

SOCIAL GATHERINGS POLICY

Introduction

U3A Bendigo recognises that the “Social Gathering” meetings are an important part of U3A Bendigo’s activities. With the COVID-19 restrictions the Social Gathering activity is a good way to help members to re-acclimatise and socialise.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to reinforce the importance that the Committee of Management (CoM) places on **Social Gatherings**.

Policy

1. The Social Gatherings are meetings that are managed by CoM, for its members, once a month. They are an informal forum for everyone to relax and have fun.
2. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, and meeting times will be 2pm to 4pm. From 2pm to 2.30pm members will be encouraged to socialise for 30 minutes. Guest Speakers will be introduced to speak from 2.30pm and the gathering will finish at 4pm. During COVID-19 restrictions cleaning, sanitisation and clearing away will then be undertaken.
3. The Gatherings will take precedence over all other U3A bookings, both for Zoom and at St. Mary's Hall and it is hoped that this will enable U3A to lead a relaxed meeting and encourage members to look forward to the next one.
4. Members will be offered attendance via Zoom, if they would like this.

Authorisation:

This policy was adopted by Committee of Management of U3A Bendigo Incorporated, and minuted as such, on 4th October 2021.