

Hello, Members and Friends,

2020 is certainly turning out to be a different year to the one your Committee, your Tutors, and you had planned!

Here we are, stuck, isolated at home- our everyday contacts, family and travel plans, classes, all disrupted. So... what can we do?

What about getting “CONNECTED”?

Some of us already use ‘Skype’ or ‘Facetime’ or ‘Zoom’ (or similar) to have that phone call with family or friends with the added bonus of smiling faces to go with the voices, and know already the added pleasure this gives.

Whether you are already a “user” and want to expand your options, or have never used these “new-fangled” things, and would like to “break-free” from your isolation, here is a NO-COST opportunity to learn a new skill, without breaking any of the stay-home, social-distancing rules. If you have a computer / Notebook/ iPad/ tablet/ smartphone, with internet connection and an email address then you could take advantage of a new, free service which is being offered to our U3A members!

Coffs Harbour U3A has linked up with **Youngster.co**, an organisation which has been developed locally at the Coffs Education Campus(CEC). They have engaged young people who have excellent technical/ computer skills, and have trained them to become online instructors, getting others started with the new technologies. And their target ‘ clients’ are us, the older generation-the “elders”!

Tony Rothacker (from CEC), one of the organizers behind Youngster.co, sees dual benefits to the scheme; while “ the elders” gain new technological skills, the “youngsters” also learn a lot from their experience with us “oldies” – patience; ways of looking at things from another’s perspective; improved communication, (to pick a few).

And there is so much more to connect with beyond family and friends. You can safely connect to groups/activities which match your

interests- Music (both performance and theory); Dance in all its forms (eg the Australian Ballet Co has on-line ballet classes for different levels of skill),); Art (eg galleries often have general and specific interest tours) , Chess, History, Literature, Writing -the list is virtually endless. Connect with like minded groups – line dancers, birdwatchers, exercise,... and lots more.

And all you need is a few new skills and Youngsters.co can get you there. It's free, probably fun, and you'll learn some really useful skills quickly.

So, if you are interested in taking the next step into the on-line world we recommend you take this first step with Youngsters.co

Simply go to <http://www.youngster.co/> and register your interest. As a general safeguard, all youngsters have been screened and have undergone a police check before becoming trainers.

Youngsters.co is in receipt of federal government support through the Be Connected program in delivering this service.



Feeling isolated by COVID-19?

Our technology savvy youngsters are keen to help.
Learn new technology skills and enjoy some virtual company.
Book a FREE Facetime or Zoom session via:

www.youngster.co

*Interested to become a youngster?
Register under: www.youngster.co

 **Be Connected** Network Partner 
Every Australian online.

If you are interested in this initiative please contact youngster.co.

Regards and Stay Safe,

U3A Management Committee