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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Committee has been aware for some time that there is an unmet demand among our members for tuition in operating a computer. Matters such as confidence in handling emails, access to the Web including on-line banking and payment of bills, letter writing and the simple use of spreadsheets, have become an essential part of living today.

It is, as they say, an "ill-wind". We have been advised by Swinburne that the lecture room that has been available to us for a number of years past was now required by the University. Instead they have offered us use of a larger room for our exclusive use for the whole of Mondays and Fridays. In this room there are 13 computers that are available for our use.

You will see in the Curriculum that we have arranged two classes for computer tuition on Mondays in 2011 and we welcome applications for what will be a limited number of students.

We are grateful to our Secretary, Bruce Lancashire, and our Archivist, Vida Jarasius, who have offered their services as tutors in this subject on Mondays. The room will be in use on Monday and Friday mornings for other Hawthorn U3A classes. This leaves Friday afternoons free for further computer classes.

We would be very grateful to hear from any members who would be prepared to undertake tuition on either Monday or Friday – preferably the latter.

Co-incidentally we have just received a generous grant from Boroondara Council, through the good graces of Balwyn Rotary, to purchase four lap top computers. This will enable us to provide, in addition to the Swinburne room, a small class or classes at Sinclair Avenue. The computers have not yet been purchased so, as they say, watch this space for further details.

Hawthorn U3A was represented at both the Carnival of Learning at Federation Square and the Boroondara Council's event at the Hawthorn Town Hall for seniors. I would like to particularly thank Marie Hamerton and Ruth Muir for having been the moving forces for our participation in both proceedings. The name of Hawthorn U3A was, most importantly, kept in front of the community that we serve.

Professor Ian Young, the Vice-Chancellor of Swinburne University, is the patron of Hawthorn U3A. We were pleased to learn that he has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University and will take up that position next year. We have written offering our congratulations to Professor Young.

We have been pleased to have participated in the several consultations and activities initiated by the Boroondara Council to extend services to the older members of their community.

Our Treasurer, Peter Merigan, has been ill for several months. For much of this time he has been in hospital. We wish him a complete and rapid recovery.

Have you noticed how lovely our gardens at Sinclair Avenue are looking? A big thank you to the gardening group for all their hard work. It is much appreciated.

Wishing you all the compliments of the Season and a very happy New year.

Rod Benjamin
President

U3A HAWTHORN WEBSITE AND USE OF EMAIL

In order to keep costs down and expedite delivery, we have conducted trials of a system of communicating with members by email notification. For example, Newsletter notifications and downloads, including enrolment letters will be sent as email attachments. Many members have already supplied their **CURRENT** email addresses and have consented to using this method of communication. This, of course, implies that you check your email on a frequent and regular basis for this form of communication to be successful.

We encourage you to receive your communications by email and if you have not yet registered your **current** email address with us, please do so at your earliest convenience (mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au).

Members are reminded that Newsletters and Curriculum details can always be accessed on our website (www.u3ahawthorn.org.au).

PLEASE NOTE: This is an opt-in option. When you provide your email address we will send a confirmation message asking you to confirm that you are willing to receive emails from us. However, you may unsubscribe at any time by following the instructions at the bottom of our email messages.

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Re-enrolment and enrolment - Payment of Subscription for 2011

This year we are encouraging members to submit their enrolment forms, both to re-enrol and to enrol in new subjects, *by mail*. Please submit your forms and your payment, which is preferably to be made by cheque, credit card or direct debit. We prefer these methods of payments rather than by cash because of the security risk. You may also place your re-enrolments and enrolments that do not contain cash in boxes that will be provided at Sinclair Avenue. Forms were included in the September Newsletter or can be downloaded from the website.

Payment of fees is required *before* enrolment can proceed.

If you have not already paid your subscription, cash payment may be made in the Main Hall between 10 am and 12 noon on Saturday 4 December.

REMEMBER—SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER is the final date for cash payments.

TRIBUTE TO SYLVIA COATES

We were deeply shocked at the news of the very sad passing of our Tai Chi tutor, Sylvia, on the 30 August at Box Hill Hospital after only a short illness. Sylvia, who had joined U3A Hawthorn in 1992, had always enjoyed good health and until six months ago was an energetic and enthusiastic volunteer at U3A. She enrolled in a variety of courses – Italian, Byzantine History, Dressmaking, Dancing and Art . We will miss her. Deepest sympathy to her family from all at U3A Hawthorn.

Thanks to Fay Thomas and the family for assistance with this tribute

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Office closes on Friday 10 December 2010 until Monday 3 January 2011.

From Monday 3 January until Friday 28 January 2011, 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 31 January 2011.

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

As we are now making 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**

General queries: mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au

For queries about your enrolments ONLY: database@u3ahawthorn.org.au

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

Our website is **<http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au>**

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

MOBILE TELEPHONES

Tutors report that mobile telephones are still being used during classes both for receiving and making calls. Please (1) ensure that your telephone is switched off or set to silent mode before the class commences and (2) good manners dictate that you do not answer or make any calls during the class. In an emergency, please excuse yourself from the class and make or answer the call outside the building. Thank you for your co-operation.

