



# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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## EDUCATION - MANAGING CHANGE

It was July 4. I wondered would we be faced with another revolution, this time in education. It was not to be.

Despite the bitter weather about 80 U3A members came to hear Dr Ron Cullen. He is President of the Victorian Post-Secondary Commission (why no longer "Tertiary Education"?) and he is particularly interested in the outcome of the proposed structural changes in education in Victoria, the main theme of his address. He stressed that this has become urgent because of the rapid increase in student numbers continuing to year 12 - and similarly a desire for further training - a figure of 5,700 last year. However, he says, the major need for change is the greater emphasis on the rapidly changing scientific and technological demands of modern society - what he calls for is "a re-evaluation of what education today should be doing" - dealing with "structure, funding and organisation". His own qualifications are in Engineering, Commerce, and Business Management and Administration, so he is highly experienced and very knowledgeable in these areas. Throughout his career, too, he has been concerned with managing change.

Much of his talk was taken up with details of the need to integrate various tertiary institutions. He stressed the special expertise that each university has developed in one or more faculties e.g. Law at Monash, Engineering at Melbourne - and the value of sharing this with other colleges. Unfortunately there was not time to question just how college "amalgamation" should take place - e.g. Gippsland Institute at Churchill with Monash University. Some of this is already happening, but obviously students far apart geographically cannot fully share between campuses.

We were glad to hear him praise Mr Dawkins - always in the hot seat - for the 20% increase in funds for Victoria, which amounts to \$38m. in 1990. We all hope this will be used fruitfully towards some of the changes Dr Cullen feels are vital, both here in Australia and for us to remain competitive overseas.

Finally, there were two questions brought up by members which I consider valid and very important for us all to consider in this argument for change:

- (1) What about the wider values in education, as in the Arts area - e.g. literature, history, sociology? Should not these be included as relevant today? and
- (2) The importance of choosing (training?) competent tutors and lecturers, as the teaching role at tertiary level tends to be overlooked? Too often these appointments are made purely on high academic qualifications.

Both these issues had been mentioned in passing by Dr Cullen but never developed. Nor was any reference made to the practical subjects, such as plumbing and electrical work, or are these "technical courses" to remain in isolation?

Dr Cullen's address was very interesting and stimulating and I am sure was much appreciated. It was unfortunate that there was not time for discussion in such a wide and vitally important subject.

Jean Aikenhead

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### **TRAVEL**

There are still some seats available to attend the Oberammergau Passion Play in 1990. Thomas Cook have organised four tours. Daphne Arthur leads a tour leaving 7th May, 1990 which first goes to Greece, Israel, London and then to Oberammergau. Bookings must be made now. Contact Daphne Arthur after hours on 818 6133 or Susie Huggins, Thomas Cook, during business hours on 650 2442.

### **DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PERMIT SCHEME**

U3A members who are "permanently resident in the City of Hawthorn and have a significant permanent locomotor disability" are eligible for a special parking permit. Application forms are available at the office and will require a doctor's certificate to be completed.

Judith Elsworth

## HERBERT LIFFMAN - A Tribute

Herbert joined Hawthorn U3A in November 1984, offering as Tutor to the Social Issues Group. He carried this on until his death in June this year. He introduced his students to countless justice and other human issues, arranging for speakers with knowledge and dedication in such areas to come to the Group. The class was always full, usually with a waiting list of people wanting to join the next series. The members joined freely in discussion and, as Herbert remarks in an article for the ACOTA journal (August 1988), they became his friends.

Herbert studied in Germany before coming to Australia, where he obtained a Doctorate of Political Philosophy and where normally he would have become a University Lecturer. He was, however, forced to leave Germany with his family in 1939 when the treatment of Jews left no other choice. In Australia he made a living humping magazines, and doing any other jobs he was able to find. Finally, he began to teach and quickly decided he was good at it: the remaining years of his life certainly proved this. At first it was as a teacher of politics in a special school for "rebellious adolescents". He loved the young people and remarked that "they talked to me".

