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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We are pleased to include in this *Newsletter* the **curriculum** for the first semester in 1998. We can be justly proud of the number and range of courses on offer to our members. Credit is especially due to Derek Readman for seeking out new tutors and to Joan Donlan for making all the time and venue arrangements. Our thanks as always go to those of our tutors who intend continuing their good work in 1998, and we welcome our new tutors. We trust you will enjoy your association with us here in Hawthorn.

Also enclosed are the details of the **1998 Summer School**. Derek has put together a great programme for our enjoyment whilst the regular classes are in recess. We regret that we are unable to offer classes in computer studies; Hawthorn Community House in Henry Street (telephone 9818 7846) offers courses throughout the year at a cost of about \$40, and U3A Glen Eira also conducts computer classes.

Our new **Chamber Music Group** presented a lovely concert in the Chandelier Room at Hawthorn Town Hall on 9 October. The audience was delighted to discover what fine musicians have been attracted to this group and the high standard of music-making that has been achieved under the Director, George Logie-Smith. There are now 23 players and we will have the opportunity to hear them again at our **end-of-year celebration** in the Hawthorn Town Hall on Tuesday, 9 December, at 2.00 p.m. There is still time—if you hurry—to book at the office for this event.

We have embarked on the production of a **20-minute video** for archival purposes and to publicise our activities (a) to people who are in a position to further our aims, for example Boroondara administrators and councillors and also senior people at Swinburne University of Technology, and (b) to

people who might be interested in becoming members at such events as Senior Citizens' Week. The activities in a representative number of classes have been video-taped, as well as interviews with a small cross-section of the membership, talking about their backgrounds, their activities with the campus and explaining the benefits of membership of U3A. It is planned to give members an opportunity to see the finished video in due course. Photographs will be available of those involved.

Our third **Four-Yearly Report, *Living and Learning***, is now available (with copies of our first and second reports) from above the pigeon-holes in the passage at 24 Wakefield street. We do urge members to take a copy. It is very interesting to read about the scope of our activities and the statistics of membership and courses. We particularly thank Ron Taft, Helen Williams and Hans van Dorssen for their work in compiling this report.

When you call in to pick up your report or pay your 1998 subscription, you will enjoy our pretty front garden. Our member Margaret Miller tends this and just now it is a picture. Thank you Margaret.

In my classical studies with Joan Bazeley, I keep coming across excellent **mottos** for us. In the Four-Yearly Report just mentioned I quoted from the ancient Greek playwright, Aeschylus, 'To be old and ever ready to learn is always young'. Now I have discovered another good one, this time from the play by Euripides, *The Bacchae*. Two old men, Teiresias and Cadmus, are preparing to join the dancing in the mountains. Cadmus declares, 'I could drum the ground all night and all day too, without being tired. *What joy it is to forget one's age!*' Long may it be so in U3A Hawthorn!

Jean Giese, Chairman

DATES FOR 1997 / 98

1 December	Opening date for NEW enrolments in ongoing courses and new 1998 courses (as set out in the Curriculum). Membership fee for 1998 must be included with enrolment.
Last week Nov/ first week Dec.	This is the concluding period for 1997 classes.
12 December	Office closes for 1997, but enrolments/cheques for 1998 membership will be processed before 12 January, in order of receipt.
Mid-January to mid-February 1998	Summer School (see separate enclosure with this <i>Newsletter</i>).
12 January	Office open part-time, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
2 February	Office open full-time, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Week from 16 Feb.	Classes commence for 1998.

NEWS FROM THE VICTORIAN U3A NETWORK

LIVING AND LEARNING

The U3A Network has commended U3A Hawthorn for the latest quadrennial research report, *Living and Learning*. The Network has recommended to other U3A groups in Victoria that they consider undertaking similar investigations into their membership structure and developmental trends. Ron Taft from U3A Hawthorn, Chairman of the Editorial Committee of *Living and Learning*, was a speaker at a special Network Seminar on U3A research.

OVERSEAS VISITORS

One of the founders of U3A in the United Kingdom, Jean Thompson, recently visited the Network and some rural U3A groups in Victoria, together with Gloria Blackburne, who has specialised in the use of U3A groups for teaching foreign languages in the United Kingdom.

