

Myrtleford MAGPIE



MYRTLEFORD & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Welcome to the January 2020 edition of *Myrtleford Magpie* – #22 From the President

Although the start to 2020 has not been as peaceful and happy as many of us would have liked I do want to wish you all the very best for this coming year.

The fires will come to an end and we will need to adjust to our changed landscape but it is important that we attempt to bring our life back to how we want it to be. Maintaining your membership and activities with U3A is a way of doing this. Remember socialisation, physical activity and intellectual stimulation is what keeps us healthy.

A new calendar for Term 1 has been developed and is attached to this newsletter. You can enrol into any of the courses on the calendar using the website.

If you have any ideas for new courses and tutors for this coming year please let us know and the committee will do its best to put them into the calendar throughout the year. A varied course offering is good for our U3A.

Nino Mautone

(President, U3A Myrtleford and District Inc.)

Start of a new year and time to renew memberships

Memberships are now due - \$30 /year or \$5 for associates (that is, if you already belong to another U3A). Please note there has been no change in the membership fees since we started, this being the start of our 3rd year.

You can pay your fees by either 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). The Myrtleford Real Estate and Livestock (near Myrtleford Furnishings) is an agent for the Bendigo Bank
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU REFERENCE YOUR LAST NAME ON THE DEPOSITS or the Treasurer has no idea as to who has paid in. If neither of these options works for you please get in touch with Yvonne Tabalotny Mob: 0468 482 971 or Jan Mock, Mob: 0401064030.

Calendar for Term 1

A calendar for term 1 has been developed and the dates for all of the courses and activities are indicated on it.

A couple of new events are on the calendar:

1. We are working with Alpine Health to better inform people of their rights. This one of session will be conducted by Senior Rights Victoria.

We would like you to enrol for this session so we can organise catering for morning tea as well as seating. There is a session in Myrtleford and Mount Beauty. Please see the flyer attached. Please contact Lisa Neville for more information or to book in. Ph. 5755 0132

2. The Silo Tour will be on either the 16 April or the 30 April. Malcolm McKinnon will let us know in a couple of weeks which of those dates is best for him. Stay tuned for more information about this. The cost will be \$25, which will include the bus and morning tea. Lunch will be extra – again more details to follow.
3. A new idea was to include a “Coffee and Chat” session once a fortnight. This is very informal but designed to bring people together to chat about anything and everything.

The first session is scheduled for 10:30-11:30am starting 30th Jan - VENUE- Delizie Café.

Trip to Canberra

Malcolm McKinnon has drawn up a program for this trip to Canberra that we spoke about last year.

Malcolm is proposing the week starting Monday 9 November. The program for this trip is attached. The Federal Parliament is sitting that week so we should be able to organise to meet Helen Haines and have a more personal tour of Parliament House. I am sure our links with Jamie Kronborg, Helen’s media advisor, will be beneficial in arranging this.

The cost of this trip is approximately \$480 twin share or \$650 single.

We now need to know if you are interested as we need to book the accommodation.

Please let Jan Mock know if you will be going by the end of February. You will need to make a deposit of \$100 with your notification.

Gardening Club

Welcome to the New Year. And what a New Year it has been. Our thoughts go out to everyone who has been impacted by the terrible fires across the country. As I type this another Watch and Act has been issued covering Eurobin and looking to Buffalo behind us the growing plumes are concerning and advancing, so I had better type fast.

The U3A committee has asked me to facilitate the first meeting of our group for the year. The first meeting will be on **Friday 31st January, commencing at 10.00am at the Myrtleford Senior Citizens rooms.** The aim of this meeting is to determine how the group will operate this year. I will not be taking on the co-ordinator’s role. My initial thoughts are that we have maybe 2 people who are the “go to” or official communicators for the group and that we have a committee to identify activities, with obvious input from the group. The planning is then delegated and shared around members.

I have put together a table of possible dates for meetings, based on fortnightly get togethers but avoiding school holidays and long weekends. It is attached to this email. Please start thinking of other sessions or activities.

For those interested we could head off for a social lunch to either Fez or the Alpine Gate. Please feel free to forward this email to potential new members. We are not sure that this email list is complete.

Back out to Watching and Acting and hoping for some rain. Hope to see you all in a fortnight.

Malcolm McKinnon (0408826955)