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## President's Message

Our 2023 year is well and truly underway and I use this Mini Edition of Newslink to draw your attention to three matters that are of importance at this time in our yearly cycle.

*Firstly, I must inform you that the U3A Network NSW Inc. is in a good financial position as it has the means to address the operational costs for the current year and further it has a contingency reserve.*

*Month to month your Committee has been struggling due to four positions being unfilled, while three of the occupants of designated positions have taken on a second role, that of Regional Representative for their area. The committee continues to simply be short of person-power. Essentials are being addressed while routine planning and tasks that may enhance U3A in NSW are hard to prioritise. If you do think U3A is a great idea and you are able to contribute your skills and knowledge to U3A in NSW please read on and consider nominating for a position on your State Committee.*

*Added to the above our Treasurer has recently withdrawn due to ill health.*

*Denis Simond*

## The 2023 Annual Conference

Our website features the [2023 Conference](#) that will be hosted by Deniliquin U3A Inc. It will be held in Deniliquin on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 April 2023.

### *Thank you U3A Deniliquin!*

You'll note the Conference program is displayed on the page that is linked above or you may choose to [download](#) it. Please note that **Conference Registration** is open until Tuesday 11 April, as are the post conference 'Mighty Murray' tour bookings.

**Guest Speakers** include: *Glen Wall*, Chair of U3AAA speaking about **Sport for Older Persons**, *Const. Pat Skinner*, Murray River Police District speaking about **Scam Awareness**, *Lourene Liebenberg* speaking about **Covid Related Mental Health** and *Kevin Whelan*, **NFP Technology Volunteer of the Year 2022**, U3A Network Victoria

As is the usual practice all members of U3A associations and guests are invited to attend the U3A Network NSW 2023 Annual Conference. Neither a nomination or an accreditation is needed as attendance is very much a personal decision.

Our website provides a couple of extras for travellers to Deniliquin. Firstly an interesting profile has been prepared as a reference to the significant towns on ***The Road to Deni'***, check out this resource by visiting [2023 Conference](#) and clicking see all pages.

Secondly, similar to our 2021 Conference in Wagga Wagga a tour, separate to the conference, has been planned to allow U3A visitors to spend a few days looking around the [Mighty Murray hinterland](#) and enjoying fellowship with other travellers. A **Post-Conference Educational Travel Program** has been scoped. It has treats like a visit to the prehistoric site of Lake Mungo, a dinner cruise on the Murray and visits to other centers between Mildura and Corowa.

## **The Network Committee**

The Committee, as specified in our Constitution is subject to annual election, consists of the

- President,
- Vice President,
- Secretary,
- Treasurer plus
- Regional Representative (nine).

Click this link [Volunteering for the Network](#) to learn more and to access the 'role description' document for download.

The Network also has had, in the past, support from other volunteers. One of the 'extras' the Network Website Administrator, Phil Warren, has resigned after four years service. He has recommended a second website related role, a Network Multisite Support Officer, tasked to provide advice and active support to the users of the Network's Web Hosting service.

Nominations will be called for all positions prior to the Annual General Meeting. The dates and the process for the nomination of the Office Bearers and Regional Representative will be circulated.

## **The Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held, using the Zoom online system, on Thursday 8 June 2023 at 2 pm.

Please be alert for the details of the AGM (will be circulated by Email and placed on the Network website).

Clause 4 of the CONSTITUTION of the U3A NETWORK NSW Inc. outlines the processes for convening and conducting the Annual General Meeting.

Clause 4.1.2. Specifies “The Secretary shall give not less than 21 days’ notice in writing to all members of the Network of the Annual General Meeting and of the date and place and time at which it will be held, and of the business to be transacted at the meeting. The notice may be given electronically.”

Six weeks or so after the AGM the new Committee will need to settle in as the process of planning both the services and their inclusion in the Annual Census for 2024.