



U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOROONDARA COUNCIL SUPPORT

U3A Hawthorn is delighted to report that the Boroondara Council budget for 2008-09 has included a financial allocation to support our activities. This year Council has voted us the sum of \$7018 and the money has already been received. Naturally, we are most grateful for this contribution and for other measures of support we have received from Councillors and Council Officers throughout the year.

FIRST AID TRAINING - VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

We have been advised that if someone should collapse with a heart attack it is essential that Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is administered within 6 or 7 minutes, otherwise the attack can be fatal. At the moment the average response time for ambulance attendance is 20 minutes.

In view of this advice your Committee determined that an adequate number of our members should be trained to administer CPR. After discussions with the organizations that provide CPR training your committee has arranged with St John Ambulance Service to conduct one training session at our premises. We are told that this is adequate training. The other training services, Red Cross and the Metropolitan Ambulance only offer courses conducted at their premises and are more expensive.

U3A Hawthorn will pay all fees. The maximum number that can attend the class is 22. The training session lasts for 3½ hours. We are therefore seeking volunteers to undertake the CPR course. Preferably the people who are trained should be U3A members who are at Sinclair Avenue, or at other locations where our activities take place, quite frequently. In other words it would not be a sensible use of the training to spend money on a member who only attends a course at U3A every second week. It is hoped to arrange the training session before the end of the year. If you are prepared to undertake the course, and to use your training in an emergency, please phone the Office on 9821 0282 and leave your name as a volunteer.

U3A NETWORK VICTORIA - CARNIVAL OF LEARNING.

Hawthorn U3A's participation in the Carnival held in Federation Square was judged to be a great success. Many members of the public took away with them information about the activities that we conduct, and showed an active interest in the displays and performances provided by Hawthorn. I have written letters of thanks to a number of our members who led our participation in the Carnival, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members who contributed to the success of the day.

In particular I would like to thank both Ruth Muir and Elaine Cockburn for their contributions in setting up the successful day. After Elaine went away it was Ruth who carried the workload of organising our participation in the event on the day.

EFTPOS

We have installed an EFTPOS machine in the office. It is now much easier and more efficient for members paying by their credit or debit cards. While we have had the facility for accepting payment by credit card for a number of years, the process has been slow, time consuming and expensive because banks have higher handling charges for paper payments. Our receptionists have been trained in the handling of the machine. We would encourage all members to pay by card. The process is less time consuming than paying by cheque, and it reduces the risk of leaving cash on the premises. We will only take Visa and MasterCard because both Diners and Amex have unacceptably high charges to merchants for the use of their cards.

I look forward to seeing you all at the end-of-year party on Saturday 6 December at Hawthorn Town Hall.

Rod Benjamin, President

U3A HAWTHORN OFFICE HOURS:
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NEW TUTORS NEEDED

We are totally reliant on volunteer tutors to present a comprehensive and interesting program of classes for our membership. If you have an interest in a particular subject and you are prepared to share your knowledge (or if you know someone else in this position) we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Curriculum Committee (care of the Office) and one of them will get back to you, with a view to including the course in our program.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Archivist/Historian: As some of our members reach their nineties we realise we need to do more to preserve our history.

Technically minded people to occasionally help with audiovisual equipment for specific classes and to teach other members the ropes.

If you can help please contact the office on 9821 0282.

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

In order to make more use of email for U3A Hawthorn communications it is essential that you notify any changes in your email address by sending an email to the U3A Hawthorn office at:

mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au

indicating your email contact details. Please include in the email your name(s) and U3A ID number(s).

Our website **http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au**

The website is fully functional. All courses, forms, and newsletters are available to download.

OFFER OF ASSISTANCE

Are you familiar with our website? Are you confident with internet browsing and emails? Is your PC doing what you want it to do? If not and you'd like a helping hand, our Webmaster, Bruce Lancashire, has offered to assist members wherever possible. You can either email him direct to webmaster@u3ahawthorn.org.au or leave a message for him at the Office. He can then make arrangements with you.

