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NEWSLETTER

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TERM FOUR, 2021: Oct 11 to Dec 10

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Morning. Hope everyone is well and enjoying your varied classes, even with COVID 19 restrictions in place. I go to craft class on Wednesday and we wondered how we would manage with one person per six foot table and later two per table. It worked very well with tables placed in an open square, you just talked louder to everyone. 😊

The **Leaders meeting** was held as predicted, no new covid restrictions. I welcomed our Leaders to the meeting and thanked them all for their time and directions that they pass on at class. Their hard work and dedication is much appreciated, for, without them, there would be no U3A.

Jill, our very clever and much appreciated secretary, took over the meeting and we had an open forum. As a thank you to all our Leaders we went across the car park to Nixon's for lunch. The meal was superb and the service was very good. The venue is extremely good, spacious and with a full wall of windows making it light, bright and airy. Feed back from the Leaders was very good, planting an idea with the committee it may be a great place to have our **U3A Christmas Lunch**.

Jill and I went to see the manager, Shawn, to see if it was feasible. The result was taken back to the Leaders and members. Discussions took place and we took the results back to Shawn. He was very accommodating, a pleasure to deal with. *(see notice about the Christmas Lunch – page 7).*

Don't forget, Leaders - we have **Tag and Test** booked for the 27 September. So anyone with electrical appliances used for your activity please bring in for testing. There are no new COVID instructions at the moment. **Masks to be worn at all times**, signing in at the Rec centre and then again in room used, as is cleaning tables and chairs. **Thank you all for your cooperation.**

Now, following on from Jill's profile in the previous newsletter, I thought I would say that I keep getting asked where I come from, this is because of my accent. So I thought I would give you a potted history (then I am going to ask the other committee members to do the same).

A potted history ... from Marie

I was born in Keighley, West Yorkshire England in 1939. My dad had a French Polishing business and of course mum stayed home (which was usual for those days) even though prior to marriage she had been to Art College. During the war we moved to Halifax, West Yorkshire where I attended Holy Trinity School - 5 to 16 years - then the Percival Whitley College. I had several office jobs before settling for the Environmental Health Department where I worked for 30 years and after more schooling, training etc. ended up as Project Administrator for the whole of the Calderdale District.

I married David who, at the time, was with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment doing National Service in the Education Corps. He had attended Leeds University doing a teaching degree. He had several teaching posts ending up at Blackwood Hall Primary as headmaster. It was a beautiful country school. We had two beautiful daughters who also live here in Australia - Lynne in Brisbane and Karen here in Angle Vale. We came here and bought a beautiful 1903 cottage in Freeling. We brought it back to its former glory inside and out. I lost David in 2003 and found I couldn't manage the huge garden so moved to Evanston where I am now with my two rescue dogs. *To be continued ... I hope!* 😊

Please remember to fill in the back of your badges and wear them when attending classes, it could save your life. Hope you are looking forward to the new term with the interests and challenges it will bring. Take care, be safe, always here for you, **Marie, Chairperson** - 0419 828 795

FRIDAY FORAYS

BOOK via email - u3agawler@gmail.com or phone/text to Jill - 0417 819 498
at least one week before the date

1

Silver Screening @ Gawler Cinema

Date: Friday, 22 October, 10.15am

Place: Gawler Cinema (week 2)

Movie – Buckley's Chance ***

Arrive at 10.15am, enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits, film commences at 11am, followed by a light lunch (sandwiches & cake)

Main Cast: Bill Nighy, Martin Sacks, Victoria Hill

A year after the loss of his father, Ridley and his mother, Gloria, move to Western Australia ... once there Spencer tries to connect with Ridley but ... Ridley ends up lost deep in the outback on a quest to try to get home. He saves a dingo



*** See on back of U3A timetable for more information.

2

AGATHA CHRISTIE and HER LIFE

Date: Friday, 5 Nov, 1.30pm

Place: Rec Centre (week 4)

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.

David has had 3 books published and will briefly discuss his books and the challenges of writing.



3

Christmas Lunch – Nixon's Function Centre, U3A Members only. (week 9) Cost \$22 per head

Date: Friday, 10 December, arrive at 12 noon, lunch served at 12.30pm.

*** See full details on page 7 in this newsletter or on the U3A noticeboard at the Rec Centre.

Gawler U3A website - Please send me **more photographs** from the various activities, walks, classes and outings of the club.

I would like to have a gallery of photographs so that every so often I can update those on the site to "freshen" it up a bit. I would prefer the photographs are landscape format, this makes them more suitable for the homepage.

