

Message from Marian

April 2022



Greetings to all U3A members

Before you read any further, I want you to get out your diary, or if you are savvy, your phone, as you need to note the following important dates.

Our organisation would not exist without the commitment of our wonderful volunteer Facilitators who regularly give up their time to share their skills so that other U3A members may learn something new while enjoying the company of others. Although they don't expect it, they definitely deserve recognition and a reward.

Facilitators Lunch

With this in mind all Facilitators are invited to a complimentary meal and drink

At *Eleni's Restaurant*

Mallee Estates Winery, in Renmark

On *Thursday May 5th at 12noon.*

Please add to your diary

RSVP *Ute Young on 0408 839 430*

By **Monday May 2nd** to confirm your booking.



Other U3A members are welcome but must pay their own way

Check the Murray Pioneer for U3A news items!!!

With several items printed in The Murray Pioneer recently I sincerely hope we don't have to respond so often to the comment "What is U3A Riverland and where do they fit in the Riverland community?"

Upcoming Presentations

Despite the ever present spectre of Covid, attendance at our programmed U3A activities has been pleasing. We continually strive to be inclusive and to offer something of interest for everyone involved in U3A. With that in mind, I have organised several topical presentations over the coming months, by members of the community.

Please add these Diary Dates to your calendar:

- **Thursday May 25th** at 1.30 pm in the Clubrooms on Strawbridge Street Berri, **"The role of Loxcare in the Community"** Bev Scarfe Co-ordinator of LoxCare in Loxton will speak on the role of this organisation. With around 65 volunteers there is much more to this group than operating a well organised Opp Shop.

The mural was painted by Lyn Ansley with the help of the community.



- **Thursday June 16th** also at 1.30pm in the Clubrooms,
Red Cross Bus Transport to Adelaide for Medical Appointments
Deborah Muller, Regional Coordinator of Riverland and Mid Murray Australian Red Cross, will explain what is involved if we need / want to use the Bus to transport Riverlanders to Adelaide for Medical appointments. With the TV advert at the moment "*Don't stop driving by accident*", this presentation is very timely.

News from your Management Committee

1. **Lease Extension** - An extension to our lease of the Clubrooms has been signed until the end of 2022.
2. **Working Bee** - Another *working bee* to complete the painting in the main hall will be announced soon. Tony will let you know when we need your help once again. This is a great opportunity for you to pick up some renovating skills that you can apply at home!!!
3. **Buddy system for new Committee Members** - As almost half of the management committee are new to the position, we have organised a sort of Buddy system where the new committee members work with the current ones
 - (a) it helps them to adjust to what is involved and to use the skills they bring to our group
 - (b) Provides a pathway to an ongoing succession plan for a future management committee.

Please if you have any ideas or contacts that improve what we offer I encourage you to communicate with one of our committee personnel.

**Shirley Sims, Brent Morrell, Tony Guster, Cheri Gray, Leonie Vriends,
Mary Wagnitz, Mary Rothe, Anne-Marie Riley or myself.**

Until next time, take care and remember "*keep active physically, mentally and socially*".

**Marian Woodberry
U3A Riverland President**