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From Our President

We will look back on 2020 with mixed emotions ranging at certain times from despair, depression, despondent and desperate, one can also mention deteriorate, as the spread of Covid19 created more restrictions on the movement of people.

This might result in the diminished control of a person in some instances, to visit family and friends or to extend invitations for a home social visit. Loss of employment and income must have a profound effect on the individual and it would not be surprising for some who find themselves in this situation to experience one or more of the emotions mentioned earlier.

There would be quite a few of our Members, who have children and grandchildren who live in other States and have probably not seen them for several months. Although contact can be maintained via email and phone it cannot be compared to a welcoming hug which everyone misses, especially the grandchildren.

Our U3A Members have also missed the social aspect of Classes whether it be an indoor or outdoor activity. Your Committee was upset when Classes had to be suspended in March and, when the coronavirus restrictions were upgraded later, it was necessary to cancel classes for the remainder of the year. We were also devastated when we lost our home venue when the fire at Cudgen Leagues Club destroyed the interior of the building.

After all the bad news your Committee can now report that we expect to resume most if not all activities by the end of February 2021. This is of course dependent on the Government and Health authorities either easing current restrictions considerably, or removing them completely. There is the expectation that an effective Vaccine will be widely available early in 2021.

We wish all our Members a Joyful Xmas and it is our wish that you will be able to reunite with family and friends over the holiday period. May 2021 be our best year and the horrors of 2020 will soon be forgotten. Your Committee looks forward to welcoming you back in 2021.

kindest regards to all*Jim Cameron-Dow*

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NB . U3A Tweed Coast Inc. does not endorse any advice, health or otherwise, given at any of our events or groups that you may attend. Members need to be aware they must accept responsibility for their own welfare when attending any U3A Tweed Coast Classes/Groups or social activities.



News Update

Classes commence February 2021.

Your committee has been conducting regular online meetings using the Zoom platform. The key action required was to seek alternative class venues due to Cudgen Leagues Club not being available until the end of 2021. Following the December 7th Committee meeting we plan to start classes again commencing February.

New venues under consideration are:

Wolverines Soccer Club, Wommin Bay Road

Uniting Church Hall, Kingscliff Street, Kingscliff

The Hub, Corporation Circuit, Tweed Heads Sth

Pottsville Community Hall, Tweed Coast Rd, Pottsville

St Anthony's Hall, Pearl Street, Kingscliff

Mockingbird Café, Seaview Street, Kingscliff

Tweed Super Sports Centre, Chinderah Bay Drive, Chinderah

SDA complex, Philip Street, Chinderah

Plus utilising more space in some venues already in use eg Tumbulgum Community Hall,

Chinderah Scout Hall, Libraries etc

DON'T FORGET: If you're a current financial member you should have received advice that your membership fee will be rolled over for 2021. Therefore, for those members, there are no fees for 2021 apart from material costs. Please keep your 2020 membership badge and amend for 2021. Contact the Membership Officer if it has been inadvertently misplaced.

Please keep an eye on the timetable as it will be updated as the venues are locked in. Group Leaders please note the request to contact Bruce re changes for your groups.

There will be **no Enrolment Day** in January 2021, as 2020 membership and classes are being rolled over, as mentioned above. If you know of anyone that is interested in joining next year please direct them to the Membership area of our website where the 2021 Membership Form can be found.

Committee Members:

After many years on the Committee, in various positions, Val Sparrow is leaving us for Queensland's Garden City. Thank you, Val, for all the work you have put in, not only for the Committee but for the whole Tweed Coast U3A. Enjoy your new environment.

One of her many roles, i.e., Website coordinator, has been filled. Our new website man is John Barnes. Welcome John.

Help Wanted:

Thank you to everyone that responded to our earlier call for help. If you are still interested and/or have experience with either publicity and/or producing newsletters we would love to hear from you. Please contact our secretary Karen Fallins Mobile 0414 414 426.

Classes Using Zoom

A big thank you to the following Group Leaders who embraced new technologies during 2020 and ran their session via Zoom. Well done all.

Monday 11.00am - 12.30pm Yoga – Lynda 0432 867 546

Monday & Tuesday 10.00 - 11.30am Yoga – Dianne 02 6674 4046

Tuesday 12.00noon - 2.00pm Writing Life Stories – Lynda 0432 867 546

Tuesday 10.00 - 11.30am Digital Photography – David 0416 588 039

Tuesday 11.30am - 1.00pm Current Affairs Discussion – David 0416 588 039

Tuesday 1.30 - 3.00pm Beginner French – Barbara 0403 506 124

Tuesday 1.30 - 3.00pm Brain Games – Marg 02 6674 3125

Wednesday 9.00am - 12noon German – Ingrid 07 5599 9237

Thursday 2.30 - 4.00pm Motor Movers – Alec 0402 497 945

Thursday 2.00 - 3.30pm (every 2nd week) Family History – Robyn 0416 235 602

Thursday 9.30am Introduction to Philosophy – Barbara 0403 506 124

Friday 10.00 - 11.30am Yoga – Jeni 0401 821 681

MyU3A

Our new electronic membership platform, MyU3A, is well and truly under way and should be released to all by mid-year. **Don't panic** – if you are not into all things electronic, help will be available, and as well, memberships and payments can still be submitted as now.....**Julia Shortus** MyU3A Administrator

Time for a Xmas joke... or two

How is Christmas exactly like your job?

You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.

What do you call Santa's little helpers?

Subordinate clauses.

What did Adam say to his wife on Christmas?

It's finally Christmas, Eve!

What's every parent's favourite Christmas Carol?

Silent Night.

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had very low elf esteem.

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?

A rebel without a Claus.



Humour Spot

Lateral Thinking.

Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became father only when I was born.

(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I love this child.)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir; It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher.

PASS THIS AROUND AND MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH!

LAUGHTER IS THE SOUL'S MEDICINE!!

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Thank you

Here are more jokes to cheer you up during your self isolation

I'm opening a pub
called 'The Jim'
so people no longer
have to lie about
where they're going

If attacked by a mob of
clowns

Go for the juggler

If a man says he'll fix it he'll
fix it . No need to remind
him every 6 months .

If anybody wants a copy
of Osteopath Weekly,
I have back issues.

A drummer named his
twin daughters

Anna one, Anna two !!



**According to a statistics
1 out of 4 men is happy**



*Merry
Christmas*