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# NEWSLETTER

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TERM ONE, 2021: JAN 27th—APRIL 9th

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Hello Members,

Once again we are nearly at the end of the year, and what a year!

We started out quite excited about starting classes and meeting old friends and making new ones -THEN STOP— we had to close down all classes for COVID-19. What a ride we have had. My granddaughter was one of the first to contract COVID-19, picked up while having lunch in the Barossa when the Americans came to wine taste. Some of them had C19 and passed it on to a few there. Fortunately she had no effects and tested negative after quarantine, much to our relief.

We have been extremely lucky in South Australia, well looked after by the powers that be. I do hope you have all kept well and keeping in contact with friends; indeed if your activity was exercise of one sort or another, please keep it up if you can. Keep going! Next year will soon be here and hopefully a better one. Hope you all booked into the Southern Cross for our U3A Christmas lunch on 9th December. It will be good to meet up with class friends and all other members after a very rough year.

Unfortunately our very hardworking, wonderful Secretary, Fran, is leaving her post to spend more time with family BUT all is not lost; she is keeping her leaders roles, so we will see her around. Many, many thanks for all you have done over the years. It has been a privilege working by your side to make U3A Gawler the best. If anyone fancies filling those big shoes, is computer and administrative savvy and would like a 7 day a week job let us know. :-)

Nothing much to report this year end, apart from thanking Fran and our fantastic Treasurer, Peter, for doing the hard yards, and the Committee for their support in keeping things going over the last year. We managed to keep our membership up and gained some new members, which is excellent.

It is just left for me, on behalf of myself and the committee to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Marie. (Chairperson)

0419 828 795 Any time day or night

**Do please read the information on Page 2 about the upcoming REGISTRATION DAY (13th Jan) and A.G.M. (10th February).**

**If paying your invoice online or at the bank, please do so after the invoice date (1st January.)**

Thank you.

## YOUR 2020 COMMITTEE

### CHAIRPERSON:

Marie Wilson 0419 828 795

### TREASURER/PUBLIC OFFICER:

Peter Adams

### SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER/ ROOM BOOKINGS

Fran Mason 0421 604 670  
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### MINUTES SECRETARY

Jill Richard 8522 6140

**U3ASA REP:** Margaret Travers

**CATERING:** Marie Wilson

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Linda Johnston, Margaret Raggatt,  
Kim Rainsford, Ann Weiss



# REGISTERING FOR 2021—13th JANUARY

## EXTENDED TIMES (10 am—2 pm) \* \* \* \* \* NEW CLASS ENROLMENT FORM

Due to the continued COVID-19 requirements, and subject to the Recreation Centre being open, Registration Day this January will be quite different. The biggest change - no leaders will be present with their sign-on sheet for you to fill in, to answer questions etc..

Together with this Newsletter, Term 1 Programme and Invoice, you will have instead received, via email, by hand or post, our new **2021 CLASS ENROLMENT FORM**.

We are asking that you read through the information on the back page, then carefully **tick the box against each activity which YOU WILL BE ATTENDING in Term 1.**

### YEARLY REGISTRATION FULFILLS THREE PURPOSES

#### Pay Invoice (\$30 fee)

Pay bank online or in person  
from 2nd January OR  
*Mail invoice & cheque to U3A  
Gawler, Box 1581, Gawler 5118*

OR Bring Invoice and correct  
payment to Registration Day

#### Register Class Attendance

Scan form and email to  
u3agawler@gmail.com  
*OR Mail form with invoice/chq  
OR*

Bring completed form to  
Registration Day

#### Receive 2021 Name Badge

Available first class back, or on  
Registration Day.

*Available for you as above*

At Registration Day on proof of  
payment of fee, or at first class.

**If at all possible, please try to attend the Youth Shak at the following times:**

**10 am—noon: Surnames A-L    Noon—2.00 pm: Surnames M-Z**

We ask you to move through the registration process quickly, leaving by the outdoor exit asap

## A.G.M.—10th FEBRUARY

at the Gawler Sport and Recreation Centre, 1.30 pm

1. Letter to Members and Agenda of Meeting will be either emailed, available for pick-up at Recreation Centre on Registration Day, 13th January, or posted in advance. Minutes of the 2020 A.G.M. will be available at the door on the day.
2. Notice of **EXTRA SPECIAL MEETING**, which will be held immediately prior to the A.G.M. to discuss and vote on **changes to the constitution**, will also be available as above (1) This will include a copy of the current constitution, and a copy of constitution changes as suggested by the current committee.
3. **The position of SECRETARY will be vacant as at 10th February.** To facilitate the election of another person to this position and others, a **NOMINATION FORM** will also be included in the above paperwork. You may nominate yourself, or another person (with his/her permission). **INABILITY TO ATTEND** the A.G.M. does not preclude you from nominating.
4. If you would like to nominate yourself as a **COMMITTEE MEMBER** there will be several openings available. The committee currently consists of **PRESIDENT, SECRETARY & TREASURER** plus **MINUTES SECRETARY** and **5 ORDINARY MEMBERS**. A new position of **PROGRAM COORDINATOR** is highly recommended, to take part of the weight from the Secretary's shoulders.
5. If you would like to consider taking on the role of **Program Coordinator** or **NEWSLETTER EDITOR** please email Fran (u3agawler@gmail.com) or ring/message 0421 604 670 for a copy of the role descriptions. The Newsletter Editor does not need to be a Committee Member.

