

MINUTES OF U3A CORANGAMITE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of Meeting 11/2021 held on Tuesday 14th December 2021
@ 11.00am at Old Gym, Cobdenhealth**

Meeting opened at 11.00am

1. Present

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

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Committee meeting 10/2021 held on 16th November 2021 had been circulated previously to Committee members.

Moved: Don McInnes; Seconded: Dominique Fowler *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 November 2021 had been attached to the agenda.

The Treasurer advised that to date there has been 103 membership enrolments of which all bar one have sent proof of full vaccination.

Moved: Linda Castaldo; Seconded: Maureen O'Connor *Carried*

6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

6.1 Future Planning

U3A Corangamite members had been asked to provide by Friday 10th December any comments on the issues and recommendations raised in the Future Planning session. However, the Secretary advised that no comments have been received.

It was agreed that the recommendations from the Future Planning session will be revisited by the new Committee at the meeting in February and any recommendations requiring action will be addressed at that meeting.

6.2 U3A Corangamite Inc. Constitution

A draft document, centred upon one prepared by U3A Network Victoria and used by many other U3As, had been tabled at the last meeting and members had been asked to read and consider the document.

A few minor issues were raised and it was agreed to formally accept the proposed draft U3A Corangamite Constitution document but to deal with any specific concerns within the document at the next Committee meeting.

Moved: Don McInnes; seconded Dominique Fowler *Carried*

6.3 New U3A Corangamite Flyer and Membership Card

Copies of each had been attached to the agenda. The Secretary advised that the cards and flyers are currently being printed by Star Printing.

The President indicated that along with the new membership card, we should also provide another Medical Card to members. It has been 3 years since the last one was distributed to members and the medical condition of many members could have changed during this period.

6.4 U3A Corangamite Activities for 2022

A list of new activities for February and March 2022 had been included in the in the agenda and these will be included in the course/activity enrolment newsletter.

An additional activity was tabled:

- Bird Watching, Wednesday 16th February 2022 @ 9.30am at Lake Purrumbete. Full details will be included with course enrolment information.

The following additional potential activities for 2022 were noted to add to the ones mentioned at the last meeting. Some of these had emerged from a review of the comments on the membership form under *“Skills/interests you could share with others”*

- Creative Memories
Contact: Carmel Onderwater 0439 609 931 carmel.underwater@bigpond.com
Carmel holds sessions in the Timboon Hall on a monthly basis, cost \$10 that usually runs from 10:00am- 3:00pm. She is keen for the contact.
- Wood Carving - Ian McConnell - President to discuss with Ian and venue could be an issue.
- Lynette Robertson and Delia's Dahlias - Secretary to speak with Lynette
- Olaf Smith and Russian History - President to speak with EveBlack about a possible topic for Friday Forum.
- U3A Trip - Sue McInnes to investigate the costs for an outing in early 2022 to Warrnambool Wildlife Encounters in Cudgee.
- Tai Chi for Arthritis - a Tai Chi teacher in Timboon is interested in offering this with U3A and has indicated she will discuss this with Maureen O'Connor early next year.

6.5 U3A Corangamite Committee for 2022

Nine nominations for positions on the 2022 Committee have been received to date: one for Treasurer, one for Secretary and seven for Committee members but no nominations as yet for President or Vice-President.

6.6 Annual General Meeting

The Treasurer indicated she has been in contact with Colin Hayman to ask him to carry out the audit of the 2021 U3A Corangamite financial accounts by mid-January in time for the AGM.

In relation to *Helloworld* that has been a financial sponsor in the past, it was agreed that as the travel industry has been hit hard in 2020 and 2021, for 2022, the *Helloworld* logo will be retained in the newsletter with a comment to encourage members to use the agency as travel begins again.

Secretary's Note: subsequent to the meeting the President has advised that he has spoken to Corangamite Mayor Cr Ruth Gstrein who has indicated she will be willing to attend the AGM to act as the Returning Officer for the election of members to the Committee and similarly Ken Black, Bendigo Bank Manager has agreed to attend to give a brief talk. He has also spoken to Kim at Helloworld and advised we will be keeping the logo in our newsletter in 2022.

7. General Business

7.1 February 2022 Newsletter

It was noted that the February 2022 newsletter will be sent to members in early January and will contain all information needed for 2022 enrolment and for the AGM on 28th January.

In relation to the newsletter, it was suggested that for the information of members we include a link to Be Connected and U3A On-line be included and for *What's on This Week* that is distributed weekly via e-mail and Facebook, in 2022 the contact details of the coordinator for each activity is also given.

7.2 U3A Network Victoria - Update Terms and Conditions

With the agenda papers, members had been e-mailed a PDF giving the *Updated Terms and Conditions for U3A Network Membership*.

It was noted that in this document, all U3As are to nominate a delegate who is the designated person to present motions, speak and vote on behalf of the U3A at meetings of the Members Council including the Annual General Meeting of the Network and at any other formally constituted meeting of the Network membership.

The Secretary indicated that currently the President has this role but given the uncertainty with the President's position for next year, the Secretary agreed put his name forward to U3A Network Victoria to be the delegate for U3A Corangamite.

7.3 Next U3A Committee Meeting

The next scheduled U3A Committee Meeting will be 11.00am on Tuesday 18th January 2022 @ Old Gym Cobdenhealth

Meeting closed at 11.55am