



# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

**Twenty-second Annual General Meeting:** Our 2007 AGM, well attended by our membership, was held at Sinclair Avenue on 26 April. Also attending were our local member for Hawthorn, Ted Baillieu, the Mayor of Boroondara, Councillor Phillip Healey, and Councillors Dick Menting and Coral Ross.

In commenting on her Presidential Report, which had been distributed at the meeting, Liz Pittman reported on her visits to 70 of our classes towards the end of 2006 which had convinced her that being President of such a wonderful organization was really worthwhile.

Liz thanked Councillors and Council Officers for the support and encouragement we continue to receive from them. We are also grateful for advice given by Ted Baillieu. She expressed the hope that by year-end we will have a formal agreement with Council giving us secure tenure at Sinclair Avenue. This would enable further improvements that will add significantly to the usefulness of the premises.

Following the resignations from the Committee of Ruth Hoadley and Pilar Manovel, Rod Benjamin and Beth Johns accepted nomination to the Committee and were duly elected unopposed along with other retiring members, including the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

At the conclusion of the formal part of the meeting, those present were addressed by Dr Michael McKernan, an historian and former Deputy Director of the Australian War Memorial. His topic was Anzac day in History and he recalled that Anzac Day is a story full of sadness and grief when we think with pride of the achievements of Australia at war. He reminded us that we must also remember the suffering of those left behind whom we tend to forget.

**A Tribute To Derek:** A highlight of the AGM was the conferring of U3A's highest honour, Honorary Life Membership, on Derek Readman. In presenting Derek with a framed certificate and a small token of appreciation, Liz Pittman recalled his exceptional contribution which commenced almost as soon as he joined us in 1994 and which has involved him in every major activity that has made our U3A so successful.

In particular, Liz referred to Derek's leading role in curriculum, Saturday Series, Summer School and Friday Snapshots. Responding, Derek recalled how much U3A had helped him wind down after retirement and said that he had greatly enjoyed the social interaction and the opportunity to make new friends.

**Do You Want To Know What's On ?** A detailed calendar of events will be displayed in the Office and other prominent places each month. Please consult this calendar if you have mislaid your Newsletter. It is also posted on the U3A Hawthorn website.

*Peter Anderson  
on behalf of the Committee*

**U3A HAWTHORN OFFICE HOURS:  
Monday to Friday: 9.30 am - 4.00 pm**

## EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

Many people have already taken up the opportunity to request notification of course enrolments and unforeseen changes by email. As we make more 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:**

**mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au**

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

Bruce Lancashire, our orchestra percussionist, has upgraded and simplified our website. You can log on to the website at:

**http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au**

The website is fully functional. All courses, forms, and newsletters are available to download. Please direct your friends to the site.

## FEES FOR 2007

Annual membership fees for 2007 are as follows:

Membership of U3A Hawthorn	\$40 single \$65 couple/two at same address
Member enrolling from another campus	\$25 (to cover administration)

## NEW TUTORS NEEDED

We are totally reliant on volunteer tutors to present a comprehensive and interesting program of classes for our membership. If you have an interest in a particular subject and you are prepared to share your knowledge (or if you know someone else in this position) we would like to hear from you. Please contact Elaine Cockburn, Collette Flynn, Joan Harding, Julianne Lewis, Muriel Mathers, Barrie Morrison, Michael Mullerworth, or Kathleen Ralston (care of the Office) and one of them will get back to you, with a view to including the course in our program.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to give a talk in our Saturday Series (held on the last Saturday of each month from March to November). Contact as above.

## MOBILE PHONES

**This is an urgent plea from our tutors that you SWITCH OFF or SET YOUR MOBILE PHONES to SILENT MODE before each class commences**

## SHAKESPEARE DVDs

We have acquired the complete set of the BBC Shakespeare series of 37 plays on DVD. Any Hawthorn U3A member who wishes to borrow them should telephone the U3A Office on 9821 0282.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

**Volunteers to be receptionists** are required. This requires one half day each fortnight. Previous experience as a student at U3A Hawthorn is a decided advantage. Please ring the office, 9821 0282 or contact Elizabeth Duff whose home phone number is 9882 1587.

**Archivist/Historian:** As some of our members reach their nineties we realise we need to do more to preserve our history.

