

Myrtleford MAGPIE



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Welcome to the December 2022 edition of *Myrtleford Magpie* – #53

From the President

Christmas and the end of the year is upon us, after another successful year for our U3A. I thank all the leaders of our various activities for their dedication in running their activities and to all the members for supporting the offered activities.

Last week we had a delightful end of the year lunch at Club Savoy. It was extra special in that Santa came to visit and distributed a small gift to all present.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the best for Christmas and for a happy and safe 2023.

We look forward to a great year for our U3A.

Nino Mautone

(President, U3A Myrtleford and District Inc.)

What to do for 2023

1. You need to re-join as a member and/or an associate in January.
2. Once your membership is activated you then have to enrol into the activities you want to participate in.

Please note: your participation in any activity from this year will NOT be rolled over for next year.

The annual members fees are \$30 for a full membership and \$10 for an associate (you need to be a full financial member of another U3A to become an associate.) The bank details are at the bottom of this newsletter.

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

Program for 2023

The committee is meeting for a second time with the committee from U3A Bright. We are interested in learning from each other and looking at the

Coffee Afternoon Speaker

On Friday December 9, we welcomed Eileen Giles and Roslyn Bruncher, two of our members, who lived through WWII in England. They spoke of their experiences as children, during the war from gas masks to air shelters and rationing as a result of war.

At the end of the talk other members shared their war time experiences. I think we all hope that the world could be a peaceful place and that we here in Australia never have to worry about war.

possibilities of sharing more activities. Our program will be finalised mid January. After we have distributed it with you, the members, we will then distribute to the members in Bright. In return activities from Bright will become available to you.



In October Paul Mock, the Local Laws Officer for Alpine Shire Council,

spoke at a coffee afternoon and there were many questions he was to follow up on.

He apologises for not getting back to us earlier but the threat of floods and the ongoing landslip have taken up a lot of his time. The questions and his responses are on the next page for you to read.

Paul said if any of you have any questions, please give him a call on 5755 0555.

Following on from the U3A talk on 14/10/2023 I have some answers and updates regarding the requests taken from members at the presentation

-Request: Beehive removal contacts

Action taken: Michael Gibson 0413 378 809

-Request: Robert Street tree and nature strip maintenance.

Action taken: A service request (SR. 43407) has been placed with the tree maintenance crew to inspect and action what they feel is necessary to allow free passage of pedestrians along the side of the street as well as any potential impacts to passing vehicles.

-Request: One free pass to the tip, pension concession access to tip and green waste collection

Action taken: I consulted Karly Mansfield (Waste Officer) asking if these items can be added as a budget submission for 2023/34 and if anything along these lines is already planned. I will provide an update when it becomes available.

-Request: Rail Trail Bikes, driveways crossing the rail trail and the dangers posed.

Action Taken: Spoken to Gary Noall (Project officer) and consulted Vicroads and Police, I was advised that the onus is still on the driver of a vehicle to avoid a collision with a cyclist when crossing a rail trail, give way signage exists at road crossings but it is not feasible to have signage at each driveway crossing.

-Request: 6 Macauley Grove, vehicle parked on nature strip, obstructing vision.

Action taken: A notice to remove the vehicle from the nature was affixed to the offending vehicle, a follow up inspection showed the vehicle to now be parked in the owner's driveway.

A report was later received that the owner of the vehicle directed blame to the occupant of the property next door, I clarified with the owner of the vehicle after hearing this that I observed the vehicle parked on top of a service drain and that the notice to

remove came solely from Local Laws officers and no report was received from the public.

-Request: Jamieson Street truck parked illegally on nature strip.

Action Taken: After multiple inspections it was undetermined which vehicle this request was in reference to. I advised several owners to remove their vehicles from the nature strip.

-Request: Concerns around only having one zebra Crossing in the Alpine Shire.

Action Taken: A service request was raised with Steven Parmesan (Civil works coordinator) about the potential to include more crossings at major crossing points, suggested locations were adjacent to Foodworks Myrtleford, the Pharmacy in Myrtleford, Bright supermarket and the splash park in Bright. I invited a discussion to commence and a team meeting with the civil works team to address this issue. The meeting has been delayed due to the flood damage taking up the majority of the tree crew and civil works team's available time. I will send an update when possible.

-Request: Elgin Street no through road sign

Action Taken: A service request (SR. 43412) was raised with the Technical Officer (assets) to install a 'no through road' sign on Elgin Street.

If there are any other questions around these issues, please send a reply email or please call Alpine Shire Council 03 5755 0555

I am looking forward to the next opportunity to meet the group and share a few stories.

Kindest regards,

Paul Mock, **Local Laws Officer, Alpine Shire Council**

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