

U3A MURRAYLANDER

Promoting lifelong learning and positive ageing

PROGRAM: Semester II/2026 Edition No.74

TERM 3: Mon 20th Jul — Fri 25th Sept (10 weeks)

TERM 4: Mon 12th Oct — Fri 11th Dec (9 weeks)

From the President – Lynton Hall

Welcome to all members. We have had a busy time in Semester 1 and look forward to an enjoyable Semester 2.

I stepped into the position of President of U3A Murraylands in February of this year, and I wish to sincerely thank the management committee along with all those who have provided advice and support as I have settled into the role. The supportive and collaborative environment in which members operate has certainly made the transition easier.

This year the committee has spent time developing strategies as we move to consolidate our administrative processes through the implementation of a cloud-based member management system, Member Wizard where communications, finances, class scheduling and enrolment, event management and subscriptions are all managed from one central database.

In March, an application to Murray Bridge Council for funds to cover the cost of Member Wizard subscriptions and associated support hardware was submitted. We are very pleased to report that the grant amounting to \$2628 was successful.

A major focus in Semester 2 will be the offering of training sessions in the use of Member Wizard. The committee will initially attend training (via Zoom) on Thursday June 4 and Monday July 13. The skills acquired will then be shared with tutors and members in future training sessions which will commence in August/September. All being well, we would like to have Member Wizard operating in 2027.

If we are to use Member Wizard effectively in 2027, a significant change will be that members will need to register and pay their membership fees for 2027 by December 10th 2026. More details will be provided regarding this as the semester progresses.

Early in the year, after discussions with Murray Bridge Council, the council upgraded the concrete path by making the path from the rear car park to the front door wider, and upgraded the stairs with safety tiles and another handrail. In addition, they have maintained the garden in a neat and tidy state. The council has been very supportive of the U3A program and facilities. We sincerely thank them for that.

In May, representatives from the U3A Committee attended the Murray Bridge Council meeting with a deputation requesting that Council support, plan and budget for the installation of a pedestrian refuge on the road in front of White Park. Pam Morgan spoke to the submission and it received generally favourable responses. We are cautiously optimistic that the installation will proceed in the near future. Special thanks go to Pam Morgan for the work she undertook in preparing and presenting the submission and for the support provided by Helen Elix.

The White Park Management Committee is investigating the purchase of a quality public address system for the building. This is a much needed facility for the many guest speakers and meetings where a microphone and speakers are needed. U3A Murraylands will have a major role in supporting the committee in the acquisition of funds to support its purchase. We are hopeful that the system may be in place by the end of the year.

Once again, we will offer an extensive and varied Semester 2 program for members. To paraphrase a previous president, we are "spoilt for choice". "Get On-line" will be offered again this year on Friday, October 23. This is an opportunity for you to further develop your IT skills. Your contribution in the form of suggestions as to which skills you would specifically like to address, is welcome.



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U3A is a learning co-operative of 'third age' people (50 years and no longer working full time or are retired). A self help and non-profit organisation that encourages a positive approach to ageing by enhancing self esteem, independence and sharing experiences including educational, creative and leisure activities.

Presidents Report (Cont.)

The program Coordinator, Wendy Osborne along with the Social Committee and Program Editors, Pat Nuske and Helen Elix have spent many hours working behind the scenes to ensure that the program is organised and satisfies the needs of members.

Guest speakers and excursions are often highlights of the program. In Semester 1, Bruce Munday spoke about his experiences and expertise in building dry-stone walls. Although many may not previously have considered dry-stone walls very exciting, Bruce provided a fascinating insight into their significance in our history.

We also had an enjoyable excursion to Mypolonga Primary School followed by lunch at Mannum, and in June there will be a visit to Tailern Bend Regional Profile Cutters. These special events proceed because of the work carried out by the Program Coordinator and Social Committee.

It is fitting to acknowledge the expertise and efforts of our Secretary, Chris Harvey who deals with correspondence and coordinates agendas and produces minutes from our monthly meetings, Pam Morgan who, as Treasurer manages our finances and our membership, keeping meticulous records of both, Bob England who diplomatically liaises between U3A Murraylands and the White Park Management Committee and Helen Elix who provides tremendous support, insight, enthusiasm and reliability to the committee.

The U3A classes, workshops and events would not be possible without the enormous contribution from Tutors, Leaders and Assistants who volunteer their time and expertise. Their efforts are appreciated by all.

