

Privacy of Information Policy

PURPOSE

To protect the personal information of U3A Knox Inc. members.

SCOPE

All members must strictly adhere to this policy.

POLICY STATEMENT

Personal information about members including information that could identify a member must only be collected, used, disclosed and stored in accordance with the following procedures:

1. Collecting, using and disclosing personal information

- a. All reasonable steps will be taken to make sure that personal information collected, used or disclosed is accurate, complete and up to date.
- b. Personal information is collected primarily for legal purposes of maintaining membership records, and also for organising classes and activities and to notify a contact person if an emergency occurs. Information such as name, gender, year of birth, country of birth, postal address, telephone numbers, email address, name and telephone number of emergency contact person, hobbies or interests, qualifications, past experience and history of membership will be collected.
- c. Failure to provide the information required may mean U3A Knox Inc. is unable to complete a membership application, course preparation, class enrolment, volunteer assistance, record achievements or make contact with the person required to be notified in an emergency.
- d. Only relevant personal information about a member is to be disclosed to; tutors, leaders, volunteers, Committee of Management members and when necessary to external service providers. Unless otherwise approved, external providers must agree not to disclose the information to another party and when the external service is no longer required provide assurance that the information has been securely destroyed.
- e. Tutors, leaders, volunteers, and Committee of Management members who are given access to members' personal information can use this information strictly for the purpose of fulfilling their role, and must not distribute personal information to other people or organisations without their consent.

Particular care must be taken when sending emails to the whole class: the sender must ensure that the email addresses are not visible to the recipients.

f. If personal information about a member is collected from or by someone else, such as required by law, or on behalf of a law enforcement body, all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure the member is made aware of the requirement except to the extent that making the member aware of the requirement would pose a serious threat to the life or health of any individual or disclosure would likely jeopardise the prevention, investigation, detection or remedying of serious improper conduct.

g. Sensitive personal information will only be collected from a member with the members consent or knowledge for the purposes of health-related issues to ensure the member can receive appropriate service from health professionals in an emergency, or if required to satisfy constitutional requirements.

h. Any request from a member to further restrict access to his or her personal information must be dealt with pursuant to Section 59 of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

2. Security of Information

a. All reasonable steps are to be taken to protect all forms of personal information from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification or disclosure.

b. All reasonable steps will be taken to destroy or permanently de-identify personal information that is no longer needed for any purpose.

c. Tutors, leaders, volunteers, and Committee of Management members who are given access to members' personal information for the purpose of fulfilling their role, must destroy any personal information in their possession once they finish their role.

d. Members or applicants for new membership who at any time provide personal details via the internet do so at their risk.

3. Inspection of The Register of Members

a. Pursuant to Section 13(f) and 18(2) of the Constitution, a member must be given reasonable time to inspect the Register of Members.

b. A member who wishes to inspect the Register of Members must advise the Secretary in writing, giving reasons.

c. Information obtained by a member from the Register of Members may not:

- i. be copied or transcribed
- ii. be used to contact or send materials to members
- iii. be passed on to a third party.

4. Restricting Access To Personal Information

A member may ask the Secretary to restrict access to their details in certain circumstances. For example, they:

- have a family violence or personal safety intervention order
- belong to an association that includes members with sensitive issues.

If the Secretary refuses the request, the member may apply to VCAT

5. Making changes to personal information

A member may request any inaccuracies in his or her personal information be corrected. The Secretary or nominee must authorise any subsequent changes and if required ensure the Register of Members and any other records are amended accordingly.

COMPLAINTS

Breaches of this policy will be managed according to the [Complaints Policy](#).

APPROVAL

This policy was reviewed and amended by the U3A Knox Inc. Committee of Management on February 28th, 2024.