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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting

Probably the most important section of my Annual Report concerned the lease of our premises at Sinclair Avenue. The lease has at last been signed. It runs to June 2014. Councillor Coral Ross was present at the meeting and I was able to express our thanks to her for the unfailing support she provided in making our premises available, and for their refurbishment and for her continued interest in our endeavours.

There has been a changing of the guard on our Committee. Peter Anderson, who has been our Secretary for nine years retired at the AGM. The outgoing Committee had proposed Peter for Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his unstinting and untiring efforts on our behalf. This proposal was approved at the AGM and Peter was presented with a certificate that recognized this honour and his years of sterling service.

Two members of the 2009 Committee did not offer themselves for re-election and we thank Mavis Hoy and Fred Bolza for their valuable contributions over a number of years with the Newsletter and publicity respectively. We welcome the new members who were elected, Maggie Roberts as chair of the Curriculum Committee. Maggie is standing in for Joan Harding who has taken leave of absence. Other new faces are Rob Siedle who was elected as the Tutors' representative; Meg Adams resumes a place on the Committee as Editor of the Newsletter; Claus Gyrn as a minister without portfolio, and John Howell who has agreed to take on the role as Campus Manager.

The energetic Bruce Lancashire who filled the role of Vice-President last year has this year stepped into the shoes of Peter Anderson as Secretary.

There were no nominations for the office of Vice President so that position has not been filled.

Lady Marigold Southey was our guest speaker. She spoke about her interesting life in philanthropy in a broad area of interests, and as the first woman to be appointed as a full time Deputy Governor of the State of Victoria.

Strategic Planning Meeting.

The Committee decided that the time was now ripe for Hawthorn U3A to stand back from our day-to-day pressures and to take a fresh look at our present position and to develop a plan for the future.

Through the good offices of our Treasurer, Peter Merigan, the Committee was fortunate to have the *pro bono* services of a very experienced leader in the field of strategic planning, David Brownell.

Part of the day was spent on looking at the maximum number of members we should aim to have. The demography of Boroondara indicates that there is an even higher proportion of residents over the age of 55 than in the general community, and that there is a higher number of people living on their own than in other municipalities. We can expect an increased demand for our services.

The conclusions reached at the meeting have yet to go before a full Committee meeting later this month, but the recommendations will include limiting the annual increase in membership by a net 50 persons a year for the next three years. We will need to seek additional accommodation to cater for this expansion which would take our total membership to 1,500.



President Rod Benjamin presents Peter Anderson with Life Membership

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It was decided to investigate how we can put our IT system to greater use in order to replace many of the existing duplications that exist in our present manual systems. With the right inputs the system could provide receptionists with information about the number of enrolments in each class, whether classes are full, and the availability of classrooms. The extension of the IT system eventually will include members' payments, and assist with the issuing of receipts and streamlining the banking process.

Our current curriculum will be looked at closely. Approximately one third of our classes are full and a number have waiting lists. Co-operation between the Curriculum Committee and Tutors will be encouraged.

The Extension of our Premises at Sinclair Avenue

Our present premises at Sinclair Avenue are fully utilised. There are no guarantees that the other premises that we use will continue to be made available in the long term. In addition Sinclair Avenue does not have any provision for an area that members can use to sit down for a cup of coffee and to socialize. We currently have a request in front of Council to utilise the area to the north of our existing building for an additional classroom which could include facilities for social activities and also be used for other purposes. We understand our request has been included in the Council's budget for 2010-2011.

*Rod Benjamin
President*

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

As we prepare to 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).**

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

The website is fully functional. **All courses, forms, and newsletters are available to download.**

MOBILE TELEPHONES

Tutors report that mobile telephones are still being used during classes both for receiving and making calls. Please (1) ensure that your telephone is switched off or set to silent mode before the class commences and (2) good manners dictate that you do not answer or make any calls during the class. In an emergency, please excuse yourself from the class and make or answer the call outside the building. Thank you for your co-operation.

FEES FOR 2010

Annual membership fees for 2010 are as follows:

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

Members are reminded that membership fees for 2010 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses for 2010 can be processed.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE?

