

Secretary's Newsletter

Welcome to the start of another year with UKVCA Inc.

We are taking this opportunity to let you know our plans for the coming year, allowing you to put some important dates in your diary and keep abreast of projects in our pipeline.

Dates to Note

Thursday, March 2nd, 7:30pm, Auditorium@informationcentre – Community Forum – a meeting with Alpine Shire representatives, both council and staff; an opportunity to raise any issues of concern to you.

Thursday, April 20th, 7:30pm, Auditorium@informationcentre - Q and A with Cathy McGowan. If you have been to the previous meetings with Cathy you will know that this is a good opportunity to find out first-hand how our Federal Government functions, away from the cameras and microphones.

Tuesday, May 2nd, 7:00pm, Auditorium@informationcentre - Alpine Shire Council meeting.

Sit in on a monthly meeting and if you wish to actually participate, ask a question from the Floor at Question Time, or for a more thoughtful answer send a 'Question on Notice' by email to the Council prior to the meeting.

Thursday, September 7th, 7:30pm, Auditorium@informationcentre – AGM

PROJECTS

WEST KIEWA OPEN SPACE

This is the working name for the area on the Kiewa Valley Highway, opposite AGL and the Information Centre. As you pass by you should have noticed that over the last 6-9 months there have been quite a few changes to this area and with good will and some hard work this area will continue to improve. Supported by a number of other local groups we are working to bring this area back to what it was like many years ago when it was a great family meeting place. We will be seeking assistance from the community for working bees and will also be asking for input into what facilities the community would like to see included in the plans. Keep your eyes open for notification of the first working bee which will be planned for March.

EDDY & HYDRO PARK SIGNS

Very soon there will be a new sign erected in the Foreshore Playground which explains the origins of the new climbing frame and slide, EDDY, which has been sponsored by the Bendigo Bank. Plans are also underway for an explanatory/history sign for Hydro Park, showing the influence Hydro Electricity has had on the establishment of the Mount Beauty Township.

WEST KIEWA TRAIL

This is the pathway which leads north from the BHP Road bridge to Pebble Beach. The Alpine Shire in the 2016/7 budget has included funding for a scoping study to extend this trail further along the river and then turn east to link up with Damm's Rd at the ford. Investigation and planning has commenced on this scoping work and we are very keen to be presented the result and hopeful that the trail will eventually be extended.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership can be taken on at any time by simply completing a form from our website, www.ukvcommunity.org.au and emailing or posting it back to us. Payment can be by inclusion of a cheque or paid directly into our Bendigo Bank account – BSB 633 000 Account No 156980120. Personal membership is only \$5 per household or \$10 for an association or club or you may take on the special personal offer of \$25 for lifetime membership. Our motto is 'STRONGER TOGETHER' and we can only meet that if we show strength in numbers.

Hoping you can work with us to achieve some of these community tasks,

Mary Pike
Secretary