
Myrtleford MAGPIE



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Welcome to the June 2020 edition of *Myrtleford Magpie* – #24

From the President

The last time I wrote to you, was after the bushfires and we were all hoping that life would soon get back to “normal”. Little were we to know what was ahead of us and how our lives were going to change again.

That said, I am pleased to note that we have no COVID 19 cases in Alpine Shire and other areas close by, so I hope you are all coping with the isolation and have found meaningful things to do.

The U3A committee met on Thursday 11 June to discuss restarting U3A. More details of that are in the body of this newsletter.

It was a shame that the launch of our book Italian migration was postponed due to La Fiera being cancelled this year. I am pleased to say however the book should be printed and ready for sale in July and we will have a launch event at La Fiera in 2021. There will be media for this book once it is printed so look out for it.

The committee was very disappointed to have to accept the resignation of Vanda Bowers. Vanda and Brian have moved to a retirement village at Point Lonsdale to be closer to their family. Unfortunately, this news broke just as the restrictions for COVID arrived and so we were unable to farewell Vanda and Brian.

We will miss Vanda on our committee – she was always so optimistic and so much fun. Vanda has threatened to return for a good Christmas party so we hope to see her then and give her our thanks for her contributions to the committee and our organisation. The region will sadly miss Vanda’s skills as a spinner, weaver, quilter and needleworker.

We hope Vanda and Brian are very happy in their new home.

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

Calendar for our next program

The committee met last Thursday, 11 June, and discussed the risks versus the benefits of resuming U3A classes and other activities. We

have decided that we should recommence U3A activities only when it is safe and practicable to do so. We are allowed to use the Myrtleford Senior Citizens Centre but need to follow very strict COVID rules.

Only 20 people can be in the building at any one time, all equipment, including tables and chairs have to be sterilised before and after use and names of people using the building have to be recorded to name a few of the restrictions.

To help people ease back into the swing of things, we are planning a lunch for all of our members at the end of July. This lunch will be free for members and we will use it, not only as an opportunity to get everyone together and catch up with each other but to talk about the program that we will offer, hopefully starting in term 4 subject to the easing of restrictions. Details for this lunch will be distributed to all members when we have made the necessary bookings so please watch out for the invitation.

Whilst you are at home can you please think about what courses/events we can put on and possible tutors to go with these events.

Have you thought about offering something – it can be anything from a single session to a more involved course? If so, please contact Judy Pitt, our Curriculum Coordinator, who is working on the program, with your ideas.

Scrapbook

Over the past few months members were encouraged to send in pictures, writings etc during the lockdown, which could be shared with all members.

Thank you to everyone who did send in items. Often history is defined by events after the fact but with this pandemic, history is being made right now. It would be great to have a record of some of the things that made this period special.

John and Margaret Corcoran sent through these photos of their garden and some of John's antique gun collection. John would like to enlarge on the motto with the blue wren to – "If you have a garden and a library **and an antique gun collection** you have everything you need" (apologies to Cicero!!)





Another of our members, Ros Bruncher, is a fabulous needleworker and she sent this picture of her efforts during lockdown. Ros has completed two crochet throw rugs, two children's hats - a polar bear and a panda (not illustrated), a blackwork design (in red), multiple cross stitches and a needlework bag in crewel embroidery – wonderful work. Well done, Ros.



Keep safe and we look forward to seeing everyone soon.