**Tutors** with suggestions for courses lasting a full year (2008); half year or four weeks (2<sup>nd</sup> half 2007 or 2008).

**Technically minded people** to occasionally help with audiovisual equipment for specific classes and teach other members the ropes.

## COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the September 2007 Newsletter is August 10. Please send all copy to the Office.



## AUTUMN MUSIC NOTES

As I write this, the first Orchestral concert for the year is still ahead of us on May 17, and, with its beautiful Handel/Grieg/Beethoven program, is dedicated to the memory of George Logie-Smith. As always a lot of hard work has gone into its preparation and we hope for a large audience. The players have had particular pleasure in rehearsing the Grieg concerto with Ben Martin, such wonderful music and such a skilled performer, with a special rapport between soloist and conductor.

But just behind us is the Annual Choir concert, held for the first time at our Sinclair Avenue campus and on a Saturday afternoon. The experiment certainly paid off; we had a packed house, and in fact we ran out of chairs. It was a case of *standing room only*, and it was great to see whole families there supporting their parents and grandparents. The program was very well received, and the bracket of flute pieces from our guest artist, Eleanor Donelan, provided a lovely contrast to the vocal numbers. All in all it was a tremendous success and there was a real buzz as audience and performers mixed together over afternoon tea. It was particularly good to have been able to stage such an event at Sinclair Avenue, which looked at its best.

Looking ahead, the Orchestra's mid-year concert on **August 9** will be conducted by Willem van der Vis, and he has a spectacular program planned, including Weber's clarinet concerto no. 1 with our highly-esteemed principal clarinet, Pamela Bloom, as soloist, and Massenet's ballet music from *Le Cid*. A highlight will be the Finale, when the Choir joins the Orchestra in a performance of Borodin's *Polovtsian Dances* from *Prince Igor* – wild, lyrical and exciting music. The Choir has already started rehearsing, and the logistics of such an undertaking are being carefully planned. The Choir still remembers fondly the excitement of performing *Zadok the Priest* with the Orchestra in the Melbourne Town Hall some years ago.

Considering the Orchestra as it is now we are reminded that at its very first concert, which took place on October 9 1997 in the Chandelier Room of the Town Hall, there were just 16 players, with George Logie-Smith directing. Of the original 16, 12 are still playing with us, and a video of this event pans over many of our regular and devoted audience members as well, looking delightfully younger, but nonetheless recognizable! This tenth anniversary will be acknowledged with pride at the final concert for the year, on **November 22**. Sadly we will not have the pleasure of sharing this event with George, who died some weeks ago in his 92<sup>nd</sup> year. He gave generously of his time and failing strength to help us get started, and we will always be grateful to him. There is a memorial service to be held for him on Thursday **June 7** at Scots Church, Collins St, at 10.30 am, and some U3A members will doubtless be there to honour his memory.

### AND NOW A CALL FROM THE BACK ROWS OF THE CHOIR. . . .

The men would like to increase their numbers, and are sending out a warm invitation to any of you male members who could be tempted to participate in the fun of singing and socialising together, sharing the joys of music-making in a very vibrant and friendly community. Although it is not essential to be able to read music, it does help and there is tutoring offered. Please consider a try-out – don't be shy! It's amazing what you can do if you *give it a go!* Rehearsals are weekly on Tuesday mornings in the Hall of St David's Church on the corner of Burke and Mont Albert Roads. A call to the Office will put you in touch with the Choir Director, Judith Chipman, or the Manager, Mary Gault.

*Ruth Muir*

### VALE!

It is with regret that we record the deaths of the following U3A members in 2007:

Donald Fairweather

Jean Hill Handyside

Janice Mary Bombardieri

Joan Elizabeth Jack

Jean Kathleen Picouleau

### IN MEMORIAM CELINE RAPOPORT

Celine, who died in June 2006, conducted the U3A French conversation class. There are thousands of French conversation classes around the world. Celine's class was distinguished by a number of factors. One was her great love of her native language and her belief in the contribution it made, and would continue to make, to world culture. More particularly her class was exceptional for her warm and generous personality, her intense interest in all the members, and her great sense of fun.

Each week Celine brought along French magazines to lend to us, or produced clippings from French newspapers or periodicals that she thought would be of interest. She introduced us to the works of her favourite French poet, Jacques Prevert. His poetry, so profound but expressed in such a simple style, had a special appeal for her. In a sense it reflected her own personality, so modest and unassuming and with a great concern for her fellow humans.

