



President's Report

JUNE 2022

Hello everyone!

The glorious colours and sweet days of autumn saw the welcome return of ANZAC DAY commemorations in Bright this year. We were well represented by Mike Roberts & Helen Brecknell, who laid a wreath at the clock tower to remember and give thanks to our servicemen & women.

Now that the weather is cooling, health experts are warning that the Flu season is already here & recommend that we get our FREE over 65 flu shot as soon as possible. Contact your local G.P. for more details or Alpine Shire Council for vaccination clinic information.

I am delighted to announce that we FINALLY have broadband internet at H.Q.! We will now be able to offer Information Technology courses, utilizing the "Be Connected" instructional online tutorials in a wide range of subject areas; topics such as how to send texts and pictures from a mobile phone, to the highly complex task of navigating MyGov & Centrelink online! Some of our resident experts will be on hand to offer support and assistance. Check out our website "COURSES" section over the coming weeks.

Diane Mayorga is the first to volunteer to join the social sub-committee, tasked with organizing social functions for the whole membership. Thank you! Hopefully there are 4-5 budding event planners out there, just waiting to team up with her. Don't be shy! Please step up and get the party started by contacting myself or Secretary, Kim Robertson.

From July 1st this year, the Victorian government is offering households a \$250 "Power Saving Bonus" simply for logging onto the government's Energy Compare website to seek a better electricity deal. Well worth having a look!
www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au

Our newsletters are about us & for us, so if you have course/activity photos, articles of interest, notice of upcoming events etc, please email anytime to our Newsletter maestro, Helen Brecknell jchw@bigpond.com for inclusion, as we all like to see what's going on.

At the end of last term, a small but enthusiastic crowd relished the opportunity to get together for our first coffee morning and guest speaker for some time. Michael Little (0437 821 143; mlittle@umfc.com.au), a financial counsellor from Upper Murray Family Care, spoke about Seniors' financial rights and security and how to protect them. An informative and lively Q&A followed. Information pamphlets & business cards are available from the desk at H.Q.

Coffee Morning

Friday 24th June 10am

Bowls Club. Churchill Ave

Coffee morning will have a guest speaker.

Duty Groups: Deckers,

In line with current guidelines, we are no longer requiring sighting of COVID vax certs.

U3A, however, strongly recommends that everyone has their booster and if over 65 to get their 4th jab.

Keep yourself, your family and friends safe.

Flu vaccines are available now too

Winter Exhibition

Bright Art Gallery

25th June to 10th July

Daily 10am - 4pm

Works by 'Alpine

Artists'

Selected works from

the Permanent

Collection

Have you been on a trip lately?

Would you like to share some of your photos?

Send some to share.....

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staying active

At future coffee mornings, there will be a committee member available to answer questions and assist with login and enrolments for any members still experiencing difficulties with U-MAS.

Our next coffee morning with guest speaker will be held on Friday 24th June at the Bowls Club, Churchill Ave, starting at 10.00am. I look forward to seeing many more of you there and until then, I'll leave you with the immortal words of Kung Fu Panda

"Yesterday's history, tomorrow's a mystery, today's a gift, that's why it's called it THE PRESENT"

Enjoy your gift!

Marianne Dredge,

President

WOODIES

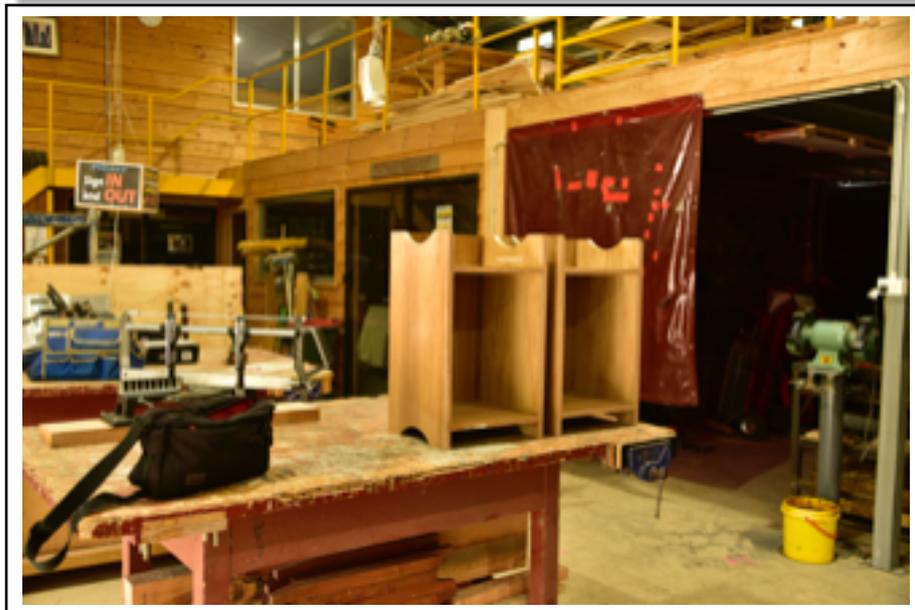
The Woodies are a hardworking bunch of fun loving guys n gals who just love to make things.

They meet every Wednesday noon at BUMS in Churchill Ave, to get creative then have a cuppa and a chin wag.

As you can see, Glen (Convenor) and Mike (Vice P U3A) are deep in discussion for the next project.

There are a couple of amazing bedside tables still in construction - Mike's very expert handywork!

The chopping boards are astonishingly beautiful and are sold locally. Would you like to buy one?



