

Myrtleford MAGPIE



MYRTLEFORD & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Welcome to the April 2021 edition of Myrtleford Magpie – #32

From the President

Until very recently I had not heard of the term “intergenerational preschool”. I was also not aware that 1.65 million Australians over the age of 65, live alone. The television program 'Old People's Home for 4 year olds' is slowly educating me on these things. If you have tuned-in to the ABC at 8.30pm on Tuesday nights you may have heard the above and lots more facts.

The knowledge transfer between the four-year olds and those 80 years their senior, and the intergenerational learning that goes on during that program, is staggering high - supporting the maxims that we all have something to offer and that you are never too old to learn. For those who partake, isn't it delightful to watch the relationships between the current children and the 'previous children', grow stronger in each successive episode.

This past month has been a busy time for our tutors and activity leaders as they wind down from Term 1 and have geared up for Term 2 in a slightly more COVID restrictions-eased environment.

You may notice a couple of things commencing this term. If you are undertaking courses or activities away

from our base, the Myrtleford Senior Citizens Centre, you may receive a safety brief from the tutor if anyone in the class is unfamiliar with that environment and be advised that there is a first aid kit on hand. You may also notice some new faces in the group. It is likely that they may belong to one of the 44 new members of our U3A. Please make them welcome and help them settle in.

ANZAC Day is upon us again this Sunday. Please spare a thought for the sacrifices made by our servicemen and servicewomen, past and present – here and all around the world.

As always, I look forward to seeing you 'round the traps'.

John Twyford

(President, U3A Myrtleford and District Inc.)

Program for Term 2

Courses are in full swing but it is not too late to join in. You can enrol by going to the website www.u3amyrtleford.org.au or contacting Yvonne Tabalotny if you need assistance.

Some of the courses have start dates scattered throughout the term.

Coffee/speaker

The next speaker is Steve Bekker, whose topic is "My Life in Aviation". Among many experiences that Steve will talk on, one will be his experiences as a Roulette Pilot.

I hope you will come along and hear his stories. This event will be held on **May 14 at 2.30pm at the Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Clubrooms.**

Painted Silo Tours:

The second trip to the Painted Silos is on **Monday, 3 May.**

This trip is listed on the website under 'Courses'. There are still a few vacancies so if you intend to go, please put your name down.

People, who went on the first trip reported back that it was excellent and apparently the morning tea was worth the trip in itself. The scones did look amazing.

Information re this tour is as follows:

Transport will be by bus. The total cost will be \$37. Malcolm McKinnon will be the bus driver and tour leader.

Please pay your money by Wednesday 28 April into the Bendigo Bank:

BSB 633 000

Acc # 1618 595 33 and **reference your name** against the deposit.

Meet at the Myrtleford Senior Citizens Centre at 8:30am on 3 May. Return time is 5.00pm

The tour route will include silos at Goorambat, Devenish, St James and Tungamah with morning tea at the Devenish Hotel. Lunch will be in Yarrawonga where people can either bring their own lunch or purchase it from one of the many eateries in Yarrawonga.

Current COVID -19 rules would require all participants travelling on the bus to wear a mask.



Some new courses were introduced this term:

- **Interesting building and structures**

2 trips have been held so far.



Trevor Cousins' property at Gapsted



Old tobacco kiln at Mary and Bill Goldsworthy, Westons Lane, Eurobin

Nino conducted us on a 'historic buildings' excursion commencing at Weston's property. He explained the functioning of this historic log tobacco kiln which is sadly melting away into history. From there we toured

Nino's massive down draught kilns and complex of more recent times, before the demise of the tobacco industry. It was a fascinating and informative excursion. -----Thanks to Nino for his hospitality.



- **Leatherwork**



“Experienced saddler, Mike Salmon guides new member, Gail Cuttler in the use of the stitching horse at the Leatherwork course.”

- **Tai Chi**

Last term and whenever the weather is conducive this term Tai Chi is held in Rotary Park. How nice does this look?



To join U3A Myrtleford and District Inc go to our website and click on 'Membership'.

www.u3amyrtleford.org.au

Any photos and stories for this newsletter please email to u3amyrtleford@gmail.com

Our book – For A Better Life

1. Book launch

We are very happy to announce that our book, *For A Better Life*, will be launched as part of the festivities for la Fiera.

The launch will be held at Club Savoy on Saturday 15 May at 10.00am.

Professor Jo Lo Bianco will be attending and will officially launch the book.

If you would like to attend, we ask you register

with Jan Mock Mob 0401 064 030,

Judy Pitts Mob: 0408 236 342

or Yvonne Tabalotny Mob: 0468 482 971

or email u3amyrtleford@gmail.com.

This is necessary due to COVID restrictions.

2. Projects using proceeds from the book

The committee is still looking for ideas on projects using the money generated from book sales of *For A Better Life*.

You may have seen an article in the local paper this week asking the community for their ideas.

We have extended the date to submit ideas to the end of May, 2021.

If you have any ideas, for a worthy project, please send it to Jan Mock (u3amyrtleford@gmail.com)

or someone on the committee. You will be asked for further and more detailed information on your idea. Good luck with your thoughts.

The book, *For A Better Life*, is continuing to sell. It is now available through the Myrtleford

Newsagency, the information centres in

Myrtleford, Bright and Mount Beauty,

Beechworth Books, The Bright Book Shop and

Edgars Newsagency and Booktique, Wangaratta.

Copies can also be obtained from Judy Pitts,

Yvonne Tabalotny, Philippa Cartwright and Jan

Mock.

Welcome New Members

Since January 2021, 44 people have joined us at U3A Myrtleford and District. We are very pleased to welcome our newest members who we believe will further enrich and strengthen our U3A in every sense.

Ahne	Kylie
Ames	Allan
Beveridge	Lorraine
Brett	Walter
Brown	Gwilma
Carrol	Denise
Carter	Julie
Earl	Linda
Farrugia	Lynda
Foreman	Peter
Foreman	Jackie
Gillam	Shirley
Golden	Meryle
Harrison	Carolyn
Hazeldine	Ann
Holmes	Kaye
Kovacs	Geza
Leeuwin-Clark	Clare
Maguire	Patricia
McGuffie	Kaye
McLees	Susan
Monaghan	Jim
Neck	Geoff
O'Neill	Irene
Orgill	Lesley
Pomfret	Penny
Poyner	Leanne
Ramia	Red
Ryland	Maureen
Sheehan	Hannah
Southern	Wendy
Stagg	Jackie
Stewart	Bronwyn
Stewart	Peter
Strong	Anna-Maria
Tabalotny	Kirk
Ternes	Robyn
Titcumb	Maureen
Tudge	Betty
Turner	Gail
Veldman	Pieter
Wood	Tineke
Wren	Alison
Wyatt	Mary Anne