



APRIL 2022



President's Report

Greetings fellow members!

In my first article as President, I want to thank the committee & membership for the trust and confidence you have placed in me with your endorsement and I look forward to working with you all to make the Bright U3A experience the best it can be for everyone.

Many thanks to our outgoing President, Roy Ward, for his experience and guidance over the last 6 years. We are fortunate that he is remaining on the committee this year.

Congratulations to Mike Roberts on his elevation to Vice President and for his valuable contributions to the leadership team.

To all the outstanding volunteer members of the committee of management and those in course convenor roles, thank you for your generous and ongoing contributions of time, energy and passion. You make our organization vibrant and stimulating for every member and without you, we simply would not exist.

It is very pleasing to see our enrolment numbers climbing back towards pre-pandemic levels, with high vaccination rates and the easing of restrictions giving people the confidence to re-engage more fully in our courses and life in general.

We are fortunate to have Philosophy offered as a new course this year and Deckers is up and running again

U-MAS, our new membership administration system has been well received and is working successfully. It has significantly improved our courses and enrolments functions. As with

SUSTAINABLE UPPER OVENS COMMUNITY CARBON ACTION PLAN FIELD DAY

On Saturday 26th March
9am - 3.30pm

Bright Community Centre
Program and speakers on
pages 6&7

Outdoor program below

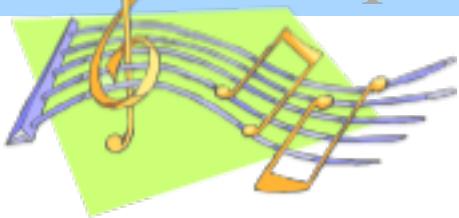
Please scan QR code on program for
catering purposes.

BYO cups for drinks - coffee by Sixpence!



From 11.00	Electric Vehicles onsite	Meet the EV owners
2.35-2.50	eV – 'the lived experience'	Michael Block
2.50-3.05	eV – 'a new convert'	Graham Barrow
3.05-3.20	Electric Bikes	U3A Bright Cycling Group
3.20-3.30	Q&A	
3.30	<i>Invitation to continue the discussion</i>	Sustainable Upper Ovens Executive
3.30	OUTDOOR PROGRAM	

good company



ALPINE VOICES TUNE UP AGAIN

Tralala!!! Yes here we go again, almost 2 years since U3A's Alpine Voices choir sang together, it feels really good.

We started off with 15 members, 2 possibly 3 new, and 2 more since then, totalling 17! We resumed on

Wednesday 16th February with 13 singers – wonderful! The only drawback was the 'wearing of masks in an indoor space' this being the Shire's ruling (as they own the building), and not conducive to singing one's lungs out!

So – not to be deterred, we sang outside under the oak trees. The weather was still rather warm and I found myself gradually moving closer to the keyboard to avoid the dappled rather warm sun peeping through the leaves, almost landing in Carolyn's lap!

The 2nd session, with 11 singers, was almost a repeat but not quite as hot, a relief for me. It was a lovely setting and a few passers by stopped for a moment, including a magpie – which joined in!

So now we are singing inside and it is working just fine. We have a wide variety of songs on hand, all music and words provided, and we are always open to suggestions of songs to add to our repertoire.

We do sing a few songs in parts – well we have a go! – and I attempt to impart some musical knowledge, but the main objective of this group – is to have FUN, lots of it! And whilst singing, we are exercising our lungs, lifting our spirits and enjoying each others' company – no auditions, it doesn't matter if you 'can't sing', as long as you enjoy doing so.

Wednesdays – 4.15pm to 5.45pm, with a short break.

Franki (Walsh, Convenor)

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anything new, there can be teething problems but Helen Brecknell, Robyn Cirulis and myself have been able to guide and assist many members through the process. If you still have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us.

It was fabulous to finally be able to gather together for the AGM late January and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next coffee morning with a guest speaker, on Friday April 8th at 10am at the Bowls Club.

Until next time I'll leave you with this thought
"Despite the high cost of living, it still remains extremely popular!"

Marianne Dredge

President Bright U3A

staying active

Bright U3A April Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning for Bright U3A
will be held on

8th April 2022 at 10am
Bowls Club, Churchill Ave, Bright

Guest speaker..... TBA

The group on duty will be.....

