

INTRODUCING U-MAS FOR MEMBERS

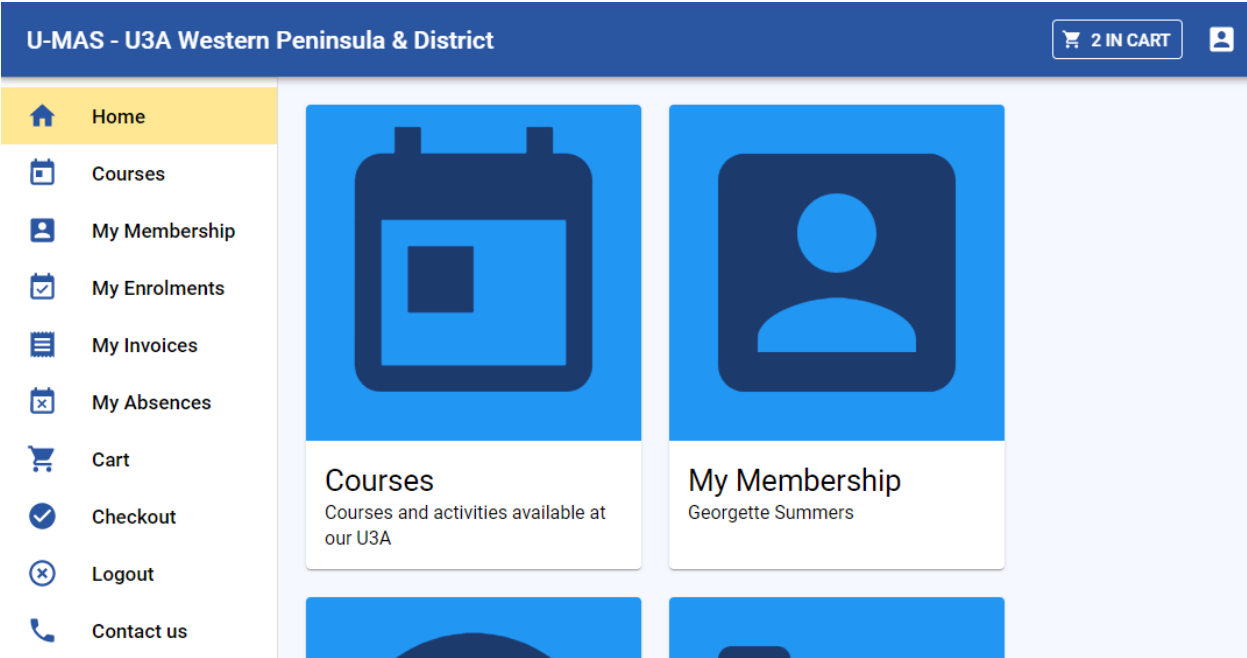
WHAT IS U-MAS FOR MEMBERS?

U-MAS for Members is a new web application that works with U-MAS 6.0 and above. U-MAS for Members allows general U3A members to access the U-MAS system in a more modern and user-friendly way. It works on smartphones and tablets as well as desktop PCs, and members find it intuitive and easy to learn.

We recommend that general U3A members should transition to U-MAS for Members for all their membership management requirements, including joining or renewing memberships, enrolling in courses, viewing and downloading their enrolments and invoices, and updating their personal details.

The U-MAS core user interface will continue to be available for higher-level users such as administrators and tutors.

U-MAS for Members has been developed by BarBendingDesigns in collaboration with SoftSys.