You may have some special skills that we are not aware of. If you feel as though you would like to lead a class/series of workshops in 2027, then have a conversation with one of the committee members and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes.

Finally, I would like to welcome Susan Loveday as a “new” member of the committee in 2026. Susan brings with her a range of skills which will prove invaluable moving forward. More details regarding Susan can be found in the “Member Profile” in this edition.

SOCIAL MEDIA, COMPUTING, TECHNOLOGY, PHOTOBOOKS & MORE...

EMAIL TIPS & TRICKS



Learn Gmail Tips and Tricks and how to apply them. Beginners and advanced welcome. Please bring electronic equipment charged.

Min 6 Max 10

Tutor: Helen Elix Mob: 0410 510 280

Date: T3: Fri Aug, 7,14,21,28

Time: 2.00pm—4pm

Venue: White Park (Hall—Projector end)

Cost: \$2 per session

ANDROID PHONE-TABLET

Know your Android phone/ Tablet. Extend your use & customise settings. Bring mobile/Tablet fully charged.

Tutor : Claudia Schiek Mob: 0437 056 333

Dates: T3: Not Offered

T4: Thurs Oct. 15, 22 & 29th

Subject: Phone /Tablet 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: White Park (Hall TV)

Cost: \$2 per session



APPLE iPhone / iPad

Maximise your skills with your Apple iPhone &/or iPad.

Extend your use and customise settings. Bring your phone/Tablet fully charged.

Maximum 16

Leader : Rob Andrews Mob: 0479 152 534

Assistant: Pat Nuske Mob: 0428 215 279

Dates: T 3: Not Offered

T 4: Tues Oct 13th (Weekly)

Time: 10.15am-12.00pm

Venue: White Park (Hall—Projector end)

Cost: \$2 per session



PHOTO BOOKS

Specifically for those wishing to create Photobooks.

Minimum of 4 enrolments to proceed

Tutor: Barry Stacey Mob: 0407 322 209

Assistant: Pat Nuske Mob: 0428 215 279

Dates T3: Jul 21, 28, Aug 4,11th

T4: Not Offered

Time: 10am to 12 noon

Venue: White Park (Front Room)

Cost: \$2.00 per session

Bring your Laptop fully charged. The Photobookshop App will be down loaded from the website during classes if not completed beforehand.

Due to the major changes in Elements Photo Enhancing will no longer be offered as a subject.

HEALTHY EATING

A focus on nutrition and healthy eating. Demonstrations, handouts, tastings, recipes and fun hands-on practical. Please pay at the beginning of Term 3 and/or 4, as ingredients need to be purchased. **Max 10** per session.

Tutor: Helen Elix Mob: 0410 510 280

Tutor: Pat Nuske Mob: 0428 215 279

Dates: T3: Fri 11th Sept

Parmesan Zucchini Sticks & dipping sauce

Raspberry Chocolate Bombs



T4: Friday 6th Nov

Christmas Appetizers—make your own



Time: 2—4pm

Venue: White Park (Kitchen & Hall Projector end)

Cost: \$2 per session \$10 for materials

ARTS & CRAFTS

WRITING FOR PLEASURE

(Semester 2 Enrolment) MAXIMUM 12

Put pen to paper and create a story or verse.

Discussion and plenty of laughs!

Tutor: Paul Crook Mob: 0433 736 320

Assistant: Geoff Osborne Mob: 0438 447 270

Date: T3: Wed, July 29th (fortnightly)
T4: Wed, Oct 21st (fortnightly)

Time: 10.00am – 12md

Venue: White Park (Front room)

Cost: \$2 per session



ART FOR PLEASURE

(Semester 2 Enrolment) Maximum 14

A social gathering and sharing of skills.

Tutor: Graham Peake Mob: 0409 016 677

Art Advisor: Mary Norris Mob: 0439 844 865

Assistant: Wendy Osborne Mob: 0413 704 951

Date: T3: Wed, Jul 22nd (fortnightly)
T4: Wed, Oct 14th (fortnightly)

Time: 9:30am – 12md

Venue: White Park (Hall, TV)

Cost: \$2 per session

All participants to supply their own equipment



CARD MAKING - Maximum 8

[Semester 2 Enrolment]

This term we will be making a variety of cards.

