

MINUTES OF U3A CORANGAMITE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of Meeting 6/2021 held on Tuesday 16th June 2021
@ 11am at The Ball & Chain Hotel, Simpson**

Meeting opened at 11.00am

1. Present

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

Observers: Maureen O'Connor, Doreen Coverdale, Claude Castaldo, Bruce Kirk

2. Apologies

Helen James

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Committee meeting 5/2021 held on 18th May 2021 had been circulated previously to Committee members.

Moved: Dominique Fowler; Seconded: Don McInnes *Carried*

4. Correspondence

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

At the last meeting, in relation to a particular correspondence item, there had been discussion about funding that might be available via the Corangamite Shire for new scrabble and mah-jong sets with the aim of establishing a new scrabble and mah-jong group in Terang. The President advised that an application via the Shire's Quick Response Grant scheme is to be submitted in the coming week.

5. Treasurer's Report

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

It was noted that the annual membership fee payment of \$264 had been made to U3A Network Victoria.

The Treasure advised that there were now 135 members with three new ones since the figures submitted to U3A Network Victoria. The membership fee for the new members for the remainder of 2021 will be \$15.

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

6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

6.1 Succession Planning

It was noted that in the June newsletter, the President had written a paragraph on the issue of succession planning including an invitation had been made to members to attend this Committee meeting as an observer. Several members had taken up this offer (See item 1).

It was agreed that further discussion on this item will be held over until the next Committee meeting and at that time a decision will be made as to how to proceed with taking the issue to members for their input at a special general meeting with a possible time- line of late August or early September.

6.2 U3A Activities for July

The following activities for July were noted by the Committee:

Tea and Tour for Ten

Commercial Hotel, Terang - "*The amazing journey of the Hotel*"

Monday 26th July @ 1.30pm

Cost \$10 includes afternoon tea

"What's a School Principal doing running a Pub? Did ladies have a big say in its origins? How has this community pub survived during the pandemic and what will its future be in the town? A visit around all parts of the hotel is included"

Bookings to Marilyn 0437 584 998 or mazz060253@gmail.com by

Wednesday 21st July

Friday Forum

Bob Lamble - *Historic Buildings of Camperdown*

Friday 16th July @1.30pm, Cobden Senior Citizens' Centre

Afternoon tea provided. Gold Coin donation

Bookings to Eve Black on 5592 5333 by Monday 12th July

Let's Go to the Movies

Thursday 22nd July @ Colac Cinema

Movie, Lunch and times tbc.

Expressions of interest to Gary on 0439 079 098 by Monday 12th July

Gary will liaise with the Cinema and contact those interested informing them of the movie, lunch and times

Travel Tales

Friday 23rd July 23 @1.30, Cobden Senior Citizen's Centre

Fred Wheaton - *East Africa including Victoria falls and the big game reserves of Tanzania and Kenya.*

Afternoon tea provided. Gold Coin donation

Bookings to Marilyn on 0437 584 998 or mazz060253@gmail.com by

Monday 19th July

Let's Do Lunch - Thursday 15th July

Red Robin Cafe, Manifold Street, Camperdown (next to the Camperdown Nursery & Market)

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

A Hike rather than a Bike Ride

Wednesday 7th July @ 10.30am

This month will be a hike up Mt Noorat rather than a bike ride - meet at the base of the walking track

Bookings to Helen on 0409 438 044 by Friday 2nd July

6.3 Participate & Connect Community Expo

It was noted that due to the COVID lockdown, this event had been postponed indefinitely.

6.4 Special Events organised Pre Covid

Anne O'Brien advised she is still making enquires but nothing to report at this stage.

6.5 Let's Do Coffee and Books @ Cobden

The Secretary advised that he has written to the coordinator of Let's Do Coffee and Books @ Cobden and advised that as the attendance at this activity 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 the Committee can observe the level of interest in this activity at the next main enrolment session.

6.6 IT Programs for Seniors

At the last meeting it was noted 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.

