

**Memorandum of
Understanding**

**Signed on 22 October 2018 between Council
on the Ageing (COTA) Queensland Ltd and The
University of the Third Age Network
Queensland Inc.**

Purpose

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) establishes a collaborative partnership between the Council on the Ageing (COTA) Queensland and The University of the Third Age Network Queensland Inc (U3A Network Qld). This agreement is undertaken in good faith and in the spirit of collaboration. It is not intended as a legally binding document or as a formal statement committing COTA Queensland and U3A Network Qld to prescribed outcomes.

The purpose of the agreement is to work in partnership to promote healthy ageing by facilitating local community's access to the educational, creative and leisure activities provided by U3A groups

This MOU provides a vehicle for COTA Queensland and U3A Network Qld to collaboratively support each other's organizations and activities.

Mission and Objectives COTA Queensland is the peak body for seniors in Queensland. It is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee established in 1957 to mobilize seniors, those who work with them, Government, and the community as a whole towards achieving wellbeing and social justice for people as they age.

COTA
Queensland:

Contributes to an understanding of ageing, enabling all sectors of the community to plan for healthy ageing through education, advice and activities
Promotes and engages in research which is of interest and concern to older people Works in partnership with older Queenslanders to shape COTA's policy and advocacy Provides policy advice to government advocating on behalf of seniors their rights, needs and interests giving priority to those experiencing injustice, discrimination, disadvantage or

disability,
and

- Provides older people with information that enables them to make informed choices and take action on their own behalf.

COTA Queensland has had a long-standing relationship with U3A starting the process in 1986 by initiating and supporting the launching of U3A in Queensland.

The U3A Network Queensland, established in 2009 is a registered not-for-profit organisation set up to support and act as an advisory body for its member U3As throughout Queensland. The Network represents 33 autonomous U3A groups throughout the State, including U3A Online. U3As provide academic, recreational and social activities in support of lifelong learning and wellbeing of senior people in their local communities. Membership of U3A has no age restrictions but is aimed at people who are retired or about to enter retirement and there are no requirements and no exams or assignments. Classes, activities and administration are provided by volunteers who are experienced and skilled in their fields of knowledge.

The aims of the U3A Network Qld are to:

- Represent U3A in Queensland and negotiate with other bodies on behalf of the U3A movement within the State to obtain benefits for all U3As Establish and maintain contact with each other
Provide support in reaching common goals
Share resources Foster new U3A groups Improve the status of U3A within the wider community
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Terms of Agreement This agreement formally sets out the intent of the two organizations to develop mutually beneficial arrangements to promote healthy ageing.

The parties agree to, where possible and relevant:

Promote products, services and training opportunities to members where relevant

and
where not in direct conflict with the objectives of either
organization

- Promote each other's relevant programs and events in respective marketing and communications
- Provide reciprocal **speakers at relevant conferences and events**

Terms of Understanding

The agreement shall be reviewed biennially to ensure it is fulfilling its purpose and to make any necessary revisions

- Either organization may terminate this agreement upon written notice without penalties or

liabilities This MOU does not necessarily constitute the endorsement of either organisation's opinions or position The signing of this MOU is not a formal undertaking. It implies that the signatories will strive to achieve, to the best of their ability, the objectives stated in the MOU. The MOU will benefit the membership of both organizations by facilitating mutual understanding and promoting the transfer of current knowledge and information

Signatories:

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Date: 22 October
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