



# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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Two great concerts to look forward to:

## U3A HAWTHORN CHOIR

directed by Judith Chipman, presents

### A CHORAL CONCERT

*Singers in various groupings from solo to full choir*

**Tuesday 18 June at 10.30 a.m.**

**Hawthorn Town Hall (Chandelier Room), Burwood Road**

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

with guest conductor: Philip Carrington  
presents

### ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

including

Beethoven, Symphony No. 1

Mozart Flute Concerto No. 1, soloist Eleanor Donelan

**Thursday 8 August at 10.30 a.m.**

**East Kew Uniting Church, Normanby Road (near High Street)**

Tram routes 24 and 48, Melway 45 J 3

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### OUR WEBSITE – A CORRECTION

The address given in the March 2002 Newsletter was not correct. The current address is:

[www.vicnet.au/~u3ahawth](http://www.vicnet.au/~u3ahawth)

With apologies from your Editor, who is technically behind the times, as usual!

## U3A NETWORK WANT A TREASURER

The U3A Victoria Network are looking for an honorary Treasurer to keep them on the straight-and-narrow! There is no need to be physically present for any length of time at 210 Lonsdale Street—previous treasurers have worked on their own computers at home and attended the Executive meetings each month. The situation is under control up to the end of this month (June), but a retired accountant would surely achieve a glow of virtue from helping this not-for-profit organisation. Please contact Sheila Moore, telephone 9662 9177; fax 9662 9477; e-mail [u3anet@vicnet.au](mailto:u3anet@vicnet.au)

## HELPING THE BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood of St Laurence runs the Coolibah Centre, a day centre for older disadvantaged people in the City of Yarra and its surrounds. They are looking for speakers to share interests with their members—for example, previous talks have included subjects as diverse as arthritis, birds, grief, budgeting—obviously the field is wide open!

If you would like to contribute some time to this rewarding project, please contact Heidi Beyer, Recreation Worker, on telephone 9483 1183, fax 9417 2691.

## WE NEED ANOTHER HELPER IN OUR COMPUTER TEAM

We need a computer-literate member to take over the publishing of our quarterly Newsletter to our website. This must be done on the last Wednesday of February, May, August and November and takes at most one day, with about another half-hour on the following Tuesday. It is essential that the applicant can commit himself/herself to this schedule.

The applicant would hopefully be conversant with Ms Windows 98, Microsoft Word 2000 and Ms Publisher; however, full training and an instruction manual will be provided.

Please contact our Database Manager, Hans van Dorssen, through the office.

## THE 2002 BUDGET

The government thinking behind the current budget may well appear impenetrable to those of us on the sharper receiving end. Judy Elsworth of Hawthorn Community Education Centre has been delving around in her computer and come up with information on the *Intergenerational Report* on which the Federal Treasurer has apparently based his figures/conclusions. The website for this is [www.budget.gov.au](http://www.budget.gov.au), then go to **Budget Paper No. 5**. Do not be daunted by the 100+ pages involved—there is an overview of a mere 16 pages. Have fun!

## A SOJOURN IN SOUTH YARRA, ANYONE?

Two of our members will be going overseas for six weeks from the beginning of September, and would love to have someone house-sit for them and, most importantly, cat-sit their two beautiful Burmese cats, as the usual minder is not available. They live in a comfortable house in a delightful part of South Yarra and there is room for off-street parking for a car. Duties are two meals a day for the cats, with regular fresh water, and tray-changing a couple of times a week. Please leave your name and telephone number at our office, and Shirley or David will be delighted to contact you.

## LOOKING FOR A LOO?

We all know how hard it is to find public toilets when we are on outings. There is an unusual website set up by the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care—a National Toilet Map site. Visit

<http://www.toiletmap.gov.au/>

and you can print out a map of the relevant area to be visited.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our 17th Annual General meeting on 17 April was a happy occasion, with most of the 130 who attended staying to enjoy a light lunch and the company of fellow students and guests. It was pleasing to have our Boroondara Mayor, Councillor Meredith Butler, and Councillors Coral Ross and Judith Voce present, together with the Managers of two of the Council's departments.

A very interesting address was given by our guest speaker, Sir Edward Woodward, and he answered many questions about the University of Melbourne and the changing times.

