



# Bulletin



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## Centre reopening for Term 3

Thanks to the efforts of many members, but especially Course Coordinator Karen Roberts, Building Manager Mike Bowden and our hard working IT volunteers, we are now well prepared for the Centre reopening on 10 August. After consulting with conveners Karen has drawn up a course program, Mike has seen that pest control and safety inspections have been conducted and that the Centre has been thoroughly cleaned, and the IT team has updated and checked all our systems and equipment.

The success or otherwise of the reopening now depends on all of us to ensure that we maintain strict adherence to our COVID-19 Safety Plan with regard to hygiene, social distancing and other restrictions. We all know by now how to conduct ourselves so, for your own sake and that of other members, please observe the signage you see around the centre and comply with the procedures set out below.

Although masks will not be compulsory anyone who has a pre-existing condition which makes them more vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19 is recommended to wear one. And if you are feeling unwell, or have recently visited or been in contact with anyone from a COVID-affected district or venue, please do not attend the centre until you have completed 2 weeks of self-isolation. Our aim, and responsibility, is to keep all members as safe as possible.

## Courses and Enrolment

Forty-four courses are on offer this term, the majority of which will be held in the U3A Centre. Because the maximum capacity of each room is determined by the 4 square metre per person rule class limits have been set accordingly.

Enrolment will be **online only** and will commence at 12.00am on Monday 3 August (midnight Sunday). To enrol, go to the website ([www.pmhu3a.org.au](http://www.pmhu3a.org.au)) and log on using your **username** and **password**. Go to the **Courses** tab where you will find the course program and online booking form. Simply indicate your course preferences and submit the completed form. No course fees are payable in term 3.

Members who do not have online access and who receive this bulletin by mail were provided with a username and password in the previous bulletin. Please give the information, together with your course preferences, to a family member, friend or another U3A member who will assist you to enrol.

## Procedures to be followed when attending classes at the U3A Centre

1. Please be on time for your class
2. Enter the building at the main entrance. Before being allowed to enter you must provide your name and contact number to the volunteer on duty. You must also sanitise your hands and may have your temperature checked.
3. On entering please proceed directly to your class. Do not congregate in common areas.
4. The furniture in classrooms will be arranged to comply with social distancing restrictions. Please do not move any chairs or tables unless specifically requested to do so by the convener.
5. Class attendance sheets will be marked by conveners.

6. Since no tea, coffee, milk, biscuits, crockery or cutlery will be provided, most classes are not expected to have a scheduled break. However, for those that do, hot water will be available for members who bring their own refreshments.
7. When your class finishes please leave the room promptly and exit the building by the door on the western side of the building near room 10. Again, please do not congregate in common areas.
8. Conveners and other designated volunteers will be responsible for sanitising furniture and equipment at the end of each session.

It is essential that all members abide by these rules and procedures. Compliance will be monitored and the situation will be assessed after two weeks. Should there be any major or persistent infractions we shall, sadly, have no option but to close the Centre again.

We must also remain aware that the situation could change at any time and were there to be a substantial rise in COVID-19 infections, increased restrictions could again force our closure.

Now for the good news!

### **New Café**

On a cold blustery day, the long anticipated cafe for St Agnes' Village was opened next to the building we share with the Village Office. A crowd of about 30 watched as Father Gooley, St Agnes Parish Priest, officially opened and blessed the facility. On hand were many people involved in the initial concept, the St Agnes Village team and residents, and builder Paul Jones and his crew.

U3A President Lorraine Beukers, Secretary Sue Moll and Publicity Officer Gail Mendoza attended the opening and Fr Gooley thanked U3A for its input and cooperation during the construction phase.



*Father Gooley and Parish CEO Adam Spencer with café operators Aaron and Marissa*



*Lorraine and Sue with Fr Gooley and Mr Spencer*

The cafe is named "St Agostina's Cafe", after the patron saint of nurses, and is now

open 7 days a week serving coffee, light meals and a variety of sweet treats. No doubt U3A members will be frequent customers when we resume activities at the U3A Centre.

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