



President's Report July 2020

Dear members

If you've ever been out fishing on a small boat and tried to land a large and extremely slippery fish, you'll understand just what your Management Committee has been experiencing trying to get us all back to our beloved classes!

The Challenge:

Before U3A Sunshine Coast classes can recommence, our secretary has been making a maximum effort to contact each venue used, work out how many members can use each venue, calculate venue fee reductions based on how much class time we have already missed, and prepare a Safety Action Plan and Risk Assessment to be employed by every tutor.

The Good News:

From Monday July 13th, class enrolments will be open for Term 3, which will recommence July 20th.

Current USC advice re' 'vulnerable' age groups, as well as two valued tutors being absent owing to illness, will affect the running of some classes; however, other courses will be available on line from July 13th, with the adjusted course fee clearly stated.

And the U3A Office is reopening!

Our Office Day Leaders, supported by their office volunteers, have cheerfully agreed to reopen our U3A Office on July 13th, from 9-12 daily. However, with only two volunteers allowed to work in the limited office space, please be patient if you ring them to ask for assistance.

Our Tutors' task:

Before returning to our classrooms from July 20th, all our tutors need to be fully briefed, so they can look after their students' safety. They will receive detailed instructions from our secretary, and these may include:

- Limiting class sizes and setting up a waiting list
- Members to only attend class if they are well
- Maintaining appropriate distances between seating
- Using hand sanitisers
- Wiping down furnishings after use
- Members stepping outside to breathe in fresh air after each hour of in-class time.

Why is all of this necessary?

We need to ensure we do not put our members at risk.

We have all seen how contagious this virus is, especially for our older more vulnerable age group. Current government health advice specifically targets us, especially when we meet in group activities.

Date Claimer:

Please note on your calendar that our AGM will be held on Saturday August 8th.

AGM on Saturday August 8th!

Many thanks to our M.C. team, who are currently completing all the documentation to email/ post out to our members, and the safety requirements for our postponed Annual General Meeting to take place at the North Shore Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba, on Saturday August 8th at 10.00 am.

Please come along to ratify your M.C. committee, to acknowledge and honour this year's nominees for Life Membership, meet our young Bursary awardees and hear how the university has been managing during the CoVid 19 crisis.

Asking questions at the AGM:

With so much happening since we last met, you may have questions to ask of your committee. Remember these must be placed on the Agenda, so do send them in to the secretary by Wednesday July 15th: u3aoffice@u3asunshine.org.au or: secretary@u3asunshine.org.au

Call for Volunteers to assist at the AGM on Saturday August 8th:

We will provide a morning tea after the AGM; however, we will need some assistance, from any volunteers who have helped us previously – and any new volunteers who might care to assist. Please give Wayne Curran a call on 0419669131 if you'd like to help on the day.

We will also need assistants to 'mark the roll'. If you would like to help out, please phone Glyni on 0448 194 264.

I look forward to seeing many of our members at the AGM on August 8th.

Kind regards

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