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## A CELEBRATION OF SHAKESPEARE II in words and music

**SPEAKERS:** Saul Bastomsky, Beverley Menzies,  
Jacci & Chris Simpson, Lucy Tobin

**U3A FRIDAY SINGERS**  
(Leader: Judith Chipman)  
Music compiled & accompanied by Ruth Muir

**MUSIC IN THE WIND QUINTET**  
Soloist: Phyllis Todner

## SHAKESPEARE SCENES, SPEECHES & SONGS

Music by Schubert, Verdi, Mendelssohn and others

**DEvised & PRESENTED BY MICHAEL CLARK**

35 performers in another entertainment from the works  
of the world's greatest writer  
(ACOS I was the dress rehearsal—ACOS II is the real thing!)

**THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2001 AT 2 p.m.**

**UNITING CHURCH, OXLEY ROAD, HAWTHORN**

**DONATION \$3**

Please book with the office so that we can cater for afternoon tea

**NOTE:** Parking restrictions in the area have changed recently; please allow extra time to find parking near the venue, and read the parking signs carefully.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PhD Study: 'Caring for the elderly'

In our March 2001 Newsletter we published guidelines for the study being carried out by Gery Karantzas at La Trobe University. Some members of the Committee of Management disagreed with the parameters of the groups to be studied, and have written as follows:

Dear Editor,

With reference to the PhD project, 'Caring for the elderly—caregiving between elderly parents and adult children' published in the last Newsletter, we would like to comment.

We feel that the PhD student undertaking this study may not appreciate adequately the nature of members of the U3A movement, to whom he is appealing for assistance by participating in his study. Although there would be many U3A members who would qualify for category (1), it is to be hoped that the student is also able to observe the creative, less dependent and more pro-active aspects of the lives of our members, most of whom contribute very positively and energetically in diverse ways to community and family activities, including those of their adult children.

The various categories of participants targeted in the study all appear to be dependent to a greater or lesser extent on their adult children. It is worth noting that the 'self-help' nature of our organisation ensures that we are not simply passive recipients of various forms of welfare and support, but are vigorous contributors in our own right to the well-being of our society.

Having set the record straight, we wish the student every success in his endeavours!

Ruth Muir and David Neilson, Committee of Management.

### 'Recorders Plus' Concert

Dear Editor,

On May Day I spent a very pleasant afternoon—not marching or protesting, but enjoying a concert given by the recorder players of the Hawthorn U3A under the guidance of Linnell Barelli, with soprano Elizabeth Howie, cellist Margot Bremner, and organist/composer Jean Wilson, at the East Kew Uniting Church.

The programme was varied and delightful and included three pieces by Australian composers (Peter Madge, Glyn Marillier and Jean Wilson—her latest work) transcribed for recorders by Linnell. The four recorder groups all played with nice phrasing, intonation and verve, and it was pleasing to see so many people (some presumably newcomers to the instrument) playing and enjoying the recorder.

Congratulations to Linnell Barelli, the other performers and assistants on the day for a thoroughly entertaining concert. We look forward to the next one.

Reay Bolton

## SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

These lectures are continuing throughout 2001 on the last Saturday of each month up to November. Details of the three lectures for June, July and August are on the accompanying sheet. Overall demand permitting, members may each bring one visitor with them. Please note the altered time to 10.30 a.m. for the July lecture

Bookings will be accepted only for the month of the lecture, i.e. the July lecture can be booked only in July, not before.

There will be no possibility of turning up without a booking (including the name of any guest) and as usual it will be a case of first up, best dressed, SO PLEASE GET YOUR BOOKING IN EARLY in the month and keep your own record of it.

## SATURDAY SERIES — HELP WANTED

Volunteers (ideally two people) are sought to take over the running of the Saturday Series of talks for the rest of 2001. All speaker slots have already been filled for 2001, so it is a matter of organising matters at the venue for the rest of the year and from then on in 2002. For details, please ring Derek Readman (9853 6463).

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Sixteenth Annual General Meeting has come and gone. Approximately 130 members gathered to transact our business and then listen to the quite inspiring and moving address by Mrs Jean McCaughey.