Badges are normally printed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as required. New members and those who have requested a replacement can collect the badge from the office, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris, usually within two days of joining U3A Hawthorn or making a request for a replacement. ***Please do not forget to collect your badge from the Office.***

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the September 2010 Newsletter is 6 August 2010. Please send all copy to the Office.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting – 14 April 2010

Our Annual General Meeting for 2010 was held on 14 April with 100 members in attendance. Also attending were Boroondara Councillors, David Bloom and Coral Ross, Honorary Life Members Hans and Sue van Dorssen, Derek Readman and Jill Fitzgibbon, and the President of the U3A Network Victoria, Ruth Hawley. Apologies were received from retiring committee member Joan Harding, Secretary of U3A Network Susan Webster, and Councillors Phil Meggs and Phillip Healey. A blanket apology was tendered on behalf of all the other councillors, Boroondara Director of Community Development Jacqui Briggs and Boroondara Manager Health, Aged Care and Disability Services Lisa Foord. There were a number of apologies from members, including Meg Adams, who had been nominated for a position on the incoming committee.

Committee of Management

Rod Benjamin was re-elected as President, unopposed. Following the resignation of Peter Anderson Bruce Lancashire accepted nomination as Secretary, This left the position of Vice-President vacant. Peter Merigan was elected Treasurer unopposed and as the number of nominations for the committee did not exceed the number of vacancies the following were declared elected:

Meg Adams	Lynne Merigan
Claus Gyrn	Ruth Muir
Marie Hamerton	Maggie Roberts
John Howell	Rob Seidle

A new position of Campus Manager (formerly part of the Secretary's role) has been created. This function will be filled by John Howell.



The President thanked the retiring members of the committee: Fred Bolza, responsible for publicity, Mavis Hoy, who edited the newsletter and Joan Harding who had represented the Curriculum Planning Committee. He also thanked the Minute Secretary.

At the conclusion of the meeting an address was given by Lady Marigold Southey, AC, former Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

After Lady Southey's address Ruth Hawley, President of U3A Network Victoria spoke to the audience, outlining assurances from the State Government that it intends to continue support for U3A.

Attendees enjoyed a light luncheon at the end of formalities.

Bruce Lancashire
Secretary

TRIBUTES AND OBITUARIES

We are very happy to publish tributes/obituaries for people who have made significant contributions to U3A Hawthorn. However, often space is at a premium as the Newsletter must comply with Australia Post mailing regulations—oversize items are very costly to send. Consequently, we allocate our space very carefully with priority being given to curriculum, trips and administrative items. We will accept tributes/obituaries that have family authorisation of content and are restricted to 250 to 300 words.

Meg Adams
for the Newsletter Committee

TIM KELLY (1919 – 2010)

Tim Kelly joined U3A Hawthorn on 19 May 1998. He taught two regular weekly classes, one on drama, (Greek and Shakespearian Tragedy; Comedy from Aristophanes to Stoppard; Renaissance, Restoration and contemporary drama) which evolved into a focus on Shakespeare, and the other on Epic Poetry including Homer, Milton, Pope, and Virgil. His love of learning, and willingness to venture into new areas, will be fondly remembered by his students of those eleven years. We were pleased as well as concerned that Tim was keen to continue leading these discussions for as long as he was able, despite increasing physical weakness. As privileged students, we helped to celebrate his ninetieth birthday just a year ago.

Born on 23 May 1919 in Corowa, New South Wales, Tim was the eighth of nine children. His father ran a farm near the Brown Brothers vineyard. As an obviously bright child, Tim was sent to board at Assumption College, Kilmore. From there he moved directly to join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) in Croydon. The MSC recognised his talents and sent him to Christ's College at Cambridge, where he studied under Leavis and graduated with first-class honours. He declined an offer of a scholarship to proceed to doctoral studies, and returned to Australia.

Between 1956 and 1962 he was headmaster at Downlands College in Toowoomba. He moved to Sydney, to the MSC's school at Douglas Park in the sixties, and was offered a lectureship at the University of Sydney. He moved to the University of Melbourne, where he became a Senior Lecturer in the English Department in 1970.

He left the priesthood in 1973 and was married in 1974. His sons were born in 1977 (Tim) and 1980 (Michael).

He retired from full-time teaching in 1984, but continued for some years to teach part-time in the Department. He died on 5 February 2010

Val Reilly

A PLEA FROM OUR TUTORS

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE TO EVERY CLASS

You know who you are but the Tutor and other class members may not. A name badge makes for a much more friendly atmosphere as you can address one another by first name without fear of making a mistake. We are all getting older and tend to suffer from what can be described as '*oldtimer's disease*'!!!



