

U3A Inner North acknowledges the traditions and culture of the Kaurna People, the First Peoples of the Adelaide plains . We respect and acknowledge their Elders, past, present, and emerging.



President's Report

Well, here we are, 2026, and the program for U3A Inner North is about to start. I welcome back returning members, with a special welcome to new members. First term courses are back in full swing from next week, 9th February. As I have mentioned previously our membership continues to grow with the expectation that we will exceed 2025 membership number and reach 400. What an achievement since our 2018 beginning. I look forward to a wonderful year for all members, tutors, group leaders and presenters.

The 2026 program has more variety than previous programs, offered by more than 40 tutors, group leaders and presenters. If you are looking at changing or adding to your activities, then consider some of the programs that are not yet full. Importantly, remember to advise your tutor, group leader or presenter whenever you are going to be absent from a course or activity.

All members should now be familiar with the members portal which is the entry point for members into our courses and data base. This is all part of our new system called Member Wizard. I would like to thank Trish Bensen (U3A Inner North Board Secretary) for her detailed review of the new system and her commitment (a huge number of hours) to ensuring we had a seamless transition for the old to the new. Without Trish's guidance we may still be reviewing or trying to implement Member Wizard. Once again, a big thank you Trish.

I would also like to offer a thank you to everyone who was able to attend our annual end of year morning tea in December 2025. For the first time it was held in the ECC Stadium to accommodate more members. It was a massive success. More than 130 people attended, enjoying the camaraderie, the opportunity to once again enjoy fantastic food provided by Anneke Hoffman and her catering team, to be entertained by members of our Thespian group led by Fiona Wald, as well as – for the first time – a group sing along led by Lesley Doughty which was enjoyed by all. We also recognised and thanked our 2025 volunteer tutors and group leaders for their exceptional effort in organising and providing their course or activity during the year.

Once again, enjoy 2026!

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

Congratulations to our industrious Tuesday Craft Group and for another successful stall, and the very popular raffle. Thank you to all members who donated non-perishable foods, toiletries and lovingly wrapped gifts. Your response was overwhelming and very much appreciated by Foodbank Prospect's Christmas Project.





2025 Christmas Morning Tea

Thank you :

Anneka and her amazing catering team for a lovely morning tea.

Lesley and her joyful choir with a popular selection of Christmas songs and our now popular U3A Inner North (YMCA) Anthem.

Fiona and her thespians for a Spicy reading of Spike Milligan Christmas Poem



OUR U3A

Come on and join the fun at OUR U3A

Something for everyone at OUR U3A

Put on your tap dancing shoes,

Take an art class or two,

Stick a mosaic tile with glue

Pick up some new skills at OUR U3A

Or scale some high hills at OUR U3A



Badges

We ask that members wear their name badge at all U3A sessions. You can print a badge via your Member Portal just click on Print Badge on the list on the home page. The badge folds over so that your emergency contact details appear on the rear.

A plastic sleeve for your badge will be available in the drawer in the small kitchen at Enfield Community Centre. Your tutor can show you where this is located. If you are not able to print your badge, please email me membership@u3ainnernorth.org.au.

I will print a badge for you and place it in the same drawer in a folder marked Printed Badges. An email will be sent to you soon regarding buying a plastic badge. These are available with a magnetic back or a pin depending on your preference. In the past the cost is around \$10 Spare magnetic backs can also be ordered.

Linda Christy
Membership Officer



An information session and afternoon tea last week welcomed our new members for 2026.

Thank you to our Tutors who came along to the first of our Tutor Catch up sessions for 2026.

This was an opportunity to catch up, discuss topics of interest/concern, and give feedback of the new member Portal /Tutor Portal. Thanks also to Sue and Trish for running 3 sessions in order to accommodate our tutors busy time schedules.



Member Wizard and the Portal

Our move across to the new Member Wizard System has been a success, thanks to all involved.

Thank you to all our members for your enthusiasm to get onboard - we have 99% of our members registered for the Member Portal !

Need help – email: membership@u3ainnernorth.org.au



Can't make a class/activity for particular days?

Please let your Tutor/Leader know by updating your absence in the Member Portal.

Can no longer attend a class?

Please withdraw via the Member Portal so we can give the spot to a member on the wait list.

U3A INNER NORTH Contacts

Office Hours: Wednesdays from 9.30am to 10.30am during term time in the Hall. Cash only.

Location: Enfield Community Centre (ECC), 540 Regency Road, Enfield, South Australia

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**Andrea
Michaels MP**
MEMBER FOR ENFIELD

Special thank you to Andrea Michaels Member for Enfield and staff for printing the newsletter

Thank you to all contributors to our Welcome Newsletter 2026

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