
Myrtleford MAGPIE



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Welcome to the February 2020 edition of *Myrtleford Magpie* – #23 From the President

We hope people are managing to get their life back to “normal” after the very disruptive start to the year with bushfires.

The program for term 1 has started with most activities in full swing. It is very pleasing to see members renewing their membership from the last 2 years.

The team leading the book documenting the Italian Migration to Myrtleford and District are working very hard to get it ready to launch on 16 May at La Fiera. We are hoping it will be a worthy book of this history and that the people of Myrtleford will be proud of this book and its history as well as our very successful multi-cultural society we all enjoy as a result of this migration.

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

Calendar for Term 1

A calendar for term 1 has been revised with a couple of new activities added to it.

A couple of new events are on the calendar:

1. **Photographs that matter:**

Today's world is flooded with images, digital capture is so easy and many forms of media infiltrate every part of our lives. So, what makes an image memorable?

In this course we will examine our own responses to different styles of photography, and learn how the images have been crafted.

This course will start on Thursday 5 March and will run for 4 weeks. Starting time is 10.00am. Please enrol through the website www.u3amyrtleford.org.au

2. **Food Glorious Food:** there are 2 sessions booked for this term. Both sessions will be held at the cooking centre at Myrtleford P-12 College.

- Friday 28 February: Master Chef Nino Mautone will be cooking carbonara from 2 -4.00pm

- Monday 23 March: Master Chef, Pam, from Café Fez, will be cooking a vegetable terrine from 2 -4.00pm. Please enrol into these courses via the website. They will appear as 2 separate courses – we are hoping this will make it easier to assess how many are attending and hence how many to cater for.
- Non-fiction Interest Book Club** – the next session (the 2nd Wednesday of the month) will be on Wednesday 11 March. A flyer is attached giving you more information. The course is a joint course between the U3As in Myrtleford and Bright. You do not have to commit to every session; you can attend when you have time and when the topic interests you. Please see details of the next session attached.
 - We are working with Alpine Health to better inform people of their rights. This ‘one off’ session will be conducted by **Senior Rights Victoria** on Thursday 27 February at the Myrtleford Senior Citizens Centre starting at 10.30am. Morning tea will be provided. Do you know your rights and entitlements? *Things change over time so get up to date and don’t get caught out – ignorance is not a defence.* Also, *if your affairs are in order it does help your family significantly if you are organised, when you may need assistance from them.* 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 and contact Lisa Neville (Alpine Health) for more information or to book in. Ph. 5755 0132
 - The Silo Tour** will be on the 16 April. The cost will be \$30/person. This includes the bus and Devonshire morning tea at the Devenish Hotel. Lunch can either be

purchased or you can take a picnic lunch to have in a park.

If you want to join this trip please let Jan Mock know (Email u3amyrleford@gmail.com or Mob: 0401 064 030)

- Pasta Night** is now being held every 2 weeks at Club Savoy. The U3A will support the first pasta night in the month so we will support the pasta night on Tuesday 10 March, 6.00 - 6.30pm Club Savoy.

Trip to Canberra

For this trip to go ahead we need interested people to pay a \$100 deposit by the end of February.

The details for the trip are attached. It will run for 4 days starting 9 November.

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

Speaker afternoon, Friday 27 March (Please note change of date that was originally proposed.)

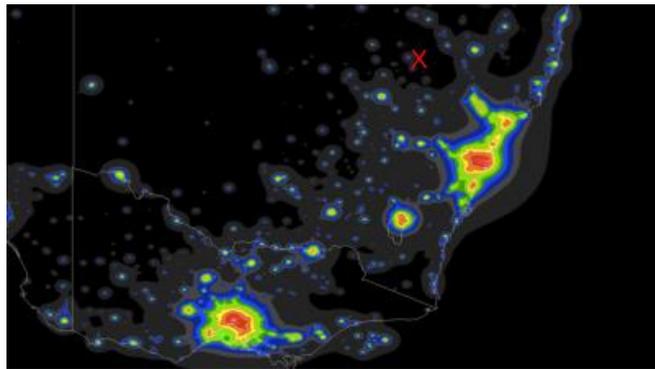
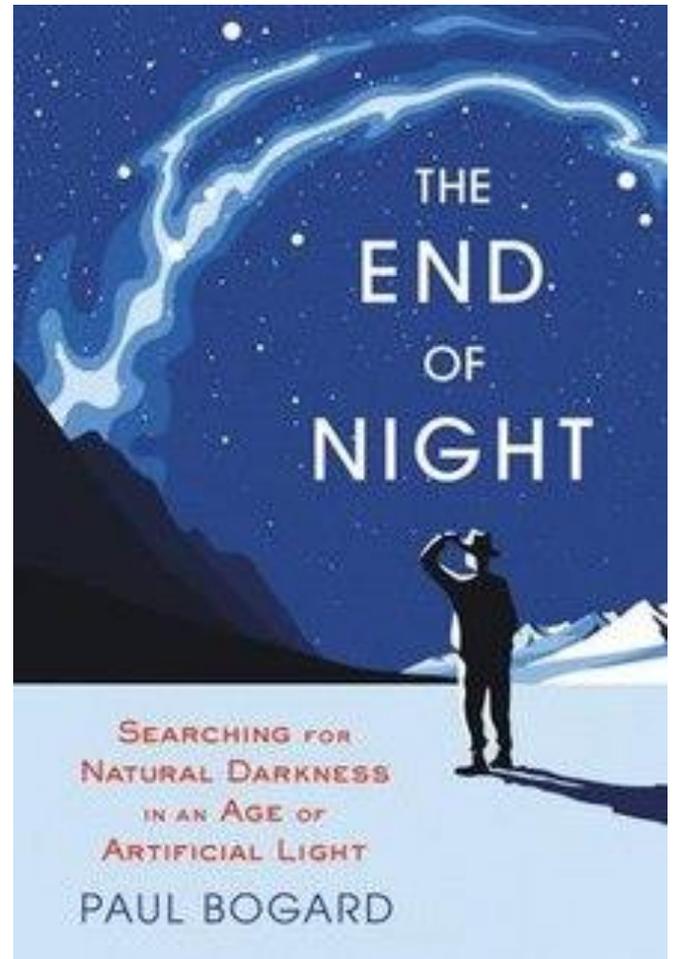
Our next speaker is **John Taylor** who will present on the Whorouly Prisoner of War Camp that interned Italians and other non-allied nationalities, during the Second World War. This talk is scheduled for Friday 27 March, 2.00pm at the Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Clubrooms.

Please note the change of date from the first Friday in the month.

Our last speaker

On Friday 7 February **Peter Kenyon** spoke on ‘Dark Skies’.

Are you aware that our skies are getting lighter because of all the lights we, as communities use? Lights are also getting brighter and this impacts on our wildlife, on our science investigations – you need a dark sky to see the Milky Way, and it impacts on our health when people do not have a clearly defined dark period in 24 hours.



Above 2 pictures show lights in Australia and South Eastern Australia.

The red cross indicates Coonabarabran, a major astronomical centre in NSW - Siding Spring Observatory. This centre is in danger of not being useful as the lights from towns and cities in NSW are encroaching on what was a very dark sky.

We thank Peter very much for a very informative and entertaining talk. Peter has suggested we ask him back to talk on food security and sustainability – expect an invitation very soon Peter.

Peter recommends this book.