NAME BADGES

Yet again we will make our heartfelt plea to all members to wear their badges when they are involved in any U3A activity. At Wakefield Street it is an enormous help to know the name of the person on the desk—we cannot read your name if 'it's in the car'. And if you are attending a class at another venue, the personal details on the back of the badge could be of vital importance in a medical emergency. Please, please, PLEASE.

SOME IDEAS FOR 1998 COURSES

Here are a few suggestions for courses to be run in 1998.

- 1 A series of talks, either fortnightly or monthly, entitled 'The Twentieth Century As I Lived It' to provide an opportunity for members to talk about their lives. As you will see from the enclosed programme for the 1998 Summer School, the first such talk is being given by Yehuda Svoray. Would some of our members like to continue the idea?
- 2 It is proposed later in 1998 to conduct a 'Science and Society' series, using videos and television recordings. Is there some interest in attending or running such a series?
- 3 And a subject of consuming interest to us all—is there anyone able to talk on 'Fending Off Forgetfulness'?

Any positive reaction would be welcomed by the office (and in particular Derek Readman) on 9818 7371.

TWO U3A CONFERENCES

LIVERPOOL, UK, September 1997

Wendy Herron, one of our members, attended the annual conference of the Third Age Trust in the United Kingdom, held at the University of Liverpool campus on 1-3 September, with the theme 'Into the Next Century'. A Standing Committee for Education has been established, with the aim of examining the future needs and possibilities of Third Age education. With the large number of U3A groups in the UK, there is a great diversity in the makeup of different groups. However, there is also a considerable emphasis on regional networks, with a strong appreciation of the vital role that U3A plays in utilising the freedom conferred by retirement to improve the quality of life in the Third Age for participants in the movement.

The programme for the three days was a busy one, and there were also extra-curricular activities such as guided walks to churches, houses and places of historical interest in the Liverpool area.

Wendy found the conference interesting and informative, and it is obvious that there are many points of correspondence with the U3A movement in Australia. However, she felt that we in this country show up very well against the UK model, and we can feel proud of the vigour and enthusiasm shown by the Australian groups.

DARWIN, August 1997

Betty Jones, who actually belongs to the City Campus but who attends a weekly class here at Hawthorn, has reported on the U3A Conference in Darwin, which she and her husband attended. The four days from 8.45 a.m. to after 5 p.m. were jam-packed with sessions, many of which gave a detailed background to the Northern Territory's richness and diversity of people and country.

Talks by NT experts covered Aboriginal history and art (Aborigines make up more than a quarter of the Territory's population), the mining industry, military and political history, the possibility of statehood, economy, tourism, architecture, literature, tropical fruitgrowing, geological history, the euthanasia bill, and the proposed north-south railway.

Betty said that there was so much offered by the Darwin group, a relatively small one, that there was not a lot of time (or energy) left for much socialising, but they did meet up again with participants on some add-on trips to Bathurst Island, Kakadu and Litchfield Park. The Conference was a very successful and enjoyable one, well organised by the U3A Darwin President, Mrs Yvonne Forrest, and the Chairman, Mr Jim Eedle (now living in Ballarat). Betty heartily recommends attendance at the Sydney conference in 1998.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH SUMMER SCHOOL

The History Institute of Victoria Inc. is again running a Summer School for three days, 28-30 January, providing a detailed introduction to a selection of Melbourne's major archival repositories. There is a brochure on the board in the passage at 24 Wakefield Street, or you can ring the Institute on 9344 6209 or 9481 0443.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 1998

The Committee of Management is happy to be able to announce that the coming year's fee structure remains as before:

1998 Membership of U3A Hawthorn	\$25
	\$40 two at same address
1998 Member from another campus studying at Hawthorn (covers administration, badge, quarterly newsletter, curriculum)	\$5

THE IDEAL GIFT

A year's membership of U3A Hawthorn might be just the gift for someone who has recently retired and is feeling a little directionless. Our members are unanimous in their praise of this great movement, and testify to the enjoyment and fulfilment that involvement in it brings.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

TO EVERYONE!

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION—A REMINDER

We would reinforce the message in the Chairman's report on page 1 that there is just time for you to register your name with the office for attending our end-of-year gathering.

