



# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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Two great concerts to look forward to:

## U3A HAWTHORN CHAMBER

### ORCHESTRA

and guest conductor Basil Hawkins

present an

### ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

Mozart, Symphony no. 25  
Paganini, 'La Campanella', violin soloist Lachlan Bramble  
Beethoven, Symphony no. 5

Thursday 19 June at 10.30 a.m.

St Mark's Anglican Church, cnr Burke & Canterbury Rds, Camberwell

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 CHOIR

directed by Judith Chipman, presents

### A CHORAL CONCERT

*Singers in various groupings from solo to full choir*

Tuesday 22 July at 10.30 a.m.

Hawthorn Town Hall (Chandeller Room), Burwood Road

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## SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

These popular and stimulating lectures are continuing throughout 2003 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.

Bookings will be accepted only for the month of the lecture, i.e. the August lecture can be booked only in August, not before. PLEASE GET YOUR BOOKING IN EARLY in the month and keep your own record of it.

### U3A OZ PROMS CONCERT, 2003

The Oz Proms concert in the Melbourne Town Hall on Saturday 22 March was a highlight of Seniors' Week. Our own Choir and Orchestra took a prominent part in the proceedings (revelling in the chance to perform again Handel's coronation anthem, *Zadok the Priest*) and a large and enthusiastic audience enjoyed every moment.

We were extremely fortunate in having the leadership of Douglas Heywood who, with his usual flair, conducted the massed choir of 170 U3A members, the orchestra, the 57 secondary school pupils of the 'Joining the Chorus' choir, and the audience.

It was an exhausting but immensely exciting day, and an occasion of which we were proud to be a part.

Here are just a few of the many messages received across the U3A system:

- U3A should be proud of the quality and diversity of artists as performed. There will surely be a call for encores!
- My heartiest congratulations on the wonderful concert. I thought the programme was terrific. Whoever thought of Doug Heywood was inspired, and the Oz Prom was a brilliant concept. ... It bore out every argument we have advanced for the quality of the contribution that older people can bring to life. A great tribute to the worth of co-operational activity.
- A 40+-year-old son of one of the members declared that he had enjoyed it so much he thought he would start going to concerts.
- Participating in the Oz Proms Concert was the highlight of my whole life.
- One of our choir members said that she had not been in a public performance since school days, and what a wonderful experience it was.
- What a glorious afternoon's entertainment was provided to the capacity audience ... I wish to thank and congratulate you and everybody else concerned with its production. I really felt quite uplifted and am still on a bit of a 'high'.
- The concert was a joy and an outstanding success thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. Our choir and chimes [Bendigo U3A] are now motivated to improve and expand their horizons after hearing and seeing what others are doing. Dare I say it—what about next year?
- And someone in a position to know thought it was the best event of the Seniors' Festival!

### A TRIBUTE TO A FORMER PRESIDENT

A Centenary Medal has been awarded to Betty Marginson 'for services to the community in establishing the University of the Third Age in Australia'.

Betty was our first President at U3A Hawthorn and also was an instigator of the U3A Network, to co-ordinate the various independent U3As in Victoria.

This is an award richly deserved and we are all delighted that Betty has been so honoured.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our 18th Annual General Meeting on 30 April was a very pleasant event, although we were sad to farewell two old friends from the Committee. It was a pleasure to welcome Judith Voce, the new Mayor of Boroondara, and Sheila Moore from the U3A Network.

Our guest speaker, Peter Anderson, delighted us with a wonderful talk about the 150-year history of the MCG—not only about cricket and other games, but also personalities from Billy Graham to Madonna!

Derek Readman, on behalf of the membership, thanked two outstanding and long-serving committee members, Jean Giese and Hans van Dorssen, who have not renominated for the Committee. Jean has been a very popular, active and successful President for seven years, and has led U3A Hawthorn to its current position of strength, both in terms of membership and calibre of courses. Fortunately Jean will still be a major contributor as a tutor and as a worker in the office. Hans van Dorssen has been a valuable member of the Committee for ten years and set up our database. We are pleased that Hans will continue to be our Database Manager.

In her address, Jean Giese advised that we have received notice that we must vacate the premises at 24 Wakefield Street by August this year. An accommodation Subcommittee has been formed to deal with this situation and is currently busy working on this problem.

