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Coffee morning Friday October 5th, 10.00am for 10.30am sharp

The guest speaker this Friday is Scottie Graham



Scottie is a past employee of Parks Victoria and he will be talking about his fire-fighting experiences while being a ranger with Victorian Parks & Wildlife. He will touch briefly on fire prevention and he will also hand out some CFA leaflets.

September Coffee morning

We had a very entertaining coffee morning speaker at the last meeting. Matthew Charles-Jones grew up in North East Victoria and is currently President of the Totally Renewable Yackandandah Project. Matthew took us on a journey through the efforts by the Community of Yackandandah to become self-reliant regarding electricity supply. He answered many questions after the talk and certainly inspired

me to consider the future regarding home generation of electricity.



Matthew in full flight

Films– Wednesday afternoon 3rd October and Wednesday evening 10th October

We are spoilt for films in October with a special screening on Wednesday afternoon the 3rd October, as a part of Seniors Week in Victoria. We are showing the excellent British Movie “Finding Your Feet” commencing at 2.00pm sharp. This film stars Imelda Staunton, Timothy Spall, Celia Imrie, Joanna Lumley, and David Hayman and was released in 2017.



The plot:

When ‘Lady’ Sandra Abbott (Imelda Staunton) discovers that her husband of thirty-five years (John Sessions) is having an affair with her best friend (Josie Lawrence), she seeks refuge in London with her estranged, older sister Bif (Celia Imrie). Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free spirited sibling who lives on an inner-city council estate. But difference is just what Sandra needs and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to a community dance class where she meets her sister's friends, Charlie (Timothy Spall), Jackie (Joanna Lumley) and Ted (David Hayman). This colourful group of defiant and energetic third-agers start to show Sandra that retirement is a beginning, and that divorce could be her new lease of life and love.

Community Organisation of the Year 2017

We are all **“third agers”** so come along and enjoy this free film show. **In addition**, our wonderful Red Cross ladies are providing an afternoon tea during the interval and the film show and the afternoon tea are totally free of cost which must be an inspiration to attend. Better get there early to get a good seat.

Then on Wednesday October 10th in the evening we have our regular movies night with the gripping British/New Zealand movie “6 Days” starring Jamie Bell, Abbie Cornish, Mark Strong and Martin Shaw.



The plot is:

On 30 April 1980, six Iranians led by Salim storm the Iranian Embassy located in 16 Princes Gate, Kensington in London and hold at least 26 hostages. Notable persons have been summoned by the incident, including SAS members led by Lance Corporal Rusty Firmin, BBC Reporter Kate Adie, and Chief Inspector Max Vernon of Metropolitan Police. The authorities receive a call from Salim, demanding the release of 91 Arab prisoners in Iran, or else they will kill a hostage if the demands are not met. Gripping negotiations and action follow over several days leading to a tense finalé.

This film commences at 7.00pm sharp so don't be late.

Activity Groups

I am delighted that Linda Parkinson has accepted the role of course coordinator. Linda will call a meeting of all of the tutors and we will discuss the arrangements for next year. Each course is unique and it is important that we recognise the distinguishing features of the various programs including our “outside” activities. As “third agers” we sometimes feel a little nervous about the challenges of participating in a new program and as one of the tutors I can assure you that I felt somewhat nervous about presenting to a group of very knowledgeable members. No doubt we need some new programs so if you feel that you can offer something in your field of interest or in another area where you would like to gain some knowledge, please call Linda on 0407091742 or email

lindap@hp.ozemail.com.au Remember the best way to gain an understanding of a topic is to teach it. Teaching or tutoring a group is simply a method of learning together. I am still trying to gain an understanding of “Underwater basket weaving”!

Advance Notice of Christmas Lunch

The Committee has undertaken some forward planning for the Alpine U3A Christmas Lunch. Tien Meakin has accepted the responsibility for organising the lunch and this year it will be held on Friday December 7th at the Settlers Tavern (main room) at 12.30pm. The cost to members is a low \$15 per head with your U3A contributing the rest. It will be a traditional Christmas roast lunch (ham, turkey & beef) & roast vegetables followed by a dessert with the first drink free. Subsequent drinks will be at bar prices. As is usual for our Christmas lunch we welcome Christmas gifts for those in the community less fortunate than ourselves and such gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped. Pat Docking will be in charge of this activity. I am reliably informed that this year we will have great entertainment. More information will follow in the November Newsletter.

Other Activities

Upper Kiewa Valley Arts Council presents:



On Monday 15th October the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra's small ensemble, The Melba Quartet will play in the Mount Beauty Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. Brought to Mount Beauty by Upper Kiewa Valley Regional Arts, this classical string ensemble of two violins, viola and cello will play Borodin's String Quartet No.2 and Beethoven's String Quartet No. 13 (with Grosse Fugue). Tickets for this outstanding performance, which is currently touring Victoria to great acclaim, are available from Mount Beauty Hardware and Drapery or at the door on the night; \$25 adult, \$20 members, \$10 students, free for under 12's. The bar will be open at 7 p.m. and during interval.

David Wood (Newsletter editor) 30th Sept. 2018