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MYALL HIGH NEWS

LIVE, LAUGH AND LEARN WITH MYALL U3A

At our most recent Friends of Film presentation we had the opportunity to watch the brilliant movie "Tuesdays with Morrie". With the recent deaths of some faithful U3A members the movie felt very poignant indeed. Given the average ages represented within MU3A losing some friends is, of course, not an unusual occurrence. Dallas Murphy, a former Convener of the Art Group lost her long and hard battle with cancer last month as did Denis Church, our Committee member who was very actively involved with us for as long as it was physically possible for him to do so. Thus, the matter of how we face our own mortality becomes a more and more glaring issue that most of us would, understandably, rather not think about. This became very obvious in the small number of attendees at the screening of this movie. As Julie, our Friends of Film Convener explained in the preview she sent out, that "Tuesdays with Morrie" is a touching film (which, by the way, is based on a true story) about a dying professor who, during his last few months of life, shares valuable life lessons with a former student. As Morrie, the professor, faces his final days with courage and honesty, he teaches his student about love, forgiveness, relationships and the importance of living meaningfully. It was certainly equally as confronting as it was touching but the overriding message is that true happiness comes not from success or wealth but from human connection, compassion and from embracing life's impermanence. It reminds us to prioritise what truly matters and to live with purpose, kindness and an open heart before our time runs out. As we so recently bade both Dallas and Denis farewell, the message of this movie became an even more pertinent reminder to embrace and implement the wisdom of this message.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN U3A:

Saying goodbye to our faithful Committee member Denis Church who was our President's right-hand man and a true powerhouse within our organisation, was very difficult. Even though Denis had made us aware of his diagnosis toward the end of last year - a diagnosis that gave him no more than 3 - 6 months to live - the news of his death affected us very deeply. Denis, in his typically practical and caring fashion, did everything in his power to tie up any loose ends both in relation to his involvement with MU3A, ensuring that all he'd created throughout his brief time with us was left in good hands, as well as in his personal life. He, immediately upon his diagnosis, sold his house in Tea Gardens and, together with Janne, his wife, moved back to Sydney. He knew the importance of spending his last few weeks of life in close togetherness with his family and also ensured that his wife would have the comfort of their daughters' support through this sad and difficult time. I believe that Denis died as graciously as he had lived. He is sadly missed not only by his family but also by each one of us who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him. Our deepest condolences have gone to his loved ones and we trust that he has found a resting place of eternal peace.

Our Music Strings and Songs Group had fun in providing enjoyment for their audience as they performed a variety of Irish songs on St. Patrick's Day.

Our Choir did an equally sterling job of providing entertainment at the recent Seniors Festival.

INVITATION:

Myall U3A Writers Group has invited local historian, Jan Wynn, who has written a number of history books about the local areas of Tea Gardens, Hawks Nest, North Arm Cove and Tahlee to give a talk about what motivated her to do so. We also have plenty of questions about her special interest in these areas as well as her writing process. This event will take place on Tuesday, April 21st at the Uniting Church Hall, 120 Myall Street, Tea Gardens from 2-4 pm and the Writers Group invite anyone interested in Jan Wynn's talk. If you'd like to attend, please let Lee know by calling her on 0411883264. She'll need to know numbers for the purpose of catering by Saturday, April 18th.



DID YOU KNOW that:

If you are looking for entertainment for visiting family or friends or for yourself over Easter there are plenty of local options:

- The annual Piglet Races (in aid of a good cause) will be held at the Tea Garden's Country Club on Easter Saturday at 12:30 pm. This is very popular with parents as it is hugely entertaining for children.
- Another popular occupation for local or visiting children is the Galleries in the Garden's annual treasure hunt.
- If you are looking for treasures of a different kind you could pay the Baptist Church a visit on Easter Saturday as they are holding a Trash and Treasure sale from 8 am - 12 pm.
- An Art & Craft sale is being advertised (I believe by the Art & Craft Centre) to be held at the Tea Gardens Hotel from Monday 30 March to Thursday 2nd April.
- Church services will, no doubt, be held at times advertised by each of our local churches.

EASTER

is a special time that is recognised and celebrated in every Christian country around the world. Whilst it falls on a different date each year (between March 21st and April 25th) this year we celebrate it on the first weekend of April. Although the significance of Easter is rooted in Christianity in recognition of the death and celebration of the resurrection of Christ (if you would like more info on this, [click here](#)) it is celebrated in a variety of different ways. Some of these seem to have little to do with its religious origin, others are rather unique and quite bizarre. If you wish to check out a number of these, just [click here](#). So, where do the Easter bunny and the, oh so popular, Easter eggs fit in? You can find an explanation for the origin of if these customs by [clicking here](#).



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