Following this he came to us at Hawthorn, where he remained as a treasured member for nearly five years. He felt that these older people had much to give, and found them to be in his own words "at a level amazingly high, of motivation, discussion and knowledge". In fact they are indeed fully involved, so that if Herbert was away at any time they carried on by themselves. And now they are running the Group themselves - in itself a tribute to Herbert.

We will remember him with respect and affection.

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## RESEARCH PRAISED

We have received a letter from the Brisbane U3A and Brisbane College of Advanced Education Management Committee in response to our copy of "The First Four Years", and I quote from it :

"I believe that reports of this nature are extremely valuable for at least two major reasons. Firstly, research reveals insights into the local organisation which are important for suggesting strengths and weaknesses. The section entitled "Where do we go from here?" is one obvious example of how your analysis aids in planning. Secondly, the lack of data about the education activities of persons involved in adult education, in general, and educational activities involving the aged, in particular, has been seen by many to be a major stumbling block in the development of appropriate adult education activities. To put it bluntly, why should funding agencies bother to assist with the continuing education of the aged if there is no documentation regarding the success and popularity of the various activities?

"I believe that your report could provide stimulus for other U3A campuses to follow suit."

### Current Affairs - Australia & the World - Group Report

At the Current Affairs meeting held on 18th May, a talk and demonstration on "Cold Fusion", a subject much in the news recently, was given by Doug McKenzie, a Physicist and Dr. Derek Randell, a Chemist, both from Swinburne College of TAFE. The subject of "Cold Fusion" had been discussed at length during the previous two months, so that the talk and demonstration by experts made clear to the group the theory and possible application in the event of it being proved successful.

Our thanks to the lecturers for a most interesting and informative session.

A permanent Exhibition of Science and Technology is currently being set up at The John Gardiner Centre in Tooronga Road, Hawthorn. The exhibits are of the hands-on type and were prepared at Monash University for the Museum of Victoria; they have now been transferred to the John Gardiner Centre and it is intended that the exhibition will be visited by students during school hours and the general public at week ends.

Demonstrators will be required for the programme and retired people having a background in Science or Technology would be suitable. This should be of interest to many U3A members. To cover demonstrators' expenses, such as travel, etc. there will be a payment of \$5.00 per hour. Those interested should contact Dianne Hardy at the John Gardiner Centre, Phone: - 822 8796.

Wolfe Flack

## U3A IN THE GOLDFIELDS

The Castlemaine U3A and the Council of the U3A Network - Victoria invite you to join them on Saturday, 16th September for a "U3A Day" which will include meetings, a tour of historic sites and a dinner. Some accommodation has been pencilled at a historic hotel and a historic motel for Friday and Saturday nights for those who wish to stay a night or the whole weekend.

This is the first seminar to be held outside the metropolitan area and the Network Council are most anxious to make it a success in order to encourage other country centres to follow suit.

Entry forms and information regarding the social arrangements for the weekend are available at the office and if you are interested, would you please contact Wakefield Street as soon as possible.

## AGE DISCRIMINATION

Compulsory retirement was the central matter for discussion at a meeting held at U3A Hawthorn to discuss 'age discrimination' and proposed changes to the Equal Opportunity Act. There was a wide ranging discussion on employment and age, at both ends of the spectrum. A full report of the meeting is available in the office.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- \*Amongst OECD nations Australia now has the second highest child poverty rate, second only to the United States;
- \*There are indications that over 17,000 young people aged 15-19 years in Australia could be homeless.

Anti-poverty proposals put out by the Coalition Against Poverty and Unemployment (CAPU):

1. Cuts to Defence budget	\$ 500m
2. Reduction of 50% in handouts to business	500m
3. Millionaires Tax of 5% of wealth over \$1m	1,300m
4. 5% tax surcharge of profits paid on foreign investment	400m
5. Tax on superannuation fund profits	1,500m
6. Clamp down on tax avoidance industry	<u>300m</u>
	<u>\$4,500m</u>

(From the CAPU Newsletter)

## TUTORS' MEETING

Our tutors' "get together" on July 22nd for lunch and exchanges of news and views was most enjoyable although it would have been good if a few more familiar faces could have attended (perhaps next time).