Any comments, suggestions or photographs can be sent to either myself - kimrainsford@bigpond.com or to the secretary u3agawler@gmail.com

Thanks, Kim Rainsford



YOUR 2021 COMMITTEE

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TREASURER and PUBLIC OFFICER ~
Peter Adams

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PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR** ~
Jill Richard 8522 6140

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS ~
Stuart Dunk, Margaret Raggatt, Ann Weiss

REPORTS FROM LEADERS

Ukes and Co

We had a shaky return to classes towards the end of term. The fingers were a little stiff and the arms and shoulders reminded us of all the practice we didn't have during the lockdown. By the second session we were well and truly on the right track and we tackled a few new songs very successfully.

The promise of warmer days reminded us of our last very cold outing. Having to play in coats and hoods did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm, however, and we look forward to further “coffee and play” get togethers.

Unfortunately our 2IC, Lyn broke her wrist a few weeks ago and her activities have been severely restricted. We miss her smile and helping hand and wish her a speedy recovery.

Ann Weiss - 0415 663 041

Activity: Tuesday, 10.45am to 12.15pm
Rec Centre



Men's Group

A small group of men meets every second Wednesday of each term at Café Nova. Generally it's a coffee and chat with an occasional lunch when we fancy it.

What we lack in quantity we make up for in quality. We would welcome any new participants. The coffee is good and the cake even better.

Kim Rainsford - 0407 713 973

Activity: Wed, 1.30pm – 3pm (coffee/chat)
Fortnightly, Café Nova, Gawler



Fun Board and Card Games - Monday, 1.30 – 4pm, fortnightly

We would like to acknowledge the work of Joan Collett as leader of this group over the last 12 years. Joan has relinquished leadership owing to ill-health but continues to attend the group whenever possible. Fran Mason has taken on the role. *THANK YOU, JOAN*, for your quiet sense of humour, your (pre-covid) afternoon tea provisions and your Christmas/End of Year jokes and pearls of wisdom in paper form.



If you enjoy playing Chase the Ace, Rummy-O, Skip-bo or Uno you can choose to sit at whichever table you prefer on the day.

You might like to learn to play our Swiss option "Dog" (a fun variant of Pachisi / Sorry). Or you may have a favourite game that you would like to introduce to the group.



There is room for more members, from 1.30 - 4.00 pm on alternate Mondays at the Rec Centre. We hope to see you there.

Leader – Fran Mason - 0421 604 670

Cryptic Crossword Classes - Thursday, 1.00 - 2.30 pm

Linda Johnston will continue 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 few weeks.
- (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 email* lsjohnston@internode.on.net

Chair Dancing - Tuesday, 9.30 to 10.30am

Chair Dancing is a form of aerobic exercise, all done sitting down. You get a good workout while also developing your co-ordination.

Our imagination is also used as we go horse riding, do the Cha Cha and the Mexican Hat Dance, and many other fun things.

Come along on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am and give us a try – everybody welcome.

Ring me on 8523 5006 for more information. *Jacqueline Lerwill*

Below – Many State health organisations are promoting Chair Dancing activities



Do you read local newspapers?
Do you read international news?
Do you watch news on TV?
Do you enjoy conversing with others about matters of importance?
Do you enjoy conversing with others about matters of general interest?



If so, you may like to come along to the U3A Discussion Group and participate in our discussions.

The Group meets every Wednesday fortnight at the Gawler Sports and Community Centre between 10am-12noon. (Term 4 commences Monday 11/10/2021 and the first Discussion Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20/10/2021).

Please feel welcome to come along and contribute to our group, have a cup of coffee and enjoy the conversation!

Jenny Dorsett, Leader, Discussion Group - 0400 195 394



"Making the most of your device" Workshops (Term 4, 2021)



A series of workshops with Kat on Thursdays

Time: from 9am to 10am, Rec Centre

Bring along your device (tablet, phone, laptop) and your questions for an interactive question and answer session to unlock the mysteries and make you more proficient and comfortable with the technology.

To Register : email u3agawler@gmail.com
or phone/message 0417 819 498.

For more information contact Kat Milner on 0438 886 568.

Dates: Thursdays -
28 October
2 December

Write your own life story – update

Most unfortunately, Judith and Arthur will not be holding classes for the Life Story group in Term 4 for the Gawler U3A. Due to the low numbers of attendees in the group, and some personal health issues, Arthur regrets that this group will be cancelled in the meantime.