The retiring members of our Committee of Management were thanked, especially the Secretary for five years, Derek Readman, and the Treasurer, Philip Stanley, who had served in that capacity for four years; their contributions have been quite outstanding. The following were elected to serve for 2001:

### Office bearers:

President	Jean Giese
Secretary	Peter Anderson
Treasurer	Brian Adams

### Committee:

Hans van Dorssen	Pamela Rogers
Prue Ferguson	Ron Taft
Geoff Guilfoyle	Christine Watters
Ruth Muir	Helen Williams
David Neilson	

Judith Elsworth of the Hawthorn Community Education Project is an *ex-officio* member of the Committee. Other members who fulfil key roles, but who do not wish to serve on the Committee, have agreed to continue; they are:

Joan Donlon	Course Co-ordinator, including venue hire
Jill FitzGibbon	Membership Secretary
Margaret Borden	Office Manager
Derek Readman	Curriculum Development, Saturday Series, Summer School

After the AGM we telephoned our old members who had not renewed, finding that some were not well and were pleased to hear from us; some had moved from our area; and some were busy with new pursuits. Our membership in May 2001 stands at 1026—up 34 on last year.

The Curriculum for the second half of this year accompanies this *Newsletter*. All the full-

year classes continue, and there is the opportunity to embark on Latin studies in a new beginners' class, or to learn Arabic! There are nine new short courses on offer between June and September, and possibly some more after that, which will be advertised in September.

Our Recorder groups, with additional instrumentalists and a vocalist, presented a very enjoyable concert in May under the direction of their tutor, Linnell Barelli. The audience of 100 expressed their appreciation, including some recorder students from other U3A campuses who told us their classes had been inspired by Hawthorn's achievements. Some of these new groups have received assistance from Linnell, who has provided her arrangements of music for the recorder. See a letter to the Editor about this concert.

The first orchestral concert for the year was also held in May. We could hardly pack the large audience into the Chandelier Room at the Hawthorn Town Hall. All were loud in their praise and appreciation of the high standard of the lovely programme. Boroondara Councillor Martina Hayes said the Council should be very proud of our Orchestra, and she could hardly believe how good it is.

The Orchestra's next concert is on Thursday 16 August (see notice on p. 5).

So we go from strength to strength with our music programmes. The Choir will present its annual concert on Tuesday 17 July (see notice on p. 5), and the Reading Shakespeare class and Friday Singers promise us another great afternoon with Shakespeare on Thursday 21 June (see front page). We do our best to make winter cheerful for our members! Please book with the office for these occasions, to make it easier for the organisers.

*Jean Giese,*  
President

## U3A ON THE INTERNET

### U3A ONLINE

This is an internet-based facility funded by the Federal Government which has begun providing U3A-style short courses (usually 8 weeks) designed in particular for isolated members of the community. Those already members of U3A or who identify themselves (when booking) as isolated pay \$12 per course (\$16 for others). There are three study options:

- Option A Self-study with access to course materials at any time after payment of course fees.
- Option B Self-study in small groups of 12–15, with independent forums for discussion.
- Option C Study in small groups as (B), with a course leader (often the writer of the course).

Courses available for 2001 include:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ageing and retirement            | Design in your life             |
| Antarctica: the frozen continent | Genealogy                       |
| Astronomy                        | History of the English language |
| Botany for knowledge & enjoyment | Life and times of Henry Lawson  |
| Comparative religion             | The Romans                      |
| Continents on the move           | Writing family history          |

To enrol, go to <http://u3aonline.edna.edu.au> for information on courses, then click How to Enrol.

For further information, you can also contact:

The Project Coordinator U3A Online Resources Ltd  
PO Box 308, Jamison Centre, ACT, 2614.  
Email: [info@u3aonline.org.au](mailto:info@u3aonline.org.au)  
Telephone: 02 6251 7785; fax: 02 6251 7935

### New U3A Interactive Website

You can now visit a new website set up by Hawthorn U3A member Jenny Todd, to exchange views and ideas in a Forum, have a chat, post upcoming events in your group. If you do not have a computer, you can access the site at your local library.

If you have a computer, the minimum requirements are a Modem and an Internet Service Provider. If you need training for the internet, some U3A groups (not Hawthorn) have classes covering this.

The requisite steps are:

- 1 Have a valid email address (free from Hotmail, if you have not got one already).
- 2 Register with mc2 (a one-off process): click on the 'New users' or 'Register' link on the front page at [mc2.vicnet.net.au](http://mc2.vicnet.net.au) and follow the directions.

Note: the full address is <http://mc2.vicnet.net.au> and the title of the site is U3A wired to the world. Membership is free and permits full read/write participation.

**Most importantly, our own address is <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~u3ahawth>**

## WOMEN HONOURED AT FEDERATION CELEBRATIONS

On the Monday of Federation week, there was a gathering at Parliament House, Melbourne, to celebrate 'Women Shaping the Nation'. One of the hundred women recognised on the impressive list was Betty Marginson, U3A Hawthorn's immediate past President. In the 1970s Betty was the first woman Mayor of Hawthorn, and was the first woman on the Executive of the Municipal Association of Victoria. These are by no means the only contributions made to Australia and Australians by this indomitable mover-and-shaker, who has devoted a great part of her time to helping others and to seeing that things get done.

