

Myrtleford MAGPIE



MYRTLEFORD & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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Welcome to the February 2023 edition of *Myrtleford Magpie* – #54

From the President

As usual the U3A committee has a full agenda. At the last meeting we invited a representative from Alpine Shire Council to attend with people from the various user groups of Myrtleford Senior Citizens Centre to discuss any issues with the centre. A number of issues were discussed and most have already been attended to. We thank the Council for this fast turnaround.

One issue that will take longer to remedy is improving the sound quality in the main hall by reducing the echo that bounces around the room. The committee has submitted a budget request that Council allocate some funds to fix this problem in their next budget for the upcoming financial year.

The committee is also working to deliver a big project for the Myrtleford community using the funds from the sale of our book, *For A Better Life*. We will update you on this project in the next newsletter.

It is also pleasing to see that Myrtleford is to get some outdoor exercise equipment, which will be installed in Apex Park. Alpine Health has a grant to conduct sessions on the use of the equipment. We will keep you informed and hopefully we can organise a class.

In the meantime enjoy your activities.

Nino Mautone

(President, U3A Myrtleford and District Inc.)

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A Few Reminders:

1. Coffee and Speaker

Our speakers for the coffee session on 24 March are Kym Goodman and Judy Whitmore, who are the President and Secretary of the Myrtleford Cemetery Trust.

Date: Friday 24 March

Time: 2.30pm.

Venue: Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Clubrooms

2. Food Glorious Food

The next session for cooking is Monday 27 February. Jessie Terteci will be our guest cook and pizza is on the menu.

We need people to enrol or else it will not go ahead.

Date: Monday 27 February

Time: 3.30pm

Venue: Cooking Centre, Myrtleford P-12 College

Cost : \$10

Recent Events:

Bus Trip to Benalla and Shepparton:

Another very successful bus trip was held on Friday, February 10 to the murals in Benalla and the Art Museum in Shepparton.

Once again Malcolm and Mirella McKinnon did a fabulous job as tour directors and bus driving.

Most people from the Ovens Valley drive to Shepparton and back from Benalla but there is a scenic drive that most of the participants had never been on.

We are very grateful to Malcolm and Mirella for the time they put into working out the trip, their pre visits and then the actual trip itself. We are very lucky to have them.



Garden Club

The Garden Group kicked off this year with a very successful visit to Natalie and Mario Zanotto's wonderful garden in Gapsted. Mario talked to us about the principles of his work in the orchard and the veggie garden and Natalie explained her composting and vegetable work. We were also introduced to the delights of the Buffalo Breeze, a blessing on a hot day but apparently less so in the depths of winter.

We felt privileged to be allowed to explore the Zanotto garden, and perhaps even more to enjoy the amazing morning tea in the Zanotto dining pavilion!

We're looking forward to our next meeting on March 17 to be introduced to summer pruning for the orchard at Therese Graham's property.

Kay Souter

Walks in Bright

Monday this week saw Erin Pascoe take a small group to do the Canyon and Cherry Walks in Bright. These are great walks in that they follow the Ovens River

and the scenery is forever changing along the course of the river.

Although it was a hot day the girls found a perfect way to cool down.

Thanks Erin for taking this walk.



Lunch and a Movie

Last Sunday a big group of our members met for lunch at Riverdeck restaurant in Bright and then went to watch the movie, A Man Called Otto. The lunch was great and we thank the Riverdeck staff and particularly Robyn, for looking after us so well. The food was excellent and service very efficient.

A few of us left the cinema with tears in our eyes having enjoyed a beautiful movie.

Sun Bright Cinema was extremely helpful in putting on this event to the point where we could nominate the start time for the film.

Thank you to everyone involved. Your help was really appreciated and will encourage us to do this again.

U3A Equipment

We are missing a St Johns first aid kit. It is in a red canvas bag. If you have it could you please return it to the U3A.

Also as a reminder there is a sign out/in book for all borrowings in the store room.

For 2023

1. Remember you must re-enrol in any ongoing classes. Your enrolment from 2022 will NOT be rolled over to 2023. This includes all activities.

2. Membership fees for 2023 are due now.
Fees are:

Full Member \$30 per year

Associate members \$10 per year (To be an associate you must be a full financial member of another U3A organisation).

Your membership subscription can be paid online into the U3A bank account, or at any branch/agency of the Bendigo Bank. The account details are:

Account Name: U3A Myrtleford and District Inc.

BSB: 633 000

Account number: 161859533

Please Reference: Your name.

The Community Bendigo Bank agency in Myrtleford is in the Myrtleford Real Estate office (next door to Myrtleford Furnishings)

You may also pay by cheque made out to U3A Myrtleford and District Inc, and post to PO Box 84, Myrtleford 3736.

Ensure your name is recorded on the cheque, to match the payment with your membership.

3. Changes to Personal Details on Website

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

If your personal details (phone number, address etc) change, please remember to update the website. If you have difficulty doing this, give Yvonne Tabalotny a call and she will make the changes.

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