



N E W S L E T T E R

Dates for your 2023 diaries

This is a reminder that members can renew their membership online through our website, u3aipswich.org.au, any time from January 1, 2023. The membership fee is \$80 a year, that's less than 90c a month extra, but that covers you for all and any classes and courses you register for.

The Management Committee recognises that some members may prefer to pay their membership by cash so have arranged to open the U3A House office in Eileen Street, Booval early in January.

As change is not kept at U3A House we ask members to ensure they present the correct amount, \$80, on renewal.

The office will be open from 10am to 12 noon on the following dates: Thursday January 5, Friday January 6, Monday January 9, Wednesday January 11, and Friday January 13.

Open Day – January 17

We will soon be distributing flyers promoting Open Day so if you are able to help by placing some flyers in venues you visit (pharmacies, medical practices, shopping centres, neighbours) please pick up a pile when next you are visiting U3A House. If you have a suggestion for where flyers could be usefully dropped off please email us back.

Assisted Animals Policy

As tenants of Glebe Road Uniting Church we are bound by many of the facility policies, one of which covers animals being brought into premises. The GRUC is quite specific on that – only dogs which meet the requirements of Queensland's *Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act 2009* are permitted to enter any of the premises of GRUC.

However, following a recent request from a tutor the Management Committee recognised the need for U3A Ipswich & West Moreton to develop such a policy. Utilising policy templates from U3A Network and U3A Toowoomba, the U3A Ipswich & West Moreton Inc Policy for Assistance Animals has now been adopted by the Management Committee and is available for review on our website – u3aipswich.org.au.

In essence, the only dogs, animals, which are allowed to accompany their owners into premises utilised by U3A Ipswich & West Moreton, are guide, hearing or assistance dogs correctly registered,

properly trained and registered in accordance with Queensland's *Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act 2009*.

The policy covers all aspects of U3A Ipswich & West Moreton Inc.'s activities.
Please visit u3aipswich.org.au to read the full policy.

Members who acquire the need to rely on a guide, hearing or assistance dog must advise the Management Committee directly or through our Office Administration volunteers of their changed status and provide the necessary Handler's Identity Card.

Members attending classes and activities must advise the Tutor that they have a registered guide, hearing or assistant dog that will be with them at the class or activity.

**Management Committee
December 20, 2022**