

Membership Renewals and Class Enrolments

We have managed to avoid external venue fees for most classes next year by moving classes to The Pines, having a better arrangement with the Council for the PFR, and using lower or no-cost venues. There are fees for only two classes for next year; both are Badminton classes which play at excellent, but unfortunately expensive, venues. The extra fee for each Badminton class next year is **\$40 per class per year**. This covers part of the cost of the venue.

Payment of 2020 membership fees

The membership fee for 2020 remains at **\$70**. Payment of membership fees (new or existing members) can be made either online or in person:

1. Online from 13 November

Paying online is easy. When you click on the **PayPal** button, you are transferred to the PayPal system where you can pay the fees (already calculated for you) either through your PayPal account (if you have one) or by your credit or debit card. Within a few seconds of completing the transaction, you will be automatically returned to MyU3A. The whole process takes place in a secure environment where all data transmitted over the Internet is encrypted (not being able to be read by anyone intercepting the message).

2. In person, only on the following days, in Room 1

- Wednesday, 13 November from 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- Thursday, 14 November from 3.00pm to 4.30pm
- Monday, 18 November from 12.15pm to 3.30pm
- Wednesday, 20 November from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Please note: For in-person payments, timeslots **must** be booked and the office is taking bookings from Wednesday, 6 November to Tuesday, 12 November. Anyone showing up without a booked timeslot may not be able to be assisted.

Class enrolment dates for 2020

Priority Level 1: From 20 November for both in-person* or online. (Online from 6.30am)

Priority Level 2: From 27 November for both in-person or online. (Online from 6.30am)

Priority Level 3: From 28 November for both in-person or online. (Online from 6.30am)

Priority Level 4: From 2 December for both in-person or online. (Online from 6.30am)

Open enrolment (existing or new members): From 3 December for both in-person or online. (Online from 6.30am)

* Bookings are required for Priority Level 1 in-person class enrolments. You may book at the office at any time from 13 November. Priority Level 1 in-person enrolments will be processed in the back office.

However, bookings are not required for in-person class enrolments for any other priority levels - just turn up on the appropriate date for your level. You will be given a numbered ticket and enrolments will be in ticket order. You will be directed to the appropriate room.

Priority enrolment levels

Priority enrolment levels will be displayed on the notice board and the website prior to enrolments beginning. Remember that priority levels only give you the right to enrol in classes earlier than other members of lower or no priority. If you defer your enrolments to a later date, you get no more priority than anyone else who is permitted to enrol on that date.

What is your Priority Level?

If you have a priority level, it will show in your online profile. When you login online, you will see a line about half-way down showing Priority Score. If you do not see that line, you do not have a priority score recorded which means that you will enrol from 3 December. If you do have a priority score, you can work out your enrolment priority level by subtracting the score shown from 5: for example, if your score shows 3, your priority level is $(5-3)$ which is 2, so a score of 3 means priority level 2.

Paying for classes that attract a fee - Badminton or Badminton for Fun - \$40

Be aware that you will not be able to enrol for any class until you have paid your membership fee. You can pay your membership fee and enrol in your classes of choice (including Badminton) either online or in-person. However, the \$40 Badminton fee must be paid in person at the office. The purpose of this is to ensure that all Badminton class members receive a receipt as proof that they have paid the class fee.

If you are put on the wait list for Badminton, you will only be charged the fee when you are accepted into the class.

Enrolment limits

Again, this year, in an attempt to give all our members the chance to enrol in the classes they desire, the maximum number of classes in which a member may enrol has been restricted to five. This restriction will be lifted after 14 January, thus opening up any classes with vacancies to all members. The restriction to five classes does not change the restrictions on individual classes; for example, one strength training class per member.

Members who wish to enrol in more than five classes will be able to enrol in further available classes after 14 January when the restrictions are lifted.

New members

In an effort to attract new members:

1. A person enrolling for the first time for 2020 is given the bonus right of enrolling in any available 2019 classes. Many classes will not take new members at this time of year but there are those that will. In particular, most Summer School classes are still available and new members may join any of these by paying the \$10 Summer School fee and the particular activity fee, if any, for the chosen activities.
2. Again, this year, 10% of places in the most popular classes are being reserved for new members. Once the 10% has been reached, this advantage to new members ceases.

Those classes that have 10% of places reserved for new members can be viewed by clicking here: <http://u3amanningham.org.au/docs/ClassesWithReservedPlacesForNewMembers.pdf>.

Assistance in enrolling online and paying by PayPal is available by clicking here: <http://u3amanningham.org.au/docs/MembershipEnrollingOnlineAssistance.pdf>.

Please send any questions regarding enrolments to enrolmenthelp@u3amanningham.org.au.

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