**Management Team Agenda, 9 May 2019**

**Meeting opened:**

**Present:**

**Apologies:**

1. **Welcome:**
2. **Minutes from last meeting:**
3. **Business arising from last meeting:**
4. Agreement was made for a generic two-sided card for the Management team to use when

making business connections.

ACTION: Carole to create a card template.

1. Regarding payment for presenters; the overall ethos of U3A is that services are given

voluntarily.

One option discussed was for working professionals who want to offer U3A

members a discount. U3A members could take advantage of their skills directly. However,

U3A regulations state that we cannot advertise commercial businesses, so the challenge

Remains how to let members know about the offer.

Trips were discussed. One option here is for a new regulation for outings versus

courses and course leaders. The two are quite different, especially as one involves the

services of bus drivers.

Everyone was in agreement that no one person should get payment when so many

give of their time and expertise for nothing.

Another issue raised was the need for members to have the greatest variety of

learning opportunities available when the only option is with a paid presenter.

Discussion also lead to another issue regarding Course Leaders feeling valued.

All agreed that this topic needs more consideration. In the meantime the Programs Team

will continue with the Pastel Class as an experiment.

ACTION: Fleur to look into how other U3As handle the issue of paid presenters.

ACTION: Team to discuss the parameters around promotion of commercial businesses at

the next meeting.

ACTION: Team Office to create a sign regarding the toilet seat.

1. Review of the Constitution

Sue Birks has raised the issue of reviewing the Constitution at the AGM with members of

the MT.

ACTION: Fleur to discuss the possibility of a review with Sue.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
2. **Other Business**
3. Accommodation Update
4. Values, Y Charts
5. Due to requests for Italian classes from members, Kym asked Malcolm Privett (Linguistics) about also running a course in Italian however, he is moving house and unavailable.

Sue mentioned an audio course she is familiar with for *Italian for Beginners* by Michel Thomas (see website: <https://www.michelthomas.com/learn-italian/> )

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Agenda item: Could we consider purchasing a foundation audio course for ongoing Beginners Italian classes?

1. With the formation of Team Social could it be possible to pass on those events or classes that are purely ‘social’ in content to the team to promote e.g. Margaret’s cruises; bus trips etc. This will bypass the issue of running these events as official U3a courses and may go towards resolving the constitutional issue of promoting private profit-making enterprises.

Agenda item: For discussion.

1. An idea of a Book Swap in the Tura Beach Office has been proposed.

Agenda item:  Kaye to look in op-shops for a small bookcase to sit on a bench (left-hand side of the room) in Tura Beach Office. Does anyone have one they're not using? Cost?

Further suggestion – outdoor weatherproof cabinet

1. Tedx Talks <https://www.ted.com/watch/tedx-talks> offer a range of interesting topics that our members may be interested in. Would it be appropriate for U3a to provide a link and a blurb on our website?

FUTURE ABSENCES:

