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October Coffee Morning

The next Coffee morning is on Friday 4th October at 10.00 am for 10.30 am. **(This Friday)** Our guest speakers are from the Alpine Radio Station, broadcasting from the Heart of the High Country in the North East of Victoria including the Kiewa Valley (96.5FM), Ovens Valley (92.9FM) and Harrietville (94.5 FM). I am certain that all members of our community are immensely proud of our very own radio station which in 2018 won the prestigious "Outstanding Small Station 2018" award at the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBA) awards presentation night last November.



The winning team

What is really fantastic is that this radio station is again a finalist for 2019



Well done to all of you and the Alpine U3A very much looks forward to your presentation on Friday morning. Occasionally members of our U3A are invited to speak at the radio station and it is only then that we can appreciate the enormous amount of work and dedication that is put in by the radio staff. Come along on Friday and hear what various presenters have to say about their tasks. Don't forget if you come early you get the pick of the biscuits! I understand that several of the presenters will be speaking and I am attempting to operate a slide show to go with the presentations!

Vale Dennis Wykes

Dennis, a long-time member of the Alpine U3A, passed away peacefully at Barwidgee Lodge Myrtleford, after a long illness. Dennis was an avid Collingwood supporter and a great leader of our bushwalking group. Alpine U3A passes its condolences to Karen and his daughters, Sarah and Katie. Thank you, Dennis, for your great contribution to Alpine U3A



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Our new Committee has had its first meeting for the U3A year and is delighted that Christina Callinan has agreed to organise speakers for the Coffee mornings. Fay will conclude her speaker duties after the November Coffee morning and

the Committee expressed its thanks to Fay for an outstanding job that she has performed over the past 2 years.

Sue Woods has taken on the mantle of course coordinator and already a number of new programs are under consideration including pole walking.

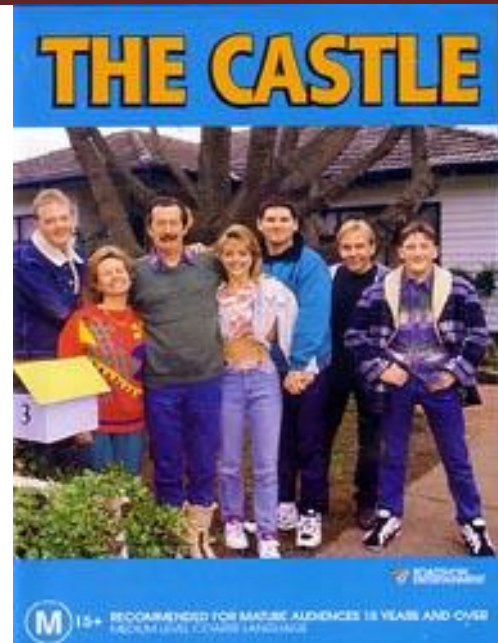
The Seniors Committee is attempting to clean out the storage shed at the back of the Seniors Hall and it is possible that there is some equipment there which some members may value or intend to use. For example, there is a long indoor carpet and an indoor bowls set. Also, there are some exercise balls (large ones) that I am sure have been used in the past but in times of space shortage perhaps it is time for such equipment to be passed on to others or indeed released to the Tip.

At the Coffee morning next week please have a look in the shed and see if there is anything that you would like to be retained. If you cannot get there please call me on 0419514399 or the Secretary, Judith on 0428755701.

Seniors Festival – October 2019

Most of our members qualify as Victorian Seniors and the month of October is Seniors Month. Remember that there is either free travel or very cheap travel available so check the web site www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival. Also, the Alpine Shire has published an excellent calendar of events in the Shire and a copy of this is attached to the email accompanying this newsletter.

There are a number of activities in the Mt Beauty district including a **FREE** film show put on by our U3A and the Mt Beauty Seniors Association. The Film for this year is **"The Castle" (Wed 2nd Oct 2.00pm)**. I am sure that you all will remember this delightful movie and will be enthusiastic to see it yet again. There is no charge and all you need to do is to turn up at the Seniors Hall just before 2.00pm on Wednesday 2nd October. There will be an interval and the Red Cross will provide a sumptuous afternoon tea prior to commencing the second half of the movie. Come and have a laugh next Wednesday.