Leader: Rosalie Pike Mob: 0428 836 171

Assistant: Wendy Osborne Mob: 0413 704 951

Date: T3: Tues, Jul 21st (fortnightly)
T4: Tues, Oct 13th (fortnightly)

Time: 1.00pm-3.00pm

Venue: White Park (Front Room)

Cost: \$2.00 per session
\$5 for supplied card kit



Please bring your own tool kit.

Basic Tool Kit containing: Paper Trimmer, Scissors, scoring tool, adhesive tape and clear glue, Inch ruler, and pencil and sharpener.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT - Maximum 18

[Semester 2 Enrolment]

This term we will be making Christmas ornaments.

Leader: Chris Wilson

Assistant: Ann Ratsch

Date: T3: Not Offered
T4: Fri 27th Nov

Time: 1.30pm-3.30pm

Venue: White Park Main Hall (Projector end)

Cost: \$2.00 per session plus
\$3 for materials

Contact: Wendy Osborne Mob: 0413 704 951



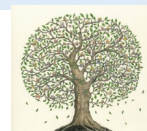
Please bring a chopping board, rolling pin, glad wrap, old knife, and tray to cut the ornaments on.

GENEALOGY

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Maximum 22

(Semester 2 Enrolment) Research your family tree using Ancestry, Trove and other online resources.



Leaders: Sheila Lewis Mob: 0427 398 394
Edith Snell Mob: 0417 547 614

Assistants: Lyn Morgan Mob: 0427 032 913
Trevor Gordon Mob: 0428 724 415
Marilyn Smythe Mob: 0429 080 747

Date: T3: Mon, Jul 20th (weekly)
T4: Mon, Oct 12th (weekly)

Time: 10am–12 md

Venue: White Park (Hall, TV section)

Cost: \$2 per session.

MUSIC

KEYBOARD Minimum 4

(Semester 2 Enrolment)



Tutor: Jo Leach Mob: 0412 761 846

Date: T3: Wed Jul 29th (fortnightly)
T4: Wed Oct 21st (fortnightly)

Time: 10.00 pm – 12.00 md

Venue: White Park (Hall, Projector end)

Cost: \$2.00 per session

Supply your own keyboard with stand and earphones.

Discuss music with Jo .

UKULELE—BRIDGE STRUMMERS

(Semester 2 Enrolment) Minimum 10

Enjoy singing and playing a varied selection of songs. Playing for pleasure.



Leader: Sandra Sims Mob: 0422 041 799

Assistants: Jean Filmer Mob: 0417 816 880

Claudia Schiek Mob: 0437 056 333

Dates: T3: Mon, Jul 20th (weekly)
T4: Mon, Oct 12th (weekly)

Time: 1pm—3pm

Venue: White Park (Hall, Projector End)

Cost: \$2.00 per session

VOCALIZE - SINGING GROUP

(Semester 2 Enrolment) Singing in groups improves our sense of happiness and well being, as well as a sense of community and belonging.

Leader: Coralie Mattner Mob: 0473 371 361

Assistant : Peter Geue

Pianist: Rose Symonds

Date: T3: Tues, Jul 21st (weekly)
T4: Tues, Oct 13th (weekly)

Venue: White Park (Hall, Projector end)

Time: 1:30—2:30pm

Cost: \$2.00 per session

STRETCH THE BRAIN

CANASTA

Maximum 20

(Semester 2 Enrolment)

Interested in playing Canasta? Beginners welcome.

Facilitator: Pam Doecke Mob: 0409 620 596

Assistant: Barb Fawcett Mob: 0409 180 103

Date: T3: Thur, Jul 30th (Fortnightly)

T4: Thur, Oct 15th (Fortnightly)

Time: 10.00pm – 12.00md

Venue: White Park (Main hall)

Cost: \$2.00 per session



RUMMIKIN TILE & CARD GAME

(Semester 2 Enrolment) Maximum 16

Join our friendly group to play, beginners are welcome.

Facilitator: Kerry Davis Mob: 0407 719 373

Assistants: Heather McLoughlin Mob: 0488 239 065

Gail McMaster Mob: 0417 722 831

Date: T3: Mon, Jul 20th (fortnightly)

T4: Mon, Oct 12th (fortnightly)

Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Venue: White Park (Front Room or Hall)

Cost: \$2.00 per session



MAHJONG

Maximum 40

(Semester 2 Enrolment) Please indicate if

you are a new player as there is a maximum of 4 new players to commence at the beginning of Semester 1, Term 1 in 2027.