Alpine Voices, Painting & Drawing,
Philosophy

DECKERS Back in Business!

Deckers has a new Convenor!

Robyn Cirulis has taken on the job of convening this friendly but casual group of U3A members who like to just get together and have a social outing.

Deckers meets once a month on someone's deck with a BYO everything.

The first get together was at Robyn's deck with a half dozen attending for a couple hours of conversation, a few shared nibbles and drinks.



DUTIES - AGM and COFFEE MORNINGS

All members of duty group/s to arrive at venue - Bright Bowls Club, Churchill Avenue Bright- by 9.40 for 10am start.

Take phone photo of table & chairs layout upon arrival so all can be replaced correctly after our coffee morning/meeting.

-Place one table at entry point where members can sign in

-Place 2 tables across front of hall

-Bring plate of food to share. Keep covers in case left over food to be taken home

-In kitchen, fill urn with water.

-Set up urn on table under servery area in hall & bring urn to boil

-Put out tea bags, coffee, milk, sugar, cups, spoons & bowls for used teaspoons.

-Place bin next to urn table for used teabags

-At conclusion of meeting, collect all bowls club dirty dishes, wipe down all the tables. Wash, dry & put away dishes in kitchen.

-Wipe down sinks & hang up teatowels

-Vacuum the floor

-Restore tables & chairs to their previous layout

Don't forget to take your OWN plates home!

Coffee morning subcommittee members, HEATHER KELLY & KEVIN HANCOCK & other committee members will be in attendance to assist you. Please do not leave before clean up finished.

Thanking you in anticipation.

great activities

UMAS Member Log in

1. Go to <https://u3abright.org.au> website and click LOGIN top right corner of top menu
2. Click on Log In in the sidebar or large icon and fill in your member number and password
3. Once logged in your My Membership screen will show your details. Please check that they are up to date
4. To enrol in a course/activity, go to the menu on the left and click on Courses/Activities.
5. Find the course you wish to enrol in and click on it. An expanded view will appear with details of frequency, dates, tutor and location and If the course will accept any further enrolments. It will also show current capacity, how many in the class and if there is a waitlist.
6. When satisfied with selection click on Add to Cart
7. Once your selection is made click on the cart at the top of the screen.
8. Check to see that your selection is correct and press CHECKOUT
9. You will be issued an INVOICE from U3A Bright for your membership and if there is a fee for a course (not usually!).

There is a full illustrated document on the website to further help you

<https://u3abright.org.au/members-information/>. Choose Course Enrol

When you receive your invoice for membership you may make payment by direct deposit or over the counter at the Bendigo Bank.

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633000

Account Number: 117560979

Account Name: Bright U3A

Reference: Your name and membership number

If paying online please retain your receipt.

Please ensure that payments are made during January before courses commence.

The treasurer will be reconciling all payments via bank statement then marking you as an ACTIVE member of Bright U3A.

As an INACTIVE member (payment not received) you will be unable to attend any courses.

Vaccination certificates have been sighted and registered into the system.

In keeping with Government Regulation some courses may have limited numbers or have other restrictions in place. Familiarise yourself with your course's specific regulation.

Just for a Laugh!?

Scientists at Air New Zealand built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners travelling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

Australian engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new Qantas A380 aircraft. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the Australian engineers.

When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back rest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Aussies sent Air New Zealand the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the Kiwi scientists for suggestions.

Air New Zealand responded with a one-line memo: "Defrost the chicken ..."

RIDING FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Each October for the last 6 years (plus 2014) I have completed a cycling challenge to help raise money for Kids Cancer Research. Called the Great Cycle Challenge, it is run by the " Childrens Medical Institute," specifically for research into Childrens cancer. A subject that has touched most families at some stage.

Last year (2021) despite the Covid restrictions and complications, 12522 cyclist's all around Australia registered with the GCC and raised a total of \$6,976,236, riding 3545736 klm. in October, to promote this great cause.

This year I managed to raise \$2147, and ride 854klm, to help the kids. This was only possible with the generous support of Friends, Family, and fellow members of the Bright u3a cycling group. A sincere THANK YOU to everybody who helped me, and all the other riders who participated in October to raise funds for Kids Cancer Research.





