

# Myrtleford MAGPIE



MYRTLEFORD & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER  
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

## Welcome to the October 2020 edition of *Myrtleford Magpie* – #27

### From the President

Unfortunately, as the newsletter is being prepared our lives are still restricted.

The committee is trying to start a few activities that will fit within the rules for COVID.

I encourage you all to try and join in. As soon as the restrictions ease further, we will add more activities to the program.

The committee has set the date for the next AGM as 12 November. In all probability this will not be allowed to occur with people present in a public building. A special dispensation has been granted to allow organisations like ours an extension of 6 months to hold their AGM this year. This gives us until June 30, 2021. We do plan to hold it as soon as possible, when we are allowed to have people gather in a public building. I encourage you all to think about serving on the committee – it is not onerous and can be very rewarding and fun.

We have been fortunate to have had a beautiful spring; I hope you have enjoyed the great weather, the beautiful flowers and the green leaves bursting from the trees.

In the meantime, I wish you good health and we all look forward to our U3A resuming a full calendar of events in the not too distant future.

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

### Membership Subscriptions for 2021

As we can attest to, this year has been a very difficult year and many of the things we like to do have been impossible. The activities of U3A being among the things that have been off limits. In recognition of this, the U3A committee has passed the following motion:

**Motion:** The U3A committee recommends to all current members that their membership fees for 2021 be suspended. New fees will not be due until January 2022.

**Moved:** John Twyford

**Seconded:** Judy Pitts

Passed unanimously.

This means that all existing members will have their membership extended to 31 December 2021, and will enjoy full benefits from U3A Myrtleford and District Inc.

Normally the U3A committee would review and make a recommendation for the membership fees for the following year and take it to an AGM to be ratified. As

we cannot hold an AGM at the moment, we are asking you to notify Jan Mock, Secretary (E: [u3amyrtleford@gmail.com](mailto:u3amyrtleford@gmail.com) or M: 0401 064 030) if you do not support this motion by 5.00pm, Monday, 30 November, 2020.

Please note this motion applies to all existing current members only. New members joining in 2021, will be required to pay membership fees of \$30 for a full year's membership, \$15 if joining after 30 June 2021 and \$5 for an associate.

### Our book – For A Better Life

As you probably all know the book our U3A has published has been received with enthusiasm. We were hoping for people to appreciate this book as a historical document of the Italian migration to Myrtleford but the sales have been beyond our wildest dreams. In 2 weeks, we sold 350 copies and to date we have sold almost 500 copies. A reprint is underway as I write this article.

Books are available from Yvonne Tabalotny, Judy Pitts, Philippa Cartwright, Gabrielle Bettio and Jan Mock as well as also being in

- The Myrtleford Newsagency
- The Myrtleford Visitor Information Centre
- The Beechworth Book Shop
- Project 49 (café in Beechworth)
- Booktique (Reid St., Wangaratta)
- Bright Visitor Information Centre
- Mount Beauty Information Centre

For those of you who have read the book we hope you enjoyed it.

This book would not have been possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of the team responsible for producing it. Thank you to everyone of you. It has been an outstanding accomplishment.

### Lunch for our members

We haven't forgotten about our promise to shout you lunch at Club Savoy, Myrtleford. The adjusted planning for this lunch or these lunches, as they may turn out to be, is steadily being negotiated and you will be given ample time in the invitation to RSVP.

### Activities for this coming term: (all activities will conform to COVID restrictions)

**Monday 10.00am, starting Monday 26 October** Tai Chi in Cundy Park, near the library and under the trees, with Mike McGurgan. Please bring a mask and let Jan Mock know if you will be attending – we need to keep a check on numbers to be compliant with COVID restrictions.

#### Tuesday 10.30am, starting 27 October:

A weekly walk – come for a walk along the rail trail and/or Helen's walk. The trail will vary from week to week. Meet at Apex park for a walk on the mosaic trail for week 1.

Please bring a mask

#### Thursday, 10.30am, starting 29 October:

Coffee and a chat in the park. Bring a 'take away' or your own drink to the park opposite the Piazza and catch up with people you may not have seen for many weeks.

Please bring a mask.

#### First Wednesday of the month:

Walks on Mount Buffalo – come and discover this beautiful mountain. There are many walks on Mt Buffalo – a walk for everyone. This activity will take at least half a day.

Contact Jan Mock (0401 064 030) if you are interested.

(pictures taken from the Horn in March, 2020 after the latest bushfires.)