Also, in our district I note that the **Mt Beauty and District Community Band is performing in the Community Centre on Sunday the 6th October at 2.00pm**. I am sure that this is an event that is well worth attending.

On Tuesday 15th October the Mt Beauty Men's Shed is hosting an open day from 10.30am; a wonderful opportunity to find out what the men do in their spare time!

On Wednesday 16th October our very own Neighbourhood Centre is having a special Seniors Lunch in the Rose Garden Community Café. The food here is excellent so don't miss the opportunity.

On Friday 18th October the Upper Kiewa Valley Regional Arts are hosting the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra Quartet in the Community Centre from 7.30pm. I last saw this group at the Melbourne Recital Centre and the performers are outstanding. Don't miss it!

On Tuesday October 22nd there is an author talk at the Mt Beauty Library. Noel Braun talks about his walking trips along the Camino de Santiago and five walks through France, Spain and Portugal. Noel started his walking journey at age 77 dedicating his walks to the memory of his wife. Please check the time for the talk as I believe that the advertised time is incorrect. Light refreshments are supplied.

On Friday 25th October Sport North East invites you to come and try Walking Football at the Community Centre at 9.45am. This is a fantastic sport for seniors so come and try it.

Alpine U3A Film Society – Film for the Month.

This month our regular movie is “Swimming with Men” It is scheduled for **Wednesday October 9th at 7.00pm sharp.** *When accountant Eric, (Brydon), seeks to win back his wife Heather (Horrocks), he stumbles upon a solution in the form of a male synchronised swimming team: Men Who Swim. Joining his local team, Eric finds brotherhood in this crew as they train for the world championships in Milan. Many members have expressed delight that this movie is being shown and commented that it is indeed very funny. It has received mixed reviews but overall it has been rated highly as a British Comedy.*



At the Coffee morning this week I shall be asking for volunteers to bring some supper for the Movie so please let me know if you feel that you can provide something.

The Past Week

On looking back at the past week or two the main topic that I have noticed is the never ending “Climate Change”. The World’s political leaders, or some of them who are taking action, have been meeting at the UN in New York to report on actions taken and anticipated with respect to climate change. Our PM was not invited because of the lack of action in Australia. I can remember meeting with global climate scientists and the Australian Chief Scientist in my early years of retirement and the messages of that time have been borne out with respect to global temperature rise etc. Tuesday evening’s ABC program, 7.30, brought everything back to me. On this program the young Swedish advocate, Greta Thunberg, spoke with absolute conviction when she said “This is all wrong. I shouldn’t be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean, yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you?” “You have stolen my

dreams and my childhood with your empty words.” “We are in the beginning of a mass extinction and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth.” etc. etc.

This was followed in the program by an Australian Journalist interviewing Sir David Attenborough who singled out Australia and the USA for their lack of action with respect to the global issues. He emphasised that continuing mining and exporting coal is making a major contribution to global warming.

I urge you to go on line and see the interview which is compelling viewing. People our age have been responsible for leaving the precious planet Earth in a mess in terms of global warming and it is time to say **No more!** And get that message to our political leaders of all persuasions.

You can watch the episode of 7.30 at ABC iView (<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/7-30>) and choose Tuesday September 24th.

Now something on the lighter side

For much of my professional life I have read the Scientific Journal Nature which comes in many editions. The scientific papers are peer reviewed at the very highest standards and at times they can present “tough reading”.



One of the many issues of Nature focuses on Climate Change and in a very recent issue the following quote was presented as “Quote of the month”:

“In general, people are happy to see wildlife conserved when it doesn’t inconvenience them in any way.” – doesn’t this apply to so many things including Climate Change?

David Wood (Newsletter Editor) 29th Sept. 2019