SAVE THE DATE

Community Carbon Action
Plan Field Day
Bright Community Centre

SATURDAY 26TH MARCH 2022
9AM - 3.30PM

CARBON ACTION PLAN

- *Get involved
- *Reduce your carbon footprint
- *Strive to become carbon negative
- *Help build community energy resilience & security

LEARN MORE ABOUT...

- *Energy security challenges & a future vision
- *All electric homes
- *Batteries - household, neighbourhood & electric vehicle
- *Microgrids & Virtual Power Plants
- *Passive Homes - healthy, comfortable, energy efficient & more fire resilient
 - *Electric vehicles
 - *Biodiversity

Featuring presentations from industry experts

FEATURING:

Dr Helen Haines MP
Federal Member for Indi
(Local Power Plan)

Sarah Nicholas - Alpine Shire Mayor
(Living Carbon Neutral)

Sarah Buckley
(Alpine Shire Carbon Action Plan)

Dennis Lambert
(Resilience & Energy Vision)

Bobbi McKibbin
(Quality Solar PV)

Matt Charles Jones
(Project Edge: Solar PV and Battery)

Lachie Gales
(Passive House)

Amanda Lamont
(Zoos Victoria)

... and much more



Monarto

Indigo Power



Session Time	Session Details	Presenter
9.00-9.20	Welcome to Country	Taungurung Land & Waters Council
9.20-9.35	Event Welcome	Sustainable Upper Ovens Executive
Community Vision		
9.35-9.50	Mayoral Address	Alpine Shire Mayor
9.50-10.10	A Youth Perspective	Youth Presenters
10.10-10.20	Q&A	
10.20-10.30	Session Break	
Resilience and a CCAP		
10.30	Introduce Dr Helen Haines	Sustainable Upper Ovens Executive
10.30-10.45	Community Power and the Local Power Plan	Dr Helen Haines Indi Federal Member
10.45-11.05	Community Action Plan and Beyond	Alpine Shire Environmental Officer
11.05-11.25	Building Resilience and a Community Carbon Action Plan (CCAP)	Sustainable Upper Ovens Executive
11.25-11.35	Q&A	
11.35-11.45	Session Break	
All Electric Homes		
11.45-11.50	Solar Integrity Introduction	Sustainable Upper Ovens Executive
11.50-12.20	Quality, quality, quality Solar PV	Solar Integrity
12.20-12.45	Heat Pumps	Indigo Power
12.45-1.15	Project Edge: SolarPV, Household Battery & VPP offer	Mondo: Matt Charles Jones
1.15-1.45	Q&A	
1.45-1.55	Session Break	
Bright Community Garden Tour		
1.45-2.30	Community Garden Tour	Bright Community Garden Group
Batteries		
2.30-3.00	Community Batteries	Totally Renewable Yackandandah

3.00-3.20	Microgrids, Neighbourhood Battery Study – Building Resilience	Indigo Power
3.20-3.30	Q&A	
3.30	<i>Indoor Program Ends</i>	
Building Resilience in Nature		
10.30-10.50	Threatened Species	Zoos Victoria
10.50-11.05	Plant a Tree – Promote Diversity	Landcare
11.05-11.25	Mt Buffalo's Climate Challenges	Parks Victoria
11.25-11.35	Q&A	
11.35-11.45	Session Break	
Recycling		
11.45-11.50	Compost, Compost, Compost	ABC Video Screening featuring Costa Georgiadis
11.50-12.05	Recycling – Doing It Right	Alpine Shire Sustainability Officer
12.05-12.10	Q&A	
12.10-12.30	Recycling Activity	Alpine Shire
12.30-12.40	Session Break	
Passive Housing		
12.40-1.00	Passive House in 90 Seconds: YourHome.gov.au	Sustainable Upper Ovens Executive
1.00-1.20	Passive House Builder	Ovens & King Builders
1.20-1.40	Structural Insulated Panel Systems (SIPS) Construction	Justin Ham
1.40-2.00	Heat Recovery Ventilation	Cameron Mogg
2.00-2.15	Certified Passive House: Home owners experience	Joan & John Simms
2.15-2.25	Q&A	
2.25-2.35	Session Break	
Electric Vehicles		