

**JABBERFEST - 10:00AM 14 AUGUST 2023
NEW LIFE CHURCH CENTRE – ARTHUR STREET**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Grafton U3A Inc. will be held commencing at 10:00am and copies of papers including minutes of the 2022 AGM and a financial report for the 2022-2023 year will be available. Members should arrive at the meeting early enough to peruse the reports as they will be asked to sanction their adoption, if considered satisfactory. Members are requested to bring a blue/black biro in the event of the need for a secret ballot. Please note that only financial members of Grafton U3A are eligible to vote at the meeting.

SESSION 1 – “MEMORIES OF MY GRANDPARENTS”



Following the AGM there will be a short session offering members the opportunity to share “memories of your grandparents”. So, roll back the years to your childhood and recall those fond memories of grandparents and what made them so special.



SESSION 2

**TONY GALLAGHER – LOCAL SOLICITOR
WILLS, POWER OF ATTORNEY & ENDURING GUARDIAN**

Our guest speaker Tony Gallagher will talk briefly about three documents, a Will, a Power of Attorney and an Appointment of an Enduring Guardian; what each is, the usefulness of having each document in place and the possible consequences of not having them in place.

He will then concentrate on the Power of Attorney, as they seem to be causing some conflicts in families these days; who to appoint, duties of the Attorney, how conflicts can be avoided, who can seek removal of an Attorney, how to go about this. A brief description of a couple of recent cases which he thinks members would find interesting.

He will take questions from the group during the talk and please note that the session will last up to an hour.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Good morning, everyone.

Here we are in the thick of Winter, complete with cold nights and some dreary days. Not my favourite season but at least we can take heart in the fact that the days here, once the sun manages to break through the morning fog, have usually been glorious (if you can find a sheltered, sunny spot). It always gives me a boost to see on the nightly weather report, that Grafton usually records one of the top temperatures in the state. At least we are managing to get something right.

I hope you enjoyed our July Jabberfest. I really enjoyed Kevin's session about online Word Games, and was so inspired, I raced home and signed into the New York Times games site that afternoon. I have been playing Wordle ever since, and have only failed to complete one game so far. Great triumph!

Our session after morning tea was most enjoyable too. Morrie and Fiona Duggan's photos were excellent. Between Morrie's lovely photos of snow scenes and Fiona's photos of silly signs and all things quirky and cute, we were all well entertained and informed. Thanks to all our presenters for a Jabberfest which was entertaining and informative.

Our next Jabberfest in August will open with our AGM. How quickly the year rolls around! I am becoming a little more confident that we will be able to replace our two outgoing committee members, but of course we cannot be certain until after the election of officers. Don't hesitate to contact any member of the current committee if you have any questions about standing for the new committee. After the closure of the AGM, we hope to spend a short session recalling fond memories of our grandparents.

After morning tea, our guest speaker will be Tony Gallagher, a local solicitor, talking about wills, power of attorney, and the question of appointing the Public Trustee - all important legal matters, which need to be revisited regularly as we get older. All very relaxing topics, after the formality of the AGM.

There is one more issue which I must address before I sign off. COVID is back with us and has now made an appearance in our U3A rooms. One of our members caught the virus at a community event and a second member most likely picked it up at one of our groups. Now the members of two different groups are waiting to see if they too will come down with it. If you start to feel a bit off colour, please, please stop and use a Covid Test kit to confirm that you test negative before dashing around town. So many of our members are battling serious health issues and would be very vulnerable in the event that the disease gets amongst us. Cheer up. Spring and warmer weather are nearly here! Looking forward to seeing you all in August.

Alysan Pender



COURSES AND INTEREST GROUPS update – ALYSAN PENDER

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL – The next meeting of this group will be 2:00pm Monday 28 August. Gloria Hunter will be recounting her travels through China. Enquiries: Magda Mussared 6644 9309.



BIRD WATCHING – This group is currently in recess, due to member absences. It will hopefully hold its next meeting in October. Pictured on the most recent expedition – Nancye, Carole and Alysyan.



Enquiries: Alysyan Pender, Course Coordinator, ph 447270997

PLEASE NOTE: (1) ALL OF OUR GROUPS (INCLUDING THOSE LISTED ABOVE) WOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

PLEASE NOTE: (2) IF YOU WISH TO START ATTENDING A GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT THE GROUP LEADER AS A COURTESY BEFORE TURNING UP.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

SARATON THEATRE – 99 PRINCE STREET GRAFTON – 6642 1633

LIVE PERFORMANCE	DATE	TIME
	27 AUGUST 2023	2:00PM
	29 OCTOBER 2023	2:00PM

2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees for the upcoming year are now **overdue**. Fees: \$35.00 a single, \$60.00 a double. Please complete the form at the following link and then pay online.

https://grafton.u3anet.org.au/?page_id=1182

Electronic payments can be made to:

- Account Name: Grafton U3A
- BSB Number: 637 000
- Account Number: 780 236 035

Membership
is now **OVERDUE!**



Please note that from 1 July if you are unfinancial, you are not covered for insurance for any Grafton U3A activities.

JULY JABBERFEST WRAP

President Alysan opened the meeting with details of updates to Courses and Groups. She also reminded members of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held next month. Due to two current committee members stepping down at the AGM Alysan also encouraged members to consider standing for the upcoming vacancies as the duties of committee members are not particularly onerous. She then introduced Kevin Dixon who with a theme of keeping the mind active in retirement proceeded to introduce the audience to a number of Online Word Games - Wordle, Spelling Bee, Wordiply and Letter Boxed explaining the relative merits or otherwise of each including cost (if applicable). By the use of modern technology Kevin then led members in an actual game of Wordle before the meeting adjourned for morning tea.

Session 2 introduced members Morrie and Fiona Duggan who then proceeded to take us on a wonderful visual tour of Japan (The Land of the Rising Sun). As they are regular visitors to that country to visit family Morrie (a keen photographer) provided many images from trips they had taken within Japan over the years including snow scenes mountains and volcanoes from locations they had visited. Fiona then took centre stage with images of humorous signs and all manner of items a little offbeat, quirky, unusual or cute as well as images of Christmas including lights. All in all, a very entertaining and informative presentation. Alysan then thanked Fiona & Morrie and presented each with a creation from the artisan at the Mens Shed in appreciation. The lucky door prize was won by Ken Woodward. Alysan then closed the meeting.

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 September 2023 edition is **Friday 25 August 2023**. Contributions to the editor: Dennis Kelly email: thehifields@bigpond.com

OLDER ROAD USER WORKSHOPS - FREE

HELPING PEOPLE 65 YEARS AND OVER TO MAKE SAFER CHOICES AND REMAIN INDEPENDENT

Guest speakers include:

- Driving instructor/older driver assessor.
- Clarence Community Transport representative.
- Mobility scooter expert.

Mobility scooter test drives available on the day!

Free morning tea provided

Workshop Topics:

- Licensing system for older road users – including information for those who want to transition from full-time driving to modified licences or other transport options.
- The top 10 misunderstood road rules.
- Health conditions and driving.

Locations: All workshops from 10am-midday

Clarence River Jockey Club: Monday 14 August, 2023

Maclean Bowling Club: Tuesday 15 August, 2023

Yamba Bowling Club: Wednesday 16 August, 2023

Bookings essential, contact Julie:

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