



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
Vice-President	Peter Gillmore
Treasurer	Sally Gemmel
Secretary	Julie McVarnock

COMMITTEE:

Lou Stevens
Paul Miles

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

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9.00am–3.00pm : Friday

President's Message

Hullo, dear Members. We hope you are back enjoying your classes after the long break.

As you are aware, the AGM is organised for 18th March at the Community Centre. This is possibly one of the most important AGMs for many years, and we urge you to attend, not only to ...

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President's Message (cont.)

... not only to put your hand up for positions, but also to help us decide how we can best fill those and other essential functions. At present there are very few people doing a variety of (and in fact too many) functions. Under the U3A By-Laws, as an organisation we must have a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and we should have at least four other ordinary members. This is not only about sharing the workload, but also to ensure robust discussion of decisions and ideas and a variety of views. At this stage we have only six members on our committee in total (and at times we've been down to five), so the current situation is very concerning. The U3A simply cannot function properly if this continues.

We desperately need new blood to keep U3A functioning - and this is not an exaggeration. A very few people have been doing almost superhuman amounts of work, and this has not been sustainable (either for them or for the organisation). Admittedly, much of this work, in the area of updating record-keeping systems and document templates, has already been completed. Very special thanks in this regard must go to Kath Power and Lou Stevens: they have been doing a wonderful job in updating systems and templates for data input, class attendance sheets, tutor contact and all the other office-prep we need to run our organisation in the future. And Kath is not even a Committee Member!

We have new, exciting classes already begun or beginning shortly (**Spanish for Beginners, Italian for Beginners, Computer Starter Course, Art History Stories**) and we do not want to close our doors, so we urge you to fill in a Committee nomination form by 4 March or come forward to offer assistance to U3A in other ways. Committee membership means working in the office for at least one morning or afternoon shift, attending Management Committee meetings once a month, and working as a team member so things will run smoothly. A major position to fill will be Treasurer. Our current Treasurer, Sally Gemmell, wishes to resign her position due to health and mobility issues, but will be available to help a new Treasurer with their duties. But you can also volunteer for various roles and not be on the Committee. We envisage that people with certain expertises could volunteer to be called on

infrequently when needs for special services or jobs arise. The positions of Class Coordinator and Office Manager also do not need to be on the committee (but can be).

It would be a terrible situation if we had to close our doors. We know how much our members enjoy the classes, so please notify the office if you can help us out.

**Jenny Broughton
(President)**

POSITIONS VACANT

VOLUNTEER TREASURER

Keeping the books, banking, maintaining petty cash, supervise and advise on Accounting procedures, arrange for an annual audit of the books, and presentation of the audit reports for the Annual General Meeting.

Preparing monthly financial reports for Management Meetings, and have a knowledge of By-laws of U3A Gold Coast Incorporated.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

To work with office and class co-ordinators, responding to enquiries from members and general public, responsibility for currency of study program, registration forms etc.

Necessary to have good computer skills and experience in data input.

OFFICE CO-ORDINATOR

Efficient day to day running of office and clerical tasks.

Knowledge of key systems and equipment, including Microsoft Office, Wifi, Internet Explorer, email, Eftpos machine, landline phone.

Liaison with volunteers, members and committee.

Database management including creating, updating, and maintaining accurate records e.g. duty roster, volunteer register.

Quote of the Month & Humour

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

Charles Dickens

"...or stinking hot and humid outside, while freezing cold in the U3A Study Room!"

A U3A Member



Jacko, from Goulburn way, is feeling terrible and goes to the doctor. "Sorry," says the doctor, "I have some bad news. You have Yellow 24, a really nasty virus. It's called Yellow 24 because it turns your blood yellow and you usually only have 24 hours to live. There's no known cure, so go home and enjoy your final precious moments on Earth... "

So Jacko trudges home to his wife and breaks the news. Distraught, she asks him to go to the Goulburn Soldiers Club as he's never been there with her before. They arrive at the bingo and with his first card he gets four corners and wins \$35. Then, with the same card, he gets a line and wins \$320. Then he gets the full house and wins \$5000. Then the national game comes up and he wins that too, getting \$780,000.

"Son," says the bingo caller, "I've been here 20 years and I've never seen anyone win four corners, a line, the full house and the national game on the same card. You must be the luckiest bastard on Earth!"

"Lucky?" Jacko screams. "Lucky? I'll have you know I've got Yellow 24."

"Well I'll be buggered," says the bingo caller. "You've won the meat tray, too!"

The Social Pages

Bribie Island Trip

The eleven of us had a lovely Cruise and Morning Tea last Thursday. The day stayed fine and was enjoyed by all. Hope to see you on our next outing!

Margaret K



Our next

GET-TOGETHER LUNCH

is on

Saturday 27 March
11.30am / 12.00 noon

at

The "FISH SHAK"
(At Broadwater Parklands)

Directions: out rear entrance of Australia Fair, into the Mall, down to Marine Parade, across into the Broadwater Parklands, Fish Shak is on left.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2021

to be held

at 10.00am on

THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021

in the

COMMUNITY CENTRE
MEETING ROOM

G4

N.B. All morning classes are cancelled on this day so that people can attend the AGM; however, as of 12.00pm (or slightly earlier if a short meeting) midday and afternoon classes will take place as normal.

**AGM NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
U3A GOLD COAST INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 18th MARCH 2021**

Position of: (please print)

Name of Person Nominated: (please print)

Proposed (Nominated) by: (please print)

Seconded by: (please print)

Being a financial member of the University of the Third Age Gold Coast Incorporated, I hereby sign as:

PROPOSER (Signature)

SECONDER (Signature)

I hereby accept the above nomination _____ NOMINEE (Signature)

**POSITIONS VACANT:
PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, and
SIX COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Submit to Office by March 4



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