

U3A BRIGHT DISTRICT

GOOD COMPANY, LIFELONG LEARNING, STAYING ACTIVE



President's Report - AGM January 2023

JAN 2023

Welcome back everyone to an exciting year of activities for Bright District U3A members. Our move to the current Senior Citizens facility is nearing finalisation and although it's not official yet, I am really pleased to announce that our Annual General Meeting will be held there on Friday 27th January, commencing at 10am.

I want to thank and acknowledge the generosity of the Senior Citizens management for allowing us to utilise the centre prior to the official arrangement commencing.

I urge you all to come along to the AGM as it will be an opportunity for you to explore our new home. It is also the forum to hear the reports of our performance for the preceding year, followed by the election of your committee of management office bearers & members. It is still not too late to nominate yourself on the attached nomination form & bring it along to the AGM for inclusion.

Our website is current for 2023, with some interesting new courses on offer, so now is the time to login to your membership and re-join then enrol in the courses you want. As always, there will be a committee member available at the AGM to assist any member with their membership & course selections. We will also be offering this opportunity at our H.Q. if you cannot get it done by yourself or at the AGM. More details of date & times will be announced soon.

If you have an idea for a long term or short course, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or any committee member or email us:- <mailto:info@u3abright.org.au> about your plans, as we are always keen to expand our list of interesting course offerings and our new facility opens up many possibilities.

We have developed a close association with Myrtleford U3A and a list of the courses available to us there as associate members will be forwarded in the following email.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon and starting this new chapter in the history of Bright District U3A.

Marianne Dredge

Bright District U3A

**AGM will be held on Friday
27th January 2023**

**Nomination form included
with this newsletter.**

**We are looking for a
secretary to take over from
Kim Robinson who is retiring.**

**Rostered for AGM
January 27th 2023**

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Bushwalking Wed & Sat

**Catering, setup and
cleanup**

Enrollment Time!

It is now time to renew your membership in Bright U3A!

Membership Fees are currently \$30.

Log in to the U3A Bright website then log in to U-MAS to update your details and enroll in your courses.

<https://u3abright.org.au>

click on LOGIN - top right - select Existing Member Login

Instructions can be found here
<https://u3abright.org.au/members-information/>

Bright U3A Committee Contacts

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Treasurer: Robyn Cirulis.....members@u3aBright.org.au
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Nomination Form for Committee Positions

Return to the Secretary, Bright U3A Inc, PO Box 458, Bright 3741
by 20th January 2023 or hand in at the AGM 27th January 2023

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Proposer..... Secondor.....

Print name

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Are you U3A Bright's next secretary?

With the Retirement of our Secretary, Kim Robinson, we are looking for someone who will take on the duties and responsibilities and be our new Secretary.

We are sad to see Kim go, she has done an outstanding job for the last few years. Now it is time for someone else to take up the reins and bring their unique expertise to the role.

We are a totally volunteer organisation but to function we need people to step up and take on organisational roles.

Could that person be YOU?

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF U3A SECRETARY

info@u3abright.org.au - receive and distribute incoming mail to relevant committee members. You will need to set up to receive emails using the above address.

MEETINGS: Third Friday of the month at 1.30 p.m. at U3A rooms. (Can vary depending on the date of the end-of term coffee morning).

Call for agenda items and apologies on the Monday prior to the meeting. Collate onto agenda and forward this to the Committee one or two days before the meeting.

Take minutes.

Complete minutes within a couple of days of the meeting and distribute to the Committee.

*All emails are handled using the UMAS (U3A Membership Administration System)

AGMs

Held at the end of January/early February each year.

Have Office Bearer nomination forms on hand.

Take minutes, and distribute these to the Committee afterwards.

Following the AGM, visit myCAV (Consumer Affairs) and submit an Annual Statement.

OTHER TASKS:

Keep a register of the five key-holders for the building.

Keep tidy records of meetings, U3A activities, etc.

Beginners Bridge

Sara Thorley-Smith will be running Bridge Lessons on behalf of U3A Myrtleford commencing on Feb 7, at 1.30pm - 3pm for 9 weeks at the Senior Citizens Club in Myrtleford.

Members of Bright can join these lessons by paying the affiliate fee.

From Colleen Adams - Library Services Coordinator

Bright Library supports 2 book clubs. They meet 1 time per month and they are looking for new members.

I'm spreading the word in an organic community connections kind of way, as we only need a few more people (a big email out to 1000s isn't going to work).

Could you please keep in mind and mention it to people who may be interested / are actively looking for a group of lovely people to meet with and talk books. 2nd Monday of each month and 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:30pm – Bright Library.

Interested people can pop in and talk to staff or ring the library.



Come 'n Try Bowls

Friday 17th February
5pm until 8pm.

Bowls Club
Churchill Ave

The Bright U3A Social Committee is organising a "Come 'n Try" evening at the Bright Bowls Club.

If you are interested in a social activity then come and join us.

There will be members on hand to give some guidance for the game.

Flat soled shoes **MUST** be worn!

Afterwards there will be a BBQ of hamburgers, chips and fruit.

Cost is \$15 payable on the night.

Please contact Jan Smith to reserve your place by 10th February to

<mailto:michaelandjansmith@gmail.com>

12-15 participants required to go ahead.



FREE RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

available at

Bright, Mount Beauty and Myrtleford Libraries
Alpine Shire Council Customer Service, Bright

Eligibility:

People aged 70 years or older

Concession card holders:

- Victorian Seniors card
- Pensioner Concession card
- Commonwealth Senior Health Care card
- Health Care card
- Low Income Health Care card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold, White or Orange cards

People with disability, immunocompromised people (self-declared) or their carer, in line with eligibility criteria, including:

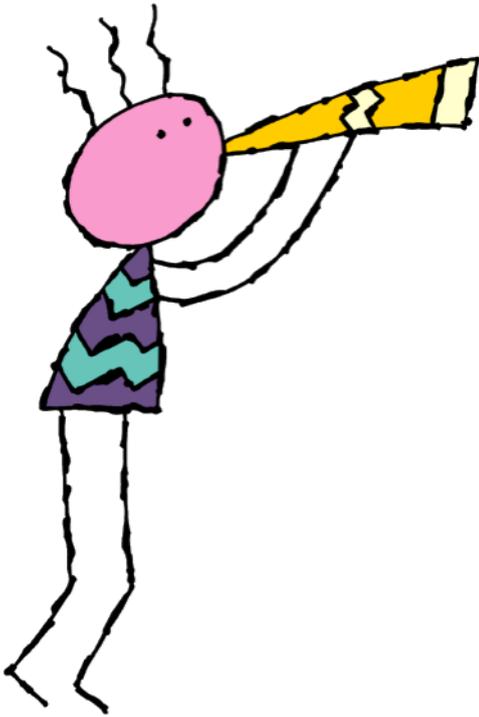
- NDIS participants
- Disability support pensioners
- People with a disability who receive a Transport Accident Commission benefit.

You must be able to provide evidence of your eligibility.

For more information call 5755 0555



What is a grandparent? (Taken from papers written by a class of eight-year-olds)



Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own.

A grandfather is a man and a grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down when they see things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colours of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks'.

They don't say, 'Hurry up.'

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart. But they have to answer questions such as 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?'

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have a snack time before bedtime, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

It's funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.

