



## **R I V E R L A N D I N C .**

### ***Staying Active: mentally, physically and socially.***

#### ***Letter to Members, Term 4, 2024.***

Dear U3A Riverland Member,

I hope that you were able to take part in one or more of our U3A Riverland Courses or Activities during the last few months of 2024.

On behalf of every member, I thank our Tutors/Leaders for their generous work in developing and maintaining our activities. They are the beating heart of our organisation.

At this time, we say farewell to Pam Rule. Pam has been a stalwart of U3A Riverland for years and we thank her for all that she has done for us, and, in particular, for organising mah-jong groups. We wish her all the best in her new abode.

Thanks, also, to the committee members who have worked so hard at keeping things ticking along. Indeed, things are more than 'ticking along', for we have added several more activities to our list of offerings in the term 4 programme.

Special thanks must go to Jude Sykes, Phil Sims, Robbie Millar, Brent Morrell, Mark Bell, Sherrie Axon and Anne Menzel for organizing our new course offerings.

And a big "Thanks", too, to Anne Menzel for coordinating and compiling the programme of Term 4 Activities that accompanies this letter. Please have a good look through it for activities that might be of interest to you. To enrol, simply get in touch with the Contact Person listed.

Thanks, again, to Anne for her continued efforts to publicise U3A Riverland on local media.

The U3A Riverland Art Group has its annual Exhibition coming up. To be held in the Renmark Paringa Council Exhibition Room, 61 Eighteenth Street, Renmark, it runs from Friday October 18 until Sunday October 27, 2024. (Weekends 10 am – 4 pm, Week days 9 am – 5 pm). Do yourself a favour by going along and viewing the works of our talented artists. You will be impressed!

Several Committee members will be manning a U3A Riverland information table at the forthcoming Navigating Aged Care Expo to be held at the Loxton Precinct on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 9 am until 1 pm. You are most welcome to come and join us at the table for a time.

As the year rolls on we are becoming gradually more familiar with, and more completely set up with, the online Member Wizard.

Treasurer, Shirley Sims, is working away at the complex task of getting all the membership and finance functions aligned. Anne Menzel has set up our document files so that they are saved for the future.

A properly functioning administration programme such as Member Wizard will make it so much easier for future committee management and member participation.

If we are fully prepared by the end of the year, you'll be able to log on to your own membership page and do things such as renew membership and enrol in courses and activities, right then and there. Of course, we'll always consider the needs of those who are not comfortable with using online facilities and will still offer more conventional means of dealing with your U3A membership matters.

At the beginning of Term 4, 2024, we are still in a state of uncertainty about our continued occupation of the Strawbridge Street U3A Building.

Under the weight of an unfavourable building report, Berri Barmera Council officers are doing their best to negotiate with the inspectors to decide whether we will be able to continue to make partial usage of the premises.

Whatever the outcome, some, at least, of our activities might have to be conducted elsewhere. We have been actively canvassing suitable venues in and around Berri so that, when the time comes for us to relocate some of our activities, we have options ready and waiting.

Your committee has a meeting with Council Officers on Monday October 14 at which we hope to learn more.

My best wishes for your personal welfare and for your involvement in our U3A Riverland activities during term 4.

Again, please remember to keep in touch by opening the website ([u3ariverland.org](http://u3ariverland.org)) or by checking out and joining our Facebook Group (U3A Riverland).

Kind Regards,  
Tony Guster  
President