During lunch Judy Gould put forward an interesting proposal for us to consider:- Visits to country USA centres by small groups of our tutors willing to be guest speakers on their particular subject. Judy suggests this would not only stimulate interest within some of the most recently formed groups but would also be of practical help and encouragement to new tutors. It was suggested that tutors interested in participating could advise the office either by mail or phone.

Also the tutors were reminded that there are always tutors representatives on the Executive Committee. Greta Burman and Sue van Dorssen (your current representatives) feel that it's time for some new faces and ideas. Any of our tutors are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings, held every second Monday of the month at Wakefield Street at 3.00 p.m. Because of our very limited space, it may be a good idea to let the office know if you would like to attend a particular meeting so that overcrowding can be avoided.

Sue van Dorssen

## CURRENT COURSES

Although a class may be full, people do have to withdraw for various reasons, so a waiting list is kept for each course.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY MEMBER WHO IS ABSENT FROM A CLASS FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE OFFICE, WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN.

ART APPRECIATION Convener: Sue Van Dorssen

An on-going course embracing the major arts (architecture, painting and sculpture) of Western Europe. Course FULL.

Repeat course commences 30th August - Waiting List.

Mondays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

ART HISTORY Convener: Martin Merchant

The reason and need for art expression in the changing generations of mankind will be developed, together with an appreciation of the styles, methods and materials used. Course FULL.

Fortnightly, Tuesdays, 2.00 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

ARTS OF ASIA Convener: Ernestine Lobb

This is the Chinese Year of the Snake. Do you know the creature which supposedly influenced your birth?

What are the inner meanings of the endless knot, the lotus flower, the reversed swastika and the eight-spoked wheel of the Law?

What are the four treasures of the scholar? What are the colours and features of jade? What are the following: inro, a vajra, a stupa? How is batik produced? Why did the Chinese put snuff in bottles?

These and other fascinating insights into various arts will be explored and visits to oriental galleries will also be arranged. Course FULL.

Fridays, 10.00 a.m., 4A Dalny Street, Malvern. Recommencing 6/10/89.

ART - PRACTICAL Convener: Margaret Gillespie-Jones

A self-help group doing oils, watercolour, pastels or other medium - still life supplied but anyone is free to do whatever they like. Occasionally there are discussions on exhibitions visited by the tutor or members.

Thursdays, 1.00 p.m., Hawthorn Artists' Society, Cnr. Glenferrie & Manningtree Roads, Hawthorn.

ART - "SEE THE PICTURES, HEAR THE STORIES"

Programme of talks together with visits to the N.G.V. by Edith Santer (ex National Gallery of Victoria Voluntary Guide)

The course is FULL with regard to visits to the National Gallery but there are vacancies for the slide lectures which are to be held at Swinburne.

Please enquire at the office if you are interested.

Thursday morning, monthly.

BIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY & THE PURPOSE OF LIFE Convener: Trevor Moffat

This is a basic course covering the general areas of each subject in everyday language. We shall attempt to maintain a balance of structured and workshop approaches and, where possible, use videos or films to stimulate discussion.

The course will centre on three fundamental questions:

1. How does it happen?
2. Why does it happen?
3. What is its purpose?

Group members will be requested to prepare own presentation on book chosen by the group. During the past term we studied "The Road Less Travelled" by M. Scott Peck.

Mondays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool.

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

A Self-Help Group led by Gail Taylor.

Enjoyable way to learn about your own country through discussion, reading and research. Course FULL.

Fridays, 11.15 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - CONTEMPORARY WRITERS AND SOCIETY

Tutor: Pamela Rogers

This course should appeal to both men and women who enjoy reading and are interested in discussing such subjects as the relationship between the writer and society, concerns of modern women as they are expressed in contemporary writing, and the aspect of writing styles as a means of communicating ideas and emotions. Course FULL.

Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m., Wakefield Street.

CONTRACT BRIDGE Convener: Bill Zimmerman

An introduction to this fascinating game. It is necessary for there to be at least twelve students to make the course viable.

