and courses. The only exception is the Tuesday lunches during the school terms.

Additionally, when attending classes or courses, all members are required to provide receipt numbers for both their membership and class fees on the *Attendance Record*. This information is on the receipt provided by one of our receipt book holders or if you are paying directly into our account, an email from the Treasurer advising you of the receipt number or numbers.

Regards, Mary, Treasurer

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***Mary Inman - Executive Officer, Treasurer and Acting Secretary, responds to emails addressed to [treasurer@u3agympie.com](mailto:treasurer@u3agympie.com), [u3a@u3agympie.com](mailto: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.***

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### **U3A Dates to Remember**

**2 May - Monday - Labour Day - Public Holiday**

**11 May - Wednesday - Annual General Meeting**

**13 May - Friday - Gympie Show Holiday**

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

**21 May - Saturday - Federal Election**

## Lunch with Friends - each Tuesday 12:30 pm

**Term 2 venue is the Mount Pleasant Hotel**

Meet with old friends, or bring along a new friend.

ALL WELCOME! 3 May, 10 May, 17 May, 24 May, 31 May,

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

## 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](mailto:newsletters@u3agympie.com)



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