

We have been advised by the Latrobe Council that the building contractors will commence work on the refurbishment of the Banksia Arts facility and the construction of two new offices, commencing next **Monday 10th October**. It is anticipated that these works will be completed in **March 2023**.

During this time the use of the Banksia Centre will be restricted to the Stadium and Rooms A and B. Access to the centre will be via the **rear door** only.

This will impact our U3A activities in the following ways.

U3A Programs

As of **Monday 10th October** access for all U3A Programs using Banksia A, Banksia B or the Stadium is the **rear door of the centre**. Due to construction site restrictions the **only** path to the rear door is from the Pitcairn Street car park along the Pitcairn street side of the stadium, then left along the Anderson Street side of the Stadium, then left again to the rear door. The council will ensure there is an appropriate path constructed along this route as soon as practical (hopefully by Monday 10th).

U3A Office

Our office will be located in the vacated Camp Banksia Office at 1 Anderson St (behind the Banksia Centre).from **Monday 10th October**. Access is via the Camp Banksia Anderson Street car park.

Our office hours will continue to be 10.00am to 12.00pm Monday to Friday.

Please note: The office will be closed for the rest of this week (**Thursday 6th and Friday 7th**) to enable us to relocate the office.

I would like to thank those U3A volunteers and members of the Latrobe council who have worked hard to ensure this transition process is as seamless as possible.

We look forward to the completion of the upgrade and the provision of enhanced facilities for not only our U3A membership but the whole community.