Members of the Management Committee

FEES FOR 2011

Annual membership fees for 2010 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 2011 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses for 2011 can be processed.

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. ***Please do not forget to collect your badge from the Office.***

TRIBUTES AND OBITUARIES

We are very happy to publish tributes/obituaries for people who have made significant contributions to U3A Hawthorn. However, often space is at a premium as the Newsletter must comply with Australia Post mailing regulations — oversize items are very costly to send. Consequently, we allocate our space very carefully with priority being given to curriculum, trips and administrative items. We will accept tributes/obituaries that have family authorisation of content and are restricted to 250 to 300 words.

*Meg Adams
for the Newsletter Committee*

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL U3A MEMBERS

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the December 2010 Newsletter is 4 February 2011. Please send all copy to the Office.



End of Year
GARDEN PARTY

***PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
THE END OF 2010
WITH MUSIC AND AFTERNOON TEA***

on

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8

at

26 SINCLAIR AVENUE, GLEN IRIS

FROM 2 PM UNTIL 4 PM

COST \$5—PAYABLE AT THE DOOR

**Please telephone or call into the office to make a booking
to assist with catering**



MUSIC NOTES



Those U3A members who love music in all its variety have once again been well served in 2010.

As the year comes to an end we can look back on several memorable concerts presented by the Choir and the Orchestra, as well as a variety of ongoing group activities, in the fields of jazz; dancing - both creative and country-style; recorder performance; and music appreciation in general. These have all provided pleasure and entertainment to so many of us. Long may they continue, and let's reflect on how fortunate we are to have such good things to turn to, and also to acknowledge the commitment and effort that is undertaken by those who make it all possible.

Two imminent concerts for you to note down:- The final Orchestral concert for the year is close by, on Thursday 25 November at 10.30 am in the Hawthorn Town Hall. This is our first chance to welcome our new musical director and conductor, Gyula (Jules) Cseszko, a worthy successor to our much-loved former director Christopher Martin, who retired after the first concert this year following his 80th birthday. This "Artist's Life" program includes a Strauss Waltz, a Mozart flute concerto as well as Sarastro's aria from The Magic Flute, and Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite no 2. Do take this opportunity to share in Jules' debut, and to wish him well in the future. He is deeply committed to his ongoing work with the Orchestra and has exciting plans for next year.

The Choir is also presenting an end-of-year concert very soon. It will be held on Tuesday November 30 at 10.30 am in St David's Church, Mont Albert Road on the corner of Burke Road, and promises to be a delightful morning. They will perform in the Church itself, and the program will include Negro spirituals, carols and songs for the audience to sing-along to. Entry is \$5 and light refreshments will be served.

SIGNIFICANT MUSICAL DATES TO REMEMBER

FINAL ORCHESTRAL CONCERT FOR 2010 – THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER

HAWTHORN TOWN HALL, 10.30 am. - CONDUCTOR JULES CSESZKO.

A tuneful end-of-year program with Strauss, Mozart, Bizet and Wagner.

.CHOIR OF U3A HAWTHORN – TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH, Corner Burke and Mont Albert Roads, 10.30 am

FOR 2011 – THE ORCHESTRA OF U3A HAWTHORN

Thursday 12 May, 10.30 am. Conductor – Jules Cseszko – a program of French music

Ruth Muir

A PLEA FROM OUR TUTORS PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE TO EVERY CLASS

You know who you are but the Tutor and other class members may not. A name badge makes for a much more friendly atmosphere as you can address one another by first name without fear of making a mistake. We are all getting older and tend to suffer from what can be described as 'oldtimer's disease'!!!

SUMMER/AUTUMN EXCURSIONS

*For bookings please telephone the U3A office
For further **queries**, please contact Joan Harding on 9813 3974 or 0408366987
or Colette Flynn on 98826097*

BOOKING POLICY

All tours fees are payable at the time of placing reservation.
Bookings close two week prior to the event.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations more than 21 days prior to the scheduled departure incur a \$5 administration fee per person.

Cancellations 21 days or less prior to the scheduled departure time - no refund due.

Wednesday 23 March NAGAMBIE WINERIES AND RIVER CRUISE

Cost: \$55
Time: 9.15 am from U3A Sinclair Avenue
Return: Approximately 5.00 pm
Inclusions: Morning tea, BBQ lunch, coach & cruise

Thursday 07 April WALKING TOUR OF DAREBIN PARKLANDS

Cost: \$10 (proceeds to Darebin Parklands)
Time: 10.30 am – 12 noon
Meet: Melway map 31, 9C at the end of Separation Street, Alphington at the ranger's building inside the entrance.
Inclusions: Tea or coffee provided
Optional: Bring own lunch if you wish

Wednesday 25 May TOUR OF THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Cost: \$13
Time: 10.30 am-1.00 pm
Meet: 26 Alma Road, St Kilda (Melway 58 B9)
Inclusions: Morning tea

NAGAMBIE WINERIES AND RIVER CRUISE

Voted one of our most popular tours we visit Mitchelton Winery for wine tastings, then embark on a cruise on the Goulburn River where we will be served a BBQ lunch. We disembark at Tahbilk to finish the day with further tastings and sales.