SPECIAL EVENT - a Celebration of Writing – commencing 14 July

We have been very fortunate and privileged to be able to engage a group of six prominent Victorian writers who will speak individually about their work over six consecutive weeks.

We strongly recommend that members enrol and take advantage of this great opportunity. The Curriculum Planning Committee envisaged this as a Writers' Festival and urge members to attend all six sessions.

Since each lecture in the series is being offered individually, members wishing to attend all classes will need to download the enrolment forms from the website, photocopy them or get additional forms from the U3A office.



MUSIC NOTES



The Big Event for Hawthorn U3A's music world in this early part of the year has been successfully concluded. After many months of planning and arranging, and countless hours of willing participation from many of our members, last week saw the Orchestra's "retirement and farewell" concert for Christopher Martin, who had been Music Director and conductor for the last 10 years. This was the twenty-third concert he had conducted for us, and included his special favourites beginning and ending with those most English of musical offerings – the Coronation March of William Walton and excerpts from Elgar's Enigma Variations. We had a wonderful audience who enjoyed every minute and despite the underlying sadness of the occasion there was a great spirit of celebration present.



After the concert, players adjourned to the Chandelier Room for a party luncheon at which Chris was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation from U3A Hawthorn and a *chocolate viola*, a spectacular and lifelike representation of his chosen instrument - all, except for the strings, in pure chocolate!

Thanks to the talents of our indefatigable Secretary/Tympanist and Jack-of-all-trades, Bruce Lancashire, we now have an excellent DVD of the event, plus a full audio recording made by our faithful

recording artist, Alan Stone. These are available on request at a cost of \$5 each. Please contact Ruth Muir on 9818 0801 and she will arrange it for you.

The next event to look forward to is the annual Choir concert in the Chandelier Room, Hawthorn Town Hall, on Saturday 19 June at 2.30 pm. Invitations and publicity are now circulating and we encourage you all to enjoy a pleasant Saturday afternoon with special offerings from our choristers. Certainly parking will be a lot easier for the audience than the situation on Thursday mornings!

Speaking of celebrations, our popular Choir director, Judith Chipman, was recently surprised and delighted to arrive at rehearsal to receive grateful acknowledgements of 15 years of faithful and loving service. A flowering plant and beautiful speeches were presented, and then on with the preparations for the June concert! We in U3A are indeed fortunate to have such dedication and devotion to the art of sharing and developing mutual interests, particularly in the world of music.

Dates for the calendar:

Choir concert, as above, Saturday, 19 June at 2.30 pm in the Hawthorn Town Hall.

Orchestra concert, with Willem van der Vis, Thursday 29 July at 10.30 am in the Hawthorn Town Hall.

Ruth Muir

ON YOUR BIKE!

Calling all cyclists who would love to be back on their bikes but feel a 'gentle' cycling group would suit their style at the moment. Enjoy the exercise (15-20 km), a coffee and good company while improving your fitness. Phone Colette Flynn on 9882 6097 to register your interest. Don't wait, phone now!

CAN YOU HELP?

The Curriculum Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to join our team. We need someone who can help source suitable tutors, both academic and non-academic, who would be willing to impart their knowledge to our members either in a short or longer series of lectures. Please contact Graham Barber for more information on 9347 5052.

WINTER - SPRING 2010 EXCURSIONS

*For bookings please telephone the U3A office
For further **queries**, please contact Joan Harding on 98133974 or 0408366987 or
Colette Flynn on 98826097*

BOOKINGS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Unless otherwise indicated bookings for all excursions must be made at least 21 days prior to the scheduled date of the excursion. Cancellations more than 21 days before the scheduled date will incur a \$5 administration fee per person. If cancellations are made 21 days or fewer prior to the scheduled date, there will be no refund.

TOUR OF SOUTHERN CROSS RAILWAY STATION TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2010

A guided 'behind the scenes' tour of our major railway station. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

Cost: Free
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (approximately)
Transport: Own arrangements
Limit: 20
Where: Between the two yellow pods near the country trains

Please direct bookings to the U3A office.