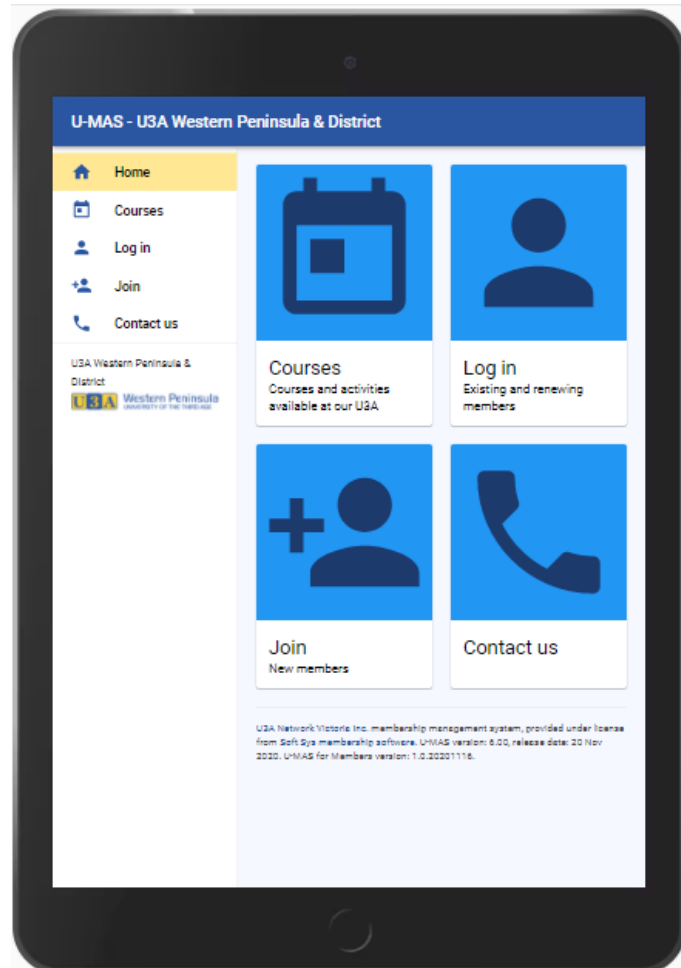
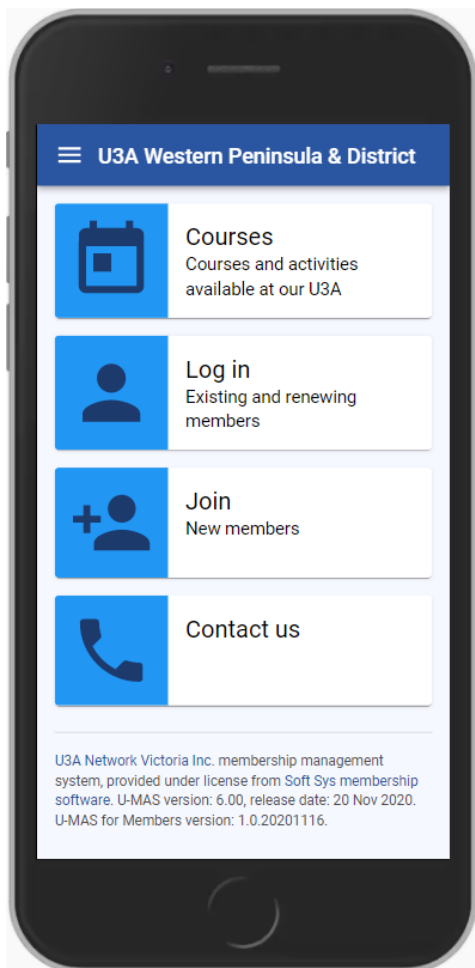


BENEFITS OF U-MAS FOR MEMBERS

WORKS ON SMARTPHONES, TABLETS, TOUCHSCREENS

Based on Google Analytics data, the proportion of visitors to U3A websites who are using smartphones and tablets is around 40-50%. Consequently, it is important to provide a membership system that works well on these devices.

The old U-MAS core interface was designed to work on desktops with mouse input, but does not adapt to smaller devices and touchscreens. In contrast, U-MAS for Members works equally well on desktop and laptop PCs, smartphones and tablets, used with a mouse, or with a touchscreen. The user interface is responsive, meaning that it automatically adjusts to suit the screen width.



MODERN USER INTERFACE

U-MAS for Members was developed using Google's Material Design principles, aimed at following best practices in user interface design. The appearance is clear, modern and professional. Members find it easy to use, because it behaves in a similar way to other web applications that members will already be familiar with.

