



AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM BARBARA BOSTON, PRESIDENT SYDNEY U3A
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Media reports indicate that there is a distinct probability that there will be a shutdown of non-essential services from Tuesday evening March 23, 2020 as Victorian and NSW Governments are pushing for a total shutdown of non-essential services and that a decision will be made tonight at a meeting of the National Cabinet.

Accordingly, Sydney U3A has taken the decision to extend the embargo on all courses, talks and events until the end of June 2020. If changes occur members will be advised accordingly. Membership will be extended by the period of the shutdown. Central Office will also close from Tuesday morning, March 24 until June 30, 2020

Because of the social interaction associated with Sydney U3A courses, it is critical that members keep in touch via telephone, email, skype or social media such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, message boards, blogging and photo sharing sites. Without frequent interactions with like-minded members who, over time have become our friends, we will be worse off. This whole situation is completely beyond our comprehension. Staying in contact with our families and friends will not be time wasted. We have shared some of the most important events in our lives with our U3A friends, so let's all continue to share and support each other. Try to also keep fit and healthy and endeavour to keep active to the extent of your own personal fitness level. There are also many on-line activities that you can do in your own time.

Sydney U3A will continue to keep in touch electronically with our valued members. The Executive together with the BOM is working to provide a list of on-line activities that may be of interest to our members.

We will be in regular weekly or fortnightly electronic contact. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy

Regards
Barbara Boston
March 22, 2020