



Under the Queensland Government's COVID Safe Future Stage Five we have significantly greater capacity to increase attendance at all our classes and events. For example, up to 200 people can attend an indoor wedding and all may dance.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND 2021 FEES

In recognition of the disruption to our classes this year and the reduction of the 2020 membership year from 12 months to 11 months the Management Committee has determined that the membership fee for returning 2020 financial members will be reduced to \$45 for the full year. The fee for new members will remain at \$70 a person for the year. The Management Committee has agreed to this reduction after also taking into consideration budget projections of anticipated costs, anticipated re-enrolments and projected new membership.

U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting for the year ended September 30, 2020 will now be held at 9am on March 19 when all positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant. Nomination forms will be available from early in January. Positions declared vacant will be president, treasurer, secretary and seven committee members. You are encouraged to consider nominating or to nominate a friend who you believe would make a positive contribution to steering U3A Ipswich & West Moreton over the coming years. Further details of the AGM, nomination process and nomination forms will be sent out in the New Year.

OFFICE CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS

The Booval and Woodend campuses of U3A Ipswich & West Moreton will officially close for the Christmas break from December 11 to February 1, 2021, mirroring the school term. However, a number of classes may elect to continue over this period. Please check with your tutor or through tutors@u3aipswich.org.au to find out if your classes are continuing.

OPEN DAY

Open Day in 2021 will this time be limited to new members only. Open Day for new members will be on January 19, 2021 at 9am in the Fellowship Centre at U3A's Booval Campus. All tutors are asked to be there, membership forms will be available and membership fees will be accepted by direct deposit, cheque, cash and EFTPOS machine on site. Tutors will be sent more details later.

We will need a number of volunteers on the day to assist with set up, welcoming, payments, general assistance and pack up. Please let us know if you can help by emailing membership@u3aipswich.org.au or call the office at U3A House on 3282 7484. Volunteers at Open Day will be able to use that occasion to pay their 2021 membership fees.

INDUCTION DAY

Induction Day for all tutors and volunteers will be held on January 27, 2021 in the Main Hall of the Glebe Road Uniting Church, corner of Eileen Streets and Glebe Road in Booval. More information on this will be sent to all tutors and registered volunteers prior to the event.

CLASSES

Science tutor Maria Stevenson has proposed running two classes on Mondays at Woodend commencing in the first term of 2021.

Maria proposes that each class would be of just over one hour duration and that the first class of the day be for 'newcomers' and run from 9.30am to 10.45 am and that the second class, for 'continuing' students, would run from 11.00am to around 12.15pm.

Numbers will be determined by COVID regulations at the time but at this stage up to 20 could be accommodated. The tutor wishes to restrict numbers to that level.

Computers – Laurie Zaat will recommence his two-week classes for one session only this year, on November 30. 'Computers – Basic PC' will run from 10am to 12 noon in the new computer lab at

U3A House in Booval while his new class 'Apple to the Core' will run from 1pm to 3pm at U3A House on the same day. Both classes will recommence in 2021 on Mondays at the same times, 10am to 12 noon and 1pm to 3pm. New classes will commence every second Monday depending on demand.

Coming back next year. Philosophy with Eric Boel on Mondays at Woodend; German with Marianne King on Thursdays at U3A House in Booval; Mindfulness with Dianne Mead on Mondays at U3A House; Stitch Group with Mary Stenton on a day to be advised but at U3A

House; the Singalong Group with Sandra Kovac at a venue and day to be decided; and Origami with Lynette Duffy if there is enough interest.

Best wishes to you all from the Management Committee for a safe and enjoyable festive season break.

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