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June Coffee Morning

The next Coffee morning is on Friday 7th June 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 Scott Sloane who is the proprietor of The Bright Bookshop.



I was fascinated and perhaps envious, reading Scott's cv and I felt that I had no choice but to include everything that was sent to me:
Scott Sloane, the proprietor of The Bright Bookshop, was born in Jerilderie in 1957 into a farming family. His father a WWII returned serviceman, fought in North Africa and had been a POW in Europe. His mother was a nurse and midwife, a career which she pursued until her premature death in 1977.

He spent six years as a boarder at The Geelong College, receiving a robust education along vague Presbyterian lines.

In 1979 he graduated from the Prahran Institute of Technology with a degree in Art & Design. Having been rendered unemployable by three years of art school, he worked for two years doing seasonal agricultural work, and on his father's farm.

From 1984 to 1989 he worked as an editorial artist for The Melbourne Herald. His caricatures and illustrations became frequent visual fodder for this once grand but somewhat dilapidated evening broadsheet.

After four years on the Herald, with success hovering dangerously close, he left the paper for delusional romantic reasons.

He spent a little over two years travelling widely, mostly in Europe, where he briefly studied German at a Goethe Institute and worked three seasons as a ski instructor in Austria.

Returning to Australia in 1992 he resumed freelancing as an illustrator and enjoyed some success as a contributor to the Sunday Age.

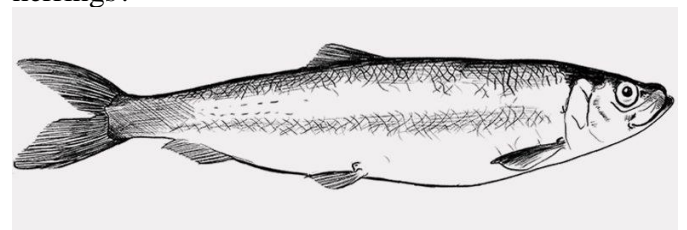
In 2002 as a mature aged student, he obtained a post graduate diploma in education from the University of Melbourne. He freely admits he has never worked as a secondary teacher.

In 2010 he moved to Bright with his three-legged dog (now deceased) and in 2015 opened The Bright Bookshop.

I understand that Scott will talk and be interviewed by Fay on Friday so don't be late for the occasion.

Previous Coffee morning (May)

Hugh Skey concluded his 2-part talk on Iceland and thoroughly enchanted a good audience. I not only learnt about the Icelandic people and the buildings and countryside but I was educated about my favourite fish, the humble herring. What better breakfast food could there be than Icelandic herrings?



Yum Yum!

Thanks Hugh for a great talk and I now know that herring oil was used for treating leather!

June movie

This month's film, to be shown at 7.00pm on Wednesday June 12th, is "Ladies in Black" (nominated by Helen L'Huillier).



It is a 2018 Australian comedy-drama film directed by Bruce Beresford and starring Angourie Rice, Rachael Taylor, Julia Ormond, Ryan Corr and Shane Jacobson. The film tells the story of a group of department store employees in 1959 Sydney. I haven't seen the film but I am reliably informed that film shots of our beloved Melbourne trams were used to depict the now defunct Sydney tram transport system. According to Wikipedia: "Australian film critic David Stratton, writing for The Australian, wrote "Ladies in Black may be seen mistakenly as lightweight or slight; it isn't. It brims with subtext and nuance and at the same time succeeds in being a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment."

Sandra is taking her well-earned rest and I now have the job of showing the monthly films and I need the support of a good audience. The "Audience Review Box will be on the cupboard for your participation. Whilst talking about films we normally show a free film during the October Seniors' Festival. The Committee has not come up with the name of a suitable film so please help me with your suggestions. Email me at dgwood4@bigpond.com with your nomination and I will do my best to follow your advice. Remember the showing is for Seniors throughout the Shire and afternoon Tea will again be served by our wonderful Red Cross Group.

Web Site

Linda has been working energetically on a new web site for the Alpine U3A. I have seen the latest "draft" and it is shaping really well. We hope to publish it very soon. Thank you, Linda.

Revival of Pole Walking

Over the years we have included pole walking in our suite of activities. This is in addition to our bushwalks on Wednesdays and our robust walks on Thursdays. We are indebted to Lenka Riegel who until recently was group leader for the walks. Rachael Finette has kindly agreed to lead the pole walkers, commencing in Spring. I understand that Pole Walking is a rhythmic and energising form of walking that includes the use of a pair of walking poles. The aim of the exercise is to help you incorporate your entire body and with practice it can turn a simple walk into an enjoyable total-body workout. We supply the poles so watch this space for further announcements about this exciting venture.

Membership

We now have approximately 160 members and I am still receiving new membership applications. One is somewhat confusing. \$25 has been paid into our account at The Bendigo Bank on behalf of Richard John Roland but I have no idea who this person is! I have no membership form for Richard and none of the Committee has been able to help with this quandary. If you can help me to identify this person please call or email me.

A memory from my Travels

My final years of work involved travelling through many different countries which whilst interesting could be very challenging. China was the country most visited and in addition to being asked not to use the 'Lifts in case there is a fire' I saw some other very amusing notices.



Enjoy the onset of Winter and the snow, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Coffee morning and the Film night.