

Myrtleford MAGPIE



MYRTLEFORD & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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Welcome to the December 2018 edition of *Myrtleford Magpie* - # 11

President's message

OUR first year as a branch of U3A is coming to a close and I think we can all feel very happy with its success.

I would like to thank the membership of U3A for being so supportive of our various programs and for your feedback over the year. Our courses would not have been as successful without the willingness of all of our tutors, so a big thank-you to all of you who took on these roles. We look forward to seeing you next year.

I would also like to sincerely thank our hard working committee members for their dedication in developing U3A and their enthusiasm for contributing to the community through this organisation.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas. We hope to see you all at the U3A Christmas lunch on December 20 at Myrtleford Senior Citizens' Centre from 12:00 to 2:00pm.

*Nino Mautone
President, U3A Myrtleford and District*

Join us for our U3A Christmas lunch

Myrtleford Senior Citizens Centre
Thursday, Dec 20: 12:00-2:00pm

U3A Myrtleford and District committee invites all members to join together for our Christmas 2018 lunch on Thursday, December 20 in Myrtleford Senior Citizens' Centre from 12.00 to 2.00pm.

Everyone attending is asked to bring a *small* plate (the size of a side plate) of finger food to share.

Perhaps you might pair up with a friend and bring a contribution between you.



As a general guide, those of you coming along whose surnames start with the letters A - M are asked to bring something savoury, and those with surnames N - Z to bring sweet treats.

Tea and coffee will be supplied.

We hope you can all come along, share your stories from the past year, enjoy the entertainment that has been organised and make new friendships.

U3A Myrtleford courses for 2019

OUR courses to be offered in 2019 will be advertised in the *Myrtleford Times* on January 23 and also at www.u3amyrtleford.org.au.

Members are encouraged to review the information when its published and choose how you'd like to participate in U3A Myrtleford's curriculum for year ahead.

Inaugural annual general meeting

Myrtleford Senior Citizens Centre
Thursday, Jan 31: 10:00am

U3A Myrtleford and District's inaugural annual general meeting will be held on January 31, 2019, in Myrtleford Senior Citizens' Centre at 10:00am.

All incorporated organisations are obliged to hold annual meetings.

We're also dependent on a working committee. This committee will be elected at the annual meeting.

U3A is looking specifically for people who have skills or are prepared to learn the skills needed in newsletter design and publication and for people willing to organise courses and liaise with tutors.

If you would like to nominate for the committee please do not hesitate - you will be most welcome. A nomination form is attached as part of this newsletter.

U3A membership fees now due

U3A Myrtleford and District annual membership is due for renewal on January 1, 2019. The annual fee for *full membership* remains at \$30 and \$5 for *associate membership* (those who are members of another U3A branch).

Fees can be paid by:

Bank transfer to:

BSB 633 000

Account 161 859 533

Account name: U3A Myrtleford and District

Direct deposit at any branch or agency of the Bendigo Bank (see bank details above)

Note: for both of options above please include your full name and member number (if known), as reference.

Cheque payable to U3A Myrtleford and District Inc., and posted to:

Treasurer

U3A Myrtleford and District Inc.

7 Gliotti Court

Myrtleford VIC 3737

Treasurer Yvonne Tabalotny will also be at Myrtleford Senior Citizens' Centre between 10.00am and 12:00pm on Thursday, January 17, and Thursday, January 24, to receive fees and enroll you in your chosen courses for the year ahead.

November course activities

Christmas wreathmaking

FRANCA from Myrtleford's L'Amour Florist hosted an evening helping U3A members make Christmas wreaths.

It was a lot of fun and everyone left with a beautiful Christmas decoration. Many thanks again, Franca. It was great.



Thank-you dinner

WE have had a lot of help this year from volunteer tutors and others so U3A Myrtleford and District committee invited all these people to a dinner in Myrtleford RSL Hall in November to show our appreciation.

It was a lovely friendly night. The committee catered for the dinner with the help of Kevin Pitts, who cooked a great roast of beef. Thanks Kevin - your help was greatly appreciated.

Fascinating garden tour

OUR gardening course participants and other U3A members and partners visited two superb lower North East gardens on November 30

First we were welcomed at the Irving family's 'Sunnymeade' in the Strathbogie Ranges and, after a lunch stop in Euroa, we went on to the van Rooyen family's 'Lakithi' at Terip Terip, near Ruffey.

The development of 'Sunnymeade' was led by Craig Irving who laid out the garden in a series of interconnected rooms, each of which has a distinctive theme and complementary planting scheme.

'Lakithi' was designed and planted by Gail van Rooyen and has matured in the past two decades to sit wonderfully within its gently rolling landscape.

Both gardens were inspirational in their diverse design and in their gardeners' choice of plants. The amount of work to create a garden, such as in the two gardens we experienced, is absolutely amazing *and* on-going.



'Sunnymeade' Moorish gate and parrot poppy and kniphofia.



'Lakithi' fountain and Spanish-bred hybrid tea rose 'Nevada' (above) and broad steps towards the fountain and a pair of Robinia pseudoacacia 'Frisia'.



Finska play dates

THE game of 'Finska' will be held this coming Monday - December 17 - and start again in the new year on January 14. Lifeball will also go into recess and start towards the end of January. All details will be in the next newsletter.