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## *Newsletter of Mandurah U3A*

### **Corona Virus AGM Cancellation.**

As the news of the dreaded virus changes daily and seems to be creeping closer to us it is time to make some decisions. Today, Saturday 21 March 2020 I together with several Committee Members decided to **cancel the AGM that was proposed for Tuesday 24 March 2020 at the Falcon Library Craft Room.**

At this stage we are uncertain when activities will resume. Yesterday we heard from the Prime Minister that the National Budget has been postponed until October 2020. We should probably regard this as a minimum time that U3A will be shut down.

It was also decided that those members who have paid their **annual U3A fees (\$25) will carry over to 2021.** Those members who are yet to pay their fees can pay later this year or when activities recommence and that payment will also be for the 2021 year.

We had considered keeping in touch with members via outdoor activities such as walks but even these could be risky to our members, so we have decided against doing those too.

One possibility is for members to utilise U3A Online; [www.u3aonline.org.au](http://www.u3aonline.org.au) which offers a series of online educational courses. This is one possible virus free option.

**Jan and Ross MacDonald** have kindly offered to stay in their positions as Secretary and Treasurer until the AGM is able to be held. Jan will keep in touch with members via group emails and Ross will keep an eye on finances and banking tasks. If anyone needs to contact Jan her email is as follows; [secretary@u3amandurah.org.au](mailto:secretary@u3amandurah.org.au)

We trust that all our members will stay virus free during this pandemic and we look forward to seeing you all fit and healthy when the virus has passed.

**Rory O'Brien**

**President**

**21 March 2020**