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Mudgee District U3A Inc in Wiradjuri Country

Monthly Update April 2021



Dear Mudgee District U3A Members

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you had a very pleasant Easter break.

Despite the Committee's decision to revert to a quarterly newsletter, there have been a few developments that should be reported.

Unfortunately, it seems that the Adams St meeting room is still unavailable in Term 2, but the good news is that our 'home' at the former TAFE is a step closer. Council officially takes possession of the site on April 20 and it is hoped that the rehabilitation of the buildings will be completed by the end of May. If all goes well, our allocated rooms could be ready for Term 3.

For those taking part in the First Aid Training, the dates for the remainder of the year have been set. They are Monday May 10, Monday June 21, Monday August 2 and Monday October 11. Karl is also keen to receive feedback from members as to topics you would like to discuss. He can be contacted at karl@nswfirstaid.com.au

On April 13th the annual U3A Network NSW Conference was held in Wagga. This year's theme was *Rekindle the Spirit* and the focus was the revitalisation of U3A after the recent disasters (drought, fire, pandemic, flood) that have impacted U3A associations in one way or another. One of the presenters was Susan Webster, the President of the Victorian U3A Network, who spoke about how important technology became to maintaining contact and involvement with members during the Victorian lockdowns. There was considerable discussion about ways to better market U3A and methods of engaging more people. I am pleased to report, that in comparison to many U3A groups, Mudgee District has done very well at maintaining its membership and offering an engaging program.



Next year's conference will be held at Orange which is a little closer to home. The conference is open to all members, so keep it in mind for next April.

Heather

