

MINUTES OF U3A CORANGAMITE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of Meeting 9/2021 held on Tuesday 19th October 2021
@ 1.30pm at Old Gym, Cobdenhealth**

Meeting opened at 1.30pm

1. Present

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

2. Apologies

Helen James, Anne O'Brien, Maureen O'Connor

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Committee meeting 8/2021 held on 21st September 2021 had been circulated previously to Committee members.

Moved: David Mernagh; 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 30th September 2021 had been attached to the agenda.

The Treasurer advised that:

- ✚ \$300 has been received from the distribution to U3As in the SW Victoria Regions

- ✚ to date there has been 37 membership re-enrolments

- ✚ the amount for Gold Coin donations in the financial report is now \$27.87

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

6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

6.1 U3A Future Activities

The following activities were noted – *full details of each are provided in the November Newsletter.*

Tea and Tour for Ten (\$10)

Dalvui Homestead Garden Ramble and Outside Afternoon Tea

Friday 5th November @ 1.30pm

Friday Forum

Friday 19th November @ 1.30pm, Cobden Senior Citizen's Centre

Carolyn Warnaminde - Carolyn worked as a nurse in Papua New Guinea in Ophthalmic Surgery

Travel Tales

Friday 26th November @ 1.30pm, Cobden Senior Citizen's Centre

Mary and Merv Holloway - Mary and Merv visited British Columbia, Canada and Alaska in 2008 for 6 weeks

Let's Do Lunch - End of Year Lunch

Sully's Bistro - Cobden Golf Club, Neylon Street, Cobden

Friday 12th November @ 12.30pm.

\$30 for a 2-course meal. (Set meal with alternate placings)

Bike Ride

Wednesday 3rd November @ 10.30am. Meet @ Trestle Bridge then to Timboon for a snack & then return.

Hike

Wednesday 10th November @ 10.30am. Meet at Noorat opposite The Shed Shop for a 4km loop around historic markers.

Tea and Tour for Ten (\$10)

Tour of the Commercial Hotel, Terang

Tuesday 30th November @ 2.30pm.

Take a tour around this historic hotel with all its secret spots and entertainment areas.

Scrabble/Mahjong @ Terang

TBC, subject to the easing of COVID restrictions

Thursday 25th November @ 1.30pm, Commercial Hotel, Terang

Mini Golf

Cobden Mini Golf Course, 29 Grayland Street, Cobden

11th and 25th November @ 10.00am

Cost: \$6 includes morning tea.

Appy Hours

Now at *Cobdenhealth*

9th and 23rd November @ 10.00am

It was noted that 3 activities will continue into December:

- Current Affairs @ Cobdenhealth
- Scrabble @ Cobdenhealth (Week1)
- Mah-jong @ Timboon and Cobden

6.2 Future Planning

The Future Planning forum is to be held on Thursday 28th October @1.30pm, Cobden Seniors Citizens Centre. The Committee had been presented with a copy of the Powerpoint presentation to be used at the forum and no changes were requested.

6.3 Vaccination question on 2022 Membership Form

This item had been carried forward from last meeting when it had been agreed that a statement on vaccination status should be included on the 2022 Membership Form to ask if the member has had both COVID vaccinations and requesting him/her to give a YES/NO answer.

However, subsequent to the meeting, an objection had been lodged by a member of the Committee who was not at the meeting and it was agreed not to proceed with the above statement but to have it discussed further at the October meeting.

There was fierce discussion on this issue and the pros and cons and rights of individuals, both volunteers and members, was debated at some length.

In the end it was decided that:

- ✚ the following statement is to be included on the 2022 Membership Form and placed in the November members' newsletter:

Membership of U3A Corangamite is provided under the terms and conditions that a member not attend any U3A Corangamite face-to-face activity unless they are fully vaccinated against Covid19 as defined by the Governments of Australia (unless you have proof of a medical exemption);

- ✚ members that have already submitted a 2022 Membership Form are to be asked to forward proof of their double vaccination to the Treasurer;
- ✚ new 2022 Membership Cards are to be printed which will include a green box that will be ticked by the Secretary who will confirm proof of vaccination on advice from the Treasurer;
- ✚ U3A Corangamite should obtain its own QR Code for use at venues that are held outdoors or in private homes, e.g. Singing, Bike & Hike, Coffee & Books, China Painting or if a venue does not have its own QR Code – Don McInnes agreed to follow-up.

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

Copies of the Lismore News and Derrinallum News and Natter in which an advert was placed recently have been received by the Treasurer.

6.5 Scrabble and Mah-jong in Terang @ Commercial Hotel

Due to COVID, a start date for these activities still has been confirmed but hopefully it will be Thursday 25th November.

6.6 End of Year U3A Corangamite Lunch

Due to the likely easing of restrictions by the date of the End of Year Lunch at *Sully's Bistro* on Friday 12th November@ 12.30pm, this event will proceed with a maximum limit of 40 persons; picnics will not be necessary.

6.7 2022 Courses

Committee members were each allocated the task of contacting current Course Coordinators to see if they will continue in 2022.

The following new activities were suggested for 2022:

- Mindful Monday
- Fishing

- Bird-watching
- Wine Appreciation
- Ancestry
- Use of Defibrillators

Members were asked that for the next Committee meeting to think of any other activities for 2022.

6.8 U3A Corangamite Committee for 2022

Members were asked to consider their continuation on the Committee in 2022 and to indicate their position at the next Committee meeting.

7. General Business

7.1 Technology Issues Session for Members

There was lengthy discussion on how members might be able to show their vaccination status when attending events. It was noted that many members have difficulty with the Services Vic App and being able to coordinate the download of their COVID-19 Digital Vaccination Certificate from the myGov website.

Accordingly, it was agreed to arrange a special session on Tuesday 26th October @ 10.00am at Cobdenhealth for members who might require some assistance with downloading their vaccination certificate to their phone and any other associated technology issues.

7.2 Vale, Alma MacDonald

The Committee noted the recent passing of U3A member Alma MacDonald of Cobden. The President indicated he will send a sympathy card on behalf of the Committee.

7.3 Next U3A Committee Meeting

The next scheduled U3A Committee Meeting will be 11am on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at Cobdenhealth

Meeting closed at 3.15pm