

## 1. Cancellations of Term 4 U3A Activities ( a few to continue)

## 2. Cancellation of End-Of-Year Function

Hi Members and Friends of Coffs Harbour U3A.

What a difficult year 2020 has been for our U3A, and there is nothing to suggest that anything will be changing soon. It has been the decision of the committee that Coffs Harbour U3A will

**remain closed for Term 4, from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December,**

other than for those few courses which have been running with committee approval during Term 3 and are able to operate within the current COVID-19 related guidelines. The cancellation will include our usual end-of-year get-together (Xmas Trivia for the past two years).

There seems little likelihood of significant changes being made anytime soon to these regulations. So 2020 will fade with a whimper for most of us.

But we must extend our thanks to those tutors and class members who have been able to restart. It seems that after some initial “issues” everyone is making a real effort to keep within the set guidelines; maintaining distancing and hygiene practices; following the furniture and venue cleaning conditions, and keeping the management at each of the venues happy with your compliance.

If there are any significant changes affecting any course in the weeks ahead, you will be informed.

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## 3. Ahead

There are still two significant events ahead of us this year:

### a) 2020 AGM

The first is the holding of our delayed Annual General Meeting. This is scheduled for **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, at the Cavanbah Centre** and notices relating to the AGM will be issued soon.

### b) Planning for 2021

The second is the annual task of organising the courses, the tutors, the venues for a restart in 2021, and, as you can imagine, that will be no easy task. We don't know what the shape of our little world will be in 2021, but nonetheless we need to be ready for any situation which we might face in 4 months time.

As you might appreciate, this task is a testing one for any committee. It would be wonderful to see a few new and dedicated members nominating to join the committee, to lend their insight and energy to those who are currently working hard to steer that course into 2021 for our U3A. If you feel you could make that positive contribution, consider joining the committee at this AGM. Your support and contributions would be most welcome. If you would like more information contact Wendy by email to [member@coffs.u3anet.org.au](mailto:member@coffs.u3anet.org.au) ).

#### **4. Stay safe –holiday makers may be lurking!**

There is much agitation and desire in some quarters for a “return to normal” for our State, etc. We can expect a rise in the number of visitors, travellers who stay or pass through, and locals who leave then return to our region, particularly during the coming break. With that increased movement comes a proportional rise in the risk of the virus finding its way here. Continue to practise hand/cough hygiene and all the other strategies you have been cultivating these past months; avoid crowds and prolonged contact with “strangers”. Keep yourself COVID-safe.

Regards to all,

Your Management Committee