

President COVID-19 Email 17 Sep 2021

Dear Members of Shoalhaven U3A

Just a quick update. When we contacted you last, it was to let you know that all U3A activities had been halted by the lockdown and that our plan was to cancel Term 4 and to resume Term 3 when and if the State Government allowed. We have been informed that on the Monday after NSW hits 70% double vaccinated, then many activities – such as ours – can resume. But, only for fully vaccinated people or those with a medical exemption certificate from their GP. Given that our age group have been very active in getting vaccinated, the vast majority of members will be able to participate in U3A activities when NSW hits the 70% target.

Your management committee met today to work out how we best make that happen.

Our plan is to resume Term 3 activities on Monday November 1 – there were 5 weeks left in Term 3 when we went into lockdown so that will fit nicely into the space before Christmas.

There may be a small number of new activities added and the language classes are on a different timetable, but basically we just plan to take up exactly where we left off and complete term three's activities. We will also be allowing others to enrol in any of the courses where that is possible.

We now have to contact all our activity leaders (who have to be fully vaccinated as well) to ensure each activity can resume and what dates suit the leaders. When that is done, we'll contact each class individually with the new details of times and locations. At that stage, members who are enrolled in activities but who cannot attend on the new dates, will be offered credits or refunds.

There are lots of details to work out yet but we'll keep you informed as things become clearer. The purpose today was just to let you know about our plans to resume Term 3 on November 1. AND, if you haven't been vaccinated please get it done as we want you back and participating in our activities.

Kind Regards

Warren Mason, (President), on behalf of the management committee