



## U3A NETWORK NSW Inc. E-BULLETIN

*Information for Member U3A Committees and Interstate U3A Members*

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**July 2020**

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### **Welcome from the President's Desk**

It is such a relief to now be able to return to a 'normal' less restricted life here in NSW. We have cared for ourselves, our neighbours, friends, fellow U3A members and our community to achieve this outcome. It has been a team effort and by following the rules we will continue to reap the rewards of eased restrictions. I am aware that our U3As are looking to the future and preparing to reopen 'face to face' classes where possible to the joy and relief of all members. The NSW Department of Health is constantly updating their guidelines to assist in this process, so keeping up to date with these changes will ensure your U3A is COVID-19 safe.

It gives me pleasure to welcome Denise Challis from Penrith to the position of Treasurer for U3A Network NSW. She replaces Richard Coggan who retired on 24 June 2020. We thank Richard for his dedication and commitment to the job and wish him well for the future. Denise has been a member of Nepean Blue Mountains U3A

for 4 years and served as a committee member, Public Officer and the President.

Thank you to the members who 'joined' me at the 'COVID Conference'. We 'shared' a cuppa with scones on the deck or in the garden, drinks and nibbles by the pool and a photo with our colours boldly displayed.

My inspiration to share is:

*"The simple act of kindness creates an endless ripple"*

Laurene Mulcahy

President

**P.S.** *Have you visited the Network's website recently? New information is being added regularly.*

*The vision of the Network is to promote the U3A movement, provide services to our members and represent them through partnership and collaboration.*

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## **Improvements to the Network Web Hosting Service**

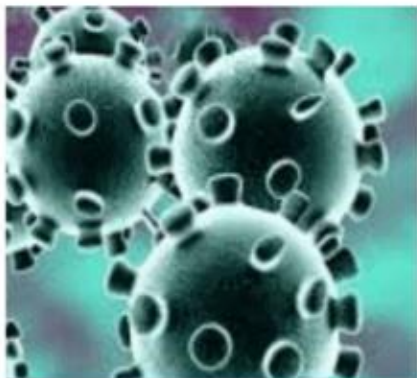
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The Network Executive Committee has evaluated options to carry-out a major upgrade to the website hosting service of U3A Network NSW Inc.

Why upgrade? Two major reasons, they are:

1. improve the ongoing support to Member U3As and their webmasters,
2. improve the security of the whole system, taking all the necessary actions to minimise the chance of service interruption.

The support will manifest in better attention to problems when and if they do occur and the option for Member U3As to select a modified service that will reduce the site management responsibility of each webmaster. The Network was very innovative when, around 12 years ago, it conceived and implemented the group of websites for Member U3A Associations. The people who made it happen have been recognised for their insight and actions in the 2016 History of U3A in NSW.

A **Special E-Bulletin** with details of the planned upgrade strategy will be issued on 10 July. The Network recognises that a key to the strategy is good communications with all Member U3As about our plans to provide a stronger web hosting service for the benefit of all members of U3A in NSW.



***Member U3A Associations  
please CLICK  
for guidance  
from U3A Network NSW  
on responses to  
Coronavirus (COVID-19)***

The **Network's Website** is dynamic and its Coronavirus Bulletins (*click the image above*) page takes you to our **Special Bulletins** with information regarding the pandemic and some links to external sources of perspectives of

our world in 2020. We'll keep adding tips from our U3A members on sources of helpful [Remote Learning](#) possibilities. If you have any suggestions please email them to [info@nsw.u3anet.org.au](mailto:info@nsw.u3anet.org.au) .

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## **Very Important Information**

### **Special General Meeting**

The Network is conducting a Special General Meeting on 20 July to approve changes to the Network's Constitution relating to conducting our AGM electronically.

Every Member U3A has been sent a Notice of Meeting containing the Special Resolutions, and explanatory memorandum describing the changes and the means by which the meeting will be conducted electronically.

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U3A is about sharing knowledge and great ideas. If you have something newsy and shows the diversity of our U3As, please contact our Publications Editor, Ainslie Lamb, at [ainslie2518@gmail.com](mailto:ainslie2518@gmail.com)

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Until the next E-Bulletin,  
Enjoy your retirement with U3A,

*Laurene Mulcahy*  
*President*  
*U3A Network NSW Inc.*

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