

## Presidential Ponderings - July edition

Dear All

I hate having to be the transmitter of bad news but any return to Karingal Place and to classes has been deferred yet again. I have informed Frankston City Council that we will not be returning before October at the earliest now. Since my last email to you all, we have returned to major restrictions that affect us all.

From Wednesday evening we will be required to wear face masks in public for an indefinite period. We are posting a guide for you on both our website and our Facebook page to assist you if you wish to make your own. I understand that supplies are a little short just now, but I believe will improve in the next few days.

My thoughts go out to all of you with family outside the restricted area or those, like me, with family in either hospital or aged care. It is hard and it is difficult.

As this abnormal life continues, I thought I would bring you up to date on several decisions and actions taken by your committee.

**We have decided to extend all memberships of U3A Frankston until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We are very aware of what a difficult year this has been but would hope you will all continue to support us. The membership fee from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 will be \$25 until the end of that year and we will bring in the new fees agreed at the AGM this year in 2022. I hope you agree with me that this is the right thing to do.**

We would welcome new members who wish to join our online classes – such as Art or some languages and ask that they pay a fee of \$25 to become part of the class. Ask them to let Leonie Price know on [office@u3af.org.au](mailto:office@u3af.org.au) and she will take them through the enrolment process.

We are extending our offerings of Zoom classes and so if you would like to join a current class, please email Leonie Price on [office@u3af.org.au](mailto:office@u3af.org.au) and let her know. If you are currently enrolled in a class and now wish to join the Zoom class online, please contact your tutor directly.

We are also offering extra classes using Zoom, so again, please let Leonie know if you are interested.

Can I encourage as many of you as possible to use our Facebook page. It is an interesting way to keep in touch and some of you have a great sense of humour which is an essential skill during this difficult time.

We are about to update our Website as well so that we can keep you informed and in contact with the rest of us. Please have a look at it in a few weeks' time. Any feed-back is appreciated.

My thanks again to all of you who have emailed me with encouragement and support. Who would have thought we would find ourselves in this situation?

Stay home, stay safe and stay in touch

Best wishes,

Andrea McCall