Wednesdays, 1.00 p.m., William Tresise Centre, Cnr. Bowler & Munro Streets, Hawthorn (Riversdale Road tram - alight at Auburn Road).

CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUSTRALIA & THE WORLD Convener: Wolfe Flack

This is a discussion course dealing with current affairs in Australia and around the world. Class members select items of interest from newspapers, radio and television for use at meetings. Speakers specialising in subjects of particular interest may be invited to attend and give their views. ~~Course FULL~~

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Hawthorn Presbyterian Church, Glenferrie Road.

CURRENT AFFAIRS - SOUTH EAST ASIA Convener: Jean Aikenhead

The course will be run as a discussion group, with all members expected to participate, and details will be decided by concensus - e.g. which country will be studied in more detail; order of these according to student choice; etc. Main programme each weekly session will be a brief comment on world affairs that directly affect Australia, and then further discussion of those items in our particular area of interest - there will be a brief historical study of this, concentrating on more 'recent' events - e.g. 19th Century historical background, as relevant. Course FULL.

Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn.

DRAMA FOR FUN Tutor: Sally Segal

Theatre skills - voice and movement. Students would be asked to share experiences from their own lives from which a drama could be improvised.

Thursdays, 9.30 a.m., Wakefield Street.



ELEMENTARY ECONOMICS Convener: George Charles

This discussion group is free from figures and is in plain language that all can understand. Its aim is to seek a greater awareness of the world about us by looking at the history and the background of economic systems at home and abroad. Two courses each year: February to end of June and September to November.

Thursdays, 11 a.m., Wakefield Street, starting 14th September, 1989.

LANGUAGES

French (Beginners) Convener: Adele Chambers Course FULL

Fridays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

French Conversation Convener: Nazli Wilhelm Course FULL

Reading of contemporary French texts from literature or magazines - explanation of vocabulary and points of grammar.

Wednesdays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre, next to Swimming Pool.

German (Continuing) Convener: Ken Bandman

Thursdays, 11.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Italian (Beginners) Convener: Maurice Berah

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Mondays, Hawthorn Presbyterian Church, Glenferrie Road.

This course is in abeyance at present but will probably recommence mid October.

Japanese (Beginners) Convener: Joyce Berdy

Mondays, 11.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Japanese (1st & 2nd Year) Convener: Geoff Matenson

Intermediate I Text Book: Alfonso Nihongo Vol. II

Intending class members should have some knowledge of elementary Japanese (completed U3A Beginners Course, Alfonso Nihongo Vol. I or similar). Japanese syllabic writing (hiragana and katakana) will be practised and some Sino-Japanese characters (kanji) will be introduced. Some prior knowledge of these forms of writing would be helpful but not essential.

Mondays, 12.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Intermediate II Text Book: Alfonso Nihongo Vol. III

Intending class members should have completed U3A Intermediate II or other to the standard of Alfonso Nihongo Vol. II. Familiarity with kana is essential in order to understand the textbook. Kanji will be introduced at least as prescribed in the text.

Mondays, 2.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Note: In both classes easy conversation will be practised. Members should be willing to prepare written homework for correction and class discussion.

Latin (Continuing) Convener: Helen Gordon

Wednesdays, 11.00 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP Convener: Marjorie Stone

Let me help you organise your records and show you where to find information about your ancestry.

Wednesdays, 1.30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, 5 Hawthorn Road, North Caulfield, commencing 4th October, 1989 for 4 weeks.

MUSIC - AS ONE LIKES IT Convener: Ven Houston

This course looks at the structure and history of music in opera, dance, chamber, vocal and choral music, and other areas. Course FULL  
Tuesday, 12 noon, Hawthorn Community House, William Street.

NEW PHYSICS & PHILOSOPHY Convener: Fred Rosedale

In Search of Meaning

Our course will discuss a number of key concepts - Entropy, Holism, the Uncertainty Principle and Dissipative Structures. We will consider the evidence for potential worldwide change. "The future", Teilhard said, "is in the hands of those who can give tomorrow's generation valid reason to live and hope". Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m., Recreation Centre.

