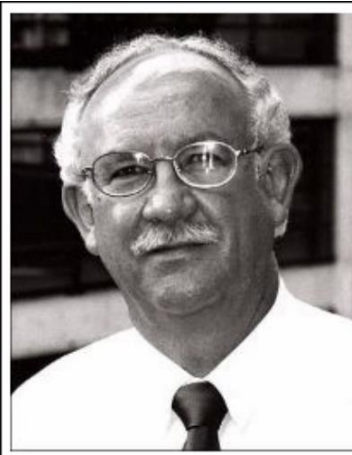




NEWSLETTER

20 January 2022



...from the President...

'May you live in interesting times' is an ancient Chinese curse. No doubt about it, we live in 'interesting times'.

Our Annual General Meeting is now scheduled for Friday, March 25 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall in Booval. Formal notification of the AGM will be sent to all members in the week commencing March 11, in conformity with our constitution. As is usual all positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant at the meeting.

Following the recent resignation of Jill Gibson from the Management Committee the committee consists of the following: Ian Muil, president; Robyn Hargreaves, secretary; Sue Mundt, treasurer; Amanda Schloss, tutor co-ordinator; Karen Doolan, membership officer; and Lorraine Owens.

Jill, who has offered to continue in her role as volunteer co-ordinator, has been offered part-time work from home so needed to create space for that.

The size of the current Management Committee means there is a considerable work-load on each member leading to priorities having to be taken on what initiatives we can continue and what we need drop. Ideally, a committee of 8 to 10 would mean a comfortable workload on each person and a raft of initiatives able to be undertaken.

Keep in mind also that our By Laws prohibit members of the executive (president, secretary and treasurer) from serving more than three years in a row and that means both Robyn and I will not be nominating at the 2023 AGM.

So this is a plea, a desperate plea, on behalf of the organisation – please consider nominating for the Management Committee at the 2022 AGM. The desired transition would be for a committee member to agree to be vice president for 2022 and for a committee member to understudy Robyn as secretary, ensuring a smooth handover next year.

Functions which are allocated by the Management Committee are vice president, tutor co-ordinator, volunteer co-ordinator, venues co-ordinator, membership officer, grants officer, and publicity & promotions officer.

Nomination forms will soon be sent to all members by our secretary. Please read through this bulletin as there are a number of important announcements we are making.

Stay well

***Ian Muil
President***

Delayed start to Term 1

Classes now officially commence on February 7, in line with new school terms announced by the Queensland Government. That decision by the government was to allow as many schoolchildren as possible to be double vaccinated before the start of the school term. Like many other U3As in Queensland we follow the school terms.

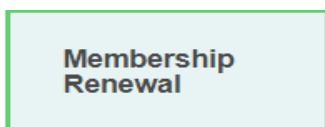
As has always been the case with school holiday classes tutors can continue to exercise their discretion whether to continue with their classes before the term officially starts. All health requirements must be met, masks indoor, and double vaccination is mandatory.

As a result of this the planned induction and orientation day for tutors and volunteers has been postponed until later in February 2022.

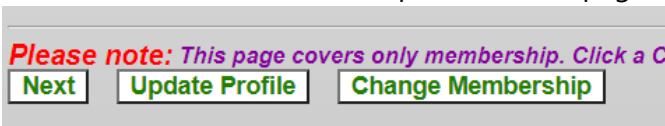
Notification of Vaccination Status

Double vaccination is now mandatory for U3A Ipswich & West Moreton members to attend face-to-face classes.

You can confirm your vaccination status via our website by following the steps:



You then enter the Membership Status 2022 page. Down the bottom CLICK ON "CHANGE MEMBERSHIP".



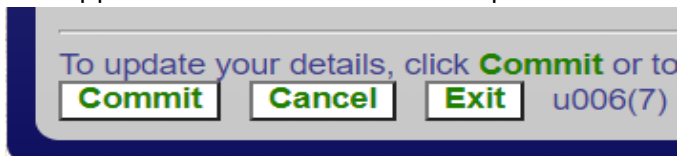
Then the Vaccination Status screen comes up & you CLICK the box that applies to you.