TITANIC – ARTEFACT EXHIBITION FRIDAY 16 JULY 2010

Meet at the reception area of the Melbourne Museum prior to gathering for a social coffee together, then onto view this amazing collection of artefacts from the ill-fated and 'unsinkable' Titanic. There are over 200 items on view, including a replica of the grand staircase.

Cost: \$18
Time: 1.30 pm
Transport: Own arrangements
Where: Reception area of Melbourne Museum, Nicholson St, Carlton

Full payment due upon booking at the U3A office.

GEOFFREY KAYE MUSEUM OF ANAESTHETIC HISTORY MONDAY 23 AUGUST 2010

On arrival you will meet the voluntary museum staff over morning tea, followed by a tour of 'All in a Day's Work' museum display. Hear about surgery before anaesthesia, developments over the years and the current role of the specialist today.

Time: 10.00 am – 12 noon
Transport: Own arrangements
Limit: 30
Cost: Free
Where: ANZCA House, 630 St Kilda Road, Melbourne
(tram routes from Flinders St Station to ANZCA, numbers 3, 5, 16, 64 or 67 and alight at tram stop number 29)

Please direct bookings to the U3A office.

FOOD LOVERS' LITTLE INDIA TOUR
TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2010

Immerse yourself in Indian culture with the tour which was featured in the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival 2010. A guide will introduce you to the groceries, fashion, Bollywood and customs of India. We will conclude with an Indian banquet. Please wear comfortable shoes. Note that you may wish to visit the Dandenong Market afterwards for some affordable clothing and food purchases (open until 4 pm).

- Time:** 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start
- Transport:** Own arrangements (Dandenong Railway station only 300 metres from meeting point)
- Cost:** \$35 including lunch
- Where:** Meet at Roshan's Fashions, 69-71 Foster Street, Dandenong
- Please direct bookings to the U3A office.

GUILFOYLE'S VOLCANO – ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS
THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2010

Join a guided tour to see Guilfoyle's Volcano which was built in 1876 and was used to store water for Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. After lying idle for 60 years, it is now restored as part of a significant landscape development project.

- Cost:** \$12
- Time:** 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm concluding at the garden tearooms for optional afternoon tea at your own expense.
- Departure point:** Gate D (enter via Birdwood Avenue)
- Transport:** Own arrangements (parking in Anderson Street or Birdwood Avenue)
- Limit:** 20

Full payment is due upon booking at the U3A office.

URGENT – DATABASE ASSISTANCE

We are looking for a Member who has a good knowledge of our Database software FilemakerPro Versions 8 - 11 or would like to learn in order to assist with data processing and further development. Email us at mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au if you can help.

Hans van Dorssen, Bruce Lancashire, John Harcourt, Andrew Campbell

LOST PROPERTY

There is a considerable number of items of lost and unclaimed property in the office — in fact the box is overflowing. Unclaimed items will be disposed of after 11 June 2010.

U3A HAWTHORN WEBSITE AND USE OF EMAIL

In order to keep costs down and expedite delivery, we will be conducting trials of a system of sending email notifications of Newsletter and other downloads when they become available on the website and sending course confirmation letters as email attachments. Many members have already supplied their current email addresses and have consented to us using this method of communication with them. This, of course, implies that you check your email on a frequent and regular basis for this form of communication to be successful.

If you wish to receive your communications by email and have not yet registered your email address with us, please do so at your earliest convenience (mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au).

Members are reminded that Newsletters and Curriculum details can always be accessed on our website (www.u3ahawthorn.org.au)

If for any reason you do not wish to use this modern form of communication and you have provided an email address, it will be necessary for you to advise us that you wish to opt out of the scheme.

U3A HAWTHORN EVENTS

June 2010 Onwards

(This flyer is for your refrigerator or bulletin board)

TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2010
10.00 AM to 11.30 AM

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69-71 FOSTER STREET, DANDENONG**

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2010
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**GUILFOYLE'S VOLCANO
GATE D ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS**

THURSDAY 29 JULY 2010)
THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2010)
BOTH AT 10.30 AM)

**ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS AT
HAWTHORN TOWN HALL**

SATURDAY 19 JUNE 2010
2.30 PM

**CHOIR CONCERT
CHANDELIER ROOM
HAWTHORN TOWN HALL**

Full details of these events are in your Newsletter