Hawthorn Town Hall
Tuesday 9 December 1997 at 2.00 p.m.
We commence with forty-five minutes of entertainment by our
CHAMBER MUSIC GROUP
and
U3A CHOIR

Last year's gathering was a most enjoyable one, giving the opportunity to chat with friends too seldom seen, and we are sure that this year's will be even better.

Another Great Year

Once again it has been a great pleasure to work along-side U3A-Hawthorn at 24 Wakefield Street. U3A-Hawthorn administration has given tremendous service throughout 1997 as so many members have contributed their skills and talents in a variety of ways. That's what makes it such a dynamic organisation.

Jean Giese must be congratulated on her energetic leadership, as Chairman of the Executive Committee and also in the day to day operations of the office. Derek Readman should also be recognised for all his hard work as Executive Secretary, convenor of the Curriculum sub-committee, plus so many un-noticed things that he does each day. The office staff and committee members also deserve thanks.

Hawthorn Community Education Project committee and staff would like to extend the compliments of the season to all at U3A, trusting that the year ahead will be just as successful as 1997.

Judith Elsworth

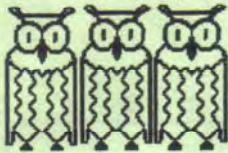
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SUMMER SCHOOL 1998

TIMETABLE

VENUES TD 240 Room 240, Level 2, TAFE Building D, Wakefield St (see map over)
24 WS 24 Wakefield Street

JANUARY			
10	Saturday	24 WS	DRAWING Rafaella Torresan 11.15-12.45
12	Monday	TD 240	ITALIAN VERBS (a) Nan Inglis 9.30-11.00
		TD 240	THE REPUBLICAN ISSUE Ron Taft 11.15-12.45
13	Tuesday	TD 240	WOMEN AND SHIPWRECKS Leonie Foster 11.15-12.45
14	Wednesday	TD 240	HERODOTUS AND XENOPHON John Salvaris 11.15-12.45
15	Thursday	TD 240	TWENTIETH CENTURY AS I LIVED IT Yehuda Svoray 11.15-12.45
16	Friday	TD 240	TRAD JAZZ Barney Govan-Smith 1.15-2.45
		24 WS	CHESS Egon Donath 1.00-3.00
17	Saturday	24 WS	DRAWING Rafaella Torresan 11.15-12.45
		TD 240	LAKE PEDDAR and SW TASMANIA Les Southwell 11.15-12.45
19	Monday	TD 240	ITALIAN VERBS (b) Nan Inglis 9.30-11.00
		TD 240	THE REPUBLICAN ISSUE Ron Taft 11.15-12.45
20	Tuesday	TD 240	MY SEA TRIP TO ANTARCTICA Margaret Borden 11.15-12.45
21	Wednesday	TD 240	HERODOTUS AND XENOPHON John Salvaris 11.15-12.45
22	Thursday	TD 240	TWENTIETH CENTURY AS I LIVED IT Yehuda Svoray 11.15-12.45
23	Friday	TD 240	TRAD JAZZ Barney Govan-Smith 1.15-2.45
		24 WS	CHESS Egon Donath 1.00-3.00
24	Saturday	24 WS	DRAWING Rafaella Torresan 11.15-12.45
		TD 240	CRIMINOLOGY COUNTRY Maartje Irvine 9.30-11.30
26	Monday	TD 240	ITALIAN VERBS (c) Nan Inglis 9.30-11.00
		TD 240	THE REPUBLICAN ISSUE Ron Taft 11.15-12.45
27	Tuesday	TD 240	CONSERVATION & DUCK SHOOTING Graeme Eames 11.15-12.45
28	Wednesday	TD 240	MEDICOS EXTRAORDINAIRE Barry Firkin 11.15-12.45
29	Thursday	TD 240	TWENTIETH CENTURY AS I LIVED IT Yehuda Svoray 11.15-12.45
30	Friday	TD 240	TRAD JAZZ Barney Govan-Smith 1.15-2.45
		24 WS	CHESS Egon Donath 1.00-3.00
31	Saturday	24 WS	DRAWING Rafaella Torresan 11.15-12.45
		TD 240	ARTURO TOSCANINI Part II Al Irvine 10.00-11.30
FEBRUARY			
2	Monday	TD 240	ITALIAN VERBS (d) Nan Inglis 9.30-11.00
		TD 240	EARLY BALLADS / HENRY LAWSON Judith Hampton 11.15-12.45
		TD 240	CONSULS AND YOU Barbara Hewitt 2.00-3.30
3	Tuesday	TD 240	ST FRANCIS CHURCH John H. Byrne 9.30-11.00
		TD 240	EXOTIC MAROC Ernestine Lobb 11.15-12.45
4	Wednesday	TD 240	MEDICOS EXTRAORDINAIRE Barry Firkin 11.15-12.45
		TD 240	FLORENCE - THE ALTERNATIVES David Collins 2.00-3.30
5	Thursday	TD 240	TWENTIETH CENTURY AS I LIVED IT Yehuda Svoray 11.15-12.45
		TD 240	TIBET - LHASA Suzy Lebasi 2.00-3.30
6	Friday	TD 240	TRAVELLER'S TALE: MIDDLE EAST Joyce Phillips 11.15-12.45
		TD 240	TRAD JAZZ Barney Govan-Smith 1.15-2.45
		24 WS	CHESS Egon Donath 1.00-3.00
7	Saturday	TD 240	ARTURO TOSCANINI Part II Al Irvine 10.00-11.30
13	Friday	24 WS	CHESS Egon Donath 1.00-3.00
14	Saturday	TD 240	MUSICAL THEATRE Al Irvine 10.00-11.30

