



MINUTES OF U3A CORANGAMITE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of Meeting 6/2022 held on Tuesday 21st June 2022
@ Mt Noorat**

Meeting opened at 10.30am

1. Present

Eve Black, David Mernagh, Gary Kimber, Sue McInnes, Helen James

2. Apologies

Linda Castaldo, Dominique Fowler, Dallas Petrie, Heather Petrie,
Maureen O'Connor

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Committee meeting 5/2022 held on 17th May 2022 had been circulated previously to Committee members.

Moved: Gary Kimber; seconded: Sue 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 May 2022 had been attached to the agenda.

Moved: David Mernagh; seconded: Gay Kimber *Carried*

6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

6.1 U3A Corangamite Activities for July

Let's Do Lunch

Elephant Bridge Hotel, Darlington

Friday 22nd July @ 12.30pm

Bookings to Gary Kimber on 0439 079 098 or gazzmazz3@gmail.com by Monday 18th July

Movie Matinee

Thursday 21st July @ 12.00noon at the Commercial Hotel, Terang

Includes lunch for \$5

Bookings to Gary Kimber on 0439 079 098 or gazzmazz3@gmail.com by Monday 18th July. This month's movie is *The Hurt Locker* an Iraq war thriller starring Guy Pearce and Ralph Fiennes.

It was noted that in July:

✚ there will be no bike ride or hike;

✚ there will be no Travel Tales, Tea & Tour for Ten or Friday Forum; and

✚ Current Affairs will be in recess and will recommence in September.

In addition:

- ✚ indoor bowls @ Cobrico on Monday 27th June has been cancelled due to lack of interest; and
- ✚ there will be a change of venue for the Mid-Year Lunch on Wednesday 29th June from the Ball & Chain Hotel in Simpson. Gary Kimber will advise the Secretary on the new venue before the weekly bulletin is sent out to members on the weekend.

6.2 **Communication Issues**

It was noted that a letter had been sent from the Secretary to the Presidents/Secretaries of Probus and Senior Citizens groups in Camperdown, Cobden, Terang and Timboon about the establishment of regular communication with U3A in relation to their proposed activities throughout the year.

The Secretary advised that responses have received from several of the 8 groups and overall, the feedback to our letter has been a positive one.

6.3 **Members with no email address**

This issue was discussed at the last meeting where it had been decided:

- ✚ to ask Western District Newspapers about having an appropriate number of double-sided newsletters prepared each month
- ✚ to ask the Secretary to approach the libraries in the Shire to ask if it might be OK for a copy of the newsletter be placed in the library each month for members without an e-mail to consult or to assist members with downloading the newsletter from the U3A Corangamite website;
- ✚ when the Committee discusses the membership fee for 2023 later in the year, to consider if an additional \$5 fee be charged for those members without an e-mail address

The Secretary advised that the cost involved in producing 10 copies of the June newsletter for mail-out was \$25 for photocopying through Western District Newspapers, and \$11 for postage.

The Secretary also advised that he still has to speak to the Shire Libraries about having a copy of the newsletter retained in the library for members to access and read.

In discussion another option presented was to simply ask those non-email members to contribute in some way e.g. perhaps with a book of stamps.

It was agreed to revisit this complex issue at a later meeting when the membership fees for 2023 will be set.

7. **General Business**

7.1 **Appointment of a Welfare Person**

At the last meeting it had been suggested that a welfare person be assigned who will be the contact person for the membership. The role of the welfare person is to keep in touch with sick or bereaved members or those members feeling isolated or lonely or who may be in need of moral support or physical help. The officer might send cards with appropriate messages and advise the Committee if support is needed. A person's wellbeing can be bolstered by the help they receive in time of need.

Following discussion Gary Kimber agreed to take on this role and this proposal was endorsed by the Committee members present. Information about this and contact details will be included in the July newsletter.

7.2 U3A Network Victoria: Succession Planning Workshops

As a result of the tremendous response received from U3A Network to our Future Planning event, the Secretary gave a brief report on his participation in a series of Succession Planning Workshops held by U3A Network Victoria being delivered to U3As across Victoria.

7.3 Items of General Interest

- ✚ A letter and nomination/information form has been received from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing informing us that nominations are now open for 2022 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

Secretary's Note: A copy of the letter will be included in the newsletter in case a member wishes to nominate someone and members will be asked to contact the Secretary if they wish to have the nomination/information form sent out to them. Closing date is 15th July.

- ✚ The Secretary mentioned he had come across an item relating to Round 2 of the *Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Fund* that is now open. This fund allocates small grants for educational projects in the Dundonnell region down as far as the northern part of the Corangamite Shire but it appears that U3A Corangamite does not fit the criteria for these grants.

7.4 Next U3A Committee Meeting

At the May meeting, the Committee decided not to hold a meeting in July. Any urgent issues that arise will be dealt with by the Secretary via e-mail with Committee members.

The next meeting will therefore be on **Tuesday 16th August @ 10.30am at Mt Noorat.**

Meeting closed at 11.15am