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UPDATE 3

Learning for Pleasure

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

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Class Coordinator	Alice Fairley
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Fire Warden, Australia Fair	Lyn Sturm
Social Convenors	Margaret K. Pat Jones
Publications Officer	Marvin Summers

FROM THE PRESIDENT

U3A's COVID-19 REPRESENTATIVE

I am happy to report that Michael McDonald, Secretary, has volunteered to become our COVID-19 representative to ensure all members and office receptionists are protected in accordance with Queensland Government COVID Safe Plans.

If you have any concerns or queries, please email u3agoldcoastinc@bigpond.com marked for the attention of Michael McDonald.

COMMITTEE KEEPING THE SHIP AFLOAT

The monthly Management Committee meetings are continuing to be held and all other office work is successfully being done by Committee members from home.

REMINDER OF GENERAL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

This will be a very important General Meeting and all members are urged to attend.

Since the Annual General Meeting held on 19 March did not reach a quorum and failed to go ahead, our 2019 Auditors Report could not be adopted and has to now be presented at September's General Meeting for adoption and subsequent submission to the Office of Fair Trading.

**Please note in your diary that the
GENERAL MEETING will be held in the
COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROOM F4
AT 10.00AM
on THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

Marvin Summers
President

CAMERA ENTHUSIAST CLASS

WANTED - MODELS

In preparation for when U3A resume, the Camera Enthusiast class is looking for the following volunteers :

MODELS – MALE OR FEMALE to pose for Portraits by camera.

Students at Margaret Street, Upper Level,
on the 2nd Friday of the month between
1.00pm to 3.30pm.

Applications in the first place to be made to John Donnelly – there is a limited number, so please do not delay.

Also envisaged to photograph children and pets at a later stage (with Committee approval at the time).

It is also possible to shoot on location.

Copies of photos will be free for those who participate.

All this is absolutely free

John Donnelly, Tutor, Camera Enthusiasts

John is proud to say he has conducted online challenges over the past 4 months with a reasonable response and a great effort by those who took up the challenges, seeing some real time improvements.

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MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

Our Members who do not have an email address will get posted out to them a copy of this Update 3.

It is important that we keep everyone informed, no matter the circumstances.

Message from the Class Coordinator

Following requests from some members who are anxious to have their class start earlier than 3 August, it is not until we can get things reorganised at the Community Centre and the okay from the Health Department, that we cannot have some classes go ahead while others sit in abeyance – no favours be given.

How things stand at the moment:

- Extract from the Gold Coast City Council's Community Centres - June update:

"In mid-July the maximum of 100 people per venue has been removed however social distancing directions to maintain one person for every 4 m2 up to 7 people per 7 m2 for more active activities. Until we know more about what restrictions look like after Stage 3, it's not anticipated that Community Centres will be able to host larger events until further notice."

The Community Centre has released new standards to fulfil contact tracing and other requirements.

- **Margaret Street** – classes should not to be cut down in size.
- **Study Room** – classes to be assessed.

Overall, 'physical distancing' is the main concern and will dictate maximum numbers in classes.

However, further restrictions may be lifted as we get closer to start of Semester 2, but hand sanitizing and hygiene practices will remain together with cleaning after each class will be required.

Currently, the Management Committee is liaising with the relevant parties to meet the new standards and ensure your safe return to U3A.

Alice Fairley
Class Coordinator

*A flower from Margaret K's
garden*



U3A Network Qld State Conference to be hosted by Granite Belt U3A on 12 and 13 May 2021

Nurture your mind and body at the Coolest Conference in the State.

Granite Belt U3A will host the Coolest Network Queensland Conference in Stanthorpe on 12th and 13 May 2021.

Explore the Delights of Granite Belt Wine and Food on 11th May 2021.

More details to follow.

KNITTED BLANKETS DONATED TO ST VINCENTS CARE HOME

During “lockdown”, Patti Pickup and a friend, Cassanda, knitted 4 blankets and they have been delivered to St.Vincents Care Home in Southport, with a note informing them they came from U3A Gold Coast members. This is where the Needlecraft class donate their blankets to.

Patti says “...I now have 2 ladies in my building knitting these blankets – they had too many jigsaws during lockdown and wanted a change!”

THANK YOU PATTI



TOO MUCH VIRUS TIME IN THE KITCHEN courtesy of Christina Meredith

Playing with your food really can be fun, enjoy



CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

(I thought I'd write these little poems to keep you company, while you're home!)

Coronavirus hit our shores,
also the whole wide world;
No one is safe from this new strain,
as slowly it's unfurled.

We closed our borders, stopped the planes,
to try to ease the flow;
We shouldn't really leave our homes,
to stop the virus grow.

We can't meet up with friends for lunch,
the cafés have been closed;
To movies we no longer go,
as closeness we're exposed.

We are allowed to go to shops,
to Woolworths and to Coles;
To stock up food and vegies too,
but Oh!!!! no toilet roles!

So many people lost their jobs,
Oh! how will they survive;
But, hey, some good thoughts needed here,
at least – they're still alive!

So now it's time to settle down,
we're all in this together;
We're not alone, we've got our friends,
and hey, it's sunny weather.

THINK POSITIVE !!!!

Pat Jones, April 2020

We're all in this together,
as we sit home alone;
The only way to keep in touch,
by Facebook, or by Phone.

"Stay Home" we're told a million times,
and "keep your distance" too;
So we read books, and watch TV,
Oh! what else can we do!

I've cleaned out cupboards, took up hems of
dresses, old and new;
I've sorted, photos, cooked some cakes,
did lots of shopping, too.

I'll tell you something I've just done,
(it took me back to my childhood);
I've coloured in some picture books,
it made me feel sooo good!!!

So, while we still self-isolate,
our thoughts reach far ahead;
To days when we'll go out again,
and mix with friends instead.

So, let's all pull together,
even though we're set apart;
We'll all look forward to the day,
we get a brand new start.

THINK POSITIVE !!!!

Pat Jones, May 2020



Bereavement of Gladys Allen

It is with great sadness to hear of the passing
Gladys Allen.

Gladys was a much respected member of U3A and
messages of condolences have been received from
her Card 500 and Cribbage class mates, and in
quoting their words "*she was such a lovely lady*" and
"*she was a remarkable old soul*" and "*she was great
card player*", Gladys will be greatly missed.

Gladys will be missed by us all.

RIP

In loving memory of



*Gladys Eva Allen
16/06/1920 - 29/05/2020*