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Notice is given of the **17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Location	Hawthorn Town Hall (Chandelier Room), 360 Burwood Road
Date	Wednesday 17 April 2002
Time	10.30 a.m.
Agenda	To receive apologies and proxies To confirm minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 11 April 2001 To receive Annual Report for 2001 To receive Audited Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2001 To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for next twelve months To appoint an auditor for the year ending 31 December 2002 Other business

All executive and Committee positions are declared vacant. Nomination forms and proxy forms (both available from the office) must be deposited with the Secretary not less than 24 hours prior to the time for the commencement of the Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a talk by our guest.

Time	11.00 a.m. approximately.
Speaker	Sir Edward Woodward, AC, OBE, QC , will speak on the role of the Chancellor in Australian universities, the development plans of the University of Melbourne, and the importance of lifelong learning.
Light Lunch	Sandwich lunch at 12.00 noon. To assist us with catering, could you please notify the office of your intention to attend BEFORE Wednesday 10 April .
Cost	There will be no charge for this entire event.

We are delighted to welcome Sir Edward Woodward who, during a distinguished career commencing in 1951, has been among many other things Royal Commissioner, Aboriginal Land Rights; Director-General of Security; Judge of the Federal Court; Chairman, Australian Defence Force Academy Council; Chairman, Camberwell Grammar School Council; and Chancellor, University of Melbourne, 1990-2001.

Once again we urge members to come by public transport, in view of the increased parking difficulties in the area (see details of alterations to parking availability later in this Newsletter). There is limited parking behind the Town Hall for very early birds (\$2.50 for 4 hours) and there is a commercial car park opposite the office in Wakefield Street (\$3.30 all day).

As mentioned above, the light luncheon is free, and all paid-up members are most welcome.

AND DO PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE!

Two wonderful concerts to note in your diary now:

U3A HAWTHORN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

directed by Christopher Martin, presents

2002 CONCERT NUMBER ONE

Beethoven, Egmont Overture
Schubert, Symphony No. 8 ('Unfinished')
Mozart, Concerto for Flute & Orchestra No. 1
Dvorak, Slavonic Dance No. 3

Thursday 16 May 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

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

NEW PARKING ARRANGEMENTS NEAR WAKEFIELD STREET

From March 2002, the three public car parks behind the Glenferrie Road shops will be subject to a charge of \$1 per hour, maximum 2 hours. A ticket will be issued, on payment of the fee, from a machine on entry to the car park.

Boroondara residents may apply to the Council for a parking permit (one per household for a *designated* vehicle) on payment of a 'once-only' fee of \$10, which lasts for two years [yes, it seems like an oxymoron to me, too!—*Ed.*].

While this could be dismaying news for our members who attend classes at Wakefield Street but do not live in this municipality, the good aspect could be that Swinburne students will not be able to clog up all the available car spaces for the entire day. As a result, it should be easier to find a close car parking space, even though at a cost.

A REMINDER

For new members or the forgetful, our web site is: <http://home/vicnet/net.au/~u3ahawth>

NOTICE TO UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

This is the final issue of the *Newsletter* for members who have not renewed their subscriptions for 2002. Our annual rates are \$50 for a couple/two at the same address, \$30 for single membership, and \$10 for students enrolling in our classes whose U3A membership is paid at another campus.

If the label on your *Newsletter* is marked above your name with **XX**, this is not a mark of affection, but indicates that you have not yet paid your 2002 subscription.

ANNUAL REPORT for 2001

Hawthorn U3A has concluded another successful year, offering many and varied opportunities for pleasurable learning in the company of like-minded scholars.

For our membership of 1000-plus, we were able to offer 84 courses which ran for the full year, most of which had a class each week. In addition, 37 short courses were held, ranging from four to 12 weeks in duration. A series of monthly lectures throughout the year attracted between 60 and 100 students each time, and the popular Summer School again offered two or three lectures each day over four weeks of the holiday period (thank you, Derek Readman).

Rarely does a month go by without a special occasion which displays the considerable talents of our members. We have enjoyed three orchestral concerts, a concert presented by the choir and the Friday Singers, and the end-of-the-year celebration in which the orchestra and the choir joined forces. Then there was the Recorder Plus concert presented by the 40 recorder scholars, and another Celebration of Shakespeare with readers/actors from the Shakespeare class and musicians from the orchestra and the Friday Singers.

Our 'thank-you lunches' are becoming part of the fabric of U3A Hawthorn and are looked forward to by all participants. As well as showing our appreciation of the contributions our tutors make, it provides an opportunity for them to meet together and discuss the pleasures of conducting classes for members of the Third Age! A lunch was also held for the workers in administration, with the same aim.

Because of the impact of the GST and increased costs in our hiring of venues, our annual subscription for 2001 was raised from \$25 to \$30 (\$50 for two at the same address). We do not think this has caused any hardship to our members and it has more than enabled us to meet our expenses. We have concluded the year with a surplus of \$4500 and so we do not anticipate any further increase in fees for some

time. Our financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2001 will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 17 April, but copies will be available in the office from mid-March.

The hire of venues is our biggest expense and sometimes what is available is less than ideal, but we have managed very well, I think, due mainly to the unceasing efforts of our Course Co-ordinator, Joan Donlon. Some tutors hold classes in their own homes and this is a great help to us. We are indebted to Swinburne University for providing our headquarters and two classrooms, as well as the use of a lecture theatre for the Summer School and Saturday lecture series.

