

NEWSLETTER

November 2021

From the Committee

The Committee meeting last Thursday was extremely productive but much longer than usual. Members had to formulate a Covid vaccination policy and ensure that all policies and procedures reflected that policy; approve the 2022 Enrolment form, Timetable, and Course descriptions; approve arrangements for the Morning Tea on 7 December; begin organising the AGM: and select and approve the purchase of a new computer and a simple-to-use modem.

Covid vaccination policy

Following attendance at a Living with Covid workshop arranged by U3A Network Victoria your Committee resolved to implement the following policy:

The U3A Wangaratta Committee of Management has a legal duty of care for members under the Incorporations Act to keep them **reasonably safe**. Consequently all members attending face-to-face courses are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a medical exemption.

This policy will be implemented by the Secretary at the Morning Tea on behalf of the Oxley Hall Committee, at the AGM on behalf of the Wangaratta Turf Club, and at the first session of each course. Members need only show their vaccination status at **one** of these places and it will be recorded on the Membership database. Only Committee members are authorised to request the vaccination status of new members when they first attend a course.

Enrolments

Enrolments may be made at the Morning Tea or at the AGM. Membership fees may be paid at these events but online payments are preferred.

Social event

All members are welcome to attend a Morning Tea at the Oxley Hall on Tuesday 7 December at 10 am. The cost will be \$10 per person. Bookings are essential because there is a capacity limit. RSVP by 1 December to 0412 944 664 or email u3awangaratta@gmail.com Again online payment is preferred but cash will be accepted on the day.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Thursday 27 January face-to-face at the Turf Club either in the Maple room or in our room. Details will be provided in mid-January when the Agenda, Nomination forms, and Annual Reports will be circulated.

Succession planning

Three potential Committee nominees attended the last meeting as visitors and seemed to survive the marathon in good spirits! However, we would be so grateful if another couple of members would consider joining the team to lighten the load. Do call or email Anne or Erica to find out more.

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