FEES FOR 2009

Annual membership fees for 2009 are as follows:

Membership of U3A Hawthorn	\$40 single \$65 couple/two at same address
Member enrolling from another campus	\$25 (to cover administration)

Members are reminded that membership fees for 2009 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses for 2009 can be processed.

COPIES OF PLAYS AVAILABLE

We have been given multiple copies of a number of plays by well-known playwrights (David Williamson, Arthur Miller, Henrik Ibsen, William Russell to name a few). Tutors and members are welcome to borrow these. Any queries, ring Jean Giese on 9890 2189.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE?

Badges are normally printed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as required. New members and those who have requested a replacement can collect the badge from the office, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris, usually within two days of joining U3A Hawthorn or making a request for a replacement.

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the March 2009 Newsletter is 5 February 2009. Please send all copy to the Office.

SUMMER SCHOOL January 2009

The U3A Hawthorn Summer School will run over four weeks from Monday 5 January to Friday 30 January 2009 (excluding 26 January 2009) and you will have a choice of over 50 sessions.

The Summer School is free and available only to U3A Hawthorn members **who are financial for 2009**. Members wishing to enrol in the Summer School **must ensure that their subscriptions for 2009 have been paid (ie that they are financial for 2009) no later than Friday 5 December 2008**. Enrolments cannot be accepted for members who are not financial for 2009. (Note: Numbers are limited for some classes.)

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY:

Enrolments for the 2009 Summer School sessions will take place over **THREE DAYS ONLY** –

Tuesday, 9 December,

Wednesday 10 December

and **Thursday, 11 December 2008.**

Enrolments will be accepted ONLY in person or by telephone on 9822 7668 and only from members who are financial for 2009.

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED to help at the lecture venues -

We need two persons to attend each single talk or series of talks to be responsible for setting up at the venue, maintaining the attendance roll, introducing/thanking and generally providing help to the speaker. Please let the Enrolment Team know when you register for a class if you are able to help – you will be fully briefed on your duties and be adequately supported.

VENUE

The venue for 2009 will be the Main Hall at Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris (Melway Ref: 59 H6) with the exception of: SS41 Croquet at Kew Croquet Club (Melway Ref: 45 G4); SS25 Overview of Global Warming; SS31 Handmade Artist's Books, SS32 Fly Fishing and SS57 Law & Nature in Shakespeare will all be held in the North Room at Sinclair Avenue.

BOOKINGS

In person in the SOUTH ROOM, Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris, or by telephone ONLY on 9822 7668. DO NOT USE THE NORMAL OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER.

You will not be able to enrol for Summer School lectures until you provide proof of your 2009 financial status and your Membership ID number, which is on your Name Tag and the cover page of the Newsletter.

Enrolments will take place on **Tuesday 9 December, Wednesday 10 December, 2008 and Thursday 11 December 2008**, between **10.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.** in the **SOUTH ROOM** closest to the entrance gate at Sinclair Avenue (NOT IN THE OFFICE). Remember book **ONLY** in person **OR** by telephone on the special number **9822 7668**.

When enrolling, please state your Name and Membership ID, the Class name and the Class Code(s). See the 'Classes at a Glance' page for a summary of times and location. As an example, give: Your name; your ID (e.g. 1886); the Class 'Plato's Republic' with its Code(s) SS01 and SS16. (There are two sessions for this example class).

PLEASE NOTE: MAILED ENROLMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

There will be no written confirmation of bookings for any lecture, so you must **KEEP YOUR OWN RECORD** of the time(s), date(s) and venue(s) of each talk booked. You can use the 'Classes at a Glance' page for this purpose.

Places for the Summer School are limited, so it is first in, best dressed.

THE OFFICE HOURS

The Office closes on Friday 12 December 2008 until Monday 5 January 2009.