# NEW CLASSES—TERM 1, 2021

## 1. “UKES AND CO” LEVEL 1 Tuesdays 10.45—12.15

The **Beginners Ukulele** group successfully completed their ten week program last term, and elected to continue to Level 1 this year.

The group will be known as “**Ukes and Co**” to allow for other instruments such as the melodica, harmonica, tin whistle etc to join us. This is the trend in other ukulele groups and gives variety to the melody and creates interesting harmonies as well.

FOR MORE INFORMATION Ann Weiss 0415 663 041 [annw9090@gmail.com](mailto:annw9090@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE: There is currently no Gawler Ukes or Beginner Ukulele group.**

## 2. LINE DANCING—BEGINNERS Wednesdays 11.30—12.30

This group will run for the first term to give those who have never done this activity before the opportunity to learn a range of easy dances, including the steps used, their names and sequences, giving them the confidence and knowledge to join the more advanced Tuesday group from Term 2.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Berlinda Swyghuizen 0434 485 989 [leah65@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:leah65@yahoo.com.sg)

## 3. “Untangling the Web” Thursdays 9—10 am SEE OVER

## 4. CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CLASSES

Thursdays 1.00-2.30 pm

Linda Johnston will be hosting these classes for those who would like to learn this more challenging type of crossword.

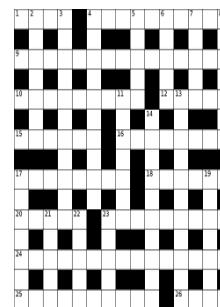
**You can choose to:**

- (1) Learn to play over the course of the first three weeks only.
- (2) Learn to play and then continue weekly, sharing puzzles, problems and techniques.

REQUIREMENTS: Any Cryptic Crossword Workbook (including any you can find on the internet).

**RING/MESSAGE/EMAIL LINDA** for more information.

0478 608 835 or [lsjohnston@internode.on.net](mailto:lsjohnston@internode.on.net)



## FRIDAY CRAFT AND LEISURE GROUP—RETURNING

Fridays 9.00—11.30 am

After being out of action since the first lockdown in March, Noreen and her group are looking forward to returning. Different tables cater for a variety of crafts or activities: teddy bear making, card making, pastel painting, jigsaws, colouring in, knit and crochet, etc. Newcomers welcome.

MORE INFORMATION: Noreen Hodgson 0417 844 384 or [nor.rex@hotmail.com](mailto:nor.rex@hotmail.com)

# UNTANGLING THE WEB—Thursdays 9.00—10.00 am

*Untangling the Web* is a unique course, in that attendance every week is not required – sign up for the term, only attend the topics that are relevant to you. It is recommended that **everyone** attend the final class on 8 April.

Over the course of the semester, we will “*untangle*” various topics in the online and digital worlds – from device basics so you can get the most out of your mobile device, to online security, to online graphic design and everything in between.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Digital Mentor **Kat Milner on 0438 886 568** or at [hello@createyourchange.com.au](mailto:hello@createyourchange.com.au).

**The only requirement for this course is a mobile device (smartphone, tablet, and/or laptop) and a willingness to learn. Please bring your device(s) to each class that you attend.**

DATE	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
JAN 28	Smartphones & Tablet Basics	After this class you will feel like you are ‘smarter than your smartphone’! We will cover settings (notifications, Do Not Disturb), installing/removing Apps, and answering your questions.
FEB 4	Laptop Basics	How to install/remove programs, getting online & answering your questions.
FEB 11	Photo Management	One of the most requested topics, we will cover downloading photos from your device, sending photos (via email, SMS, Facebook Messenger).
FEB 18	Calendar Management	Learn how powerful your calendar can become. Create an event, set reminders, colour-code types of events, and create recurring events.
FEB 25	Getting the most from Google	Using a “scavenger hunt” we will explore the power of the Google search engine, including basic searches, bookmarking and sending links.
MAR 4	Online Security	Create powerful passwords; pay safely online; how to spot and avoid scams.
MAR 11	Setting up MyGov & Online Banking	Discover how much can now be done safely and easily from your home—including setting up a MyGov account and linking different services (including the ATO for tax time), and how simple Online Banking can be.
MAR 18	Online Socialising	For when you just can’t go visit, Video Chat! We’ll cover WhatsApp, Zoom and FaceTime.
MAR 25	Making the most of Social Media	Do you wonder what all the social media fuss is about? Let’s talk Facebook and Instagram. See how easy it is to set up an account and stay connected with friends and family near and far. Set up a profile, create posts and upload photos and videos.
APR 1	Beginning Digital Scrapbooking	Now you have all your photos organised, what to do with them so you can share them easily? Scrapbook! We will cover basic digital scrapbooking techniques and discuss different ways to showcase your photos—from simple ‘made to order’ scrapbook websites to DIY scrapbooks.
APR 8	Putting it all together	Our final class of the term will be a ‘treasure hunt’ incorporating everything we have learned over the past 10 weeks—you won’t want to miss it! We’ll also make sure to have time to answer any questions you may still have.

