

MINUTES OF U3A CORANGAMITE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting 4/2021 held on Tuesday 20th April 2021
@ 11.00AM at 5 Errey Street, Camperdown

Meeting opened at 11.00am

1. Present

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

2. Apologies

Dominique Fowler

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Committee meeting 3/2021 held on 9th March 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.

5. Treasurer's Report

The U3A Corangamite financial statement for the month ending 31st March 2021 had been attached to the agenda.

It was noted that 132 members are currently enrolled for 2021 with 6 new members this year and 68 members submitted their membership form online. There are 98 females and 34 males.

The Secretary advised that after the last Committee meeting, all 2020 members who had failed to submit an updated 2021 membership form have now had their e-mail address removed from the e-mail database and will no longer receive information.

In relation to the gold coin donation at Friday Forum and Travel Tales, it was noted that Marilyn Kimber has set up a spread-sheet showing receipt of donations; this will be presented to the Treasurer at the end of the year for audit purposes.

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

6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

6.1 Succession Planning

At the last meeting it was agreed that for U3A Corangamite '*going forward*' the Committee should begin to look at the issue of succession in Committee positions within U3A Corangamite. After general discussion, the Secretary agreed to prepare a discussion paper with more detail on the issue for further consideration at the next Committee meeting.

6.2 U3A Activities for May & early June

Tea and Tour for Ten

Friday 14th May @ 1.30pm

Mt Elephant Hotel in Derrinallum

Cost \$10 covers the talk by new owner John Northey - ex AFL player & coach.

John will talk about his football career and his journey with the hotel.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Bookings by Monday 10th May to Marilyn on 0437 584 998 or mazz060253@gmail.com

Friday Forum

Friday 21st May @ 1.30pm, Cobden Senior Citizens Centre

Presenter: David Jellie - "*Decent People*"

Afternoon Tea provided. Voluntary gold coin donation

Bookings by Monday 17th May to Eve Black on 5592 5333

Let's Go to the Movies

Thursday 27th May, Colac Cinema. Movie & Time TBC

Expressions of interest to Gary on 0439 079 098 by Friday 14th May

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

Travel Tales

Friday 28th May @ 1.30pm, Cobden Senior Citizens Centre.

Presenter: Michael Broomhall - "*Sri Lanka and the Maldives*"

Afternoon tea provided. Voluntary gold coin donation.

Bookings by Monday 24th May to Marilyn on 0437 584 998 or mazz060253@gmail.com

Let's Do Lunch

Wednesday 12th May @ 12.30 pm

The Old Noorat Bakery, 10 McKinnons Bridge Road, Noorat (in service road opposite Primary School)

Set cost of \$15 provides a BBQ, sweets, tea and coffee.

Our host will give a talk about the history of the bakery. There will also be entertainment from a guest piano man from Sydney.

Bookings by Friday 9th May to Gary on 0439 079 098

Bike Ride

Wednesday 5th May @ 10.30am.

Start at Timboon Trestle Bridge, ride, ice cream and return to Trestle Bridge

Bookings by Friday 30th April to Helen on 0409 438 044

Car Rally

Sunday 6th June

U3A member, Terry Brain has been very busy planning and preparing a real fun activity. Cost will be \$5 per car. Final times etc. will be revealed in the next member Newsletter. We will end up at a place for lunch (own cost).

7. General Business

7.1 U-MAS Membership Management System

It was noted that Barb Cowley, the U3A Corangamite Web Administrator, had recently been involved in meetings with U3A Network Victoria about its U-MAS system that provides a wide range of features including management of courses, generating reports and emailing members and course participants. The Committee considered if it wished to investigate this system further.

The Secretary advised that he had reservations about applying this system to U3A Corangamite membership and activities enrolment. The system, which was fairly complex, had been developed mainly to assist larger U3As in metropolitan Victoria, some of whom had large (~1,000) memberships. Given our own enrolment exercise of recent years, and 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. This view was supported by the Treasurer.

The President agreed to speak with Barb Cowley and relay the views of the Committee.

7.2 CFA Community Home Fire Safety and Prevention Program

The Committee 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. Groups such as senior citizens, Probus, Rotary, Carers groups, Men's shed, disability groups and Lions are being targeted to see if they might be interested in having someone come and talk to their group about this topic.

The Committee felt that although the offer was really worthy of merit, there were limitations for us to arrange this as an individual organisation. As groups such as Probus, Rotary, Lions, senior citizens, carers groups, men's shed, disability groups and so on are being targeted, the Committee believed that a better way to approach this issue could be to contact the Corangamite Shire directly who is probably better placed to pull all these various organisations together into one session to offer this information across the Shire.

NOTE: After the meeting the Secretary e-mailed the Committee's concerns to liaison person Adrienne Anson at the Warrnambool Fire Brigade.

7.3 U3A SW Victoria Regional Meeting

The Secretary provided members with a brief report on the Zoom meeting of U3As from South West Victoria that he participated in recently. It was more of a "chat-fest" but one issue that he mentioned which members noted was the availability of two network grants, viz. **Device Loan and Connectivity Grant** and **Open Online Courses and Activities Fee Grant**, closing date of 20th May.

The Secretary agreed to investigate these two grants further and will advise Committee members accordingly in due course.

7.4 Other issues discussed at the Meeting

- ✚ World MS Day – Sunday 30th May. A special event to be arranged for Shire Deputy Major, Jo Beard, to give a speak to members on multiple sclerosis and her own personal journey as someone with MS. A venue needs to be arranged, possibly Cobden Senior Citizens Centre or Camperdown Show-grounds. Anne O’Brien to check out the availability and cost of the latter.
- ✚ Don McInnes asked if information could be circulated to members about the availability and the use of the *BeConnected* App.

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/>

Be Connected is an Australia wide initiative empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world. We have online learning resources as well as a Network of community partners - the Be Connected Network - who offer support so you can develop your digital skills and confidence. Find a local place for friendly help and advice, or join the Network to help others.

This information had been circulated in a members’ newsletter last year and given the concerns from Anne Corbin about her own IT-accessibility and use, it was timely to give the details to members once again.

- ✚ Anne O’Brien asked if some thought could be given to changing the normal Wednesday position for Let’s Do Lunch to another day or perhaps changing it to another day every second month. The President advised that he will take this request on board and look at the calendar for future months.
- ✚ Other possible activities proposed for the future
 - ✓ A progressive lunch – 3 separate venues, either at members’ homes or 3 outdoor & café venues. (Progressive dinner is not an option as it would be at night)
 - ✓ Cooking classes – Liz Patterson had given tacit approval last year that she would be prepared to do another session – to be arranged later in the year
 - ✓ Opera Group – David to consider and arrange for later the year
 - ✓ Art with Marg Moloney – to be arranged for later in the year

7.5 Next U3A Committee Meeting

The next U3A Committee Meeting is scheduled for 11am on Tuesday 18th May 2021 @ 5 Errey Street, Camperdown.

Meeting closed at 12.05pm