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**REFUGEE WEEK
IMMIGRATION
LUNCH INVITE**

NEMA

Invites all senior citizens, their great-grandchildren and everyone in between for a lunch to be held on

Wednesday, 22nd June 2022 The Pavilion Pioneer Park, Coronation Ave, Bright from Midday to 3:00pm.

Bookings essential for catering purposes by calling 03 5721 2090 or email nema@nema.org.au



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DECKERS

14 members enjoyed great company, conversation & food at Cynthia & Berndt Kress' home recently. Afternoon sunshine streaming onto their verandah added to the pleasant get together.

If you are interested in joining us, login to the U3A website & enrol in DECKERS so you can receive all the information about the next session on Thursday 16th June between 2-4pm



An old sea captain was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different colour: green, red, orange, blue and yellow.

After a while, the young man noticed that the captain was staring at him.

"What's the matter, old timer? Never done anything wild in your life?"

The old captain replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son."

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Free, local support makes going online or using your device easy.

Who is running this? U3A Bright District Inc

Where? U3A, 1 Railway Ave - behind community centre

When? Monday 11th July, 10.30 - 12.00

What to bring? Your own phone, tablet, laptop

Contact: Robyn 0402 880 304 or Helen 0467 498 318

U3A Members can log in to website and enroll in course

You do NOT need to be a member of U3A. ALL WELCOME!

ANZAC DAY - 25th April 2022

Bright U3A pays respect to our fallen diggers

Vice President, Mike Roberts and Committee Member Helen Brecknell, laid a wreath on behalf of Bright U3A during the ANZAC Day ceremony on April 25th.



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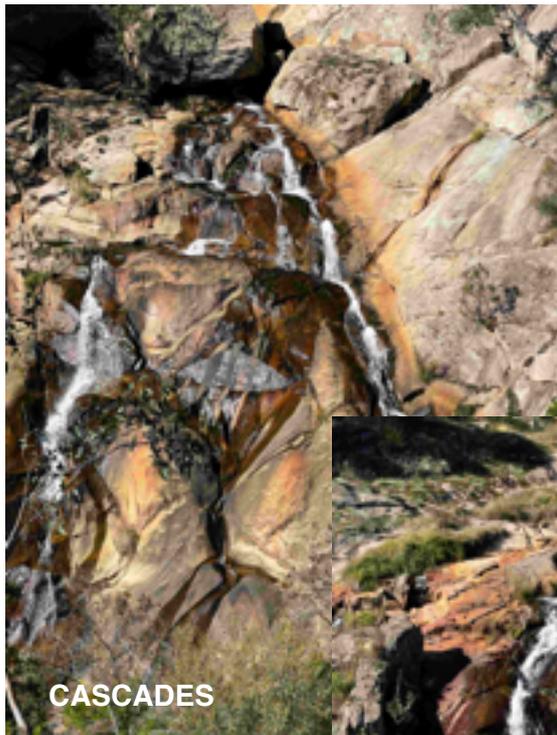
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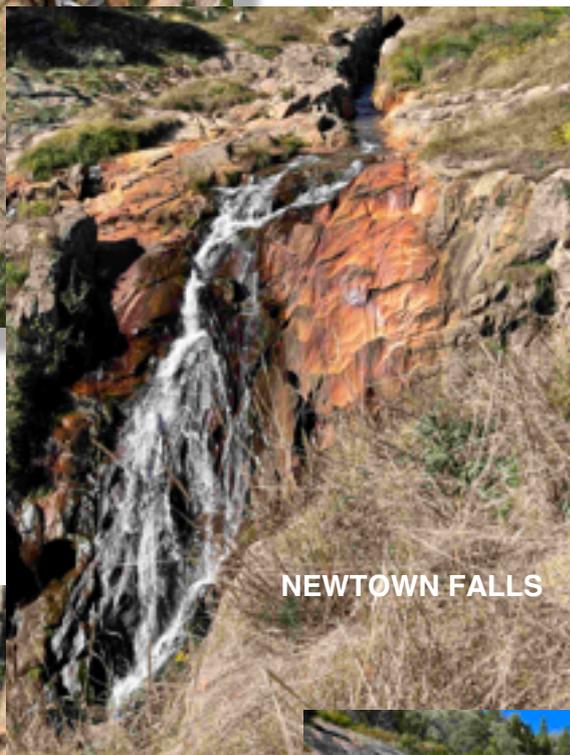
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Bushwalking



CASCADES



NEWTOWN FALLS



WOOLSHED FALLS



TOP FALLS CASCADES

The walk on 18th May was in the Beechworth Historic Park through the former Reids Creek goldfield.

The walk started at the Newtown Falls, then to the top fall at the start of the Spring Creek Cascades and then down the cascades track and through the old mining area to the Woolshed Falls where we had lunch and explored the area.

There are many good views and the walk along the river is very pleasant. The walk is 8 Km and with stops along the way for photos took around three hours.

Most of the walk is flat but the section down the cascades is steep with many granite steps and one section on granitic sand which is slippery .

We haven't done the walk in this form before and it is a long time since we have used the Cascades track.

Malcolm Millar

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Would you like to share a few images?

If you do send them to me so I can include in a newsletter.



In the mean time.....

Here are some images from a trip to Tasmania earlier this year.

The north west coast is such a magnificent part of the world.

The top image is from the “Edge of the World” - yes there is such a place! Such a rugged coastline.

The second image is from the rainforest in the Tarkine. It was definately fungi time!

Third image is a sea eagle on the Arthur River, a member of the boat crew threw a couple fish out for them so they could dive and retrieve them for a free meal.



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