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Senior Citizen Centre to reopen under certain restrictions

Following the Senior Citizen Centre committee meeting (not U3A) held on Friday 24th September, **it was decided to re-open the Centre as from Monday 4th October 2021.**

A **maximum of 20 people** at a time will be allowed in the hall, with a density limit of one person per four square metres, whichever is less (e.g. Craft) but **only 10 for physical activities** e.g. table tennis, pilates, yoga & stretch.

Face Masks — You **must** wear a face mask indoors and outdoors, unless an exception applies. You do not need to wear a mask when doing strenuous exercise.

Convenors must ensure all members of their group:

1. Sign-in and sanitise.
2. Socially distance
3. Wear masks at all times.

The kitchen will be closed. **No eating or drinking (tea & coffee) is allowed in the Centre.** You can bring your own water bottle, lift your mask to take a drink then replace your mask immediately.

We would ask all convenors to encourage their members to get vaccinated. After 5th November, access to the Centre becomes more difficult unless you are fully vaccinated.

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Annual General Meeting - postponed until restrictions allow more people in the Centre.

If you recall, the AGM was to be held in early August but was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

To recap:

1. The meeting was to include a president's and treasurer's report, the election of office bearers, the setting of membership fees, voting on two motions re membership, and other business. The reports were emailed out previously.

2. Two motions have been passed by the committee and were to be put to the members to vote on.

1. * *"That the couple membership category be removed and all members join as individuals" – carried.*
2. *"All convenors for 2022 will have their membership fee waived" – carried.*

Nominations were called for the following **executive positions**: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and **ordinary committee positions**.

Portfolio positions that need to be filled include newsletter editor, U-MAS administrator (*including membership management, course enrolments & website*), course coordinator and guest speaker coordinator. **NOTE:** portfolio positions can come from ordinary committee members or other volunteers.

Nominations received to date are: President, Treasurer, U-MAS Administrator and Newsletter Editor. No secretary means no U3A. Without a secretary, we must wind up the organisation.

The secretary prepares an agenda for meetings in consultation with the president, records the minutes and handles correspondence.

Please consider nominating for 2021/22.

• **For a Nomination Form click [IHFRI](#)**

Note: The form is in Word format and can be typed into. It will appear in your Download Folder or on your Desktop.

*U-MAS is a single-member system and a 'couple membership discount is not available. *(The couple-membership discount was only relevant to Alpine U3A years ago when we printed and mailed paper newsletters. We only sent one copy to each household, so couples received a discount due to the savings in postage costs.*

Online Courses Offer - U3A Albury Wodonga

Rod Farr, the president of **U3A Albury Wodonga**, has invited Alpine U3A members to take part in some of their online courses.

The courses are taken via video conferencing using the ZOOM application on a computer, tablet or mobile phone. If you are interested in enrolling in one of the courses below, and are not familiar with setting up and using ZOOM, please let me know (mobile: 0400 056 247) and I will be able to assist you or put you onto somebody who can.

The courses start Monday 4th October 2021 (Term 4).

Courses on Offer		
Monday	Everyday Philosophy	10 am - noon. (First 5 weeks of term
	China from Qing to Xi	10 am - 11.30 am
	Economics and Politics	1 pm.- 3 pm
Tuesday	Sustainability	10 am- noon
Wednesday	Our World 1 . Background briefings (International Relations)	1 pm -3 pm
Thursday	Philosophical Discussions	10 am - noon
	U.S.A. Themes, People and Events	10 am- noon
	Our World 2 . Background briefings. (International Relations)	1 pm - 3 pm

You can access the **Course Descriptions** on the *U3A Albury Wodonga* website at <www.u3aalburywodonga.org.au>.

U3A Albury Wodonga Convenors need to know of your interest by Wednesday 29th September 2021. This will be done via Paul L'Huillier (Secretary). **So please let me know by that date.** Once confirmed the U3A Albury Wodonga Convenor associated with your selected course(s) will

email you the link to the ZOOM meeting.

Convenors ask that attendees log in 15 minutes before the start of the class whenever possible so as not to disrupt the presenter. For the sake of "socialising" they would appreciate it if Alpine U3A members insert their first name and "Alpine" on their screen.

This is a generous offer from the Albury Wodonga U3A and we thank them ... and it is free of charge to us.

Audio/Visual Equipment Grant for Centre

U3A received a grant for **audio/visual equipment** back in July and we need to spend it soon. It was for \$3,200.00.

If you have any ideas on how best we spend it please let the secretary know.

Probus Club of Mount Beauty

Recently the Probus Club wound up due to falling numbers and not being able to form a workable committee. It was incorporated in July 2012.

The club had some assets which they have kindly donated to Alpine U3A, i.e. cash, speakers and a Multi Media Projector and screen. We thank them for this generous offer.

Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre

The **Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre** is the hub of our town.

They have recently published their **Term 4 Booklet** which is placed in all town letterboxes and PO boxes. If you did not get one, call in to the Centre in Tennis Court Avenue and pick one up.

They offer a number of **Digital Skill Courses**:

1. Free Computer Sessions for Beginners
2. Building Digital Skills
3. Basic Computer Skills
4. Intermediate Computer Skills
5. Website Design

6. Photo Editing

Some of these courses are **free**, and for others, there is a cost. The good news for **Alpine U3A members is that there is NO cost** as we have received funds to pay for our members to attend Digital Skill Courses.

So here is the deal. Get hold of a booklet, check out the courses, and enrol and pay for what you want. **Contact the Alpine U3A secretary and let him know the cost of your course and we will reimburse the fee.** Please supply your bank details (BSB & Account#).

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