

# U3A CROYDON BULLETIN - WEEK 37

Dear Members,

Well, December has arrived and little by little we are making progress towards a Covid free future and a return to face to face classes. I am cautiously optimistic that by the time we get to February 2021, many of our classes will be able to return to their venues. Perhaps with smaller numbers initially but nevertheless a welcome return to some normality.

Please keep an eye on the course list over the summer. With the Covid goal posts changing pretty frequently, it is quite likely that the class/activity you want, will become available before February, even if it is not available now.

Thank you to Anne Duffy for the lovely painting of the golden horse.

If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin, please write to: [newsletter@u3acroydon.org.au](mailto:newsletter@u3acroydon.org.au)  
Take care, keep busy and keep in touch with friends and family. Ingrid



## DID YOU KNOW? .....

From Monday 7th December, you will no longer receive any emails or Bulletins UNLESS you re-join as a member of Croydon U3A.

It means you will be out of the loop for future news and developments.

Even if you are not ready to join a class yet, please renew your membership so we can stay in touch with you. You can do this by enrolling as normal and choosing "Course For No Course" in the list.



Next week (Wednesday 9th December) will quite likely be the last Bulletin for 2020.

Bulletins will return sometime in January but I will be guided by the needs of our members, tutors and committee to provide information when necessary.

Tutors, feel free to promote your class for 2021.



## A message from the Course Co-Ordinator

All the courses have been loaded onto the UMAS for members site and are ready for enrolment week starting on December 7th at 10:00am. If you haven't already done so, login to the new UMAS for members page and follow the directions from the Welcome Pack you received on how to enrol in courses for 2021. It is a simple process similar to shopping



online, by adding your chosen course to the cart at the bottom of the course description page and when you have all in the cart simply proceed to the checkout to complete the transaction. If you enrol online it will be a quicker process than maybe having to wait in a queue for one of our dedicated volunteers to enrol you over the phone. The phone support service is being

provided for those members without internet access and have been unable to find a buddy to help with the enrolment. If you are using the phone in service please ring the number of the volunteer in your alphabetic group. If the first line is busy try the next number on the list and 1 of our volunteers will complete your enrolment for you.

The committee are working towards a return to our venues for 2021 with a Covid-19 Safe Plan that we will have to follow. With the restrictions being eased almost on a weekly basis and the infection rate down to 0 for almost 5 weeks, a further easing of the restrictions is likely by the time we get back to classes in February. Due to the social distancing rules, it will be necessary to control the numbers of members for each venue. This will mean that our waitlists may be temporarily increased for 2021. Once we get further easing of restrictions, we can bring those from the wait list into the course. We ask that the Tutors keep the members of their class informed of any changes to arrangements due to restrictions that may be in place at the time.

You never know that out of adversity this new method of enrolling may prove to be such a success that we can use it in the following years.

Take care everybody, Merv

*All the information you need to enrol successfully is in the Welcome Pack including names and phone numbers of folk who can assist you. Please read through it carefully before you start.*

**ENROLMENT FOR 2021 COURSES  
AND ACTIVITIES OPENS AT 10AM  
ON MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER.**

**PLEASE DON'T RING AN  
OPERATOR BEFORE 10AM ... IT'S  
NOT FAIR TO OTHERS**