The Secretary advised that after research and discussion with the Corangamite Shire he has been unable to locate any details on this issue.

6.7 U3A Entry in the Lismore News & Derrinallum News and Natter

At the last meeting it was noted that U3A member Judith Sarto had indicated that community adverts were free in the Lismore News & Derrinallum News and Natter. The Secretary had followed up on this matter but had been advised that this is not the case and we will need to pay if we wish to advertise in these two publications which are produced fortnight - LN one week and then Derri N&N the following week The rates are -

Lismore News - for a one off - ¼ page \$12.00; 1/3 page \$15.00; ½ page 25.00
Derrinallum News & Natter - for a one off: small \$7.50; ¼ page 12.50; ½ page 20.00; full page \$30.

Following discussion, it was agreed to proceed with a half-page advert in both publications for one month at a total cost of \$90 which hopefully will generate new members in the area.

The Secretary indicated he will design the copy for the advert and distribute to Committee members for comment before taking it further with the publication personnel in Lismore and Derrinallum.

7. General Business

7.1 Venues and new future activities

There was extensive discussion about issues with venues, existing and potential, and possible new activities.

Venues

- ✚ Cobdenhealth had been locked down so no activities could be held at that venue in the last two weeks. However, it has now indicated that the venue can be used again providing entry is via main door with temperature checks and recording of contact details. As far as scrabble that would normally be held at Cobdenhealth on Monday 21st June, arrangements had already been put in place for the session to be transferred as a one-off at the Commercial Hotel in Terang.
- ✚ Cobden Golf Club - now closed on Monday and Tuesday so there is a need to arrange an alternative venue for Appy Hours. Don McInnes is to follow up.
- ✚ The Uniting Church in Cobden was suggested as a possible venue for future use for activities.

Activities

The following activities were suggested by some Committee members.

- ✚ Mindfulness: Maureen O'Connor owns and operates Willowglen Retreat Meditation Centre in Scott's Creek - willowglen@bigpond.com - and indicated she would be willing to offer mindfulness as a future activity for members possibly weekly from August and on a Thursday afternoon from 2-3pm. Maureen was asked if she could put something together in more detail for the Committee to consider and forward details to the Secretary on u3acorangamite@gmail.com.
- ✚ Warrnambool Wildlife Encounters in Cudjee (0488 927 220) - a possible special trip - a fully-guided tour that includes up close and personal experiences with the Australian wildlife who call the site home and plenty of information about the animals and conservation is shared.
- ✚ Cooking classes: cannot be held at present due to COVID but Marilyn Kimber is in regular contact with Lizzie Patterson about further classes when permitted.
- ✚ Gliding encounters - one out of left field as suggested by a member! Offered by Grampians Soaring Club, Ararat. Cost: \$170 (low, 20 mins) - \$400 (high, 45 mins) <http://www.grampianssoaring.club>.

It was agreed to insert in the next newsletter a request for members to think about any activities they would like to be offered and to forward their ideas to the Secretary on u3acorangamite@gmail.com.

7.2 Car Rally

The President reported that the Car Rally had been a great success and special thanks was given to Terry Brain for organising the rally which could possibly turn into an annual event.

7.3 VMIA Certificates

The Secretary advised that the Victorian Management Insurance Authority (VMIA) Certificates of Currency for 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 had been received. The policies are funded directly by the Victorian Government (via U3A Network Victoria), and provides us with a range of general insurance cover for our activities.

7.4 New Committee Member

Maureen O'Connor indicated that she would be agreeable to accepting the vacant position of Committee member and this proposal was duly endorsed. There is now a full complement of ten Committee members.

7.5 Next U3A Committee Meeting

The next U3A Committee Meeting is scheduled for 11am on Tuesday 20th July 2021 @ 5 Errey Street, Camperdown

It was noted that as several members are taking leave during July and August, the July meeting will be held but that there will be no Committee meeting in August.

Meeting closed at Noon