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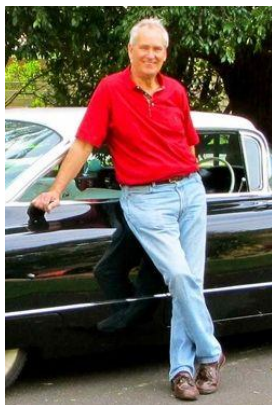
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## Coffee morning Friday April 6th



Easter holidays coupled with the school holidays often lead members to forget the regular schedule of coffee mornings. Don't forget that coffee mornings are always on the first Friday of the month at 10.30am for coffee & biscuits before we are addressed by our monthly speaker.

On Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> we will be addressed by Max Gillard who will talk about the future of cars and fuels. Max is eminently qualified to talk on this subject given his background: -



- He is the retired President (Research and Development) Asia / Pacific for Toyota Japan
- He has a double degree in Electrical engineering from Monash

- He set up the R&D centre in Melbourne, headed up the design team for Camry and Lexus
- He was on the John Howard task force panel into research into bio fuels and ethanol
- He served two terms as president for Australian Automatic Engineers Association.
- Hobbies: collects American fifties cars including Cadillac, Pontiac, Mustang, Corvettes and many more.

Thanks to Fay for arranging for Max to address us.

## Outcome of our Special Meeting

As you should all now be aware we decided to keep our name of 'Alpine U3A' after several motions and much debate. Some strong emotions were expressed at the meeting but all in a polite manner. Thanks to those who attended and now let's progress with our confirmed and traditional name.

## Film Night – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month – Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

The film this month is "The Mountain between us" starring Idris Elba and Kate Winslet".



*"After the cancellation of their flights out of Boise Airport, due to stormy weather, neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Bass (Idris Elba) and photojournalist Alex Martin (Kate Winslet) contact Walter (Beau Bridges), a local private pilot, to get to Alex's wedding (scheduled for the following day) and Ben's emergency surgery appointment in Baltimore, Maryland. They board an uncharted flight with Walter's dog. Shortly after take-off, Walter suffers a stroke, causing the plane to crash on a mountaintop. ....and on it goes with a gripping drama!*

**Supper volunteers – please call David 0419514399**

Please note that there have been some changes to the film program since it was first published and

placed on the Seniors Noticeboard. I expect to have the final program in a few days and I will then distribute it to all members. It should be posted on the noticeboard for the April Coffee morning. Most importantly note in your diary that films are on the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month.

## Myrtleford U3A

It is pleasing to report that Rollo, Helen and Wendy were able to attend the opening of Myrtleford U3A and they wished our U3A colleagues in Myrtleford all the very best for the future. At the opening, Tim Fischer gave an address and stated that the Assistant Ambassador in the Italian Embassy in Canberra is willing to come to the district and talk on the modern history of Italy. This should be a fascinating talk and Fay is following up.

## Courses

The program of courses is now firmly established and this includes the regular walks. New programs are listed for Fridays with Politics in the morning and on alternate weeks Maths and Chemistry in the afternoons. I am often told that by the time people become seniors they regret that they were "put off" Maths, Chemistry and Physics at school and whilst not disadvantaged in life through this, they sometimes reflect and wish that they could have had a better understanding of the science subjects. Judith is providing a large group of students with some fascinating insights into Mathematics and the classes are outstanding.

My observations indicate that the various games groups are not only intellectually challenging they are also great fun – at least there is considerable mirth as seen by the casual observer. Having witnessed a stretches class recently I am most impressed with the energy shown by the participants.

Whilst I have not personally observed the various language groups my spies tell me that they are extremely well received. There are some programs that I have yet to see but it is impressive to see the variety of topics and we are really very lucky in the Alpine U3A to have some dedicated course tutors.

If anyone would like a copy of the latest course program please let me know and I will send one to you.

## Plumes to return

Look out for another day with Plumes on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Seniors hall.



## On the lighter side!!!

