



# N E W S L E T T E R

October 2021

## **Our own art exhibition**

Attached below is your invitation to the official 'Meet the Artists' cheese & wine function to commemorate the exhibition of art, photography and drawings created by members of U3A Ipswich. The exhibition which is being held at the Ipswich Community Art Gallery in D'Arcy Doyle Place, will be running from Friday October 22 through to Tuesday October 26 and is open to the public. The exhibits will be available for sale.

The below attached is your invitation to the 'Meet the Artists' cheese & wine function which is by invitation only. Attendance of non-members to this function is limited to one person per financial member. A gold coin donation box will be available. Note the RSVP date of Wednesday 20 October 2021 to [tutors@u3aipswich.org.au](mailto:tutors@u3aipswich.org.au).

Please support your colleagues by visiting this exhibition and join us also at the cheese & wine for a social catch-up and to meet the artists.

## **Our SGM and Morning Tea report-back**

Our recent Special General Meeting and Morning Tea Get-Together proved popular and was most enjoyable. Over 70 members attended and 60 members sent in their apologies. The trivia quiz tested members' knowledge of the U3A organisation and final scores were close. In fact two tables tied which required a run-off: heads and tails left one member standing and that table collected the prizes.

The business end of the occasion went smoothly and quickly. Members were asked to approve an amendment to a clause in the constitution as recently submitted to the Office of Fair Trading. That special resolution was passed unanimously. The minutes of the Special General Meeting and the constitution with the amended clause will now be submitted to the Office of Fair Trading.

## **Volunteer Co-Ordinator changes**

Figlia Di Dio has let us know she needs to step back from the role which she has filled so effectively, and pleasantly, for the past year. Figlia did, however, ensure she did not leave us in the lurch and she informally asked Jill Gibson if she may be interested. Following a conversation with a Management Committee member Jill has agreed to undertake the role and the change-over is now underway.

Thank you to Figlia for past efforts and thank you and welcome to Jill for stepping up.

## **And an offer of new workshops**

Tutor Lynette Duffy is proposing two one-off workshops – one on Origami and making an advent calendar and the other on making a gingerbread house. The Origami workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15 from 10am to mid-day. Please let Amanda know of your interest: [tutors@u3aipswich.org.au](mailto:tutors@u3aipswich.org.au).

## **2021 Seniors Expo**

The 2021 Seniors Expo will be held in the Events Centre, Ipswich Show Grounds on Tuesday October 19 during the hours 10am to 2pm. U3A Ipswich will have an information booth at the Expo which is organised by Able Australia and Ipswich City Council. It is a free event with over 40 exhibitors providing information, advice and giveaways. The program includes entertainment, exercise and cooking demonstrations, a gardening Q & A and multicultural performances.

Jill Gibson, our new Volunteer Coordinator, will be developing a roster for volunteers to resource our booth during the Expo. If you are interested please email [volunteer@u3aipswich.org.au](mailto:volunteer@u3aipswich.org.au)

## **Advance notice – Open Day for 2022 Registrations & Enrolments**

Open Day for 2022 registrations will be held on Tuesday December 7 from 9am to 11am in the Fellowship Centre at Booval. All members are invited to attend and all tutors are asked to make a special effort to be there, whether or not classes are fully subscribed so that non-members can have the opportunity to talk with tutors. Please spread the word to friends as Open Day is our major promotional activity of the year.

This year, thanks to our Online Member Services platform (OMS) and our adoption of the e-Way payment portal, members and non-members will be able to pay membership fees and register for their classes from December 1.

## **By-Laws Updates**

Please check our website as we have added two new by-laws: one covering member management of class absences and preservation of class places and another on the process for classes to obtain U3A Ipswich sponsorship for external promotional activities. You can view the By-Laws by going onto the website & clicking on the “About Us” tab then proceed to the heading Governance & click on “By-Laws”. The new laws are 8 & 9.

*Till we meet again*

*Your Management Committee*

*12 October 2021*

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## YOU ARE INVITED

by the U3A Ipswich Combined Photography, Art & Drawing Classes of 2021 to an

### EXHIBITION

of their Photographs, Art Works & Drawings with an  
opportunity to meet the Artists and Tutors

**WHEN:** Sunday 24 October 2021

**WHAT TIME:** 1pm to 3pm

**WHERE:** Ipswich Community Gallery, D'Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich

**Guest Speaker : Glen Smith, President, Ipswich Arts Connect**

*Please join us at this cheese & wine function featuring the  
works of our talented U3A colleagues.*

For catering purposes please **RSVP by Wednesday 20 October**  
to [tutors@u3aipswich.org.au](mailto:tutors@u3aipswich.org.au)  
or phone 3282 7484 between 10am and noon Monday to Friday.

*This exhibition will be open to the public from Friday 22 October to Tuesday 26 October 2021 from 10am to 2pm and is part of U3A Ipswich and West Moreton's activities to commemorate Seniors Month.*