

Message from Marian



November 2021

Greetings everyone

Well it is nearly the end of another Pandemic year. Here's hoping the next 12 months is more positive than the last, but really, we have a lot to be thankful for, living in the Riverland.

I want to commence my final for this year, Message from Marian with something positive-

U3A Christmas celebration.

Your committee likes to arrange this event in a different Riverland town each year. This year we will be dining at **The Renmark Club on Friday December 10th from 12.30 pm**. Please **RSVP** Daina text or phone on 0412 416 892 by Monday December 6th.

Covid 19 Action

At our recent committee meeting Covid vaccinations were discussed in response to queries from some of our members. We all acknowledged that vaccination is an individual decision and that there are those of you who are unable to be vaccinated due to health reasons. After a long and considered discussion your executive committee came to the conclusion that as we are classed as a "Vulnerable Group" and for simplicity of oversight that only double vaccinated Covid 19 members will be eligible to attend U3A Riverland activities in 2022. We apologise for any distress this may cause, but are mindful of providing a safe environment for all our members in these times of open borders and continued uncertainty of Covid spread.

To reflect this decision, your new and renewal membership enrolment form will now have a box for you to tick indicating that you are double vaccinated.

Membership Renewal for 2022

To make it easier for both members and our treasurer's records, Shirley Sims, our Treasurer, will be visiting many groups over the next two weeks to collect your membership fee of \$30.00 - no increase for 2022 - and to distribute your new enrolment form. You will still be able to pay online if you prefer, but must also complete the enrolment form before attending classes in 2022 as this will be used as an acknowledgement of your Covid vaccination status.

Activities Enrolment Day for 2022

Thursday January 20th 2022 from 10am in the U3A Clubrooms Strawbridge St Berri. This is the day to register for classes in 2022. You will also be able to sign up for new and renewal membership. Morning tea will be available that morning so that you can enjoy a chat and social interaction over a cuppa.

AGM news

The U3A Riverland AGM will be held on **Thursday March 3rd 2022** at 10 am in the U3A Riverland Clubrooms Strawbridge St Berri.

Position Vacant – Daina, our very efficient and committed Secretary who was involved in setting up our group from the beginning, has decided to retire from the role. This means we are looking for a committed member to take on that position. The position is not too onerous and can be split between two people i.e. minute secretary and contact person if that would make life easier.

A new face will be most welcome on the team. You can be assured of lots of support from the executive committee. Please give this matter serious consideration and feel free to contact Daina or myself for more details of what is involved in this position.

Looking to the future

Your executive committee are already in the planning mode for 2022. As some activities will not be continuing in 2022, we would welcome your input on an activity or perhaps an idea for a presentation that might be of interest to members. Please don't be shy. Approach any committee person and we will certainly consider your request.

Looking forward to catching up with as many as possible at the Christmas lunch on December 10th. Until then, stay safe, stay active physically, mentally and socially.

Marian Woodberry
(President U3A Riverland)