



## President's Report – 2016/17

Following my first year as President and involvement with U3ASA and one of discovery and a steep learning curve, my main priority was still my role as Chair of the Grants sub-committee with expending and acquitting the Department of State Development (DSD) Grant. This has also meant the implementation of the first year of the 4 - year Business Plan developed as part of the funding agreement with DSD.

The 1<sup>st</sup> regional meeting was held as part of the Riverland Rendezvous in May. Initially there was some scepticism, however the 3-day event was really well received with over 90 members attending from across the State. Well done to the Riverland U3A for organising so well and we look forward to another MO holding a similar event possibly in 2019.

Meeting with LGASA to develop a MoU similar to Queensland, we need to answer the following questions –

- Why do we want one – how does U3A envisage a MoU
- How do we future proof what we are doing?
- What value do we add to the community?

Information has been collated for the proposed Infographic and work has commenced with the graphic designer. It is anticipated that the Infographic will help outline the benefits of a U3A and help individual U3As explain their value in the community and also with funding applications.

We welcomed Aldinga to U3ASA as our 17<sup>th</sup> MO. We now have 17 of the 18 U3A's in SA as members.

A number of the Executive are working with Jenny Rossiter who is trying to establish a U3A in Prospect. There will be a general meeting in November with the intention of having a 19<sup>th</sup> U3A in SA commencing in early 2018.

Murraylands U3A recently launched their joint club-rooms with the Rotary Club and the Council. This is probably a sign of the times and it was a fabulous event and outcome for the community

We have commenced discussions with DSD for funding for 2018/19 and beyond. We also need to think through who else to work with – this is everyone's business!

Many thanks to the Executive for their support and hard work over the past year. Best wishes and good luck to the new committee as I will not be re-standing, as I will be travelling much of next year.

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President