From Monday 5 January until Friday 30 January 2009, the Office is open only from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Normal Office hours – 9.30 am to 4.00 pm – resume from Monday 2 February 2009.

ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS

In the past, complaints have been made that people who had registered for a course were absent without notice on the day, or some turned up at classes without having registered or, in particular, turned up late after the class had commenced. We ask that the common courtesies be observed.

MOBILE PHONES

**This is an urgent plea from our tutors that you SWITCH OFF
or SET YOUR MOBILE PHONES to SILENT MODE**

U3A NETWORK NEWS

This year U3A Network – Victoria, of which U3A Hawthorn was one of the fourteen founder members, celebrated its twentieth birthday at the Annual General Meeting, in the presence of the Ambassador for Ageing, Noeline Brown. Over those twenty years, the Network has grown to support 87 U3As throughout the state, with over 22,000 members. The delegates from each of these member U3As meet quarterly to establish policies and approve projects for Network, to discuss common problems and to exchange ideas and provide assistance to newly admitted members.

Network also handles applications from individual U3As for funding, which are then passed on to the government bodies, and the funds, when received, are distributed by Network to the individual U3As. To mark our twentieth anniversary, the organisers of the 2009 Seniors' Festival and Minister Lisa Neville asked U3A Network to become “the face” of the Opening Day of the festival at the Carnival of Learning held at Federation Square on Sunday October 5. U3A Hawthorn was one of twenty-five U3As who provided activities and information on that occasion. Both participants and visitors pronounced it a most successful day, and Network has been asked to participate again next year, so hopefully, with a little more warning, U3A Hawthorn will be able to provide an even wider range of experiences to share with the community, and to promote the value of our organisation.

Network also runs a two day conference each year. Next year it will be labelled “U3A – Going From Strength to Strength” and will be held from 5 to 8 May 2009 at the CAE centre, with a pre-conference dinner at the Angliss Restaurant on Tuesday 5 May. The dates and basic information are listed on the Network website - www.vicnet.net.au/~u3avic - and more information will be added as keynote speakers and workshops are confirmed. You may register your interest in attending the conference by email - u3anet@vicnet.net.au - or by phone on 9670 3659.

Elaine Cockburn



FINAL MUSIC NOTES FOR THE YEAR

This will be just a brief overview of the year's musical activities and news.

By the time you receive this our final Orchestral concert for the year will have taken place, and hopefully will have sent the audience homewards in a cheerful dancing mood. The program was planned around a series of national dances, which Christopher thought was an appropriate way to launch into the festive season. Certainly rehearsals have been toe-tapping affairs, and the players have loved it.

Previous concerts throughout the year, two from the Orchestra and one from the Choir, were all well received by large audiences.

John Byrne's “Composers and their music” classes have been very successful, and though the members of the group miss Yehuda, we have thoroughly enjoyed John's individual style and appreciate his careful preparation and lively presentation.

It was so good to have Norm Ellis's Country Dancing group perform for us at the Carnival of Learning day in Federation Square. They were very popular and attracted much interest.

The final contribution from U3A's musical world for this year will be performances from the Choir and the Recorder Group at the end-of-year party on December 6. Linnell Barelli and her players have been preparing a special item for this day, and we welcome their participation. There are details in a separate reminder notice elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Plans are underway for activities next year, with dates and programs being finalised. Another year on, and we recognize more and more the value of music in our lives to restore, excite, comfort, and most importantly, to enjoy! Here's to 2009's offerings!

Ruth Muir



END OF YEAR PARTY

Your committee hopes to see you all at our end-of-year party

AT THE CHANDELIER ROOM, HAWTHORN TOWN HALL

Saturday 6 December at 2pm

Entertainment will be provided by the choir, and this will be followed by afternoon tea and drinks.