SUMMER SCHOOL 1998

The Summer School will run over four weeks from mid-January 1998. The School is free and is available only to members who are financial for 1998.

HELPERS

Volunteers are required to help with the running of the lecture venues. We need one person attending each single talk or series of talks to be responsible for opening and closing the lecture venue. If you are coming anyway, this is hardly an inconvenience. Please remember that U3A is a self-help cooperative group and it is unfair to leave all the work to a tiny percentage of willing but overworked hands. Please let the office know at which course you can help.

MAIN VENUE

Swinburne TAFE lecture room TD 240 is on the second level (1st floor) of D Building; enter from the plaza of the TAFE complex at the junction of Wakefield and John Streets (see map on reverse of the timetable sheet).

BOOKINGS

Your bookings can be made between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday by telephone (9818 7371 or 9214 8824) or personally at the office, but remember that the office closes on Friday 12 December until Monday 12 January 1998. Places are limited, so it is first in, best dressed. For all lectures there will be no written confirmation of bookings, so you will need to KEEP YOUR OWN RECORD of the time(s) and date(s) of each talk booked. You are also advised to have an alternative ready if you are unsuccessful with your first choice.

ANTARCTICA Margaret Borden

Tuesday 20 January 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240

Margaret will talk about her sea trip to Antarctica and the wild life she recorded on film.

ARTURO TOSCANINI Al Irvine

Saturday 31 January and 7 February 10.00–11.30 Swinburne TD 240

This is a continuation of the popular Toscanini talks given in the 1997 Summer School, where Al takes the class further along the trail of discovery of the one and only Arturo Toscanini—conductor extraordinaire.

CHESS Egon Donath

Friday 16, 23, 30 January and 6, 13 February 1.00–3.00 24 Wakefield St

Egon will talk about the theory and practice of chess, and there will be some supervised play.

CONSERVATION AND DUCK SHOOTING Graeme Eames

Tuesday 27 January 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240

Graeme Eames is a member of the Victoria Field and Game Society. He will talk about the benefits to conservation of duck shooting.

CONSULS—WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR YOU Barbara Hewitt

Monday 2 February 2.00–3.30 Swinburne TD 240

The talk will focus on what consuls can do for you if you have problems or are in peril overseas, with digressions based on Barbara's own experiences when serving in Port Moresby, Jakarta and Moscow with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

CRIMINOLOGY COUNTRY Maartje Irvine

Saturday 24 January 9.30–11.30 Swinburne TD 240

Maartje will discuss the impact that changing criminal behaviour is having on our society, particularly in the area of white-collar crime.

