

Myrtleford MAGPIE



MYRTLEFORD & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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Welcome to the February 2019 edition of *Myrtleford Magpie* – # 13

From the President

Our U3A has now had its first AGM. This was held on Thursday 31 January. We were very happy to see such a large crowd come and show their support for our U3A and celebrate our first birthday.

A committee for 2019 was elected: Nino Mautone, President, Jamie Kronborg, Vice-President, Yvonne Tabalotny, Treasurer, Jan Mock, Secretary, Judy Pitts and Denise Kennedy, Tutor contact with new members Philippa Cartwright, Vanda Bowers, Pam Hamilton and John Twyford.

I thank all of you for being prepared for another years work to build our U3A.

Robin McDonald and Gabrielle Viergever retired from the committee this year. A special thank-you goes to them for their work and enthusiasm in building our U3A in our very important formative first year. Thanks Robin and Gabrielle for your contributions.

We finished 2018 with 130 full members and 18 associate members. We are hoping that 2019 will be just as successful.

Our program is formed for term 1. Please go to the website for more information. You will find extra information there as well as some snippets in this newsletter.

Nino Mautone
(President, U3A Myrtleford and District Inc.)

Courses for 2019

Some of the courses set for Term 1 have been postponed due to lack of attendees. These are:

Cooking for Men

Quilting – Vanda, the tutor, is happy to run this class on any day, apart from Tuesday. If you are interested please talk to Vanda (0427 376 955). Vanda plans an introductory day to show you what is possible – you will be impressed.

These all have a start date now for March. If you are interested at all please enrol – if a course is cancelled it probably will not be offered again, so do not hesitate.

Alexander Technique and Blackwork Embroidery, both due to start in March, are looking for more participants. Details are on the website.

We are hoping to run another Wine Appreciation Course in May. This course has a cost associated with it (\$60) so think about it. More information will be provided when we know if there is sufficient interest to run the course. (It was fun last year!!)

We would like someone to lead a walking group and a cycling group. Any volunteers?

The first session for Food Glorious Food is on Wednesday 20 February at 3.30 at P-12 College.

Mosaics – Kylie is happy to run an evening class. Please enrol on the website if you are interested.

Cathy McGowan is coming back – we have been receiving requests to have a session on the structure of Australia's Political System. Cathy has agreed to come and explain it and will take questions. This session will be full of information on how our system

of government works. Come and listen and bring your questions such as

- What does a Government Whip do?
- What is the role of the Speaker?
- How do members of the upper house, the Senate, get elected?

When: Friday 15 March at 2.00pm

Where: RSL, Myrtleford

New opportunities to work with U3A Bright:

Bird watching: the convenor of this course, Ian Cheyne, in Bright is very keen to have some of our members join in their activities. Their day trips usually head west and he has offered to pick up people in Myrtleford on their way through. They are very skilled and involved in programs to protect our bird life. They offer half day and full day trips on 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Ian can be contacted on 0421 224 994.

More information can be got from

https://bright.u3anet.org.au/?page_id=21

Philosophy: U3A Bright is now running a Philosophy course. The convenor is Keith Ashfold and he would welcome any members from our U3A. Sessions are held at the Bright U3A building in Railway Ave every second Thursday from 2-4pm.

Contact details:

Email: kayellaye@gmail.com Phone: 5750 1409

Membership Fees are due for renewal as of 1 January 2019. The annual fees remain at \$30 for full membership and \$5 for Associate Members. You can pay your fees by any of the following methods:

- Bank transfer to:
BSB 633 000, Account 161 859 533
Account name: U3A Myrtleford and District
- Bank deposit at any branch or agency of the Bendigo Bank. (see bank details above)

NB: For both of these options please include your full name as reference.

Gardening Group:

This very enthusiastic group have picked up from where they left off in December. Their first meeting was held on Friday 8 February. At this meeting one of the things they decided was to form small groups, which would be rostered on a monthly basis, to help the Myrtleford Community Garden group. What a great initiative – working to help strengthen our community.

Queen Victoria Class

Queen Victoria was queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from 1837 -1901! In 1876 she also became Empress of India.

One of her favourite quotes was "we are not amused." However the group who are taking the Queen Victoria course have been greatly occupied and amused with a lively discussion on the first day. Yvonne Ward, our tutor, piqued the interest of all participants with questions, readings from letters and shared knowledge of the Queen.

Community Notices:

- **"Paint the Town Teal" - February is Ovarian Cancer Month.**

There will be various collection boxes around the town and a breakfast on Thursday the 28 February at Alpine Gate.

Awareness of this largely hidden cancer needs to get out there.

- **Community Forum**

How best to protect our Human Rights
Panel discussion and Q&A session with:

Fr Peter MacLeod-Miller - Rector of St. Matthew's Albury, **Gillian Triggs** - former President of the Human Rights Commission, **Lee Carnie** - Human rights lawyer & campaigner and panel discussion facilitator and **Teela Reid** - Wiradjuri and Wailwan woman, lawyer and human rights advocate

7- 9.30pm Thursday, 14 February 2019

Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre – MDF Alpine Theatre: 33-37 Ford Street, Wangaratta, Victoria

- **Special offer from Club Savoy**