The City of Boroondara gives us the use of a meeting room at two of the libraries for several weekly classes, subsidises our rent for the rooms used at the Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre, and also allows the use of the Chandelier Room and Town Hall for special occasions. Without this support from Swinburne University and Boroondara Council, our fees would rise considerably. We received a grant of \$1500 from the Council of Adult, Community and Further Education. Apart from this assistance, all our expenses are met from our membership subscriptions. We also thank the staff of Hawthorn Community Education Centre for their assistance during the year.

Looking at all that has been achieved during 2001, I think we can be justly proud. Our thanks go to all those members who have made it possible—tutors, those who make all the arrangements, office workers and all engaged in administration, as well as all those students who attend classes regularly and enthusiastically and help where it is needed. We look forward to the coming year, glad that so many of our old members are continuing their classes with us, and pleased to welcome new members, whom we trust will bring vigour and enthusiasm and offers of new courses with them.

Jean Giese, President

LOST / FOUND

Found in our office—a piece of antique jewellery. Please contact Jean Giese.

DEATH OF U3A FOUNDER

Peter Laslett, the founder of U3A in the United Kingdom, has died after a lifetime spent in historical research and the promotion of education for all. His use of sociological techniques in the study of history transformed knowledge of the English family and the results of his research are documented in several books.

In 1969, Peter Laslett was instrumental in establishing the Open University in Britain, and in 1982, taking up the French idea of L'Université du Troisième Age, he founded the Cambridge U3A. This was the model used in the establishment of U3As in the City of Melbourne and in Hawthorn at the end of 1984, followed by Monash in early 1985. Some members will remember meeting Peter at a lunch in Melbourne when he was in Australia several years ago.

The U3A movement is now well established in the United Kingdom and several other countries, but Peter was disappointed that it never developed into a forum for original research as he had visualised. Is this a possibility for those who are looking for a challenge?

Jill FitzGibbon, Membership Secretary

HAWTHORN COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE—NEW COURSES

WISER DRIVER COURSE FOR OLDER DRIVERS designed to encourage greater road safety

- **TUESDAYS** at Unicare Neighbourhood House, 59 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North
10 a.m. to 12 noon, 4 weeks 5–26 March. Telephone Val Little, 9859 5205, to register.
- **WEDNESDAYS** AT HCEC, 24 Wakefield Street Hawthorn
10 a.m. to 12 noon, 4 weeks 6–27 March Telephone Judith Elsworth, 9819 5771, to register.

Each course costs \$15 (including morning tea).

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS

FRIDAYS, 8.30–10.30 a.m., Swinburne Hawthorn campus, from 15 February

COMPUTERS CONTINUING

FRIDAYS, 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m., Swinburne Hawthorn campus, from 15 February

Cost per semester \$40. We are grateful to Linda Cutting, Swinburne Access Department, for her support.

Please apply to Judith Elsworth, Hawthorn Community Education Centre, PO Box 2210, Hawthorn 3122, or telephone 9819 5771, giving details of computer knowledge and if you have access to a computer at home.

SHAKESPEARE IN WINTER

This year we will celebrate Shakespeare in a rather different way—Michael Clarke is organising a performance of *Macbeth* which combines reading, acting and music. This will happen some time in June, and complete details will be in our June Newsletter. Should be great entertainment!

LITERARY COMPETITION

U3A Central Coast (NSW) are running another competition, closing date 20 September 2002. The sections are:

- 1 Short story (fiction), min. 500, max. 2000 words
- 2 Article, min. 500, max. 1500 words
- 3 'Joys of travel for the young at heart', min. 500, max. 1500 words.

Sections 1 and 2, for U3A members only, have prizes of \$200, \$150, \$100; entry fee \$4 per entry.

Section 3 is open to anyone, with one prize only of \$100; entry fee \$5 per entry.

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

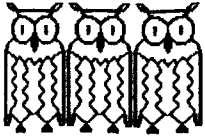
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You are invited to attend our

2002 SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

Please note that the March lecture is on the 3rd (not 4th) Saturday

23 March CAFE SCHEHERAZADE

Mr Arnold Zable, storyteller

Arnold Zable will talk about his latest book, *Café Scheherazade*. The café is still to be found in St Kilda's Acland Street [in the Village Belle, as we knew the area], and the book tells the stories of the owners, Avram and Marsha Zeleznikow, and of three old immigrants who meet there every Sunday morning. Copies of *Café Scheherazade* will be available for purchase on the day.

27 April 'PALACE OF DREAMS'—Art Deco cinemas

Mrs Helen Graham

The designers of Art Deco cinemas provided lavishly decorated palaces that offered a cheap escape from the downside of day-to-day living for millions of people. Helen Graham will take us on a visual tour of some of the world's great Art Deco cinemas.

25 May MEN OF LETTERS—Queen Victoria's editors (gentlemen all)

Mrs Yvonne Ward

The biographers of Queen Victoria, the Prince Consort and their children, with other writers on nineteenth-century life, have drawn on the many volumes of published letters of the Queen and the Prince as primary source material, as representative and comprehensive sets of documents from which to write the royal lives. Yvonne Ward will show how the narrow reach of the letters, and the nineteenth-century 'cult of the gentleman' (which involved onerous editing constraints) have led to serious misrepresentation of the royal lives and have cast doubt on the volumes of published letters as sources for writing history and biography.

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 **IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A BOOKING** to ensure entry to these talks; however, bookings are now accepted only during the month of the talk, e.g. bookings for April's talk will be taken only in April. This can be done on weekdays between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (Wednesdays up to 12.30 p.m. only) by telephone (9214 8824 or 9818 7371) or personally at the office, 24 Wakefield Street.

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!**