DRAWING CLASS Raffaella Torresan

Saturday 10, 17, 24, 31 January 11.15–12.45 24 Wakefield St

The class will look at form, shading and perspective, utilising commonly used things.

EARLY AUSTRALIAN BALLADS/HENRY LAWSON Judith Hampton

Monday 2 February 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240

Judith will show how our earliest literature contains many amusing and serious ballads which tell the social history of our country. Taking a brief look at his poetry, she will show the enormous contribution made by Henry Lawson.

EXOTIC MAROC Ernestine Lobb

Tuesday 3 February 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240

Ernestine will talk about her study tour to Morocco, with anecdotes and background information on the country in general, as a follow-up to Chris Wood's Saturday Series talk earlier in 1997.

- FLORENCE—ALTERNATIVE THINGS TO DO** David Collins
 Wednesday 4 February 2.00–3.30 Swinburne TD 240
 David suggests what to do if the queues for the Accademia and for the Uffizi are 5 km long, and/or you have more than a week (or the usual four days) to spend in the city.
- HERODOTUS AND XENOPHON** John Salvaris
 Wednesday 14 & 21 January 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240
 John tells interesting stories from Herodotus' *Histories* and Xenophon's *Persian Expedition*.
- ITALIAN VERBS** Nan Inglis
 Monday 12, 19, 26 January and 2 February 9.30–11.00 Swinburne TD 240
 A series of four lectures aimed at revising Italian verbs: (a) present, past and imperfect tenses; (b) future and past absolute tenses; (c) voice and mood—passive and imperative; (d) more moods—conditional and subjunctive. (Members may book for all or part of the series depending on individual needs.)
- LAKE PEDDER and SOUTH-WEST TASMANIA** Les Southwell
 Saturday 17 January 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240
 Les will give an illustrated talk on south-west Tasmania, plus a brief account of the long battle to conserve the area as a major national park.
- MEDICOS EXTRAORDINAIRE** Barry Firkin
 Wednesday 28 January and 4 February 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240
 Professor Firkin will talk about colourful personalities in surgery and medicine and about 'truants from medicine'—medical graduates who achieved fame in other callings.
- MUSICAL THEATRE** Al Irvine
 Saturday 14 February 10.00–11.30 Swinburne TD 240
 A nostalgic glance at musical theatre and its odd spots.
- REPUBLICAN ISSUE** Ron Taft
 Monday 12, 19, 26 January 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240
 Members of the Republican Convention will have been selected and will be planning the agenda for the meeting in February. The group will be considering some of the issues with which the Convention must come to grips.
- ST FRANCIS CHURCH** John H. Byrne
 Tuesday 3 February 9.30–11.00 Swinburne TD 240
 John will discuss the history of St Francis Church, Melbourne—the changes that have influenced it and its important musical heritage, including such figures as Nellie Melba, etc.
- TIBET—LHASA** Suzy Lebas
 Thursday 5 February 2.00–3.30 Swinburne TD 240
 Suzy is a remarkable traveller and contributes regular feature articles to *Antiques and Art in Victoria*. She will give an illustrated talk on Tibet, with particular emphasis on the capital, Lhasa.
- TRAD JAZZ—HOW AND WHY** Barney Govan-Smith
 Friday 16, 23, 30 January & 6 February 1.15–2.45 Swinburne TD 240
 Barney explains how and when it started and why it continues.
- TRAVELLER'S TALE—THE MIDDLE EAST** Joyce Phillips
 Friday 6 February 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240
 Joyce will give an illustrated talk on her visit to Jordan, Israel and Egypt. Once the crossroads of the known world, the Middle East is now a fascinating place where ancient monuments remain side by side with modern civilisation—but often a civilisation with a difference.
- TWENTIETH CENTURY AS I LIVED IT** Yehuda Svoray
 Thursday 15, 22, 29 January & 5 February 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240
 A personal account of a political, social and cultural journey through our century from Hitler's Germany to pre-Israel Palestine, kibbutz life in Israel, and the emergence of multiculturalism in Australia.
- WOMEN AND SHIPWRECKS** Leonie Foster
 Tuesday 13 January 11.15–12.45 Swinburne TD 240
 Women have been insufficiently acknowledged in Australia's maritime history. This talk redresses the balance in their part in shipwrecks.