The retiring members of our Committee of Management were thanked, and the following members were elected unopposed to serve for the coming 12 months:

### Office bearers:

President	Jean Giese
Secretary	Peter Anderson
Treasurer	Brian Adams

### Committee:

Fred Bolza	Henry Horne
Pam Davis	Pilar Manovel
Prue Ferguson	Ruth Muir
Geoff Guilfoyle	Hans van Dorssen
Joan Harding	Helen Williams

Judy Elsworth is the representative of Hawthorn Community Education Centre, and Elizabeth Cameron will continue as Minute Secretary. Bill Anderson was elected as auditor for 2002.

Margaret Borden, who has retired as Office Manager, was thanked for her tireless efforts over the past six years. The great contributions made by Joan Donlon as Course Co-ordinator and Derek Readman as organiser of our Saturday Series of lectures and the Summer School were acknowledged. Both have indicated that they do not wish to serve on the Committee of Management, but are happy to continue in their roles for the coming year.

A statement was distributed to members at the AGM informing them of Swinburne

University's plans to develop the western end of the campus, which will mean the demolition of 24 Wakefield Street which houses our office and two classrooms. We acknowledged the tremendous support our U3A has received from Swinburne in the 17 years of our existence, and also of the Boroondara Council, all of which we trust will continue into the future, enabling us to fulfil a significant social and educational commitment to the senior citizens of this City.

Since the AGM, we have received good news (for us) that the University's plans are not as far advanced as had been thought, and the demolition will probably not now commence until the end of 2003, rather than the beginning.

Unfortunately our orchestral concert in May had to be cancelled as our conductor, Christopher Martin, had to undergo further treatment. Our thoughts are with him and we hope he will be back again soon. However, Philip Carrington has generously agreed to be our guest conductor, and help the orchestra prepare for their concert on 8 August. At this concert the guest soloist will be the flautist Eleanor Donelan, the granddaughter of Ruth Muir, our Orchestra Manager and Music Co-ordinator. Be sure to book with the office for our Choral Concert on 18 June and the Orchestral Concert in August—see details on page 1 of this section. Your bookings do help us with seating and catering arrangements.

The Curriculum for the second half of the year accompanies this Newsletter. All the full-year courses continue and there are some new short courses to tempt you, as well as a new monthly book group.

We had to complain bitterly to Australia Post in March because our members in some areas did not receive their *News* for up to 11 days after the bulk mailing was lodged at the Post Office. We trust they will do better this time.

*Jean Giese,*  
President

## SOME TOURS FOR THE FOOTLOOSE

**Canadian Rockies & Alaska**—13 days from 20/8/02—twin share \$5936 pp, single \$8096, triple \$5796 pp

**China & the Yangtze River Cruise**—17 days from 8/11/02—twin share \$5659 pp, single \$7239

Both these tours are organised through U3A Network, Vic., Inc. and Collette Tours.

**Western Australian Wildflowers**—15 days 23/8—6/9/02—twin share \$3297 pp, single \$3864

This is organised by U3A Waverley and Sun River Tours Pty Ltd.

Brochures with full details of these tours can be consulted in our office.

**Jordan, Syria & Lebanon**—26 days in October 2002 led by Henk Overberg (telephone 9580 5651)

This is organised by City of Kingson U3A and Mordialloc Travel (telephone 980 8100, fax 9587 5789)

## NEW WISER DRIVER COURSE Hawthorn Community Education Centre

There will be a new WISER DRIVER COURSE FOR OLDER DRIVERS, which is designed to encourage greater road safety, starting on Wednesday 10 July at 10.30 a.m. for four Wednesdays up to 31 July, at 24 Wakefield Street. The enrolment fee is \$15 payable at the first session, which includes morning tea.

Parking in the area can be difficult, so please allow plenty of time. The multi-storey car park opposite the Centre in Wakefield Street costs \$3.30 per day.

Telephone 9891 5758 or 9819 5771 to register.

## ANOTHER LITERARY COMPETITION

Moncrieff U3A North Gold Coast Inc. are running another competition, closing date 9 August 2002. There are two sections for short stories and two sections for poetry, with prizes of \$100, \$60 and \$30 in each section.

Full details and application forms may be copied from the forms in our office.

## A SMALL CONUNDRUM ...

This was wished on the Editor by Geoffrey Guilfoyle, and she would rather he hadn't.

WHAT IS	more evil than the Devil, greater than God, the rich need it, the poor have it, if you eat it, you die?
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This has appeared on the Internet, so you may know the answer already—please don't spoil it for the rest, let them rack their brains!

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