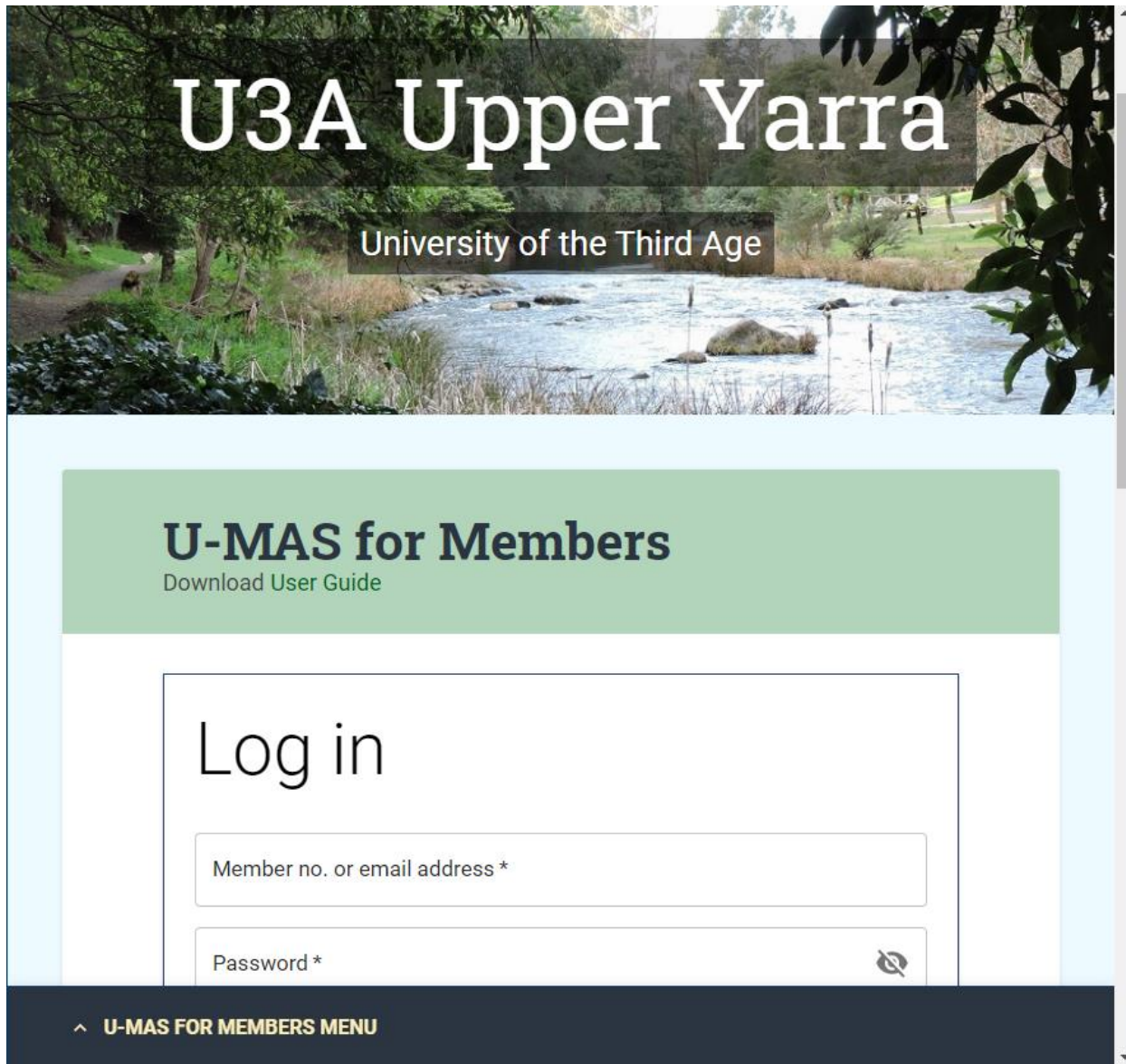
The screenshot displays the U-MAS - U3A Western Peninsula & District website interface. A dark blue header contains the site name and a shopping cart icon with '2 IN CART'. A sidebar on the left lists navigation options: Home, Courses, My Members, My Enrolments, My Invoices, My Absences, Cart, Checkout, Logout, and Contact us. A 'HELP' button is visible in the top right. A 'Cart' modal is open, showing a table of items in the cart. The table has columns for Code, Name, Start date, Status, and Fee. Two items are listed: '21PAINT' (Oil Painting (Advanced)) and 'SUBSSU21' (Summer School Subscription for 2020 - 21). The total fee is \$35.00. At the bottom of the modal are buttons for 'CLOSE', 'CLEAR CART', and 'CHECKOUT'. Below the modal, a 'Category' dropdown is set to 'CUL: Culture'.

