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UPDATE 2

Learning for Pleasure

Together, we will shape our U3A group to be the best

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REOPENING MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2020

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

On 11 May the Management Committee held a Video Conference Room meeting and the following was resolved:

Commencement of Classes

Committee agreed U3A will not recommence classes until Semester 2 on 3 August for the following reasons:

1. Qld Government Roadmap - Stage 2: from 12 June to 9 July, permits gatherings of only up to 20 people at any one time.
2. Qld Government Roadmap - Stage 3: from 10 July onwards, permits gatherings of a maximum of 100 people.
3. U3A's mid-year break over month of July will not change and still take place.

Please note that the Conditions of maintaining hygiene and 1.5 metre social distancing will continue to apply after start-up of classes on 3 August.

Compensation to Members

Committee agreed so Members are not disadvantaged through this unprecedented COVID-19 event, credit will be given by way of the following:

1. For 2021 Renewal of Memberships only, the annual subscription fee of \$75.00 will be waived and instead a minimum subscription fee of \$45.00 be paid. However, given we still have overheads and have these budgetary concerns on how to get through the year, to support U3A you may choose to pay the \$45.00 as proposed, or, choose to pay a little extra (as a donation), say, in an amount of \$55.00, \$65.00 or \$75.00.
2. The cut-off date which annual subscription fees are normally to be paid by will not apply,
3. For 2021 the Reciprocal Membership fee of \$15.00 will not change.

FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

On 11 May the Management Committee held a Video Conference Room meeting and the following was resolved: (continued)

Rescheduling of the Annual General Meeting

Committee agreed that due to not reaching a quorum for the AGM on 19 March to proceed, it be rescheduled for **Wednesday 17 September at 10.00am in Room F4 in the Community Centre.**

Nominations for Positions on the Management Committee

Following advice from the Office of Fair Trading that, as there are no provisions in the Rules pre COVID-19, and given the current circumstances, that the term of the Management Committee being longer than is provided for in the Rules, will be a matter for the current Committee to call for fresh nominations. Had the AGM on 19 March gone ahead, nominations received for positions on the Management Committee at that time, are those who currently hold the positions.

Committee agreed that Nominations for positions on the Management Committee will be called for at the next AGM to be held in March 2021.

Tea/Coffee Refreshments in Study Room

Committee agreed in order to enforce the sterilisation measures required by the Government's Rules, we will no longer be providing refreshments and only BYO water is to be taken into the Study Room at Australia Fair, for the duration of the COVID-19 threat.

During the class breaks, members can go outside the front door into the main centre if they want to have a chat together.

Marvin Summers
President

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

Our Members who do not have an email address will get posted out to them a copy of this Update 2.

It is important that we keep everyone informed, no matter the circumstances.

Community Centre Update -

Gold Coast City Council - May 2020

For your information, the following is an Extract from a Notice received from the Gold Coast City Council regarding the Southport Community Centre:

..... As you will be aware, the Queensland Government announced a three-stage Roadmap for the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

The Community Centre team is keen to get everyone back into the Centre as soon as possible. However the current rules that have been placed on them are still very restrictive.

Queensland Health have clarified that 'maximum numbers of people permitted' apply to the whole site and that includes foyers and waiting areas, and not each hireable space as they had originally thought.

As you can imagine, this is very limiting and not very practical.....

The Gold Coast City Council will continue to keep us informed.



Bereavement of Lola Cooper

It is with great sadness, a much loved and respected Member of U3A passed away peacefully from aged related illness. Lola, 94, was buried in her hometown, Mitchell, on Friday 1 May 2020

Lola had been attending both Creative Writing and Memoirs classes at least since 2007, two classes she thoroughly enjoyed with relish, with the last two years in a wheelchair with Carer in tow. Her last class would have been 11 March 2020, the start of the Australia Fair coronavirus lockdown.

Both classes will miss her lively and mischievous tales of fact and fiction, many of which were told with humour, and depicted a life well lived.

**by Christine Meredith
and Alice Fairley**

RIP

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS AND DID NOT RECEIVE THESE NOTICES –

For your information, we celebrated the following events in lockdown, and sent out these notices:

Happy Easter

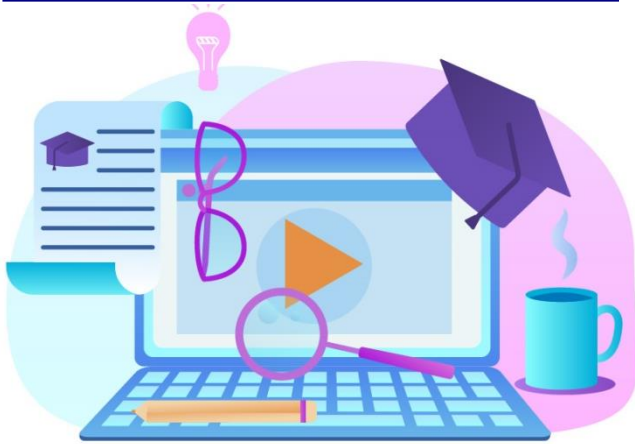


*from your U3A Gold Coast Inc
(Southport Office)*

and KEEP SAFE



CONGRATULATIONS TUTORS AND STUDENTS



It is inspiring to hear that our Tutors are being very creative and active in the way they are keeping engaged with their students.

Here are some quotes:

“... emailing students Creative Writing homework, suggesting they place them all in a folder to bring along to class when U3A resumes.....” *Christine Meredith*

“... what a wonderful teacher Andrew Carter is who continues to send weekly French lessons and keeps in touch with his students. He puts a great deal of time and effort into his carefully planned weekly lessons and is truly a remarkable and rare teacher”
from one of his students in Advanced French

“... a new ID called ‘Jampac’ has been created for the Uke Advanced class – sessions being sent on a regular basis using the Internet as a learning tool, covering all stages of competence. A variety of songs are being suggested to play/practice. Graeme says, ‘your Little Uke will keep you happy, so keep strumming’.....” *Greame Eager*

“... Keyboard Advanced are still playing at home – no excuse not to practice....”
Jan Kiliman

“... still doing the French Intermediate class by email for students who want to keep themselves busy but hope to see all my students again soon.....” *Christine Boulogne*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHRIS



A birthday present from her husband.

“*I haven’t fallen off yet*” says Chris.

CAMERA ENTHUSIAST CLASS

WANTED - MODELS

In preparation for when U3A resume, the Camera Enthusiast class is looking for the following volunteers :

**MODELS – MALE OR FEMALE
to pose for Portraits by camera.**

Students at Margaret Street, Upper Level,
on the 2nd Friday of the month between
1.00pm to 3.30pm.

Applications in the first place to be made to John Donnelly – there is a limited number, so please do not delay.

Also envisaged to photograph children and pets at a later stage (with Committee approval at the time).

It is also possible to shoot on location. You will be able to select your favourite image to keep.

All this is absolutely free (suggest small donation-gold coin).

John Donnelly, Tutor, Camera Enthusiasts