The fee of \$10 will be payable at the door, but bookings are essential - either in person or by telephone to the office (on 9821 0282) by Tuesday 2 December.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Peter Anderson, Secretary

AN URGENT APPEAL FOR HELP

Nan Inglis desperately needs copies of *Italiano Vivo* by Giorgio Milesi for her Italian Beginners class commencing in February. (Because she couldn't locate sufficient numbers of this text last year, she was unable to offer a beginners' class in 2008.) As Italian courses are always in demand at our campus, she has decided to go ahead in 2009, one way or another.

As Nan has conducted four levels in this language for at least ten years, using *Italiano Vivo*, she feels that there must be quite a number of ex-students out there with a copy languishing on a bookshelf. If you are one of these, and could bear to part with your *Milesi*, please ring Nan on 9830 5947. She, and her students, will be most grateful.

Nan Inglis

AUTUMN EXCURSION

For bookings please telephone the U3A office

For further queries, please contact Joan Harding on 98133974 or 0408366987 or Colette Flynn on 98826097

Payment is due at least 21 days prior to tour departure unless stated otherwise.

MARIBYRNONG RIVER TWO HOUR BOAT CRUISE WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009

Learn the early history of life along the Maribyrnong River with commentary provided by the Captain of the popular cruise vessel 'Blackbird'. The river was discovered by L.T. Robbins and Charles Grimes in 1803 and then settled by groups led by John Pascoe Fawkner and John Batman in 1835.

Compare the past with the present development – you'll be surprised.

Cost: \$15 per person

Transport: Own arrangements

Departure: Footscray –on the western side of the Maribyrnong River Melway reference: 42 E5

Proceed to the end of Wingfield Street to access the river. There is a new name for the end of Wingfield Street in the latest Melway, which is called 'Salt River Place'

Boat leaves dock 11.00 am sharp and returns two hours later

Parking: Near the boat cruise office or in the street (4 hour parking restriction)

Maximum

Participants:

Iced water is available on board. Car pooling suggested.

Please direct bookings and payment to the U3A office. Be quick to register!! Payment is due by Wednesday 25 February.

Joan Harding

U3A EXCURSIONS REPORT

Two thousand and eight has been a busy and interesting year. It has been marked by diverse monthly excursions which have aimed to provide our members with informative and social experiences.

Two of our Melbourne based tours to the Police Academy and the Jazz Archives were quite outstanding. Further afield the Werribee Sewerage Farm was most fascinating, and who could forget the wonderful day at the Chateau Tahbilk and Mitchelton Winery. We enjoyed lunch onboard a ferry, cruising down the Goulburn River in the sunshine!

Many thanks to my team members, Colette Flynn and Julianne Lewis – always researching touring options for U3A. Thank you also to those members who have offered ideas to include in our forthcoming program.

Joan Harding

EVENTS

November 2008 to March 2009

(This flyer is for your refrigerator or bulletin board)

**THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER
10.30 AM**

**ORCHESTRAL CONCERT
Hawthorn Town Hall**

**SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER
2 PM**

**END OF YEAR PARTY
Hawthorn Town Hall**

**TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER
THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER**

**BOOKINGS FOR SUMMER SCHOOL
South Room Sinclair Ave Campus
or phone 9822 7668**

**12 DECEMBER 2008 -
5 JANUARY 2009**

U3A OFFICE CLOSED

5 JANUARY TO 30 JANUARY

**SUMMER SCHOOL
Sinclair Avenue Campus
U3A Office open 10am to 1pm**

MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY

**U3A OFFICE OPENS NORMAL HOURS
9.30am to 4pm**

**WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH
11 AM**

**MARIBYRNONG RIVER
TWO-HOUR BOAT CRUISE**

***FULL DETAILS OF ALL THESE EVENTS
ARE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER.***

PAID YOUR ANNUAL SUB YET?

If not, you can now pay by credit card. (Visa or MasterCard only) Please fill in the following details:

Number: _____

Expiry Date __ / __ Signature: _____

(You can still pay by cheque or cash)