

Greetings All Members,

Here we are at the end (almost) of Term 2 and a cold beginning of this years' winter. Our community continues to be Covid free (thank goodness) although many of our venue restrictions continue.

Two classes will be commencing in Term 3. David Boyd is resuming his popular Understanding Poetry on a weekly basis on Wednesdays 1-2.30 pm. A new language class, Chinese for Beginners, led by Mei (May) Li, a new tutor will commence on Tuesdays at 3 pm. Do check these out on the website and sign up if they are of interest. Also on the website, for Term 4, is the return of Memoir Writing. This time it will be led by Terry Tweedie, a local published memoir writer – Tuesday 10-12am on a fortnightly basis. Check them out and spread the word!

A couple of administrative matters-

1. Dates for end of year activities

At its meeting on 28 February 2021, the Management Committee adopted a motion to introduce a short 'Office Closed' time during December January each year. During the time of closure, office matters, emails and phone calls will not be monitored or responded to. This will enable the Committee members to have a short break from their responsibilities and spend free time with family and friends during the summer period. Although there are term breaks during the year the work of Committee members in managing your organization continues throughout the year.

A message to this effect will be on the U3A phone and on the Website.

[Coffs Harbour U3A now has its own phone number 0438 664 558 –for contact during business hours]

The dates which apply to the Dec 2021- Jan 2022 period are as follows-

The program for 2021 will be available on the website from the **last Friday in November**

- 'Office' closes on last day of Term 4 – Friday 3 December.
- 'Office' reopens on Monday 10 January '22
- Membership renewal will open Monday 10 January '22
- Enrolment in Classes will open Wednesday 19 January'22
- Classes for the year will commence Monday 7 February'22.

2. Changes to the payment portal through which membership payments are processed.

The Committee is exploring moving from use of the PayPal online payment system to a similar online system called eWay. It is an Australian company with real people who actually talk to us in their customer service centre! A much reduced workload for our administrative function, and simplicity and certainty for members, at the time of membership renewal/joining for a comparable cost is the major motivator. When this change is finalised later in the year there will be lots of advice (via the website and via omail) regarding what to do etc when you are renewing/joining.

3. 2021 Annual General Meeting

This years' AGM will be held on Friday 13 August in the Cavanbah Centre, 2.30 -3.30. The Agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting in the usual manner.

EVERYBODY! Please think about joining the happy band of volunteer members who manage the work of our organisation on behalf of all members. Nomination forms are available on the website (below, or, link to 'Committee' on the **Governance** page), or from the President – wizowl@bigpond.com

If you want to talk about any issues or the future of Coffs U3A please come to the AGM and share your views.

Joyce for the Management Committee