Our congratulations to Betty Marginson—we are very proud of our past President!

Two wonderful concerts to note in your diary now:

**U3A HAWTHORN CHOIR**  
directed by Judith Chipman  
presents another  
**MISCELLANY OF MUSICAL DELIGHTS**  
*Singers in various groupings from solo to full choir*

**Tuesday 17 July at 10.30 a.m.**  
**Chandelier Room, HAWTHORN TOWN HALL**

Donation of \$3 to cover music copyright expenses and tea/coffee, etc. after the concert

Please book with the office to help with arrangements for seating and light refreshments

and also

**U3A HAWTHORN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**  
directed by Christopher Martin  
presents  
**2001 CONCERT NUMBER TWO**  
Beethoven, Symphony No. 8  
Vaughan Williams, The Lark Ascending  
Bach, Double Violin Concerto

**Thursday 16 August at 10.30 a.m.**  
**East Kew Uniting Church, Normanby Road (near High Street)**  
Tram routes 24 and 48

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### U3A GOES FULL CIRCLE

The enthusiasm of Monica Low, one of our members, has taken us full circle. In 1984 Anne White inaugurated the Hawthorn campus modelled on that of Cambridge in the UK. Now Monica has inspired her friend, Gwen Bush of Hayle in Cornwall, to establish a U3A campus there. Monica supplied Gwen with information about our Hawthorn campus and also a copy of our video.

To date Gwen has inspired the establishment of three campuses—Hayle, St Ives and St Just. She has recently been travelling around the county as spokeswoman for U3A West Cornwall, showing our video to interested groups.

It all shows that you cannot—and should not—keep a good idea to yourself!

## OUR BOTANIC GARDENS IN SPRING

The Voluntary Guides of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, are running an eight-week series of one-and-a-half hour sessions from 10.00 to 11.30 a.m. on Wednesdays from 5 September to 24 October.

The fee is \$27.50 (inclusive of GST). For further details about enrolling and bookings, please ring their number, 9252 2429.

## ARE YOU A WISER DRIVER?

The Wiser Driver course will be run once again at 24 Wakefield Street on Wednesdays 13, 20, 27 June and 4 July. The four-week course looks at issues of concern for older drivers, such as keeping up to date with the new rules, fitness to drive, roadworthiness for cars, and transport alternatives.

The course fee is \$15, which includes morning tea.

If you would like to join in, please ring Judith Elsworth or Liliana Parrella of the Hawthorn Community Education Project on 9819 5771.

## ATTENTION ALL WRITERS

### Glpsland Writers' Festival

The inaugural festival will be held in Stratford on 27–28 October 2001, and will feature activities appealing to writers and readers. There will be keynote speeches, creative writing workshops and readings. The Festival Committee is interested in hearing from individual writers and writers' groups.

You can contact Violeta Balhas on [vileletters@b150.aone.net.au](mailto:vileletters@b150.aone.net.au), or PO Box 864, Bairnsdale, 3875.

### Queensland Literary Competition

As in previous years, the Moncrieff U3A North Gold Coast Inc. ~~is running a competition for short stories and poetry (two sections in each), with prizes of \$100, \$60 and \$30 each of the four sections.~~ The fee is \$5 per entry per section.

If you would like to try your hand, we have details of the sections, conditions of entry, enrolment procedures and entry form in the office at Wakefield Street.

## U3A-UK UNIVERSITIES TOUR

This tour for U3A members, operated by SAGA (a long-established company specialising in tours for older people) will be repeated in July this year. Given the state of our dollar, it seems a good package, with the benefit of three one-week stays at three universities and, as there is single-room accommodation, the horrific 'single supplement' is dispensed with. There have been very good reports of the tour in 2000 run on the same lines.

You can obtain more details of the tour from the office of U3A Network Victoria—telephone 9662 9177; fax 9662 9477; e-mail [u3anet@vicnet.net.au](mailto:u3anet@vicnet.net.au)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE UK

If any of our members attended Auburn South State school between 1932 and 1936, Joyce Wood of Warwick District U3A, UK, would love to hear from you. She is particularly interested in contacting Valerie Smith, her friend at the time.

Even if you do not fit the bill, Joyce would be happy to have a chat, if you would like to contact her. Her e-mail address is [joycewood@lineone.net](mailto:joycewood@lineone.net)

## HEALTH AND ALL THAT JAZZ

### Attention Study

Volunteers are required for a research study of Attention, covering changes taking place in the brain when performing attention tasks (this is connected to studies of Alzheimer's disease). It involves wearing a special cap to record the brain's electrical activity while watching letters on a computer screen. It requires attendance at Swinburne for about 2.5 hours; there is a remuneration of \$25.

