

MINUTES OF U3A CORANGAMITE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting 3/2020 held on Tuesday 17th March 2020
@ 11.00AM at Community House, CAMPERDOWN

Meeting opened at 11.00am

1. Present

Gary Kimber, Linda Castaldo, David Mernagh, Helen James, Pamela Jellie, Sue McInnes, Don McInnes, Anne Ward, Dominique Fowler via telephone

2. Apologies

Karen Richardson

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved: Anne Ward; Seconded: Linda Castaldo *Carried*

4. Correspondence

Details of recent correspondence received had been circulated with the agenda and was duly noted by members.

5. Treasurer's Report

The U3A Corangamite financial statement for the month ending 29th February 2020 had been attached to the agenda.

The Treasurer reported that to date there have been 152 enrolments.

Based on advice provided by the Treasurer, the Committee agreed to roll-over the \$2,000 term deposit with Bendigo Bank due on 21st March for a further 6 months at a rate of 1.6%

Treasurer's Report: Moved: Linda Castaldo; seconded: Don McInnes *Carried*

It was also mentioned that there had been some issues with payment in relation to the Port Fairy trip and in future where payment is required in advance a new process for a better way for payment needs to be developed.

Action: Committee for consideration at a future meeting

6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

6.1 2020 AGM & Course Enrolment Day

At the last meeting it was noted that consideration ought to be given of a new process for 2021 for course enrolment and a different venue. It was agreed to carry this issue forward as a rolling item for discussion at future meetings.

7. General Business

7.1 New Activities

Several proposed new activities for April were noted by the Committee but given the issues outlined in item **7.4 below**, no new activities will be introduced until resumption of all U3A activities.

However, the Committee agreed for a future newsletter to canvas members' views on new activities such as bike-riding, and ancestry.

7.2 Forgetfulness re: attendance at Events & Course Timing

The President spoke to these issues and advised that already this year there had been some cases of members failing to show at events they had committed to and in one case, a member who turned up at some activities for which she had not indicated she as going to attend. It was noted that this was an on-going problem and one that also needs to be considered in the review of the enrolment process during the year.

7.3 South West Victoria U3A Regional Meeting

It was noted that the U3A SW Regional Meeting in Colac on Friday 20th March has been cancelled.

7.4 Coronavirus COVID-19

In the light of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into account the age of the U3A Corangamite membership, on the basis of the most recent medical advice, the Committee decided unanimously to suspend with immediate effect all U3A activities and until further notice.

The Committee also decided to review this developing situation on a monthly basis and it is intended that update bulletins for members will follow from the Committee on a regular basis. Accordingly there will be no formal member newsletter for April.

The Committee acknowledged that this suspension will cause some disappointment and that the lack of social interaction could be a cause of concern for some members.

Given this, the Committee wished to encourage members to keep their brain active with other low-key cerebral pursuits such as reading and gardening and the Committee considered giving some thought to investigating some suitable 'Apps' that might be of use to members during this period.

However, should any member wish to talk through any issues, it was agreed that they could do so by calling either U3A Secretary David Mernagh on 0429 951 643 or myself on 0439 079 098.

Action: President & Secretary to prepare bulletin for distribution - **attached**

7.5 **Next U3A Committee Meeting**

At this stage, the next U3A Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st April 2020 at 11am at the Camperdown Community House. However, this could be a virtual meeting via e-mail correspondence depending on the Covid-19 situation at that time

Meeting closed at 11.50am



BULLETIN: SUSPENSION OF U3A ACTIVITIES

In the light of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into account the age of the U3A Corangamite membership, the Committee met today and on the basis of the most recent medical advice, it was decided unanimously to suspend with immediate effect all U3A activities until further notice.

The Committee has also decided it will review this developing situation on a monthly basis and it is intended that update bulletins for members will follow from the Committee on a regular basis. Accordingly there will be no formal member newsletter for April.

The Committee acknowledges that this suspension will cause some disappointment and that the lack of social interaction could be a cause of concern for some members. Given this, the Committee would like to encourage members to keep their brain active with other low-key cerebral pursuits such as reading and gardening and the Committee is giving some thought to investigating some suitable 'Apps' that might be of use to members during this period; more details to follow in due course.

However, should any member wish to talk through any issues mentioned here, they can do so by calling either U3A Secretary David Mernagh on 0429 951 643 or myself on 0439 079 098. Keep well, keep safe and keep smiling!

Ten ways to reduce your risk of COVID-19

- **Wash** hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. **Dry** with paper towel or hand dryer
- **Try** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth
- **Cover** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you do not have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow
- **Isolate** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies
- **Phone** your GP first if you need medical attention; they will tell you what to do
- **Continue** healthy habits: exercise, drink water and get plenty of sleep
- **Do not** wear a face mask if you are well
- **If you can, buy** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol
- **Get** the flu shot (available in April)
- **Do not** shake hands

Where can you get more information?

For current Victorian updates go to <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

Gary Kimber
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