

Watson

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Hi to all members

Trusting this edition of Watson is finding everyone safe and well.

As the isolation restrictions are being slowly eased, it will be some time before we can actually start meeting in public establishments again, and when we can it will be very much different than how we used to, with social distancing still in place. With this in mind, I'd like to share with you an email we received from Darley Neighbourhood House:

28/05/2020

Good afternoon

We just wanted to provide an update regarding the upcoming easing of restrictions on neighbourhood houses. Darley Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre is committed to providing the safest possible environment for its staff and community.

Over the past two months the staff have worked to connect with the community in different ways and we will continue to do this over the next few weeks. The Committee and staff are now currently working diligently to plan for the cautious and gradual reopening of the House and are aiming to reopen in a staged, gradual and restricted way in Term 3. We will keep you informed and updated and will be providing information about new processes relating to hygiene practices, density and social distancing requirements. This will require some discussion with groups prior to any recommencement.

As you can appreciate, the House is now required to operate in a differently. There will be significant change and we need to work through how we will reintroduce each group and activity. We are obliged to adhere to new regulations regarding density, social distancing and hygiene practices and this will require some rethinking of how groups and activities operate. We are working very hard to put measures in place to maximise safety. This will be a shared responsibility for those coming into the House and we will require users to adhere to new protocols.

We thank you for your patience and your cooperation.

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Looks like it might be interesting times to come. In the meantime, some of our groups are having a go at starting up again.

Tai Chi: Group met at Maddingley Park, Evans pavilion, last Tuesday, it was different but good and it was lovely to catch up with everyone. We had an excellent turnout of 10 members, 10 being the maximum allowed for outdoor activities. From 1st June 2020, 20 members will be able to meet as a group. Weather permitting, we will meet again next Tuesday 2nd June at 11.00am. If any members would like to join this fun group, you are very welcome to come along or ring Jan on 0447 543 541 or Helen 0400 143 392 for further details.

Walking Slowly: group are still meeting each Monday morning at Peppertree Park, to join this group please contact Louise on 0415 105 655.

French: the group are staying connected by email, their leader is doing a great job setting weekly tasks for them to do. You may contact Lyn 0488 588 011 for further details.

Garden Group: have now put out their 3rd email showcasing members beautiful gardens, if you would like to receive these emails or send in photos of your garden, please contact Wendy by email at wzcondie@gmail.com or phone 0411 889 129, Mazi on 0409 245 881 or Rosa 0405 588 048.

Some groups have used zoom to conduct their activities on line which has been quite successful. Sharon and I attended a zoom seminar last Wednesday that was presented by U3A Network, it was excellent being able to participate in a group gathering in the safest possible way, from our own homes. It looks like this may be the way we are heading in the future....'Oh Technology'.

That's all for now, please take care and stay safe, be kind and smile.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please contact either Helen on 0400 143 392 or Sharon on 0407 480 207 or look on our website www.u3abacchus.org.au