**Looking forward to Term 2** we will build on the learnings from Term 1, and cover things like:

- \* Basic Video Editing
- \* Using *Canva* design/desktop publishing
- \* More Digital Scrapbooking
- \* Buying and Selling on eBay
- \* Sending and Receiving Money Using PayPal
- \* Using Google Drive/Docs/Forms
- \* More Online Security
- \* and more

# NEWS FROM YOUR LEADERS

## Art Class—*Imagine*

Jan Abel 0417 896 483

Our Art has continued to progress in leaps and bounds with much astonishment from most of us as our abilities continue to flourish.

As for all, this term has been short but we still achieved a variety of different things over the weeks. We've taken our chairs, hats and refreshment outside, we've drawn Roses and Pastel portraits; designed Christmas cards, Upside down Art and Continuous Line drawing. For the last two classes mentioned we were helped by one of our members, Laura Parsons, who studied to be an art teacher. Laura has also offered to help us do Single Point, Negative Space and Grid drawing.

Next year we are hoping to have different volunteer artists to show us some different ways of using mediums and we hope Laura will be able to help us again too when she can; she's a busy lady.

If you are looking to join a fun group and wonder at your artistic prowess we have a few vacancies for next year. Merry Christmas to all of our *Imagine* Art Group. I love you all and thank you for your continued support. PS Please enjoy some artwork from a few of our members



Jan Abel: Upside down Art; Pencil



Janine Gilland: Acrylic Pastel



Robyn Ward: Pencil  
Grandchildren's Pets



Laura Parsons: Upside down Art



Judy Randall: Watercolour (Para Para)



## Friday Craft And Leisure Group: Noreen Hodgson 0417 844 384

This year has been a difficult one for our craft group, having been unable to recommence since the first lockdown, because the guidelines that were put in place made it impossible to run.

After speaking with most of the group they are looking forward to returning in 2021, although this will only be possible if the restrictions put in place (which I am sure there will be) are suitable for our group.

I look forward to catching up with everyone next year. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope you can enjoy the holiday celebrations with family and friends. Take care. Noreen

## **Jam Along:** James Cruz 0400 424 364

All musical instruments and singers welcome. Our program next year is to play the Beatles songs. Come and sing with us if you know some songs that you have been hiding in your cupboard. We don't bite! Thank you for your support.

## **Ramblers** Jo Riley 0438 241 752

In Term 4 we had to keep our Rambles to local ones and a couple of them had to be changed because of the hot weather. When will we return to the four seasons—it's been so unpredictable this year!

Much as I would like to arrange different walks further afield, whilst this COVID 19 hangs around, and with the concerns of some re taking public transport, local ones might have to be on for Term 1. I am, however, hoping a lovely new Beach Walk on 29th March will go ahead; if not I will choose another local one. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.

## **Ukuleles**

**Ann Weiss 0415 663 041 annw9090@gmail.com**

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The **Gawler Ukes** have closed due to a decrease in numbers and the need to revamp the well-worn song book which has been enjoyed by players and singers for many years. Everyone has agreed that Alan Vine has done a tremendous job in keeping the group together all this time. However, we are not letting him off the hook just yet. We are delighted that he has agreed to support the Level 1 players and we are making good use of his considerable singing and strumming skills.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a brighter New Year.

# FRIDAY FORAYS

Register for attendance on the 2021 Class Enrolment Form

OR Email/message/ring **FRAN** (0421 604 670) OR **franmason01@gmail.com**

## **1. SILVER SCREENINGS @ Gawler Cinema.**

**DATE: 19th February (unless otherwise advised)**

**MOVIE: To Be Advised \$15.00 per person.**

**Arrive at 10.15 am;** enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits; **film commences at 11.00 am** followed by light lunch (sandwiches & cake).

## **2. AGATHA CHRISTIE AND HER LIFE**

**DATE: 19th March @ 1.30 pm**

**Author DAVID KILNER** discusses the world's most favourite crime writer and her life—her upbringing, tragic first marriage, successful second marriage, her family, her character and a little on her books. Audience involvement and asking of questions are encouraged. At the end of the talk David briefly discusses his own books, offering them for sale at a generous discount.

\* We hope to re-schedule the **R.A.A. talks (cancelled in Term 4)** for a later date.

## ***OUR ONGOING THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO:***

***Tony Piccolo (Member for Light) and his office staff***

*for their on-going support in the printing of our Newsletter, Programme, etc*

***The staff of Gawler Sport and Community Centre for everything they do daily to help our courses run smoothly***

***The Council of the Town of Gawler for providing a venue which can encompass all our activities***