



Newsletter

Learning for Pleasure

Together, we will shape our U3A group to be the best

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Management Committee

EXECUTIVE:

President	Jenny Broughton
Treasurer	Sally Gemmel
Secretary	Julie McVarnock

COMMITTEE:

Lou Stevens
Paul Miles
Peter Gilmore

Officers and Volunteers

Class Coordinator	Presently vacant
Fire Wardens, A. Fair	Lyn Sturm Paul Miles
Media Editors	Paul Miles Jenny Broughton
Office Manager	Presently vacant
Social Convenors	Margaret Karakatsanis Pat Jones

Important Dates for 2021

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9.00am–3.30pm : Monday to Thursday
9.00am–3.00pm : Friday

Vale Mabs Waters

We are sorry to report that Mabs passed away last week. Her life of more than 90 years was full and varied with a wealth of experiences, leading her to author a memoir titled *Great Aunt Mabel*.

Her contributions to U3A in working in reception are also greatly appreciated. Mabs will be greatly missed.

President's Message

After a very long break, U3A has now opened up again for 2021...

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President's Message

... and I would like to thank the committee for their efforts in getting us ready for this year. In particular I must give special mention of Lou Stevens and Kath Power for the work they have been doing all through the holidays getting our systems, records and files ready to begin the new Semester on 1st February 2021. And thanks also to Paul Miles working so hard preparing the badges which you can collect from the office now, if you haven't already done so.

Let's hope that the coming year will be less stressful than the one we have left behind.

Welcome also to new members who are experiencing "Learning for Pleasure" for the first time. May your classes give you joy!

And a Happy New Year to you all too!

**Jenny Broughton
(President)**

And I should also point out that Jenny hasn't actually mentioned her own contribution here in getting those name tags done, because we worked as a team!

**Paul Miles
Editor**

1st Get-Together Lunch 2021

**All welcome to our
first Get-Together lunch
of the New Year!**

When: Sat 27 February
Where: Sunset Cafe, Marina Mirage
Time: 11.30am for 12 noon
Getting there: Catch the Sea World
Bus

Quote of the Month & More

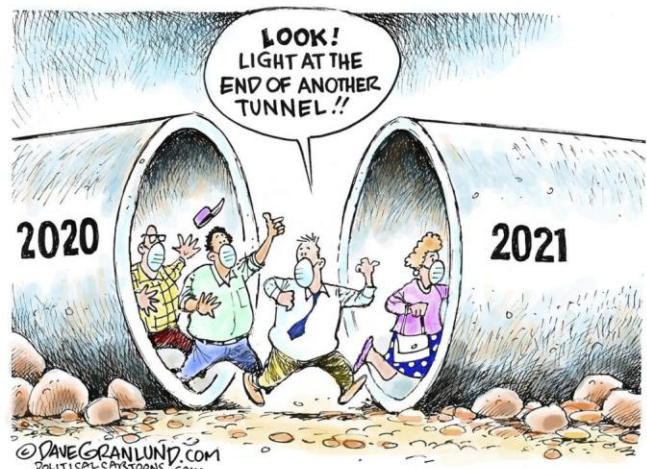
*"... I pray you to forgive
Both bad and good. Last season's fruit is eaten
And the fullfed beast shall kick the empty pail.
For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice."*

**T.S. Eliot (1888-1965)
one of the 20th Century's major literary figures,
from "Four Quartets"**



"What was that you just said? You're kidding!"

Image courtesy of Shutterstock
<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/dolphin-portrait-detail-eye-while-looking-478929451>



Cartoon by Dave Granlund
<https://www.hollandsentinel.com/opinion/20201231/granlund-cartoon-light-at-end-of-another-tunnel/1>

A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle suddenly unloads on his friend. "My life is a mess," he says. "My owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I'm as jittery as a cat."

"Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" suggests the collie.

"I can't," says the poodle. "I'm not allowed on the couch."

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Reminder: Important 2021 dates still to come

SEMESTER ONE

- Fri 26 Feb**
- **Renewal Registration ends** at close of business
 - **But new registrations any time**
- Thu 18 Mar**
- **AGM 10.00am – Southport Community Centre**
- Fri 2 Jul**
- **Semester 1 ends** (Last day of classes)

SEMESTER TWO

- Mon 2 Aug**
- **Semester 2 commences** – Classes start
- Fri Dec 3**
- **Semester 2 ends** (Last day of classes)

NOTICE : 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

To be held at 10.00am on THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021

in the COMMUNITY CENTRE MEETING ROOM G4

Information regarding the election of the Executive and Ordinary Members of the Management Committee conducted at the 2021 AGM as headlined above will be as follows:

1. All present Executive and Ordinary Committee Members must stand down at the AGM.
2. Nominations for all Committee Member positions will then be put to the AGM for the Members to vote on.
3. Any two Members of the Association shall be at liberty to nominate any other Member to serve on the Management Committee in an Executive or Ordinary position.
4. Such nominations must be on the prescribed Form and these are available from the Office of the U3A Gold Coast Inc., first floor, Australia Fair, Southport. Or they can be downloaded from the U3A website at <https://u3agoldcoast.weebly.com/annual-general-meetings.html>.
5. The Forms require the name (printed) of the person nominated and their signature, as well as the names (printed) and signature of the persons nominating and seconding.
6. The complete Nomination Forms must be lodged with the Association's Secretary at the U3A Gold Coast Inc. Office in Australia Fair no later than 3.00pm on Thursday 4 March 2020.

Kind regards

Julie McVarnock
U3A Secretary