

## MINUTES OF U3A CORANGAMITE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of Meeting 5/2021 held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
@ 11.00AM at 5 Errey Street, Camperdown**

### **Meeting opened at 11.00am**

#### **1. Present**

Gary Kimber, Linda Castaldo, David Mernagh, Dominique Fowler, Helen James, Don McInnes, Anne O'Brien, Anne Corbin

#### **2. Apologies**

Sue McInnes

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of Committee meeting 4/2021 held on 20th April 2021 had been circulated previously to Committee members.

Moved: Helen James; Seconded: Don McInnes *Carried*

#### **4. Correspondence**

Details of recent correspondence received had been circulated with the agenda and was duly noted by members. The Secretary mentioned the following late items that had been received since the agenda had been sent to members:

- Details for the nomination for Victorian Senior of the Year; and
- Corangamite Council Grants Programs 2021-2022 - email

As there has been discussions about a possible new group for scrabble and mah-jong being established in Terang, the President asked the Secretary to forward the e-mail to him and he will follow up with Council on potential funding for some new scrabble and mah-jong sets.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The U3A Corangamite financial statement for the month ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 had been attached to the agenda.

The Treasurer advised the account balance was quite healthy and two new members had joined in the last month.

In the next month, U3A Network Victoria will require payment capitation fees of \$264; in addition, we have been advised that *Cobdenhealth* now requires payment for venue use on a monthly basis rather than quarterly.

It was noted that Marilyn Kimber has established a spreadsheet giving details of gold coin donations at the Friday Forum and Travel Tale events; this will assist with the financial audit at the end of the year.

Moved: Linda Castaldo; Seconded: Don McInnes *Carried*

## 6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

### 6.1 Succession Planning

At the last two meetings, it had been suggested that for U3A Corangamite 'going forward' the Committee should begin to look at the issue of succession in Committee positions within U3A Corangamite.

A draft discussion paper prepared by the Secretary had been provided to Committee members with the agenda papers.

During discussion the following comments were provided:

- ✚ the role of the Vice-President should include the canvassing of members to take on a Committee role and coordination of the AGM. including the election of office-bearers;
- ✚ the documents should be developed further before it is presented to the membership for comment at a special general meeting; possible time-line of late August or early September;
- ✚ the membership will be briefed now about this issue in the next member newsletter and an invite is to be extended for any member wishing to sit in on a Committee meeting; the next meeting is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am at the Ball and Chain Hotel in Simpson preceding the mid-year lunch at 12.30pm at the hotel;
- ✚ the President will write a paragraph on the issue of succession planning for the June members' newsletter.

### 6.2 U3A Activities for June

#### *Friday Forum*

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June @ 1.30pm, Cobden Senior Citizens Centre

Presenter: Olaf Smith (our own member) - "*Life on the Open Seas*"

Afternoon Tea provided. Voluntary gold coin donation

Bookings by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June to Eve Black on 5592 5333

#### *Let's Go to the Movies*

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Colac Cinema. Movie and time TBC

Expressions of interest to Gary on 0439 079 098 by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Gary will liaise with the Cinema and contact those interested informing them of the movie and time

#### *Travel Tales*

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June @ 1.30pm, Cobden Senior Citizens Centre

Presenter: Robin Perrin - "*A 4WD adventure of New Zealand's South Island*"

Afternoon tea provided. Voluntary gold coin donation.

Bookings by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June to Marilyn on 0437 584 998 or mazz060253@gmail.com

#### *Let's Do Lunch*

A Mid-Year Get Together Lunch

Ball & Chain Hotel, Simpson

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June @ 12.30pm

Meals off the menu.

Minimum of 20 people and maximum of 40

Bookings by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Gary on 0439 079 098

### *Tea & Tour for Ten*

Tour of Dalvui garden, afternoon tea & history of Dalvui house

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June @ 1.30 pm Cost: \$10

Dalvui is a 1908 Western district homestead @ 431 McKinnons Bridge Road Noorat. Weather permitting there will have a tour of the garden then afternoon tea in the dining room where we will hear about the history of the house. If the weather is unkind, afternoon tea will be in the dining room and the talk about the garden and history of the house will be inside.

Bookings by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Marilyn on 0437 584 998 or mazz060253@gmail.com

### *Bike Ride*

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June @ 10.30am

Bike ride starting from the Trestle Bridge along rail trail to Merretts Road, Glenfyne and then morning tea at the Castaldo Farm then cycle back. Bookings by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Helen on 0409 438 044

### *Car Rally*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

It was noted that information had been distributed to all U3A members and to associated local organisations but to date there had been only four bookings.