Arthur & Judith Davies



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



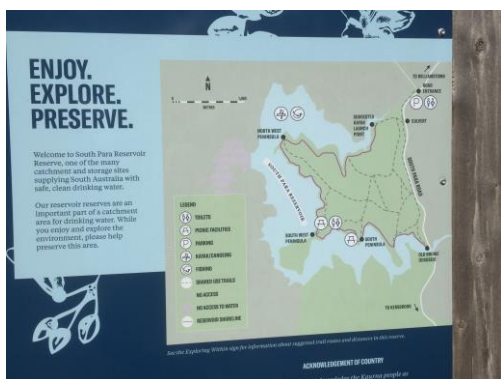
The staff of Gawler Sport and Community Centre for everything they do daily to help our courses run smoothly.

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

South Para Shoreline Reservoir

On the second last day of winter, 29 ramblers enjoyed the fourth walk of Term 3. We car pooled from the Gawler Information Centre, driving through picturesque countryside to Williamstown. Here we turned right along the Kersbrook Road and entered the SA Water parking lot.

Recently opened to the public, we observed modern facilities and the signage indicated several tracks within the area. The sun shone on us, the birds chirped, while the water lapped the shoreline. Then we went to the Williamstown Bakery to end a perfect U3A stroll.



For our final walk of the term we travelled to the Mt Crawford area, first visiting the beautifully maintained Cemetery, which contains graves of local families from the mid 80s up to the present day.

We then drove a few short km to the Jenkins Scrub walking trail, a 1.5 km circuit which in September and October hosts a varied range of wildflowers to delight the eyes.

We look forward to seeing what walks Jo and Warren have chosen for us next term



Join Gawler U3A
now to try some
classes in
Term 4!

NEW MEMBERS wanting to join for Term 4 of 2021

The joining fee for new members for Term 4 is only \$10. If you would like to try some classes or activities, please contact Jill - phone/text - 0417 819 498 or email: u3agawler@gmail.com




The Gawler U3A Christmas lunch details are listed below.

There is some entertainment at 12 noon, prior to **lunch being served at 12.30pm**. Meals need to be pre-ordered and prepaid, please. Buy your own drinks on the day.

Please note: Sealed envelopes with money enclosed and your name and food order on the front, may be given to your Leader.

This lunch is for U3A members only, however if you have a partner/spouse/friend who would like to come along, they might like to join Gawler U3A for \$10 at the start of Term 4, attend some classes and then also the Christmas function as well.

Bookings and payment by Friday 26 November - stating how you will be paying and listing your food order.



U3A Christmas Lunch

10th Dec 2021

Price Per head \$22/head

Xmas Lunch Special Offer

Roast Turkey served with roasted vegetables, cranberry sauce and gravy

Chicken Schnitzel served with chips salad and gravy

Beef Schnitzel served with chips salad and gravy

Battered Fish and chips with salad

Vegetarian Filo Pastry

Dessert

Pavlova

Christmas Pudding with brandy custard

Chocolate nut Sundae

Fruit Salad and Ice cream

Table setting is Christmas theme with Bon Bon's etc. Tables of 8 (you may reserve a table for your group – let Jill know).

LAST Orders to be in by Friday 3rd December.

U3A Member's only.

Pre-order & pre-payment required.

Cash in a sealed envelope with your name on the front and your food order please.

Or pay by bank transfer to the U3A account BSB 105009 Account No. 065770140 with your name as reference. Order via email to u3agawler@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE – U3A members

Notification from U3A will be made to all members if the **Gawler Show** does (or does not) go ahead in November this year. Some classes may be cancelled as would have happened in August, except Covid-19 restrictions intervened.

The Gawler U3A - noticeboard

A pin-up board for U3A is situated opposite Room 3 at the Recreation Centre. Current Friday Forays, the Term Programme and other information is pinned there.

See photos below.



Above - The U3A noticeboard and looking along the main corridor back towards reception and the main entrance of the Rec Centre.



Show Dates

The 2021 Gawler Show has been moved to Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st November 2021.

Notification emails have been sent to traders, caterers, exhibitors, entertainment and conveners. For those affected – please contact secretary@gawlershow.org.au for further information.

Phone: (08) 8523 1477

Email: info@gawlershow.org.au

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About the Newsletter

Hello to all members. Please **submit any articles** for the next Gawler U3A newsletter **by Friday 26 November**.

For **NEWSLETTER** items - please continue to send updates, news and regular information via the

email newsletteru3agawler@gmail.com

Jan Stokes - phone: 8523 4539