Celine kept us all amused with her standing joke that everything French was necessarily superior and that almost everyone of note in the history of the western world had either been wholly French or had some French ancestry.

She enriched our lives and we all miss her.

*Au revoir et merci beaucoup, chere Celine.*

*Pauline Clark*



## WINTER EXCURSIONS

For further information, please contact Joan Harding on 9813 3974  
Bookings and payments must be made through the U3A office

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### Melbourne Cricket Ground Tour Wednesday 30 May 2007

Enjoy a walk through history with our dedicated guide, Peter Anderson, who is also a Hawthorn U3A member. He will take us on a tour of his beloved MCG. The Melbourne Cricket Club was founded in 1838 when the population of Melbourne was a mere 2000, and the first match was played on the old Mint site in William Street in the city. Trace the permanent settlement of the Melbourne Cricket Club at its present site and hear the fascinating sagas involved. Step out onto the ground, take in the view from the top deck and see the players' area. Visit the Club's magnificent museum.

Did you know that in 2006, the MCC had approximately 56 800 full members, 37 100 restricted members and 160 000 people on their waiting list? Learn more!

**Cost:** \$7.50 to be paid on arrival at the MCG tour desk (maximum group of 25 participants).

**Venue:** Meet at 10.30 am outside Gate 3 on the **Northern** side of the MCG.

**Duration:** Approximately 1½ hours.

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### Tarrawarra Museum of Art and Domaine Chandon winery tour Wednesday 20 June 2007

Enjoy a day in the Yarra Valley. Our first *watering hole* will be the Yarra Glen Grand Hotel where lunch will be served (at your own expense), followed by a visit to the Tarrawarra Museum of Art, boldly set in a vineyard landscape. This is the vision of Eva and Marc Besen who wished to share their passion and collection of Australian art works with enthusiasts.

Opened in the year 2000, this unique building displays works that are almost entirely gifts to the Museum by the Besens.

From TarraWarra we have a stopover at the famous Domaine Chandon winery and arrive back at approximately 4.00 pm.

**Cost:** \$34 per person (no refunds, limit of 21 participants)

**Departure:** U3A Sinclair Avenue at 10.15 am

**Inclusions:** Coach travel

Entry into Tarra Warra Museum of Art

Visit to Domaine Chandon grounds

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### Jewish Museum and Synagogue tour Tuesday 17 July 2007

Spend an informative day with a guide at the renowned Jewish Museum, followed by lunch and concluding with a tour of the Synagogue.

**Cost:** \$24 per person (no refunds)

**Departure:** Jewish Museum, 26 Alma Road, St Kilda at 10.30 am

**Concludes:** Approximately 1.30 pm

**Inclusions:** Tour and lunch

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### Tunnels, freeways and bridges of Melbourne Thursday 13 September 2007

Don't miss this one! Board a coach and be taken on an amazing tour of Melbourne. Ride the freeways, experience the tunnels and cross the bridges – see how Melbourne has changed. We draw breath for lunch at Port Melbourne before resuming our foray.

**Cost:** \$35 per person (no refunds, limit of 20 participants)

**Departure:** Sinclair Avenue U3A at 9.15 am

**Concludes:** Approximately 4.30 pm

**Inclusions:** Tour and lunch

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## TUTORS

Have you considered having your own webpage on the U3A Hawthorn site? You could use it in all sorts of ways; tell prospective members about your course, store class notes for downloading, advise your class about events, venues, class requirements etc. or as another means of communicating with your class. All you need to do is have the ideas and the content – you don't have to make the page or upload it. Contact Bruce Lancashire via email to [webmaster@u3ahawthorn.org.au](mailto:webmaster@u3ahawthorn.org.au) to get started.

### DO YOU HAVE PAINFUL HIP ARTHRITIS?

The University of Melbourne is conducting a research trial looking at the physical factors associated with pain and function in hip osteoarthritis. If you are over the age of 50, have hip arthritis (shown on x-rays), have hip pain on most days, have not had a knee or hip replacement, and are interested in undergoing a functional assessment of your hip, please call Yong-Hau Pua on 8344 0486 or email him on [y.pua@pgrad.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:y.pua@pgrad.unimelb.edu.au).

