



MEMBERS WITH DIAGNOSED DEMENTIA

Introduction

1. “Dementia is a progressive condition with biological changes occurring many years before symptoms emerge. People with dementia commonly may need support with activities of daily living such as health care, mobility, transportation and self care tasks. It is reported that people with dementia need to feel supported and respected. It is recommended that people with dementia continue their social relationships and interactions as best as they are able.”

Source: Dementia Australia

Purpose

2. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that members with diagnosed dementia are able to continue to attend classes and activities at Glen Eira U3A providing there is no disruption to the class and that all members adhere to the Code of Conduct.

Policy

3. Members with diagnosed dementia may continue to attend classes and activities at Glen Eira U3A until either the member or the tutor determines that participation in the class is no longer viable.
4. If the member has a carer, the carer may attend the class to support the member, however, will not participate in the class or activity. There is no charge for a carer to accompany a member to classes.

Procedures

5. A member with diagnosed dementia should inform the tutor of the class of the diagnosis.
6. A carer’s role is to support the member to participate in the class.

7. The carer's name should be noted on the class roll adjacent to the member's name.
8. The carer and the tutor should agree on method of communication to ensure that the tutor is aware of any changes relating to the member.

Responsibilities

9. It is the responsibility of the member with diagnosed dementia and or their carer to inform the tutor of the diagnosis.
10. It is the responsibility of the tutor to include the member in the class as much as practicable.
11. If a carer attends the class with the member, it is the responsibility of the carer to assist the member as required and to ensure the impact on the other class members is minimal.
12. It is the responsibility of the tutor to communicate with the carer on any issues that may arise.

Authorisation

13. This Policy was adopted by the Committee of Management of Glen Eira U3A on 9 April 2018.

When a member requires a carer to attend a class to support their participation, the following will apply:

1. The carer may attend the class to provide support to the member only.
2. The carer is not required to become a U3A member.
3. The carer should ensure that there is minimal disruption to the class.
4. The carer should discuss any relevant information with the tutor.
5. If the tutor decides that the situation is no longer viable, the carer and the member will be informed.

Signed

Tutor

Signed

Member

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Carer

Carer contact details: