

Welcome to 2021 to all U3A Wonthaggi Members

As you know, our U3A was closed for much of 2020. In line with current health advice, we are planning to re-commence classes and activities in February 2021. This Bulletin provides you with information on enrolments and operational plans for 2021. We will keep you informed of any further developments via email.

1. ENROLLING FOR 2021 COURSES - PLEASE DO THIS BY 17 JANUARY 2021

In 2019 an online database was created within our digital management system to expedite online enrolments. For a variety of reasons, including our members' safety, the committee believes this is the way to go in 2021. We have been rebuilding our website to enable that to happen and the proposed 18 January Registration Day is cancelled.

The entry portal for members to check their details and enrol is <https://u3awonthaggi.org.au/members/login>.

Once you have logged in as a member, you will be able to select courses and enrol. We have prepared two guides to help you with online enrolment. You can open the guides at <https://u3awonthaggi.org.au/how-to-enrol-in-2021>.

The first guide assists you to check your details and select courses. The second guide will help you reset your password if you don't have one or have lost it. There is also a telephone helpline if you have difficulties - details are in the guide.

1.1. 2021 Membership Fee Waived for Ongoing Members

At its 17 December 2020 meeting, the committee decided that members who paid the 2020 membership fee will not be charged a fee for 2021. All 2020 members have been rolled-over in the database with a \$0 fee payable.

1.2. Class Sizes Limits

In compliance with COVID restrictions, classes held at U3A's premises will be limited to a maximum of 14 participants, including the tutor/leader.

1.3. Priority Allocation of Places in Courses

Members who enrolled in a course/s in 2020 will have priority entry to that course/s ahead of other members and new members. Where necessary, places in classes will be allocated by a secret ballot.

2. U3A'S CONTACT DETAILS

We have new email addresses.

- talktous@un3wonthaggi.org.au - for all enquiries and information sharing
- tutorhelp@u3awonthaggi.org.au - for communication between tutors and the Program Manager
- secretary@u3awonthaggi.org.com - for communicating with the secretary and committee
- u3awonthaggi-president@gmail.com - for communicating with the president

Phone: 0491 093 300

Website: <https://u3awonthaggi.org.au/>

Address: 239 White Road Wonthaggi 3995 | PO Box 751 Wonthaggi 3995

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2019 AGM was convened on 4 December 2020 and well attended. I want to acknowledge past president Gary Beard and his committee members for their capable and caring management during a longer than usual term. Although our U3A was closed for much of 2020, there is still much to do to ensure that an organisation endures. I am sure that I speak for all members in expressing appreciation to the outgoing committee for keeping our U3A afloat, particularly as our neighbour U3A Phillip Island has had to close.

3.1. New Life Member

Since its early years, U3A Wonthaggi has honoured a small number of members with Life Member status. This award is given to members who have made exceptional and sustained contributions to our U3A's growth and

development. At the AGM the outgoing committee awarded life membership to Peter Allen. Congratulations to Peter.

3.2. 2021 Committee

The 2021 committee was elected at the AGM and includes ongoing members, Graeme Charles & Robyn O'Sullivan.

President	Lynn Kirk
Vice President	Glenn Cant
Secretary	Mary Schooneveldt
Treasurer	Graeme Charles
Member	Robyn O'Sullivan
Member	Averill Holderhead
Member	Jackie Brennan
Member	Peter Fitzgerald

The committee has been working hard through December and early January to get everything ready. We look forward to re-opening our U3A in February and the opportunity to re-engage with our members.

Regards,

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