The Committee for the next 12 months will comprise the following members, all of whom were elected unopposed:

President Christine Watters  
Secretary Peter Anderson  
Treasurer Brian Adams

Committee:

Meg Adams Joan Harding  
Fred Bolza Henry Horne  
Pam Davis Pilar Manovel  
Prue Ferguson Ruth Muir  
Geoff Guilfoyle Helen Williams

The invited representative from Hawthorn Community Education Centre is Judy Elsworth.

In addition to the members of the Committee, there are many people in U3A Hawthorn who work very hard to make your organisation successful. Special mention is due to Joan Donlon and Derek Readman, who continue to do the essential work of developing and co-ordinating the courses, and Joan also identifies and manages the numerous venues. Others who are responsible for various key functions are:

Course Co-ordinator	Joan Donlon
Office management	Meg Adams
Saturday Series and Summer School	Derek Readman
Curriculum development	Everyone + Derek
Membership Secretary	Jill FitzGibbon
Database Manager	Hans van Dorssen
Music Co-ordinator	Ruth Muir
News Editor	Helen Williams
News Despatch	Janet McCombe
Tutor liaison (languages)	Pilar Manovel
Asst Treasurer (banking)	Prue Ferguson
Promotion/publicity	Fred Bolza
Network representative	Fred Bolza
Catering co-ordinator	Jean Giese (temp.)

We have enjoyed a great deal of wonderful music from our musicians in the last two months. The Oz Proms Concert in March was a huge success; we have had accolades galore. A special thank-you to Ruth Muir, our music co-ordinator, to Judith Chipman and all the many participants. On 1 May our recorder players, with guest musicians and U3A dancers, presented the Recorders Plus concert. We were all delighted with the variety and skill of the participants and thank Linnell Barelli and her team for a great concert. We look forward to the next one in two years' time.

The Curriculum for the second half of the year accompanies this Newsletter. There are eight new short courses in addition to the continuing ones.

I am honoured to have been elected to this position, and look forward to the challenge of the next year.

*Christine Watters*  
President

## **U3A NETWORK CONFERENCE: *Keeping Connected—the social dimension***

This will be held on Wednesday, 18 June 2003, at the Cato Conference Centre, Hotel Y, YWCA, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. There are speakers, a panel forum and summary, with lunch and afternoon tea, from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 per person, and the closing date for registration is 6/6/03. You can obtain a copy of the registration form at the office.

## **13th IRISH-AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE**

Papers are being sought for this international Irish Studies conference, 'Irish Spaces: homeland and asylum, empire and diaspora', to be held at the University of Melbourne on 29 September–1 October 2004. The conference covers Ireland, the Irish abroad, the Irish in Australia, and many related topics. It will be based. If you are interested in speaking or attending, you can get a copy of further details in our office.

## **CENTRELINK—extra services for mature age people**

Centrelink is more than just an office handling pensions and 'dole' payments. From September 2003 they will have Personal Advisers who can help by referring you to service providers and community support in your area. You can get information about income support payments, carer's allowance, or even how to get more involved in helping in your community. More information and contact numbers are available in our office.

## **Moncrieff U3A (Gold Coast) 2003 Literary Competition**

Details of this Short Story/Poetry competition (closing date 8/8/03) are available in our office.

### **PROCEDURES FOR ENROLLING IN U3A CLASSES**

- 1 **Class enrolment forms** are at the end of the Curriculum section. It is essential that **one** form be completed for **EACH** course you wish to enter and returned to the office without delay.
- 2 Please notify the office immediately if you cannot start or continue a course.
- 3 Notification of acceptance in a course will be posted to you two or three weeks before class commencement.
- 4 All classes run for the year unless otherwise specified.
- 5 A member who is absent for **TWO CONSECUTIVE CLASSES** *without* notifying the office or the relevant tutor will be deemed to have withdrawn, and the place will be offered to a member on the waiting list.
- 6 Students are requested not to enrol in two classes of a similar nature, e.g. two current affairs classes.
- 7 For students from campuses other than Hawthorn, it is regretted that a maximum of two courses can be offered. Priority is given to our own members if there is competition for a place in the class.

### **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK ...**

The story goes that a lady, on reaching the age of 65, decided to keep herself fit and healthy by walking five kilometres every day.

A fine and laudable resolution—but the problem is that by now she has turned 75 and nobody knows where she is!

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