

Dear NB U3A Member

During the past few days, the committee of U3A Northern Beaches has been communicating regularly in order to discuss the coronavirus situation and its possible impact on members in their 'third age'. Partly due to some misinformed rumours that have been circulating and partly because of some very real concerns being expressed from some members, I and my committee have reluctantly reached the conclusion that U3A Northern Beaches should cancel all courses and presentations for the remainder of March and for the month of April. These cancellations to start immediately.

I realise that many of you will be very disappointed and I promise that we will reassess the situation as soon as possible.

On 26 March we had planned to hold our U3A Northern Beaches AGM and this, too, will have to be cancelled. Rather than re-book the event and then find we have once again to cancel it, we have taken the decision not to hold an AGM during 2020. Many of you will be unaware that, legally, Sydney Regions are not compelled to hold AGMs individually – only the Central Sydney AGM is compulsory in law. Of course, holding our annual AGM in the Northern Beaches will continue in 2021 because it forms an enjoyable event when we, the committee, are directly answerable to our members and it also enables new blood to come forward to serve on the committee.

Fortunately, on this occasion, although we are losing two extremely valuable committee members – Terri Nixon and Robin Field – we are delighted to be welcoming Sue Kenny, Kerrie Sanders and Brenda Fuller to the new committee.

We will put an article in the next newsletter explaining how to obtain your refund for the meal at the AGM.

Finally, thank you all for your support and encouragement during the past 12 months. I enjoy being your President but would not even attempt the role without your help. Stay fit and healthy and very soon U3A Northern Beaches will return to normality.

Best wishes

Rosemary