	Code	Name	Start date	Status	Fee
	21PAINT	Oil Painting (Advanced)	15 Jan 2021	OK	\$10.00
	SUBSSU21	Summer School Subscription for 2020 - 21	1 Jan 2021	OK	\$25.00
Total					\$35.00

RUNS IN U-MAS AND/OR IN A WORDPRESS WEBSITE

U-MAS for Members can be installed directly in a U-MAS site, and/or in a WordPress-based website connected to a U-MAS database.

The benefit of running U-MAS for Members in a WordPress-based site is that members do not need to leave the site in order to access member functions. The in-WordPress version is available as a WordPress plugin.



The screenshot displays a website interface for U3A Upper Yarra. At the top, a banner image of a river and trees features the text "U3A Upper Yarra" in large white font and "University of the Third Age" in a smaller white font on a dark background. Below the banner is a green header with the text "U-MAS for Members" and a link "Download User Guide". The main content area is a white box with a "Log in" heading and two input fields: "Member no. or email address *" and "Password *". A dark blue footer contains the text "U-MAS FOR MEMBERS MENU" with an upward-pointing arrow.

API AVAILABLE

For the technically-minded, an API (application programming interface) is available. While U-MAS for Members uses the API to communicate with U-MAS, the API can also be used by other applications. For example, someone with web development skills could write a program that would use the API to extract course information from U-MAS, for use in custom reports.


WHAT CAN MEMBERS DO IN U-MAS FOR MEMBERS?

All tasks that could be done by a general (i.e. level 0) member in core U-MAS can now be done in U-MAS for Members:

- Join
- Renew membership
- View courses
- Enrol in courses
- View or download enrolments
- View or download invoices
- Pay an invoice with PayPal (if enabled by U3A)
- View and update member details such as name, contact details, and password
- Download name badge (if enabled by U3A)

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- Home
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- My Enrolments**
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U3A Western Peninsula & District


My Enrolments

[DOWNLOAD PDF](#) [SETTINGS](#)


Membership Subscriptions

1 Jan 2020 - 31 Dec 2020 

Code	Name	Start date	End date	Fee	Invoice
SUBS2020	2020 Subscription	17 Jan 2020	18 Dec 2020	\$30.00	2056

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Enrolments

1 Jan 2020 - 31 Dec 2020 

Code	Name	Start date	Start time	End date	Invoice
WDIT00	Western Peninsula U3A	9 Jan 2020	10:00 AM	17 Feb 2020	2057

WHAT CAN NOT BE DONE IN U-MAS FOR MEMBERS?

All tasks that require higher-level access (i.e. level 1 or higher; tutors and administrators) will continue to be done in U-MAS core, and cannot be done in U-MAS for Members. These include tasks such as sending bulk emails, running reports, and updating U-MAS system settings.

HOW TO INSTALL AND CONFIGURE U-MAS FOR MEMBERS

Please contact us at info@barbendingdesigns.com to arrange installation.

We will install some additional files in U-MAS, and assist you to configure U-MAS for Members appropriately for your U3A.

PRICING

For existing SoftSys customers, who want to upgrade to U-MAS for Members: Your annual maintenance fee will increase by 20%.

For the in-WordPress plugin version, an additional annual fee of \$150 p.a. is payable.

FURTHER INTEGRATION OPTIONS

U3A THEME FOR WORDPRESS

A WordPress theme for U3As, which includes U-MAS for Members and many other U3A-specific features is available. If you require a new or refreshed website and would like to consider using U3A Theme, please contact us for more information.