### CELEBRATION 2007: U3A ACT's 21ST BIRTHDAY CONFERENCE

This year U3A ACT celebrates its 21st Birthday. From its start in 1986, it has grown into one of the largest U3As, in terms of membership numbers, in Australia. We are inviting U3A members from around Australia and New Zealand to come along and help us celebrate.

*Celebration 2007*, a celebration and conference, will be held on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 September 2007 at The Hellenic Club, Woden, just before *Floriade*, Canberra's famous annual floral festival, starts on 15 September.

*Celebration 2007* has three broad aims: To celebrate the achievements of U3A ACT over the past 21 years; to provide an opportunity for visiting and local U3A members to share in each others' ideas and experiences; and to help our visitors more fully appreciate Australia's National Capital and its attractions.

The program includes two full morning sessions with guest speakers and discussions, one afternoon for visits by delegates to our national institutions, and the second afternoon to allow us to expose our talented performers in a concert.

On the Thursday night it is planned to hold a dinner at the Hellenic Club where there will be good food and entertainment. The winners of the Short Story competition, to be held in conjunction with the Conference, will be announced at this dinner. We hope to have some of the work of our art groups on display at the Hellenic Club.

Registration for *Celebration 2007* is now open. More details of *Celebration 2007* and the Registration Form are posted on the U3A ACT website: <http://www.u3acanberra.org.au/> For those without Internet access, a registration brochure is available from Pat Davey on 02 6293 3009 or email [pattie2a,tpg.com.au](mailto:pattie2a,tpg.com.au).

### FROM THE CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Curriculum Planning Committee is responsible for planning for the year's curriculum, the Summer School, the Saturday Series and Snapshots. The Committee for 2007-2008 is Elaine Cockburn, Collette Flynn, Joan Harding, Julianne Lewis, Muriel Mathers, Barrie Morrison, Michael Mullerworth, and Kathleen Ralston

This group would appreciate your input. Let us know what YOU would like to hear, to do, to see. There will be a suggestions file in the office, so please leave your ideas there.

The Committee would like to thank all those members who took the time to complete the Younger Members' Questionnaire (55-65 year old) administered in November of last year. Our committee members were interested to know what new classes the younger members wanted for 2008. The results from the question 'Are there other classes or activities you would like to see U3A offer?' were:

- Physical Exercise – gentle fitness, stretching, etc. (20)
- History (various) (18)
- Crafts, e.g., embroidery, tapestry, sewing, patchwork, woodwork (11)
- Dancing – various (10)
- Computer related skills – various (9)
- Fine arts/Art history (6)

These all sound exciting, and very appropriate for our U3A, but knowing what is desired is one thing – finding the tutors to take these classes is quite another! As you know our tutors are all U3A members and our classes are very variable, some just a one-off talk or discussion, some three or four weeks, and some run the whole year. So – if you think you could offer to take any of the above classes or activities, or suggest someone else who may, we would be thrilled to hear from you.

To: Kathleen Ralston, Curriculum Planning Committee

Name: ..... Telephone No.: .....

would be willing to discuss tutoring in (name of class) .....

Return to the U3A office, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris 3146

# EVENTS

June, July and August 2007

(Full details are available in the current Newsletter)

***Tear out and place this note on your refrigerator***

## **CONCERT**

**10.30 am (Hawthorn Town Hall)**

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9 August

## **SNAPSHOTS**

**11.30 am to 1.00 pm (Sinclair Avenue)**

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15 June	Dancing	John Marshall
13 July	Hot topics in the law	Bill O'Shea
17 August	Independent travel in South Korea	Margaret Thodey

*DON'T FORGET THE LUNCHEON AT THE RIVERSDALE HOTEL AFTER EACH OF THE SNAPSHOT LECTURES  
PLEASE NOTE: ALL U3A HAWTHORN MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEONS*

## **SATURDAY SERIES**

**2.30 to 4.00 pm**

**(Lecture Theatre TD 121, Swinburne University of Technology)**

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30 June	Unforgettable lanes	Professor Weston Bate
28 July	Gardens of Galapagos	Michele Adler and Rod McMillan
25 August	The Scots discovered America	Dr Ian Gunn

## **EXCURSIONS**

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