

U3A BATEMANS BAY

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

1. This document sets out the arrangements which currently apply when courses and other activities are held by U3A Batemans Bay. The Federal and NSW Governments have lifted the mandatory isolation requirements for Covid-19, but the pandemic is not finished and it remains a threat to everyone's health and safety. We therefore encourage members to be careful and to follow the simple NSW Government health guidelines. These are:

- a) Hand washing/sanitising;
- b) Social distancing;
- c) Staying away from others if unwell, and
- d) Mask wearing if members choose.

2. The Management Committee of U3A Batemans Bay has decided that it is no longer mandatory for members to be vaccinated to attend classes or activities.

Background

3. All the venues which U3A hire to conduct its activities are required by law to have their own Covid-19 Safety Plans. We are obliged to comply with the provisions of those plans. U3A Batemans Bay will maintain its own Covid-19 Safety Plan for the safety of our vulnerable age group. Tutors should ensure that they keep a copy of the Plan. If a new variant of Covid-19 appears and the health guidelines change, then this plan will be amended according to the new guidelines.

4. Our main venue provider is the Eurobodalla Shire Council, and it is therefore important that we abide by the terms and conditions of the Council's Safety Plan. Those terms and conditions require that, among other things;

- a. A person who is unwell must not enter the Council's premises;
- b. We maintain physical distancing in meetings and
- c. We practise good hand hygiene.

5. Other venue providers whose facilities we use have similar requirements. Our own Covid-19 Safety Plan outlines the current NSW Government health requirements. Members also have a personal responsibility to ensure their own health and safety.

6. In respect of the coronavirus, the U3A Network NSW - to which U3A Batemans Bay belongs - has stated that Management Committees of the associations must ensure that they, the tutors, and members follow government guidelines.

Individual Responsibilities

7. The main symptoms of Covid-19 are fever, cough, sore throat and shortness of breath. Less common symptoms are loss of smell, loss of taste, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite. Members are not to attend any U3A activities if showing any of these symptoms until the symptoms have cleared.

Record keeping

8. Tutors must ensure that class records are maintained and are completed after each class or activity.