Please arrive 10 minutes prior to starting time.

Facilitator: Annette Nelson Mob: 0417 823 988

Assistant: Sue Hawkes Mob: 0487 175 356

Jan Menz Mob: 0407 790 146

Date: T3: Wed, Jul 22nd (fortnightly)

T4: Wed, Oct 14th (fortnightly)

Time: 1.00pm–4.00pm

Venue: White Park (Hall)

Cost: \$2.00 per session

Mahjong handbooks are an additional cost. Please order these handbooks and pay for your own at Murraylands Newsagency. Approx \$25.

SCRABBLE

Maximum 20

(Semester 2 Enrolment)

An afternoon of fun with words, join the scrabble group.

Facilitator: Jan Menz Mob: 0407 790 146

Assistants: Faye Campbell Mob: 0417 081 236

Annette Nelson Mob: 0417 823 988

Date: T3: Wed, Jul 29th (fortnightly)

T4: Wed, Oct 21st (fortnightly)

Time: 1.00pm–4.00pm

Venue: White Park (Hall)

Cost: \$2.00 per session



STRETCH THE BRAIN

500 CARD GAME

Maximum 20

(Semester 2 Enrolment)

Interested in playing 500? Beginners welcome.

Facilitator: Pam Arbon Mob: 0438 288 121

Assistant: Gail McMaster Mob: 0417 722 831

Kerry Davis Mob: 0407 719 373

Date: T3: Thur, Jul 30th (fortnightly)

T4: Thur, Oct 15th (fortnightly)

Time: 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Venue: White Park (Hall)

Cost: \$2.00 per session

NOTE: New starting time.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

1ST WEDNESDAY—MORNING COFFEE & BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (Semester 2 Enrolment)

Maximum 12

Starting with tea or coffee. Come and join an informal exchange of views about a book which has been supplied

First Wednesday of each month

Leader: Helen Clark Mob: 0407 727 119

Assistants: Chris Harvey Mob: 0428 865 862

Hazel Hunter Mob: 0428 385 106

Dates: T3: Wed, Aug 5th, Sep 2nd, Oct 7th

T4: Wed, Nov 4th, Dec 2nd,

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Venue: Murray Bridge Public Library

Cost: Free Session coffee provided

by the Library

FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

(Semester 2 Enrolment)

A Library Group, sponsored by friends of the Library. U3A members are welcome to attend, lively discussion of fiction and nonfiction. First Wednesday of each month.

Facilitator: Peggy Bennett Ph. 8532 3429

Dates: T3: Wed, Aug 5th, Sep 2nd, Oct 7th

T4: Wed, Nov 4th, Dec 2nd,

Time: 1.00pm–3pm

Venue: Murray Bridge Public Library

Cost: Free Session



FILM APPRECIATION

Pam Luke will inform those enrolled via email about a film at either the local Cameo or the Wallis cinema at Mt Barker. This could be a group outing i.e., car share and a fun social get together afterwards—a possibility.



Date: Please keep an eye on your EMAIL.

Contact: Pam Luke Mob: 0428 813 331

Cost: Pay at the venue on the day

FUN & FITNESS

SOCIAL INDOOR CARPET BOWLS Maximum 16 (Semester 2 Enrolment)

A relaxing and enjoyable social game.

Leader: Yvonne Mach Ph: 8532 6024

Date: T3: Fri, Aug 7,14,21,28,Sept 4, 11,18
T4: Fri, Oct 23,30, Nov 6,13,19,20, 27

Time: 1pm—3pm

Venue: Lutheran Church Hall,
427 Schenscher Rd,
Monarto

Cost: \$5 per session

All participants to assist with set up and pack up .

Please wear flat soled shoes. All equipment provided.



INDOOR FITNESS & EXERCISE

(Semester 2 Enrolment)

"Balance and Bones". Our strength, balance and co-ordination programme is for everyone. We follow a recommended DVD developed by U3A Network NSW.

BYO own weight (500 gram or 1 kg) & ball.

One session per week/per member. Decide on a Tuesday **OR** a Friday. If you need to switch days, please contact your Leader.

Note: 'All participants to complete a 'Screening Questionnaire'. Available at the U3A Office or from the class leader.