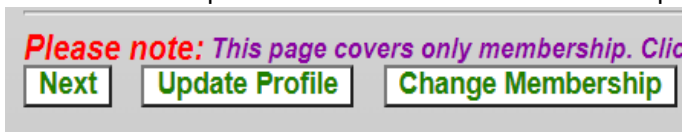
The following screen then appears where you must tick the box in regard to abiding by the Constitution etc. Then CLICK ON "PROCEED".



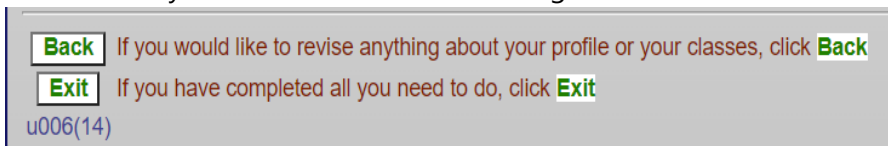
The Application Form screen comes up. Down the bottom CLICK ON "COMMIT".



The Membership Status 2022 screen then comes up again. Down the bottom CLICK ON "NEXT".



FINALLY the Member Summary 2022 screen comes up. Down the bottom CLICK ON "EXIT" to return to the website and you are finished. You do not get confirmation nor does your Membership Status page change.



This results in the list of students which tutors get having a tick against the name of the member who has confirmed they are not vaccinated.

All tutors will need to sight proof of vaccination at the first class attended. Members who are not vaccinated will not be allowed to attend face-to-face classes.

Your vaccination status remains confidential and cannot be viewed by any other member.

Update on classes

Please visit our website regularly to keep on top of class updates. For example: Lynette Duffy's Food Facts class is cancelled and her Origami class may be deferred; Leo van der Meer's Tai Chi class is postponed until we get back to a mask-free society; Maria Stevenson has postponed her 'Life, the Universe and Everything' class until Term 2. Australian History & Craft Dabblers Workshops will also be postponed until Term 2.

Renew membership to ensure class registration

If you have not yet paid your membership fees please do so before the start of term 1 (February 7). Only financial members can register for classes. You don't want to find that the class you have enjoyed and want to keep attending is now full and you have to be on a waiting list because you delayed payment of membership fees. Paying online is now super easy and of course you can pay by direct debit into our bank account or visit our office and one of our volunteers will help you. For direct deposit our bank details are: BSB – 633 000; Acct No – 158945501 and include your surname and initials.

The History of U3A Ipswich & West Moreton.

A number of people have already expressed their interest in being involved in this publication. The publication is to commemorate our 30th anniversary next year. We are aiming to have the book published during the year.

There is a lot of work ahead, too much for one person on this schedule but manageable and satisfying when the work is distributed intelligently.

To get the ball rolling we will form a Publications Sub-Committee which will identify, list and prioritise the research and other work that needs to be done. All members interested in being involved, or even just contributing thoughts and suggestions, are invited to the first meeting of the Sub-Committee on Wednesday, February 23 at 2pm at U3A House in Booval.

To let us know if you are able to attend please email president@u3aipswich.org.au or contact@u3aipswich.org.au.



Theatre night to remember

On Wednesday, March 9 2022 U3A Ipswich & West Moreton has a block booking for 'The Games People Play – A Season of One Act Plays', performed by the Ipswich Little Theatre Company at our wonderful and unique Incinerator Theatre in Queens Park.

However, we have only 40 tickets so it might be advisable to flag your interest in attending. There is no limit to how many tickets each individual can buy – so bring the family. The ticket price will include a light supper at interval and you will be able to enjoy a glass or two of wine on arrival as well as with your supper. Tea and coffee will also be served.

Ticket prices will include food but not alcohol. We will let you know very soon how much the tickets are. Payment is to be made by direct deposit to the U3A Ipswich bank account, after which you will need to notify the membership officer at membership@u3aipswich.org.au to secure your tickets. We also hope to run a raffle on the night.

The Management Committee

Ian Muil, President; Robyn Hargreaves, Secretary; Sue Mundt, Treasurer; Karen Doolan, Membership Officer; Amanda Schloss, Tutor Coordinator; Lorraine Owens

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