



## U3A UPDATES – EMAIL OF DECEMBER 2020

### Here are some important updates for members:

The full list of courses being offered in 2021 is available on U3A's website - [www.u3aipswich.org.au](http://www.u3aipswich.org.au). Any questions, to register for a class, or to contact a tutor please email our Tutor Coordinator Amanda Schloss at [tutors@u3aipswich.org.au](mailto:tutors@u3aipswich.org.au). If a course is not included in the list it has either been discontinued, postponed or the tutor has not yet confirmed resumption.

Some highlights however: new classes include Learning Bridge; Tai Chi on Thursdays; Singalong choir group; origami; book club; books and authors; Zumba and more.

### Membership renewal

A reminder to renew your membership for the 2021 membership year which runs from January 1 to December 31. The membership fee for renewing members is only \$45 in recognition of our COVID trials and tribulations.

Membership renewal forms can be downloaded from our website, [www.u3aipswich.org.au](http://www.u3aipswich.org.au) or you can email [membership@u3aipswich.org.au](mailto:membership@u3aipswich.org.au) and a membership form will be sent to you. Please keep in mind that U3A's offices at 25 Eileen Street, Booval, are closed until January 25, 2021.

**Open Day next year** is on Tuesday, January 19 from 9am to 11am. Tutors are asked to attend. Tutors who cannot accept new registrations for their classes next year need not attend but are asked to let tutor coordinator Amanda Schloss know.

Open Day 2021 is primarily for new members, not current members re-enrolling. This is because we will still be operating under COVID restrictions and given the number of tutors and volunteers required on the day we will not have the capacity to include current members. Current members who want to sign up for classes they are currently enrolled in and classes they wish to attend, should do that by emailing tutor coordinator Amanda Schloss ([tutors@u3aipswich.org.au](mailto:tutors@u3aipswich.org.au)) who will then advise the tutor who will confirm with you.

The primary purpose of Open Day 2021 is to welcome new members. Analysis of Open Day 2020 showed us that almost half of new members attending learned of U3A's Open Day by word of mouth. So please start spreading the word with your friends, neighbours, acquaintances – it could be the nicest thing you do for them!

In our last email we advised on additions to the **Management Committee**. Unfortunately, Sandra Harvey has had to resign so we are again asking members with some administration background to join the committee and take on the role of treasurer. Our MYOB system is user friendly and our acting treasurer Karen Doolan will provide a comprehensive induction and training session so you will not be thrown into the deep end.

Lorraine Owens and Steve Marriott attended our last Management Committee meeting and have agreed to join the committee until the AGM when all positions are declared vacant.

We are hopeful of attracting onto the committee at least another two members so please give some serious thought to how you could help support U3A Ipswich next year.

**Nomination forms** for the Management Committee will be sent early next year as the **Annual General Meeting** has been set down for Friday, March 19, 2021. Proxy forms and the audited financial accounts of U3A Ipswich & West Moreton Inc will also then be available to download from our website and copies of the financial accounts will be available at the AGM.

As a result of recent amendments to the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 we need to update our constitution. Your Management Committee will review the current constitution and the new model rules (or constitution) and align those with the requirements of our specific organisation. The Management Committee will then recommend to members a revised constitution and members will vote on that under a special resolution at the AGM. The recommended constitution will be made available to members well before the AGM.

**Ipswich Libraries** recently made the unfortunate decision to delete foreign language audios from their shelves. This was brought to the attention of the Management Committee by a member. Under the signature of the President U3A Ipswich has now written to the Chief Librarian requesting that these audio resources be reinstated.

**May this Christmas end 2020 on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year. The Management Committee wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

*Ian, Karen, Robyn, Amanda, Yvonne, Norah, Lorraine, Steve.*

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