

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF U3A South Australia Inc

FEATURES		BENEFITS
PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT	Under the constitution each member organisation has the right to appoint 1 delegate to attend quarterly meetings.	This enables participation in decision making.
GRANTS	U3A South Australia has traditionally sourced grants from government and made funds to member U3As.	Saves time and effort for smaller U3As.
	<p>Department of State Development has committed \$283,000 over 4 years from 1 July 2014 to be managed by the Alliance.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20,000 for publicity/marketing 2014-15 • \$15,000pa to the Alliance each year • \$38,000pa to be distributed to member organisations each year 	
CAL LICENCE	Copyright Agency Licence is provided to member organisations. This covers photocopying materials for courses.	Group insurance has reduced the cost for Member Organisations.
VOLUNTARY WORKERS INSURANCE	This covers Delegates travel to meetings and when on official U3A South Australia business.	Group insurance has been negotiated to protect Delegates.
EXCHANGE OF IDEAS & INFORMATION	<p>This occurs through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegates of U3As attending quarterly meetings (a travel subsidy is available) • Exchange of U3A newsletters • Access to U3A Alliance Australia newsletter (including a report provided by the SA Alliance) • Emails forwarded to U3As regarding updates 	<p>Belonging to a network enables U3As to learn what other similar organisations are doing, to share concerns and new ideas. This may be about new courses, membership, attracting volunteer leaders, administration processes.</p>
NATIONAL & GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP	<p>Membership of U3A Alliance in SA also means membership of U3A Alliance Australia.</p> <p>U3A South Australia may send a delegate to attend national meetings.</p>	Provides access to issues, progress and discussions happening at a national and global level about U3As.
ADVICE	The peak body maintains a close relationship with a number of other key NFPs eg. COTA and Volunteering SA & NT. Member U3As can contact the U3A South Australia seeking assistance with particular issues.	Member U3As can gain from experience of other member organisations and also from the wider network of the Alliance.
ADVOCACY	As the representative body U3A South	Where a common issue is

	Australia can deal directly with state government departments and ministers. Through the national and global membership of U3A there is further opportunity to respond on a common issue experienced by member organisations.	identified the peak body can speak on behalf of U3As in SA.
TRAINING	U3A South Australia supports Member Organisation by providing opportunities for training through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants • Professional development for delegates attending Alliance meetings • Training on how to run new courses eg mah-jong 	Shared learning and training of members of individual U3As enables them to run their organisations more effectively. This may be at a committee level or enabling course leaders to feel more confident to run a specific course or lead a group.
PUBLICITY & MEDIA	U3A South Australia can use its resources to promote all U3As through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website providing links to individual U3A websites or contact details • Retirement Expo • Providing promotional material eg fliers, stickers, business cards, banners • Support for development of individual U3A promotion • The peak body has worked closely with government funding providers to ensure grant requirements meet the needs of Member Organisations 	The general public remain relatively unaware of the services offered by U3A. There are benefits for all U3As by the general promotion that can be done by the U3A South Australia. Many U3As do not have members with publicity skills and time. Assistance may be provided to member U3As to make it easier for them to develop a local profile.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP	Some U3As offer reduced membership for individuals who are members of another U3A that is a member of U3A South Australia	Encourages individuals in the community to seek out courses that suit them whether they are related to one U3A or more. Provides greater exposure of U3As to the community.
COST OF MEMBERSHIP	.50c per member Numbers calculated at 31 Dec each year.	Makes membership affordable to all U3As.