

## OCTOBER JABBERFEST CANCELLED

The committee has again reluctantly had to take the decision to cancel the October Jabberfest due to the Covid pandemic. Despite the regional lockdown being lifted, the restriction announced on 26 June concerning the 4 square metre rule continues to apply for all indoor/outdoor meetings meaning that we are still unable to meet at the New Life Church Centre. It is hoped that this restriction may be lifted by the NSW Government sometime during the month of October.

## COVID-19 REGIONAL AND RURAL RESTRICTIONS IN NSW

If you are unsure as to how the restrictions affect you, information is available from the NSW Government website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/affected-regions> or contact Service NSW 24 hours 7 days on 13 77 88.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2021 Annual General Meeting has been rescheduled to take place at the November Jabberfest (if it goes ahead) at 10:00am on 8 November or at any postponement thereof. A notice of meeting is included in this edition of the journal.



Christmas is coming and our annual Christmas luncheon is ON, Covid permitting of course. Details as follows:

**VENUE:** Grafton Golf Club Bent Street South Grafton  
**DATE:** Monday 6 December 2021  
**TIME:** 12 Noon  
**COST:** \$29.00 pp.

Like everything else, costs have risen over the past 12 months so the ticket prices have risen accordingly.

I will be collecting money and issuing tickets at **November** Jabberfest assuming it can go ahead. Members interested in attending, could you please contact me by email at [vandageremia@bigpond.com](mailto:vandageremia@bigpond.com) or phone 6642 7880.

Currently there are no major Covid restrictions at the Golf Club, but as we all know, things can change rapidly and daily.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Good afternoon everyone.



Another month has passed since my last letter to you and again there are no significant changes to the COVID restrictions which will allow our groups to reconvene in their usual venues. It all feels somewhat repetitive as we wait, with hope, for the situation to change. At each committee meeting, we attempt to plan ahead and to set target dates for Jabberfest or Christmas lunch or our long-deferred 2021 AGM. However, every month our hopes are dashed.

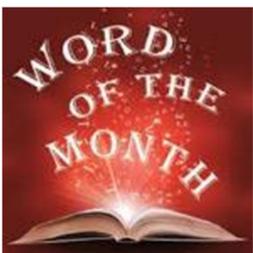
Our Premier, Gladys, has promised that a number of restrictions will be eased NEXT MONTH. Who knows what they will entail and whether they will be of any benefit at all to a group of senior citizens far from a big city or a major football grand final. A concert at the Saraton would be nice, or attendance at a regular service at our church. A reunion with far flung family and friends would be absolutely wonderful, but I'm not holding my breath. In the meantime, we'll probably have to satisfy ourselves with the new found freedom to exercise in a large group - just what I've always wanted.

If any action of ours will bring on release from the restrictions, it could be getting ourselves vaccinated against Covid. I understand that a significant number of our members have now been double-vaccinated and I would like to encourage any of you who are still hesitant to have a serious discussion with your doctor on the topic. I received my second jab over a month ago and now feel a lot more confident that my future health, and that of my friends and family, will not be compromised by the virus.

In this whole situation of nothing much happening, I feel like we are all just becalmed in still waters, while we wait for conditions to change. I remain optimistic that eventually the wind and currents will pick up and we will be swept around the rocks to a brighter future.

Keep paddling everyone, and stay safe.

*Alysan Pender*



**Fiona Duggan**

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Each month there will be an unusual word that is real and has been or is still being used. Without reference to Google or a dictionary, your challenge is to work out a possible meaning and then use it in a sentence. The meaning will be published in the next Jabber Journal. **Last month's word PUCKET** – is a collective noun for caterpillars i.e. On finding a caterpillar on your salad leaf you could say "Lady Bracknell there is not just one caterpillar on this leaf but a whole pucket of caterpillars!" A now obsolete word. Sadly!

## VALE – GREGORY JOHN RYAN



We note with sorrow the passing of Greg Ryan on 18 September at home. A long-time U3A member and driving force in the Mens Shed, Greg is survived by his wife Noeline and daughter Leoni. His funeral service was held on 24 September. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

## COURSES AND INTEREST GROUPS update – ALYSAN PENDER

Good news! The following small groups will (hopefully) re-commence meeting during October:

- **CLIMATE CHANGE DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the U3A rooms. Leader: Nick Reeve, phone 66425367
- **CRAFT GROUP**  
Held on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 9:15 am to 12:15 pm at the U3A Rooms. Leader Cheryle Hobbs, phone 66447774
- **GUITAR GROUP**  
Held on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00pm at the home of Leader Leonie Hayes phone 66432211.

**PLEASE NOTE Due to COVID-19 regulations, only small groups can meet in our facilities at present, with numbers strictly limited. Please contact the group leader to confirm the starting date.**

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### FACEBOOK

Grafton U3A's Facebook page is now operational <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=grifton%20u3a>. If you have any item of interest to members, please submit it to Vanda Geremia - email [vandageremia@bigpond.com](mailto:vandageremia@bigpond.com) and she will arrange for it to be posted on the U3A Facebook page. Check site regularly for updates and news etc.

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### EDITOR CONTACT

Contributions to the Jabber Journal are welcome, however, we reserve the right to edit or refuse material submitted for publication. Closing date for the November edition is **Friday 22 October 2021**. Contributions to [thehifields@bigpond.com](mailto:thehifields@bigpond.com)

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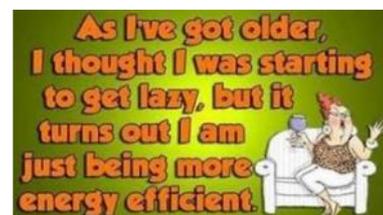
### A LITTLE LIGHT RELIEF IN COVID TIMES

#### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

- What if my dog only brings back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- If poison is past its expiry date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- Which letter is silent in the word "scent" the S or the C?
- Do twins ever realise that one of them is unplanned?
- Why is the letter w, in English, called double u? Shouldn't it be called double v?
- The word "swims" upside down is still "swims".
- Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
- 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
- Your future self is now watching you right now through memories
- Many animals probably need glasses but nobody knows it.

#### CORN OF THE MONTH

I went to a Chinese restaurant last night and got chatting to the waiter. He told me he lived in Japan during the war and was a kamikaze pilot and his code name was "Chow Mein". I said "correct me if I'm wrong but didn't kamikaze pilots sacrifice their own lives?" To which he replied "Yes, but I was "Chicken Chow Mein."



**My neighbors  
complained about me  
groaning too loud  
having sex in the  
morning....if they only  
knew I'm just trying to  
put my socks on...**

Contributed by Carole Cairns



## GRAFTON U3A INCORPORATED

### Annual General Meeting Agenda

<b>TIME/DATE:</b>	10:00AM 8 NOVEMBER 2021 (or any postponement/deferral thereof)
<b>VENUE:</b>	NEW LIFE CHURCH CENTRE, 132 ARTHUR STREET GRAFTON

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	Welcome
2	Apologies
3	Confirmation of minutes of AGM held 12 August 2019
4	President's report
5	Treasurer's report
6	Acceptance of financial reports 2020 & 2021
7	Election of office bearers and committee: President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Seven ordinary members
8	Appointment of honorary auditor
9	Meeting close

**NOTE** – If you are unable to attend and wish to appoint a proxy, the appropriate proxy form may be obtained from the Secretary.

The AGM is an important function and an opportunity for us to reflect and celebrate the good things we have achieved and the pleasant times we have shared together over the past two years as members of Grafton U3A. I do hope that you can join us.

Alysan Pender  
President