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Your Committee, who work tirelessly to make U3A a success, are happy to answer any questions or take up any suggestions you may have. Please feel free to contact us.

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Riverland Rendezvous Report

Judith Hennig



Welcome to a special edition Newsletter. In Diana's absence it is primarily a report of our recent Riverland Rendezvous (May 9-11 2017).

The event was held as a result of a U3A SA Delegates' decision last year to hold an event to showcase individual U3As. Our plucky and forward-thinking President, Brent Morrel, put his hand up to hold the first of these events.

This was a prime opportunity for us to showcase our wonderful region and to extend our warm Riverland hospitality to our visitors. We hope we accomplished this and showcased the Riverland to its best advantage.

So please take the time to complete the Survey form that will be emailed to you. This will let us know how to do it better. This will also help future U3A Rendezvous events to continue across the state.

U3A Riverland wouldn't exist without tutors—many thanks go to the tutors who shared their knowledge and skills in the workshop held.

The committee has worked hard, with gusto and enjoyment as did the members who gave their time generously during the event.

President's Report

Brent Morrell



RIVERLAND RENDEZVOUS

Ninety members from U3A groups throughout South Australia lived out their motto of "Staying active: mentally, physically and socially" last month.

The State's first U3A Rendezvous, hosted by the fledgling Riverland branch, showcased the region's attractions from Tuesday to Thursday, May 9th to 11th. Visitors enjoyed guided walks of the Banrock Station wetlands, followed by lunch on the deck overlooking the wetlands. Many opted for Berri's riverfront walk to Martin's Bend and Renmark's riverfront ramble led by local historian Heather Everingham.

Perhaps the highlight of the event was a spectacular "Moonrise over the Murray" viewed from the balcony of the Renmark Club, followed by a sell-out dinner with guest speaker Mark Randell, historian and descendant of Captain William Randell of early paddle steamer fame.

A number of workshops were held during the Rendezvous, as diverse as backgammon, the art of zentangles, know your smart phone, creative writing, mahjong and wine appreciation. Attendees also enjoyed a tour and gin tasting at the recently opened 23rd Street Distillery in Renmark

The three day visit was capped with a cruise on the PS Industry. The weather was beautiful and visitors and locals alike relaxed on the decks to take in the spectacular river views.

We were most appreciative of financial assistance provided by Berri Barmera and Renmark Paringa Councils, and "The Senior" newspaper.

Hopefully this Rendezvous will lead to more throughout the State in years to come. If that does happen, I thoroughly commend them to you for the fellowship with people like us that it brings.

PS. Please complete the Survey form that will/has been emailed to you. Brent will take this back to the next Delegates' meeting for future U3A events.



As the Vice-President of U3A Riverland I would like to make these comments for your consideration.

To the incoming Rendezvous 2018 organising committee and those who attended the Riverland Rendezvous 2017. Yes, it was a lot of hard work over approximately nine months, but your accolades and positive comments over the three days, made it really worthwhile.

Thank you for attending. I hope you enjoyed your taste of what the Riverland has to offer. There is much more that can be showcased in the adjoining Riverland towns, so please come back again and stay a little longer next time.

The added benefits to the committee was something we did not really envisage as we sat around the table discussing the various matters.

1. Recognition and appreciating each member's particular skills and forming strong bonds to make the occasion as inviting and stress free as possible.
2. Getting to know each other better and the partners of committee member and appreciating their support.

I'd like to thank our President Brent Morrell for his leadership, patience and professionalism. There were so many tasks behind the scenes that he took on to make the event a success.

If the incoming committee has an enthusiastic and committed leader and committee, as we did, you too will have a successful event and we look forward to joining you in 2018.

Marian Woodberry

Breadmaking with Tia

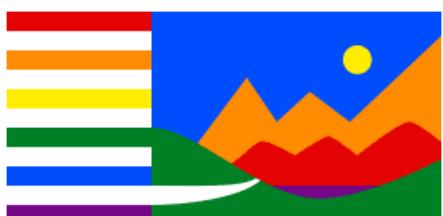
Six people took part in the Artisan Bread classes recently held at the Chaffey Community Centre in Renmark.

Tia, from Flour & Spice is an inspiring and highly talented Bread Artisan with over 30 years experience of studying bread making and spending time with specialty bakers in Paris and Italy.

Ele, Ulla-Maija, Anna and Judith were thrilled with their first attempts.



I guess you could say she's pure-bread



Out&About



Visitors enjoyed a walk along the Berri riverfront and on the Lions walking trail to Martins Bend.

Riverland Rendezvous

A huge thanks to the following activity facilitators: Backgammon—Vale Pederson Campbelltown, Digital—books-Kerrie Smith Campbelltown, Mahjong—Di Wall Tea Tree Gully. Riverlanders for Tai Chi—Erica, Smart Phones—Peter Isson (Berri-Barmera Library Manager), Wine Appreciation—John Penna, Photography—Terry Marter, Creative Writing—Brent Morrell, Zentangles—Diana March, Berri Riverfront Walk—Geoff March, Renmark Riverfront Walk—Heather Everingham.



