

U3A Network Victoria Council Meeting No 121
Wednesday 21st March 2018/03/18

President Susan Webster opened the meeting.

She mentioned that U3A Myrtleford had intended to come to receive their certificate of Membership as the latest member of U3A Network Council. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances they were an apology. The meeting welcomed their membership with acclamation.

Present and Apologies as AGM

Minutes of meeting 210 were accepted on a motion of Bob Ryan (U3A HobsonsBay) and David Kemp (U3A Waverly).

Reports

Acting President tabled at AGM

Treasurer tabled at AGM

Secretary/Executive Report tabled at AGM

Policy and Planning, Education Committee, Marketing and Publicity, Development and Support and Regions Report were tabled.

Susan Webster mentioned up and coming events including: -

- 5 April – U-MAS User Group Meeting, U3A Nunawading
- 6 and 7 May: Course Coordinators Workshop at U3A Goulburn. The Marketing Campaign funded by ACFE includes materials that all Member U3As can use. Advertising at The Young at Heart Film Festival and inclusion in the Victorian Government Seniors Pack that is sent to all Victorians when they reach 60 years.
- 16 May - Presidents Briefing. Some discussion items would be role of member Council, communication by U3A Network Victoria with member U3As and ACFE and feedback on Tutor Bank and Course Co-ordinators Handbook.
- 30 May: Election Campaign Launch. More information soon!
- End of June: - Network Strategic Planning Session

DHHS Report

Susan Webster outlined the negotiations that were on going with DHHS. Much of the grant is for core operations of U3A Network Victoria to ensure proper administration of Government funds. Discussions are still underway as to how U3A Network Victoria can best use PGSF grant funding to benefit Member U3As.

ACFE Report

Elsie Mutton reported on all the member U3As ACFE funded activities and mentioned how they were geared to be of value to all Member U3As through documentation.

Peter Duncan (U3A Hepburn Shire) outlined the work that was being done on Distance Education with the University of New England. He mentioned that they were looking for two other U3As to take up this model of on line learning.

Neil Shaw (U3A Prom Coast) spoke about the two Distance Education models that had been trialled and now ran across eleven U3As from Phillip Island to Mallacoota. Both of these are easy to replicate.

A workshop on both these projects was run during lunch.

Items without Notice

Michael Allison (U3A Colac Otway) mentioned that one of their Committee members Jenny Todorovic had been announced as Citizen of the Year by The Colac-Otway Shire. He felt this was great recognition of both her work in the community and of the U3A in general.

He also mentioned that the recent fires had impacted all Southern Grampians, Moyne, and Colac-Otway Shires. He said that people should only use the Princess Highway or the Hamilton Highway as access to the upcoming Regional Meeting as much of the other areas had been badly burned and the police considered them unsafe. He reminded all members to Travel Safely.

The meeting closed at 1.04pm