



U3A December 2020 Newsletter

# Season's Greetings

from the

## U3A Committee



Our December Newsletter includes some important dates to place in your diaries.



## **A Message from the President**

Christmas is a time of reflection and celebration, a reminder to all of us of the importance of our families and friends as we come together to celebrate that special birth. This year, more so than most, that sense of belonging and community is all important.

Being a community will be a theme for 2021 as we meet for the first time in our courses from 8 February to learn – and, of course, enjoy each other's company. We will provide occasions for all members to gather for a chat and a drink, outside our courses, allowing us to celebrate the company of the wider U3A Healesville community. For example, in January we will be holding two 'Friday at 5' catch-ups in the Court House grounds under a gazebo (see details below for dates). We hope to see you then, for however long you wish to stay.

We may keep these going throughout the year if they prove popular.

For some of us there will inevitably and understandably be a sense of unease as we start up again for the first time; for all of us there will be the joy of being together again. We have our Covid-19 safe plan in place as we do our best to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone. With this in mind, this newsletter contains the details of registration dates, course starting dates and the two social events in January.

Your committee wants to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyful new year. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Keep well, keep going and keep in touch.

John Pascoe

## **Registration Day**

The dates for in person registration at the Courthouse for our 2021 courses are:

10:30am – 2pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January

1:30pm – 3pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

1:30pm – 3pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January

1:30pm – 3pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Online registration is available from 10am Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

We strongly encourage our members to register online if possible. In compliance with the U3A Covid-19 Safety Plan there will only be small numbers permitted in the courthouse at any given time. Members are requested to have their course application forms completed before attending the Courthouse. Depending on numbers registering in person you may be asked to join a queue, at a social distance, for registration processing.

A gazebo in the garden will be in place manned by Committee members ready to help with information, new member registration, and shelter if required.

The Course Booklet and Registration Forms for 2021 are currently available on our website <https://healesvilleu3a.org.au>

### **Our courses and activities commence on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

#### **Covid-19 Safety**

For the safety of all, members are required to conform to all Covid-19 safety requirements. This includes social distancing, sanitizing on entry, completing a tracing register at the start of each activity and deep cleaning surfaces at the end of each activity. Where social distancing is not possible, for example car-pooling, we recommend the wearing of masks.

#### **Friday at Five**

We invite you all to a **Friday at Five get together on the 8th and 22nd January at 5pm**, held in the garden at the Courthouse. It will be BYO everything function (chairs, drinks, food etc). The Courthouse will not be open so it will be weather dependent on those dates. We have purchased a gazebo for some shade and shelter with thoughts for more of these activities in the future. We hope to see many of you there and please bring a musical instrument if you play.

*The U3A Committee wishes you all a very joyous and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year*