TUESDAY CLASS

Maximum 24

Leader: Debbie Griffiths Mob: 0448 956 606
Assistant: Thelm White Mob: 0430 483 560
Dates: T3: Tues, Jul 21st (weekly)
T4: Tues, Oct 13th (weekly)

Time: 9.00am–10.00am

Venue: White Park (Hall)

Cost: \$2.00 per session

FRIDAY CLASS

Maximum 24

Leader: Keryl Kiel Mob: 0417 858 921
Assistant: Jean Filmer Mob: 0417 816 880
Dates: T3: Fri, Jul 24th (weekly)
T4: Fri, Oct 16th (weekly)

Time: 9.00am–10.00am

Venue: White Park (Hall)

Cost: \$2.00 per session

TABLE TENNIS Maximum 35

(Semester 2 Enrolment)

Keep fit with Table Tennis.

Facilitator: Rob Hancock Mob: 0439 802 209
Assistant: Barry Griffiths Mob: 0418 708 010

Date: T3: Wed, Jul 29, Aug 5,12,19,26
T4: Wed, Oct 28,Nov 4,11, 18, 25

Time: 9.30am –11.30am

Venue: Ken Wells Pavilion MB Showgrounds

Cost: \$4.00 per session



FUN & FITNESS

WALKING IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD (Semester 2 Enrolment) Max 20

All welcome irrespective of fitness level.

Please wear suitable shoes, dress for the weather, bring a light snack, drinking water & wear your name tag.

The duration of most walks is 4-5km, approx. 1 hour within the Murray Bridge vicinity.

Walking will commence subject to suitable weather.

Walkers will be notified accordingly. Please keep an eye on your emails for up-coming walks and details.

Contact: Bob England Mob: 0438 323 084
Assistant: Margaret Davidson Mob: 0412 272 103

Dates: T3: Fri Jul 24th (fortnightly)

T4: Not Offered

Times: 9:00am depart MB Railway Station (unless otherwise advised)

Locations: Details to be confirmed—Check your email

Cost: Nil



CROQUET

CROQUET Come & Try

The Murray Bridge Croquet Club are offering U3A members an opportunity to play Croquet. Please wear closed shoes with flat soles. Equipment supplied.



Contact: Lyn Morgan Mob: 0427 032 913

Date: T3: Thurs, Sept. 3,10,17,24^h

T4: Not offered

Times: 8:45am (for 9:00am start)- 12.00 noon

Venue: Croquet Club Thomas St, Murray Bridge

Cost: \$5 per session.

Pay on the day at the Croquet Club.

COST of Membership & Renewals

Member renewals are \$30 per/person per calendar year (1st January to 31st December).



With the introduction of Member Wizard renewals need to be paid before the end of Term 4 / 2026.

The last Office day to renew your membership and enrol, is Thursday 10th December 2026 for the 2027 programs.

Members are then financial for a calendar year, covered for insurances and eligible to enrol in classes, activities and events offered.

Details for ONLINE Payments

ACCOUNT: UNIVERSITY of the THIRD AGE ML

BSB: 015-665

ACCOUNT NO. : 4982-52407

Include your name and reason for payment.

Please also send a brief email 'Attention Treasurer' to E: u3amltreas@outlook.com regarding details of payment amount, who and what it is for. Thank you!

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS—TERM 3 2026

COFFEE & CAKE

Maximum No. 40 at an exciting new venue on Bridge Street.

Date: T3: Thursday 3rd September

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Venue: Tony's 32 Bridge Street.

Cost: \$10.00 per person,

RSVP With payment by Thurs Aug 20th.

Contact: Wendy Osborne 0413 704 951



GUEST SPEAKER

GUEST SPEAKER — Dr Caroline Foreman,
Medical Director

Topic Medic Alert

Date: T3. Thursday, Aug 6th

Venue: White Park (Hall)

Time: 1.30pm-3.00pm

Cost: \$2.00 + cuppa

Contact: Wendy Osborne 0413 704 951



ENROLMENT DEADLINE—Semester 2

All enrolments to be received at the office on
Thursday, Jun 25 2026 (10am—12 noon) 

Thursday, Jul 2, 9, & 16 2026 (10am—12 noon)

Please check the Notice Boards at White Park for
Office closures throughout 2026.

OFFICE TIMES HAVE CHANGED

PLEASE NOTE: U3A Office days are now open most Thursdays from 10.00am –11.00am. However, during enrolment (at the beginning of a Semester), office times will be extended from 10am to 12.00 noon.

These times are subject to change and members will be notified of changes. Always check the Notice Boards at White park for updates.

TUTORS & LEADERS FORUM & AVAILABILITY

Tutors and Leaders are invited to a debrief of 2026 classes and to indicate the classes they wish to offer in 2027.

Date: Thursday 8 October

Time: 1.30—3.00pm

Venue: White Park

Cost: Nil—Afternoon tea provided

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS—TERM 4 2026

GUEST SPEAKER

GUEST SPEAKER — Tim Law

Topic Murray Bridge Library

Date: T4. Thursday, Oct 15th

Venue: White Park (Hall)

Time: 1.30pm-3.00pm

Cost: \$2.00 + cuppa

Contact: Wendy Osborne 0413 704 951



GET ON LINE WEEK

Date: T4. Friday, Oct 23rd

Venue: White Park (Hall)

Time: 1.30pm-3.00pm

Cost: \$2.00 + afternoon tea

Contact: Wendy Osborne 0413 704 951

BIRDWOOD BELLRINGERS

To be confirmed.

Topic Performance by Bell Ringers

Date: T4. Thursday, 19th November

Venue: White Park (Hall)

Time: 1.30pm-3.00pm

Cost: \$2.00 + cuppa

Contact: Wendy Osborne 0413 704 951



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Maximum No 80

Date: T4: Friday 4th December

Time: 12.30 pm

Venue: 1924 RiverFront Steakhouse
1 Wharf Road, Murray Bridge

Cost: \$55 per/person

Menu: 3 Course Meal
(3 choices for each course)

Catering for special dietary needs, including vegetarian options. Please let us know your dietary requirements when you enrol.

RSVP: Payment by Thursday 5th November.

Contact: Wendy Osborne 0413 704 951



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

All Tutors, Leaders and Assistants are invited to a celebration afternoon tea in appreciation of your efforts this year. Patron Peri Strathearn to speak (TBC).

Date: Thursday 5 November

Time: 1.30—3.30pm

Venue: White Park

Cost: Nil—Afternoon tea provided

MEMBER WIZARD BENEFITS & TRAINING SUPPORT



Member Wizard gives U3A members secure online access to their membership details and class enrolments through the Member Portal, available on the U3A Murraylands website.

Each member has been assigned a unique membership number and can register using their email address to log in. Committee members will be available to assist you with registering and logging into the Member Portal during the training sessions listed below.

Training will be ongoing, so we ask for your patience and a positive approach as we all learn together. Additional sessions will be offered in small groups or one-on-one to ensure everyone receives the support they need.

Member Wizard is designed to be simple and convenient to use on a computer, tablet, iPhone, or smartphone.

Key benefits for members include:

- Secure and easy login
- Online class enrolment
- Viewing your enrolled classes
- Updating personal details
- Managing your membership
- Accessing payments and invoices
- Viewing important documents (such as newsletters and notices)
- Notifying tutors of absences
- Printing or saving your class schedule for easy reference

All of these features are available in one easy-to-use online portal.

The U3A Committee is also learning the system and is committed to supporting tutors, leaders, and members throughout this process. We encourage everyone to keep an open mind and take this new step together, one stage at a time.

Initial training sessions are listed below, and we invite you to enrol. While training will continue, we understand that some members may prefer to keep using paper enrolment forms until they feel confident using Member Wizard.

All member contact details and Semester I 2026 course preferences have already been uploaded into Member Wizard for testing purposes. The same process will be followed for Semester II 2026, with committee members entering your course preferences in preparation for training.

Please note that membership renewals must be completed by Thursday 10 December 2026 in order to enrol in Semester I, 2027. Member Wizard will recognise when your membership is current, allowing you to enrol online.

Paper enrolment forms will remain available for members who are not yet ready to enrol online. In the meantime, committee members will continue to enter your class preferences from paper forms until you feel comfortable using the system yourself.

Many other U3A groups across South Australia and interstate have successfully used Member Wizard for the past 3–4 years. We encourage everyone to embrace this new system step by step, and enjoy the benefits together.

