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Next Coffee Morning

The next Coffee morning is on Friday 5th April at 10.00 am for 10.30 am. It will be held in the Seniors Hall in Tawonga Crescent as usual. Our guest speaker is, member, Hugh Skey and he will talk about Iceland, following the ~ 3 weeks he & Nola spent there in mid-2018.



Hugh Skey



Iceland Coat of Arms

This is the first of 2 talks by Hugh which gives him the opportunity to expand on the subject. The first, probably the shorter talk, will focus - though not exclusively – on the natural environment, i.e. geology, scenery, flora, fauna. Vikings”) and its evolution. Neither talk delves deeply into the subject matter as they’re not meant to be study courses about Iceland but I am sure that they will not only be highly informative but entertaining also.

February Coffee morning

A large number of members attended the February Coffee morning and enjoyed the tea/coffee & biscuits. The guest speaker was Joy O’Conner who gave a very entertaining presentation on the Silo Art

works in the Mallee region of Victoria. The talk certainly inspired me to undertake a tour of this fascinating region.



Joy entrhralling members with her knowledge of the silos and the artwork



Patchewollock silos

April Film

The April monthly film is “Fried Green Tomatoes” which is a 1991 American comedy-drama film based on the novel ‘Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café’ by Fannie Flagg. Directed by Jon Avnet and written by Flagg and Carol Sobieski, it stars Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Stuart Masterson, and Mary-Louise Parker. It tells the story of a Depression-era friendship between two women, Ruth and Idgie, and a 1980s friendship between Evelyn, a middle-aged housewife, and Ninny, an elderly woman. The centrepiece and parallel story concerns the murder of Ruth’s abusive husband, Frank, and the accusations that follow.



I never saw the film and hence I am very much looking forward to seeing it at our 'Film Night'. I understand that it is a comedy but I am also told that it is somewhat challenging. Don't forget the film night which is **Wednesday April 10th at 7.00pm at the Seniors Hall.**

The March film, which was Bohemian Rhapsody, was well attended and my spies assure me that it received a very good star rating even with my contribution of average! No doubt Sandra will enlighten us on the 10th April.

Alpine U3A Classes

Our classes are now up and running and whilst I cannot attend all of the classes I have observed a very good attendance at some of the activities. I participate in the Thursday walks when I can and the number of attendees is very significant. Below you can see the group which participated on March 14th and a sample of the group on March 28th



I am very impressed with the participation in the Friday morning discussion group which is now called the Friday Forum, convened by Shirly Costa. The issues covered can be quite challenging e.g. last Friday we discussed the ethics of the recent Al Jazeera coverage of the "One Nation" group and the NRA. Test yourself by considering the *Australian Associated Press Standards & Ethics code, article 6* which reads:

6. Misrepresentation

6.1. AAP does not sanction misrepresentation, deceit or subterfuge to obtain information.

6.2 AAP journalists must clearly identify themselves as such when interviewing and gathering material.

6.3. Journalists must not obtain information or publish material obtained clandestinely by using listening devices or by intercepting private telephone conversations." !!!!

Last week I walked in on the Tuesday Table Tennis group and even with two tables in action there were members waiting for a game. This group has now extended to Sunday afternoons. I am a participant in the Friday Maths group and Judith has really whetted my appetite with her logical approach to code making and breaking as well as Number Theory (for dummies like me) As Newsletter editor I would very much like some feedback from our other activities...please.

Membership

I am still trying to close the membership books for the year. We welcome the following new members including some who have re-joined after some time spent away from the area: Ann Bellingham, Linda Chalmers, Patricia Hamilton, Andre Lachel-Roberts, Jill & Lindsay Martin, Lesley McGregor, Maria Pantling, Kathy Pescud, Vicki Revell, Susan Tilley, Margaret & Bob White & John & Christel Willems. Please make these new members feel very welcome in our U3A.

We now have 153 members including the above 14 new members. Two members from last year passed away, 5 members have withdrawn and 12 of last year's members have not paid and hence their membership is counted as withdrawn.