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**HOT WEATHER POLICY - STATEMENT & REVIEW 2026  
INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS**

The Management Committee acknowledges that the current Hot Weather Policy (19 May 2025) has caused consternation and it has been brought to our attention that it was not implemented on Tuesday 27 January 2026, despite a forecast maximum of 46°C (classified as a severe heatwave). A formal review of the existing Policy is currently underway. A revised Policy and accompanying Procedure will be prepared, considered, and formally adopted in due course.

Interim Arrangements (effective immediately until the review is completed):

**1. Member Responsibility**

If you feel that weather conditions — regardless of the forecast temperature — make it unsafe or impractical for you to attend or travel to/from, or participate in, a class or activity, please notify your Tutor/Leader directly or contact the U3A mobile on 0413 704 951 with your apology.

**2. Indoor Classes and Activities**

Where the 6.00pm forecast on the preceding day predicts a maximum temperature of 38°C, or above, *most* indoor activities with appropriate air-conditioning may proceed, unless a severe heatwave warning has been issued.

**3. Outdoor Classes and Activities**

If the 6.00pm forecast on the preceding day predicts a maximum of 38°C or above, all outdoor classes and activities scheduled from 12 noon onward will be cancelled.

**4. Individual Tutors/Leaders Authority**

Individual Tutors/Leaders have the authority to cancel their classes at any time (including at lower temperatures than those stipulated) if they believe there are factors which may contribute adversely to the well-being of members. If a Tutor/Leader wishes to cancel a class, they should notify a member of the Committee (U3A mobile 0413 704 951, President Lynton Hall Ph.0417827750 or Secretary Christine Harvey Ph.0428865862), by 6:30pm on the previous day at the latest, so that class members can also be notified.

**5. Member Notifications**

U3A will endeavour to notify members in a timely manner via telephone, SMS, email, and/or social media (Facebook) when events are cancelled (including when cancellations are because temperatures of 38°C or above are forecast). Members are encouraged to remain proactive and monitor weather conditions independently rather than relying solely on U3A communications.

**6. External Venues**

Some venues utilised for U3A classes and activities may operate under their own Hot Weather Policies. Currently, U3A operating at these venues will adhere to the Hot Weather policy of that venue. These arrangements will be examined as part of the review process.

The interim arrangements are designed to maximize positive U3A experiences while maintaining a safe and comfortable working environment.

The forthcoming review of the Hot Weather Policy and Procedures will strengthen governance by clearly defining temperature thresholds, delegated decision-making authority, and duty of care responsibilities.

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