MEMBER WIZARD ENROLMENT & TRAINING



MEMBER WIZARD TRAINING TUTORS & LEADERS



Leaders: Lynton Hall & Committee
Date: T3: Thursday, August 20th
T4: Friday, October 30th
Time: 1.30—3.00pm
Venue: White Park Hall
Cost: Nil
Cuppa: Available

NOTE: Please bring your laptop, Tablet, iPad, smart phone fully charged, paper and pen—you are encouraged to enrol in both sessions



MEMBER WIZARD TRAINING MEMBERS, TUTORS & LEADERS



Leaders: Lynton Hall & Committee
Date: T3: Friday, September 18th
T4: Friday, November 13th
Time: 1.30—3.00pm
Venue: White Park Hall
Cost: Nil
Cuppa: Available

Note: Please bring your laptop, Tablet, iPad, smart phone fully charged, paper and pen—you are encouraged to enrol in both sessions.

NEWS, UPDATES AND NOTICES

OPTION TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD

U3A Murraylands offers the option of paying by credit card online or at the Office, on Thursdays for social events and membership renewal. If you have any questions please ask at the office.

IMPORTANT: DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: Members who have special dietary requirements must advise the Program Coordinator or those at the office in writing (in advance) of the event or activity. U3A aims to provide members with safe food options.

PROCESS FOR REFUNDS

U3A social events such as excursions usually involve a cost for members. U3A offers these programs providing value for money with as much flexibility as possible. If members require a refund, be aware that some venues are not flexible and require payment on the numbers at time of booking.

Members are required to complete a 'Refund Request' form. These forms can be collected at the Office, or downloaded on the U3A website: <https://www.u3amurraylands.net/more-about-us> 'Refund Request' forms can be returned to the office (during office hours), or placed in the White Box in the front room during regular classes.

The 'Refund Request' form provides 3 options

1. Cheque refund to be collected at Office
2. Bank refund (Your BSB & Account Number is required)
3. No refund required

'Refund Requests' is an Agenda item at committee meetings. The U3A Treasurer will be the contact person following committee approval.

RENT & INSURANCE

U3A Murraylands operate under a 'user pay system' i.e., \$2 to attend most classes. This small fee helps U3A pay rent for each area at White Park. When classes are held at venues other than White Park the above does not apply. Note that fees for classes not held at White Park are set by that particular organisation i.e., Table Tennis, Carpet Bowls, Lawn Bowls, Croquet, and Pistol Shooting.

Insurance: U3A Murraylands pay U3A SA (our peak body), \$2 per member annually to cover Public Liability Insurance. Public Liability does not cover Ambulance transport, this remains the responsibility of the individual member. Members of the committee, tutors and leaders are also covered by the 'Volunteer Workers Insurance'. Detailed information about this cover can be found at the website below.

<https://u3asouthaustralia.org.au/insurance-documents/>

PLEASE NOTE

1. Remember to advise your Tutor or Course Leader if you are **unable to attend a class, or have decided not to continue** the class you have enrolled in.
2. If your **contact details** have changed, please call into the office and complete a 'Change of Contact Details' form.
3. U3A **Newsletters, Membership and Enrolment Forms** are also available at the Office, 19 Mulgundawah Road, Murray Bridge, or on the website: <https://www.u3amurraylands.net/>

**If you have any questions
please phone U3A M: 0413 704 951**

REMINDERS

Class fees for members are reminded to pay the correct fee for classes and events they attend. We endeavour to keep these costs to a minimum on a 'user pays' basis.
Attendance book: All members must sign the attendance book, as this covers you for Insurance as well, and particularly in the event of an Emergency Evacuation.

ACTIVITY VENUES

White Park Community Clubrooms
19 Mulgundawah Road, Murray Bridge
Ken Wells Pavilion—*Murray Bridge Showgrounds*
Croquet Club Thomas St , Murray Bridge
Murray Bridge Bowling Club (Cnr Thomas St & Adelaide Rd, Murray Bridge)
Murray Bridge Public Library-Marketplace
Lutheran Church Hall, Schenscher Road, Monarto

NEWS, UPDATES AND NOTICES

IMPORTANT CLASS INFORMATION

Some classes have a maximum number. If enrolling for these classes once the maximum number is reached your name will be added to a waiting list.

The Program Coordinator will contact you if this happens.

Note: If you are unable to attend a class or activity please notify your Tutor or the Program Coordinator.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please wear your NAME TAG to all courses and activities. Ensure the Emergency Contact details on the back are current as this information can assist the medical staff in an emergency.