WALKING TOUR OF DAREBIN PARKLAND

The ranger will trace the transformation of a weed infested quarry to a beautiful parkland. Sue Course, our own U3A member (and founding member of the DP Association) will be our guide and will highlight many aspects of the parkland. Please wear comfortable shoes.

JEWISH MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Our own guide and member of Hawthorn U3A, Martha Vanderhoek, will show us through the Timeline Gallery, explain the Jewish rituals and history, and will conclude with a visit to the Jewish Synagogue.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE AND EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS 2010

Once more we would like to thank the dedicated Committee members on both the Curriculum and Excursion Committees.

Seeking out new tutors to present interesting courses is an ongoing task as, also, is planning educational tours for all of our members.

The Curriculum Committee consists of Graham Barber, Colette Flynn, Julianne Lewis, Maggie Roberts, Elizabeth Walker, Jenny Craw, Sue Rocco and Kathy Howell and Joan Harding (Paddy Wagstaff has recently resigned).

The Excursion Committee members are Julianne Lewis, Colette Flynn, Ann Heath and Joan Harding.

Many thanks to all.

*Joan Harding
Curriculum and Excursions Committees*

WANTED WANTED CAN YOU HELP

We hope you will read the following and make yourself available to help Hawthorn U3A which is so dependent on membership for assistance in every facet of operation. We would not have such a vibrant and healthy organisation if it were not for those who already contribute so willingly.

CATERING MANAGER

Pam Anderson, our Catering Manager for the past six years, would like to retire at the end of 2010. We are calling for a volunteer to take on this important role. If you would like more details please contact Pam through the Office. She will be delighted to chat with you.

OFFICE RECEPTIONISTS

The Office is open five days a week so we need a number of volunteers to assist in this rewarding front-line role. Usually reception volunteers are rostered for either a morning or afternoon session once a fortnight. Please give our request serious thought as we are currently in need of more assistance. You can contact Gwen Gavin through the Office for further details.

DATABASE ASSISTANCE

We are looking for a Member who has a good knowledge of our Database software FilemakerPro Versions 8 - 11 or would like to learn in order to assist with data processing and further development. Email us at mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au if you can help.

CURRICULUM PLANNING

The Curriculum Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to join our team. We need someone who can help source suitable tutors, both academic and non-academic, who would be willing to impart their knowledge to our members either in a short or longer series of lectures. Please contact Graham Barber for more information on 9347 5052.

ON YOUR BIKE!

Calling all cyclists who would love to be back on their bikes but feel a 'gentle' cycling group would suit their style at the moment. Enjoy the exercise (15-20 km), a coffee and good company while improving your fitness. Phone Colette Flynn on 9882 6097 to register your interest. Don't wait, telephone now!

U3A HAWTHORN EVENTS

November 2010 to May 2011

(This flyer is for your refrigerator or bulletin board)

THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 10.30 AM	ORCHESTRAL CONCERT AT HAWTHORN TOWN HALL
TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 10.30 AM	CHOIR CONCERT AT ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH, CORNER MONT ALBERT AND BURKE ROADS, CANTERBURY
SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 2010 10.00 AM TO 12 NOON	LAST DAY FOR CASH PAYMENTS SINCLAIR AVENUE
WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2010 AT 2.00 PM	END-OF-YEAR PARTY SINCLAIR AVENUE
WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2011 AT 9.15 AM	NAGAMBIE WINERIES AND RIVER CRUISE LEAVE FROM SINCLAIR AVENUE
THURSDAY 07 APRIL 2011 AT 10.30 AM TO 12 NOON	WALKING TOUR OF DAREBIN PARKLANDS MEET AT PARKLANDS (MELWAY 31 9C)
THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011 AT 10.30 AM	ORCHESTRAL CONCERT VENUE TO BE ADVISED
WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2011 10.30 AM TO 1 PM	TOUR OF JEWISH MUSEUM 26 ALMA ROAD, ST KILDA

Full details of these events are in your Newsletter

SPECIAL INVITATION – AUSTRALIA DAY 2011

On Australia Day, 26 January 2011, Professor David de Kretser AC, Governor of Victoria and Patron of U3A network Victoria invites all citizens of Victoria and visitors to the State to an Open Day at Government House.

Open day is completely free and U3A Network Victoria has been requested to make members aware of this event. The furnishings and art works of Government House are quite remarkable and the gardens are certainly worth exploring. Visitors will be able to view the State Apartments, the Private Apartments and the Governor's Study. Many of these rooms are not normally open to the public.