

Server Project - For Action U3A Committee

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Dear President,
Secretary,
Committee Member,
and Web Admin Person,

This email addresses the next important milestone in the project, that is your U3As commitment and election as to the preferred means of hosting.

Please refer to the attachment.

The attachment, in its entirety, is important for your Committee's consideration. To aid your understanding the narrative has been divided into two Sections. **Section A - Overview and Commentary**, and **Section B - The Technical** Section B may be a little more for the 'tech savvy' Committee Members and certainly your Web Admin person.

What we now seek is your U3As election as to your preference of whether you wish to retain your existing hosting as **WordPress Standard** or to select **WordPress Multisite**. The attachment demonstrates the differences between the two, and the degree of your Web Admin person maintenance requirements. No doubt many factors will influence your decision. Here's our first Multisite, it is a *work in progress*, <https://dubbonew.u3anet.org.au/> and its antecedent <https://dubbo.u3anet.org.au/> As has been said it will not look too different unless the Member U3A makes the changes in colour or font etc.

If you choose to retain the WordPress Standard hosting the Network will require an annual undertaking with respect to the ongoing compliance and maintenance of your site. The undertaking will formalise a need that was not addressed adequately in the past. Your commitment and improved supervision will ensure the ongoing integrity of your U3A website and the wider U3A NSW group of websites.

Recognising that many U3As are finding their website somewhat of a challenge **WordPress Multisite** for most of our Member associations will be easier to utilise and with automated support the month-to-month actions will be less demanding. Further, succession planning will be smoother to manage. The Network acknowledges a few U3As may require advanced website options and may have confidence in the availability of future web-capable volunteers and will opt to remain with WordPress Standard.

It is important that each U3A Association ensures that their Web Admin person is engaged in the above process of choice, as the Network needs to be able to communicate with that person about the actions and sequence of the changes that will occur based upon either of the above options. (Please note that the Network does not have contact details for all Web Admins.)

The election, contained in the attachment should be completed and returned to Phillip Warren, U3A Network NSW, Web Administrator at u3answ.website@gmail.com Please return no later than Friday 28 August 2020.

Kind regards,

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Please note: 1. This Email has been sent to the Secretary and the Web Admin Person of each listed U3A
2. This information will be placed with other [Server Project Information](#) on the U3A Network NSW Website