

## NOVEMBER PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS & IMPORTANT NOTICES

The good news has arrived at last. We will be reopening classes at Karingal Place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November and will continue until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, unless things change. However, there are very strict rules and regulations required. A copy of them is attached to these ponderings and is also available on the U3A website homepage. Please abide by them for all our sakes.

Your committee has worked very hard to reach this solution and whereas it is not ideal, it is certainly a great step forward towards some form of normality.

### **The additional requirements are as follows:**

You must enter and leave Karingal Place by the Rear Door only (not the usual front).

You may only enter the lobby to use the toilets.

Please ensure you follow the COVID instructions attached to these ponderings.

There will be no access to the Primary School.

Please do not loiter in the corridors – if you are early, please sit in the garden area and not in the kitchen.

The kitchen is only to be used to get a cuppa and water – no congregating, please.

Our class numbers are limited, and your tutors will clarify that with you.

Leonie and a couple of other committee members will be there for the first week to answer any queries you may have. I ask you to be patient with us all.

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November is usually a busy month. We have the horseracing, Remembrance Day, Guy Fawkes Night and the beginning of the cricket season. We also start thinking seriously about Christmas – cards, gifts and of course the food and drink. The weather begins to settle down and we look forward to the warm summer days. With any luck, this year we will be sharing our time with our loved ones and our close friends. It has been a marathon sprint, but we have made it thus far. Well done all of us for staying the course even though I am sure there were days when it was difficult to get motivated about anything beyond a cup of tea in the morning. I know I often wondered if we would ever be out of lockdown!

Thank you to my class who have stuck with me on Zoom and to those tutors who, although they really hated it, have also continued their classes online in order to maintain contact with us all. I know it is appreciated.

Graham Wallis has done a wonderful job organising classes and keeping everyone informed. I appreciate his thoroughness.

There is an exciting new concept developing for the park next to us. Details are on the website and cards will be available with details. Watch this space as they say! It is to be a Seniors Activity Area and I know that there are a number of our members who will be thrilled to participate.