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## Christmas lunch



The Alpine U3A Christmas Lunch replaces the December Coffee morning and it will be held at Settlers Tavern on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 12Noon.**

We are delighted to advise that the “Doug Hamilton “All Stars” will be entertaining us.



The cost is **\$15.00** per head for U3A Members and \$23.00 for non-members, for a 2-course meal. Buy your own drinks and a self-service tea/coffee bar.

*Main:* Christmas Roast (turkey or beef) plus trimmings OR cold roast meats and salad OR Vegetarian Arancini balls OR vegetarian Italian Tomato salad

*Dessert:* Christmas Pudding OR Pavlova (alternate drop)

**Definite numbers are required by Friday 23 November.** Contact Tien Meakin 0408 802 665 (SMS) or [cettien3@bigpond.com](mailto:cettien3@bigpond.com). Payment in person or EFT to Bendigo Bank, Hollonds Street Mt Beauty, BSB 633-000, Acc 132 758 707, include “Xmas Lunch” and Surname (e.g., Wood x2 for two people) as reference.

Those who would prefer the cold meat & salad or vegetarian option must pre-order this choice. **Please contact Tien Meakin (0408802665) by SMS by the 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

As is our custom we are asking you to bring an **unwrapped gift for a basket of goodies** that would be very useful in a Women’s Refuge: personal hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo etc.; useful kitchen or laundry items; kid’s things. Nothing that would go “off”.

## Next Coffee Morning

The Christmas lunch brings us almost to the end of the 2019 activities and for the Alpine U3A the February **Coffee morning on Friday February 7<sup>th</sup>** sees the start of our new year. It is at this coffee morning that Course Enrolments take place; hence it is important to be there.

Sue Woods is our new course coordinator (0409700678) and Sue reminds members that the course suggestion forms are due by the end of November. These forms are beside the black box at the entrance to the Senior Citizens Hall and the completed forms should be put in the black box. Don’t forget the forms include the opportunity for you to suggest new courses that you might like to give. Remember that we have “physical” programs such as the walking groups and Pilates (all levels), Gym & Stretch and we have the wonderful indoor “thinking” groups such as Maths, Chess & Games & hopefully 2 levels of Chemistry.

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## Alpine U3 Film Society

One of our popular “courses” is the monthly film show put on by our very own Alpine U3A Film Society. We have one more film for you this year and that is **“Paddington 2”**. Sandra Eldridge is the convenor of the Alpine U3A Film Society and in her remarks to your Newsletter editor she said **“...now don't do a David Wood and exclaim “A Kids film”!!”**

What a cheek!!! I have now watched the trailer on the internet and I laughed all the way through it. What a good choice and it is scheduled for 7.00pm sharp on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

For those who don't know anything about this film or like me they remember reading the Paddington books to their kids a very long time ago here is a summary:

*It is London and It's a time that's never been; a very subtle form of fantasy. There, Paddington lives with the Brown family, beloved by all. When he sets his heart on buying his elderly aunt a pop-up book, which is beyond his budget, he has to save up. Just a day away from earning enough, the book is stolen. In trying to apprehend the thief, Paddington is arrested as a suspect, sent to jail and the Brown family have to fight to clear his name.*

And some further notes:

*Paul King should be forbidden from ever passing the series to another director because he has such a well-tuned sense of Paddington's tone. It's cute, but not twee. It's for all ages, but jokes aren't divided into kid-friendly and 'for the grown-ups'. It mostly makes fun of circumstances, not people. There's so much warmth to it and not a hint of cruelty. There are wonderful sequences of physical comedy, with Paddington like an ursine Charlie Chaplin.*

Don't forget Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>



## Editor's Note

I apologise for not preparing a newsletter for November. As many of you will know I was hospitalised with pneumonia and feeling very poorly. This was not an excuse to avoid the Thursday walking group outings. Having never had anything like pneumonia before I am now learning that it can take months to recover. I was cheered up with a few stories like the following one:

**When I was a kid, my parents would always say, “Excuse my French” just after a swear word... I'll never forget my first day at school when my teacher asked if any of us knew any French**

*Have a great Christmas...David Wood (Newsletter Editor)*