

Dear Programme Co-ordinator



Mr John Christensen, a retired lawyer with 40 years experience as a legislative drafter and lecturer, is travelling around Australia talking about our federal Constitution. He will be travelling through South Australia from August to November 2017, and will be available to speak to U3A groups as follows:

3-7 August: Murray - Riverland

8-18 August: Far North

19-25 August: Eyre - Western

26 August-1 September: Yorke Peninsula - Clare - Mid-North

2-29 September: Adelaide - Adelaide Hills - Barossa

3-15 October: Fleurieu - Kangaroo Island

16-27 October: Murray River Lakes - Coorong

28 October-3 November: Limestone Coast

The purpose of the talk is to give people across the country the opportunity to learn more about their federal Constitution. While the talk has a serious purpose, it is presented with a light touch including the use of a number of hats as props and includes one or two songs. The subject is usually regarded as 'dry', but you will see from reviews on the Facebook page 'An Australian Constitution' (access via his website www.ozhomenow.net), that the talks are far from 'dry' and have been well received.

The talk (which runs for 30 minutes) aims to put our Constitution in its historical context, including stories about the people who were involved in creating the Constitution - stories that deserve to be told. An opportunity is provided for a Q&A session at the end together with handouts.

This presentation will equip your U3A lifelong learners with a starting point from which, or a context within which, they can more confidently contribute to discussions about constitutional issues our nation will be facing in the coming years.

John would be happy to discuss his project and the proposed talk with you or others in U3A. It would be appreciated if you could forward this email to the U3A groups in South Australia to help spread the word. Many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

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