NUTRITION & HEALTH Convener: Greta Burman

We are continuously subjected to enticing food advertisements and articles on miracle diets. This course will help us distinguish between fact and fiction. How can nutrients contribute to health or illness? Digestion, energy, fibre, cholesterol, minerals and vitamins, cooking and food processing, fast foods, etc. will be discussed.  
Tuesdays, 11 a.m., Wakefield Street, commencing 29th August.

PIANO STUDIES I & II Convener: Ann Taylor

For beginners and those who learned in their early years and now feel they have the time to experience the joy of learning again. Course FULL  
Wednesday mornings at 4/284 Barkers Road, Hawthorn.

PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY Convener: Alex Gale

This course has a philosophical, psychological approach, aimed at a greater understanding of our own reactions and behaviour. Course FULL.  
Fortnightly, Mondays, 2.00 p.m., Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool.

REFLECTIVE PHILOSOPHY - THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

A self-help group, led by Beryl French, discussing thoughts and ideas relevant to to-day's society, reflecting on the past and anticipating the future. Course FULL.  
Fridays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

### SOCIAL ISSUES

This is an on-going course with many excellent speakers followed by discussion and questions. Studies range through comparative religions, with informative addresses by a Roman Catholic Nun, a Jewish Rabbi, a Protestant clergyman and a Buddhist.

A lady from UNICEF spoke of the great work being done by them.

We enjoyed a talk from a director of drama at Channel 7.

Dr Moss Cass spoke on the many problems in Medical Practice.

Mr. Ken Banyan entertained us with many examples of Pseudonyms. Many famous people have chosen to hide their born names for various reasons.

Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Recreation Centre, next to Swimming Pool.

### WORKING WITH DREAMS Convener: John Balfour

"In each of us there is another whom we do not know" (C.G. Jung)

Dreams and myths are indeed communications from ourselves to ourselves.

In this course, through telling and discussing our dreams, we shall study this symbolic language which can lead us to a fascinating and constructive path of self-discovery.

Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m., Wakefield Street.

### WRITING WORKSHOP Convener: Lois Barnett

Beginners will be given every assistance. They will be encouraged to write small exercises, then higher assignments.

Tuesdays, 11.00 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Enrolment forms are found at the end of the News Notes.  
It is essential that one form should be completed for each course you wish to take, accurately including telephone number and postcode, and returned to the office at 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn, 3122 without delay.



## COURSES AT CITY, MONASH & BAYSIDE

For your information, we set out below the courses available at City, Monash and Bayside. Please contact relevant Campus for information.

### CITY

Australia and World Events	History of Science and Society
Exercise & Dance for Older People	Healthy Living
Philosophy A & B	Sculpture
Typing	Weiss Report
Languages: French, German, Italian & Spanish	
Painting - Watercolour	Shakespeare for You
Current Affairs Discussion Group	Literature

### Short Courses:

Roman Provinces: Some Ancient Cities	New Life Sciences
Making Sense of Revelation	Painting Wild Flowers
Jane Austen and the Brontes	Gone with the Wind - Revisited
Strange New World: The Exploration of Australia	On Being Worldly Wise

### MONASH

Ballroom Dancing	Self Study
Astronomy for Beginners	Turn of the Century Vienna
Amateur Radio for Beginners	Social Studies
History of Middle Near East	English Grammar
Photography	Botany
Walking Group	English for Fun
Public Speaking	Current Affairs (Politics & Government)
Living Latin	
Craft	Literature for Pleasure
History - Naval & Maritime	

### BAYSIDE CENTRAL

Port Phillip: Its History & Environment	Book Discussion Group
Wine Appreciation	Local History
Writers Workshop	Garment Making & Craft
Technology & Science Potpourri	French Conversation
Ancient Australians & the Pacific	The Arts in Turn-of-the Century Vienna
Australiana	
Basic Photography (for beginners)	

Should you be interested in courses being run at Prahran and South Caulfield, please contact the office at Wakefield Street and ask to see their latest newsletter.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR ENROLMENT FORMS TO THE CAMPUS CONCERNED

ENROLMENT FORM for learning at CITY  HAWTHORN  MONASH  RINGWOOD  FRANKSTON

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