



## Regional Representative - The Role

The Member U3As of the Network are allocated into regions for administrative purposes, providing a direct link to the Network committee through their Regional Representative. The **Regional Representative** is not a co-ordinator, but facilitates communication and consultation about U3A Member concerns.

The role of a **Regional Representative** is to:

- Serve as an independent member of the Management Committee. Membership of the Management Committee has an expectation of further contribution to tasks in Networks administration
- Be a conduit between the Committee and the member U3As in their region providing
- information and raising matters of concern.
- Provide advice and assistance on U3A matters to groups in the region, upon request,
- or to guide them to where they might obtain more precise information. The Network has produced guidance on matters as to Corporate governance and the role of committee members and office bearers of U3As, Constitution. Insurance, Copyright and the U3A. All these topics, and more, may be found on Networks website.
- Assist new groups in the region to become established.

The Regional Representative should subscribe and foster,

- The aims and objectives of the Network (as outlined in the Network Constitution) which are:
  - To provide information, advice, and relevant services to member U3As, and to encourage their involvement in the wider community, while recognising their autonomy.
  - To encourage co-operation and networking between member U3As, and as far as practicable, with other U3A organisations in Australia and internationally.
  - To support the formation of U3As within the State of New South Wales and the Australian CONSTITUTION of the U3A NETWORK NSW Inc. U3A Network NSW Constitution and the Australian Capital Territory.
  - To promote the U3A movement by publicising it through various media,
  - To represent member U3As at State and National levels.
  - To establish and maintain links with educational and Seniors' organisations;
  - To co-operate with and seek support from relevant sources for applied research into lifelong learning and related aspects of ageing.
  - To do all such things as may be conducive to the attainment of these objective.

And, further

- be approachable and become a name and a face that U3A Members in the Region can recognise.
- to meet with the U3As within their Region at least annually, where practical. This can be arranged collectively or individually. Regional Forums may be convened as physical meetings, or by Zoom or otherwise as circumstances dictate.

Regional Representatives are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their role, as fixed by the Committee from time to time.