Prerequisites are:

Right-handed, 55–85 years

No history of dementia, psychiatric disorders or neurological diseases.

Please ring Mr Lee on 9214 5543 or 041 561 5987, e-mail [lihw@bsi.swin.edu.au](mailto:lihw@bsi.swin.edu.au)

### Asthma Study

Monash University Medical School and the Alfred Hospital Department of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology are seeking volunteers with mild to moderate asthma, 75 years of age or less, non- or ex-smoker, to help in comparing the benefits of three commonly used medications.

If you wish help or to find out more details, you (or your doctor) can telephone Allison Wilton, Research Nurse, or Dr Frank Thien, Study Physician, on 9276 3241.

### Inner East Community Health Service

Our members may wish to be aware that there is a great range of services offered at the Boroondara Community Health Centre, Burwood Road, Hawthorn (the old Post Office site). There is also a parallel service run by the Yarra Health Services in Church Street, Richmond. The IECHS also runs a variety of health education courses, group activities, and physiotherapy services at the Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre, and a hostel for 29 frail aged residents (with some respite care) at Sir Eric Pearce House, Church Street, Richmond.

A small fee is charged for services for Health Card holders, with a higher fee for non-Health Card holders [*Budget stop press—that's almost nobody!*]. However, there are exemptions if you enquire at the time. Further details are available from HCEP, 9819 5771.

### Running for Health

Aimed at the 50+-year-group, Body World Gym and the Council of the Aging (COTA) are organising the Living Longer Living Stronger strength training programme. This covers sessions of 20–60 minutes of running (with a staff member) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. If you would like some more-information, you could ring 9882 2201.

### We know what they mean, but it's not what they said ... (an occasional series)

The following are a few gems from our personal collection of misprints:

- Clerics hit at children in hotels [headline]
- Ice-chest, Esky, Clean one lady £3 ... [advertisement]
- Shoes. Pair white high hell £3 ... [advertisement]
- He was launching the Council's Easter safe-driving campaign, the motto 'Brick Them Back Alive'.
- Sir Dallas Brooks (67) arrived back in London today after nearly 114 years as Governor of Victoria.
- Tchaikovsky—Piano concerto No. 1 (Pervy Grainger) using piano rolls. [*Age Green Guide*]
- Killer whale outwits Irish police [*Daily Telegraph* headline]
- Are you an umpire—or want to be one? Our umpires ...are a great bunch of blocks.

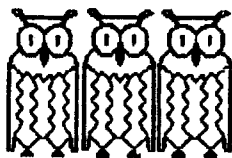
**SEPTEMBER 2001 NEWSLETTER**

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**WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST (noon) please**

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## 2001 SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

**30 June FEDERATION—AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA: a comparison**

**Dr Donna Merwick, Visiting Fellow, Australian National University, Canberra**

The years 1789 and 1901 were momentous ones in the history of the two nations. Federation in both countries was a battle to be fought and a triumph to be won—and lived out. Dr Merwick will take a look at both these countries during these years.

**28 July THE EMPEROR NERO IN LEGEND**

**Mr Saul Bastomsky, former Head of Department of Classics and Archaeology, Monash University**

Nero has always fascinated those interested in things Roman. Legends abound of his survival after a supposed suicide, and the lecture will deal with a few of those stories, including that of Nero as the anti-Christ.

**25 August ENCOMPASSING OCEANIA**

**Professor Greg Dening, Emeritus Professor of History, University of Melbourne**

Professor Dening follows the flight of the Yolla (shearwaters or muttonbirds) on their yearly circuit of the Pacific, to make an odyssey of his own—a reflection on his forty-five years of writing on the history and anthropology of Oceania.

### LOCATION FOR ALL LECTURES

Lecture Theatre TD 121, ground floor, TAFE Building TD, Swinburne University of Technology, junction of Wakefield and John Streets. Enter from Wakefield Street or Park Street (see map over)

### TIME

2.30–4.00 p.m.

### COST

Free to members, who may each bring one friend only.

### BOOKINGS

Booking of seats (maximum of 100) is strongly advised for each talk, and seats will be held for those who have booked until 2.25 p.m. on the day of the talk. Otherwise, seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Bookings are accepted only during the month of the talk, e.g. bookings for July's talk will be taken only during July. This can be done on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (Wednesday 9.30 to 1 p.m.) by telephone (9214 8824 or 9818 7371) or personally at the office, 24 Wakefield Street, during the same hours.

There will be no written confirmation of bookings; please therefore keep your own record of your bookings.

### BADGES

PLEASE remember to wear your name badge.