Need a replacement? Call the U3A mobile on **0413 704 951** & collect from the U3A Office a Thursday.

Member Wizard allows you to print your own name tag—committee members will help you!

John Smith 	EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name & Phone number) DOCTOR (Name & Phone number) ALLERGIES or MEDICAL CONDITIONS <i>Please wear your name tag to classes/events.</i>
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CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved or your contact details have changed please complete a 'Change of Contact Details' form. These are available in the front room at White Park, place your form in the white box in the U3A kitchen or hand-in on an Office day.

Members can soon login to Member Wizard and change their own contact details. The U3A committee members are here to help you every step of the way.

SEMESTER ENROLMENTS

What are Semester Enrolments? Members will need to enrol each semester as preferences and availability can change over a 12 month period.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact the Program Coordinator M: 0413 704 951, or ask at the Office on a Thursday morning.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Members are invited to be part of the social committee which is a small sub-committee of the U3A Management Committee, led by the Program Coordinator.

This sub-committee plans various events for members to enjoy, for example; guest speakers, coffee n chats, lunches, coach tours to name a few.

If you are interested in planning some of these events and becoming part of this sub-committee, please contact the Program Coordinator or one of the committee members listed on the front page of this newsletter.



NOTICE BOARDS AT WHITE PARK

There are several notice boards at White Park. Please ensure to check these for new information on a regular basis.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS Semester 2 2026

Monday 5 th October	Labour Day
Friday 25 th December	Christmas Day
Saturday 26 th December	Proclamation Day
Monday 28 th December	P/H for Proc.Day
Thursday 31 st December	New years Eve

IMPORTANT NOTES

Always refer to your Newsletter for full details of courses and activities or via the U3A website.

Members can expect to receive a reminder email for some one of courses or events, for example Coach/Excursions, Coffee N Chat, cancellations, or details that may change.

Members are advised to keep a record of their enrolment choices, dates, times, locations, tutors and their contact details. Member Wizard will allow you to check all of your enrolments.

Tutors will receive an email with a list of their participants following enrolment. **Member Wizard enables Tutors & Leaders to look up who has enrolled in their classes.**

When in doubt contact the Program Coordinator on the U3A Mobile: 0413 704 951.

Please remember to sign in for each class and pay the correct fee.

MEMBER PROFILE: Susan Loveday

My involvement with U3A Murraylands started 2 years ago playing Canasta and Scrabble. This is my first year on the Management Committee and I am greatly enjoying being a part of it.

But, back to the beginning! Born in Rochester, Kent, UK, I emigrated with my parents to Australia at the age of 3. My two sisters were born in Australia.

Throughout my childhood and teenage years I loved calisthenics and continued to train and perform until the age of about 20 before becoming a teacher and starting up and running my own Calisthenics Clubs in South Australia and later in Canberra. I represented South Australia at the annual South Street Calisthenics Competitions in Ballarat several times.

I also loved playing netball and have always loved reading (mainly crime novels). I enjoyed my school years and later undertook further study in Accounting, Human Resources and Real Estate.

I have two sons and 5 grandchildren. My youngest son and his family live in Canada and I have been very fortunate to be able to visit them many times over the years and have seen a lot of Canada which is a beautiful country.

My working career has been quite varied. I've held roles in both small and large organisations as Finance Manager, Recruitment Consultant, Human Resources Manager and General Manager. I am qualified in Real Estate sales and loved my time working in this area. I still keep a keen eye on what's happening in the real estate world! I have owned and managed a number of retail businesses.

I have an enquiring/analytical mind and since retiring from full time work, I have loved helping small businesses with their budgets and analysing their results to inform improved business practices.

For many years I have contributed to local Community organisations and held various positions including President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee member.

I have lived in the suburbs of Adelaide, the Barossa Valley, Canberra and Hindmarsh Island. Travelling is a passion of mine, especially cruising, and I have been very fortunate to have visited many countries. Planning the trip and seeing it come together is very satisfying.

But why am I living in Murray Bridge? My life changed irrevocably 8 years ago. Having retired from full time work, I was widowed suddenly and looking for what was next.

So, 5 years ago, I started a new chapter in my life when I moved here to live with a friend.

I am enjoying my retirement and living in Murray Bridge and very much look forward to my ongoing involvement with U3A Murraylands and meeting more of our members. *Susan*



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