The Secretary advised that he had received an e-mail from Terry Brian who had indicated that he would like to keep an eye on entries as we count down to the rally on 6<sup>th</sup> June - so that all works smoothly in two key areas:

- \* lunch bookings - to provide venue with updated numbers in the lead up;
- \* start times - to ease congestion

It was noted that he has also established a comprehensive Excel spreadsheet to register participants.

Accordingly, members agreed that Terry Brain should be the principal rally coordinator and that all information received via U3A will be forwarded on to Terry.

## 6.3 **U-MAS Membership Management System**

Following discussion on this issue at the last meeting, the President had agreed to speak with Web Administrator Barb Cowley and relay the views of the Committee principally that as the majority of members are not computer-savvy, it really would not be suitable for U3A Corangamite and could cause more problems than it might solve.

The President advised that he had spoken to Barb Cowley about this issue.

## 6.4 **CFA Community Home Fire Safety and Prevention Program**

At the last meeting the Committee had considered a request from the liaison person from the CFA Community Home Fire Safety and Prevention Program the aim of which is to educate as many people in the Shire about the importance of fire safety and prevention in the home as winter approaches. The Committee had some concerns and after the meeting the Secretary had e-mailed the Committee's concerns to the Warrnambool Fire Brigade liaison person Adrienne Anson who in reply thanked us for our comments.

## 6.5 **U3A SW Victoria Regional Meeting**

At the last meeting the Secretary agreed to investigate grants available via U3A Network Victoria - viz. Device Loan and Connectivity Grant and Open Online Courses and Activities Fee Grant.

Information had been sent to Committee members but the general responses from several members was that the grants on offer don't really seem appropriate to our current activities and we really don't have the membership that would be interested in participating in the courses available.

## 7. **General Business**

### 7.1 **Participate & Connect Community Expo**

The President had suggested that we have an information booth at the Participate & Connect Community **Expo** on the exhibition day Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the Theatre Royal, Camperdown.

It was agreed to proceed with a booking for this event with a U3A booth set up along similar lines to our participation at the Noorat Show.

### 7.2 **Special Events organised Pre-Covid**

Anne O'Brien asked if it might be possible to resurrect the events that Karen Richardon had organised early in 2020 but had to be cancelled due to COVID. Anne indicated she would be prepared to follow up on these events and the Secretary agreed to send the information through to her.

### 7.3 **Let's Do Coffee and Books @ Cobden**

As the attendance at the Let's do Coffee and Books activity at Cobden has fallen away with only two members plus the coordinator in recent times, the Committee has agreed that this activity should be suspended for the remainder of the year with the hope that it might be feasible to recommence in 2022 after we see the level of interest in this activity at the next main enrolment session. The Secretary will write to the coordinator to advise this action.

### 7.4 **Comment on recent Tea & Tour for Ten**

It was mentioned that at the recent Tea and Tour for Ten event at the Mt Elephant Hotel, it had been disappointing to see the very substantial afternoon tea arriving @ 1.30pm at the start of proceedings and too early as most members present had only finished lunch an hour earlier. Perhaps in future this could be avoided.

### 7.5 **Potential future Committee member**

U3A Member Maureen O'Connor had several weeks ago indicated a desire to join as a Committee member. However, due to an accident sustained by her partner who is in rehabilitation, she has had to put this on hold for the time being but is still keen to join as a Committee member at some stage in the future.

**7.6 IT Programs for Seniors**

Don McInnes mentioned that he had heard that there could be Federal Government funding available via local government to assist seniors with improvements in IT skills. It was noted to investigate this further and obtain more information before the next meeting.

**7.7 U3A Entry in the Lismore News**

Following a recent request (and a copy of the Lismore News provided by U3A member Judith Sarto) to give more exposure of U3A Corangamite in the Lismore/Derinallum area, it was agreed to investigate if we could place a regular community advert for U3A in this newsletter.

**7.8 Non-member resident at Cobdenhealth**

The Treasurer advised that a non-member who is a permanent resident at *Cobdenhealth* had expressed a wish to attend the U3A scrabble activity. The Committee agreed that the person could attend for one session but then membership will be required to attend more sessions. However, it was agreed that as it is now mid-year, the membership fee for this person for 2021 will only be \$15.

**7.9 Next U3A Committee Meeting**

The next U3A Committee Meeting is scheduled for 11am on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @ the Ball & Chain Hotel in Simpson immediately preceding the U3A mid-year lunch.

Meeting closed at Noon