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Next Coffee Morning

The next Coffee morning is on Friday 1st March (this coming Friday) at 10.00 am for 10.30 am. It will be held in the Seniors Hall in Tawonga Crescent as usual. We have a guest speaker; Joy O'Connor and she will talk about her experiences "Enjoying the Silo Art Trail as a grey nomad".



Joy O'Connor

What is the Silo trail you ask?? It is located in Victoria's Wimmera region and it is Australia's largest outdoor gallery. It stretches over 200km, linking Brim with neighbouring towns Lascelles, Pachewollock, Rosebery, Rupanyup and Sheep Hills. The trail provides an insight into the true spirit of the Wimmera Mallee recognising the Region's people through a series of large-scale mural portraits painted onto grain silos, many of which date back to the 1930s. The project saw a team of renowned artists from Australia and across the World visit the region, meet

the locals and transform each silo into an epic work of art; each one telling a unique story about the host town. The project was conceived in 2016 and has attracted much attention including international coverage. Joy will talk about this project and tell us how we can enjoy a stimulating visit to this art gallery.

January Coffee morning

A large number of members attended the January Coffee morning and the majority enrolled in the stimulating courses on offer from our course convenors. Whilst the coffee and biscuits were excellent the hum of stimulating conversations made all of us feel delighted to be members of the Alpine U3A. A number of new members signed up and we look forward to making each of them feel very welcome.

As a course presenter as well as a recipient I feel that our U3A provides much stimulation and there are still opportunities to sign up to the various programs. Please contact myself or Linda Parkinson at the telephone numbers at the head of this newsletter.

Our roving photographer captured some delightful images and they are reproduced in this newsletter entirely as the responsibility of the editor.



Luise, Annemarie, Lenka & Rollo talking about the French & German classes



If you want to learn about card games – Jill (supervised by Mary) is your person



Committee members enjoying the morning



Wendy works hard writing receipts whilst below Ken as retiring treasurer has a chat to Shirley.



February Film – the film that you have all been waiting for!!

Bohemian Rhapsody!

Everything that I have heard about this film is fantastic! I have not yet seen it but when Elene saw it she came home with what looked like an aurora around her! Many people have said to me that they would like to see the film again and I have heard that it is well tipped for the best film in the Oscars awards. Lets see what you think – remember 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th March at the Seniors Hall. Be there early to get a good seat and also look forward to a nice light supper. Whats it about?

It is a biographical film about Freddie Mercury, lead singer of the British Rock Band, Queen. Mercury died on November 21st 1991 at the young age of 45 and his role in the film is played by Rami Malek his performance in the film earning him a nomination as

best actor in the 91st Academy Awards (Oscars) with the film being nominated as the best film



Membership

After a lot of work and following up with recalcitrant members our fully paid membership so far this year is 142 members including 10 new members. The membership last year numbered 156 and of these 3 have notified me that they no longer wish to continue in Alpine U3A. Hence there are a considerable number of last year's members who are intending to pay or as a courtesy should advise me that they wish to withdraw. I shall write to each of the non-payers today asking if they wish to continue and if I do not hear from them by the end of the month, I shall delete their names from our records.

A Big Thank You!

Our treasurer, Ken Darling, is moving on and leaving the district. He has done an excellent job and as Secretary I really appreciate the service to Alpine U3A provided by Ken. Good fortune in your "new life" Ken.

And Finally, with an election in the offing.....

Sign on the back of a Septic Tank Truck: "Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises".