



STAY CONNECTED NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021

We would like to give a **big thank you** to all our loyal members who have continued to support U3A during the many weeks of lockdown and have attended the Zoom sessions.

We are really looking forward to resuming normal activities in 2022. Hopefully, we can continue and share our passion for Sharing, Growing and Socialising without interruptions.

As the two Covid closures have impacted our membership numbers, we will be making a huge effort in 2022 to encourage past and new members to join in our activities.

ARE YOU WILLING to assist?

Some members indicated in their survey response that they would be willing to assist in the organisation of U3A. Currently we seek volunteers to help us with

- Promotions
- Membership drive

If you are interested – and need more details- please contact our Secretary, Pamela Frei at:

secretary.sydneyu3@gmail.com

SURVEY RESULTS:

It is pleasing that over 1,000 members took the time to complete the U3A survey. The responses will guide the committees- both regional and central- in future planning.

RETURN of FACE -TO FACE sessions:

Any decision to resume face-to-face activities for the remainder of 2021, will be at the discretion of each Region. The factors influencing this will mainly be dependent upon venues being reopened for use and individual tutors being willing to conduct courses for the remaining few weeks of the Semester.



All face-to-face activities will be subject to any possible Covid restrictions imposed by State or venue. This means proof of double vaccination (or proof of medical exemption) will be required. Social distancing of 4 or 2 sq. m. will also impact on the numbers permitted at each venue.

Individual and/or regional changes to current courses will be made known through emails and newsletters.



The current Zoom sessions will continue as advertised on the U3A webpage. All sessions can be accessed there via the ZOOM COURSES button as well as in regional newsletters.

ZOOM COURSES:

It has been heart-warming to have an average of 50 members attend each of the one, two, three or even four Zoom sessions per day. Special thanks also to the hard-working band of volunteer organisers and presenters who made it all possible.



Owing to the popularity of our Zoom courses and following many requests, Zoom sessions will be continued in 2022. A separate section in the front of the Course book will be allocated to Zoom presentations. Zoom sessions can be accessed by members across all regions.

FROM THE OFFICE:

Finally! If things go according to plan the office will be opening on 18th October. Our fantastic volunteers – all duly double-vaxxed – are really keen to get back to work. All restrictions regarding vaccinations, masks, social distancing will be observed and will also apply to any visitors to our office. Both the Market Street building and our office have QR codes. In addition, the office will also have a sign-in sheet for those (and there are still quite a few of us) who do not have the smart phone ability to register.



Just to remind you, office hours are from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. We do have a voicemail system, so if you call the office and the phone is not answered for some reason, please do leave your contact details and someone will call you back asap. The phone no. is 02 9267 9056.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Our Semester 1 2022 COURSE BOOK is in the throes of compilation by our editor, Keith, and his hard-working team of Regional and Venue Course Coordinators. Copies of the book will be available either online or mailed to those requesting copies mid-January.

All members with email addresses will also be notified when the Course Book is available to view on our website.

If anyone wishes to either cancel their request for a printed copy or would like to change from an electronic to a printed copy (at a cost of \$10 p.a.), for 2 books- please let the office know by emailing officemgr.sydneyu3a@gmail.com, before 30th November.

AGM:

We are already planning for our AGM in late March 2022 and are organising an interesting speaker.

All positions on the Executive will be declared vacant.

If you are interested in taking on any of these positions, please contact: secretary@sydneyu3a.org to receive a nomination form.



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