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U3A HAWTHORN: 30TH ANNIVERSARY 2015



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

U3A Network is 30 years old. The very beginnings of Network were evident at the same time as Hawthorn, Melbourne, Monash and Ringwood U3As were commencing operation. Our archives hold several copies of early Newsletters which were issued co-operatively between the four new organisations. This co-operation gave rise to a formal Network and this milestone was celebrated in August at the Network Conference. The four original U3As were invited to make a short presentation about their early days and progress made.

We were saddened to hear of Derek Readman's death on the last day of June. A number of members attended a memorial to Derek held in the Chandelier Room at Hawthorn Arts Centre. Past President Jean Giese and I spoke of Derek's huge contribution to Hawthorn. See page 3 for a tribute to Derek.

The car park works were completed on schedule with some minor inconveniences to members. The people working on the site were very helpful and considerate assisting people to access and exit the Campus.

We now have a car park that allows us to reach our destination without tripping in potholes, slipping and sliding or getting our shoes wet and covered in mud. There was no sign of back-up water on the south side after the recent heavy rain. We hope we have seen the last of the flooding.

Our thanks to Boroondara Council for the provision of this vastly improved facility and Councillor Coral Ross for her support.

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NEWS



The plans for the proposed renovations and additions are on display in the Main Room. Please take time to look at them. It is expected that work will commence before the end of this year. The first few months of 2016 will be spent in temporary accommodation provided as part of the renovation program. The Committee of Management will manage the moves with the assistance of volunteers. We appreciate people who would be willing to assist us when the time comes leaving their names in the office.

The office will be housed in a demountable situated in or adjacent to the car park.

As the site will not be accessible, classes need to take all their materials off site otherwise they may disappear. The existing cupboards are to be removed as the floors and foundations in the main room and two smaller rooms are to be replaced. There will be no on-site storage available.

The Management Committee has commenced work on the writing of a new Strategy Plan. We will be consulting widely during the process, which will involve tutors, volunteers and members. The process will be well underway by the time you receive this Newsletter. Please take the opportunity to participate.

There is a suggestions box in the office. If you have a suggestion or ideas to contribute, please make use of the box. There are forms next to the box which can be used to assist you. You might like to suggest areas for consideration in the curriculum or the names of speakers and topics that we could organise.

RE-ENROLMENT FOR 2016 CLASSES

Each year we have a process for people who wish to continue studying in a class or attending an activity which they have been undertaking in 2015.

This is not the time to enrol in a new class – this occurs later in the year and details will be in the next newsletter.

Each year we have confusion caused by people who do not re-enrol and who turn up the following year expecting to attend the class again; people who submit incomplete re-enrolment forms; or forms with incorrect details.

This year, if you do not re-enrol in a class you will not automatically be able to attend that class, - non

submission of a form means “not continuing” in 2016. Should you subsequently submit an enrolment form the class may already be full.

Incomplete forms and forms with incorrect details will be put to one side and dealt with at the end of the process.

IT IS IN YOUR INTEREST TO TAKE CARE TO SUBMIT A FORM FOR EACH COURSE YOU INTEND TO CONTINUE IN 2016 AND TO ENSURE THE DETAILS ARE COMPLETE AND CORRECT.

Our data entry volunteers do a wonderful job but they are not mind readers!

TO UTILISE THE RE-ENROLMENT PROCESS YOU MUST PAY YOUR 2016 SUBSCRIPTION BEFORE OR AT THE SAME TIME AS YOU SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED FORMS.

Full details on page 10.

Please read them carefully.

Meg Adams
President

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

In order to make the best 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:**
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indicating your email contact details. **Please include your name(s) and U3A ID number(s).**

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http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au
All courses, forms, and newsletters are available for download from this website



Vale Derek Readman
(31.10.26 - 30.6.15)



Derek made an enormous contribution to our organisation and we of the Hawthorn U3A community were very sad to have to say goodbye.

An Englishman, Derek came to Australia after a distinguished career in the Colonial Service in Hong Kong. He joined us as a student in 1993 and in 1995 was elected to the Committee of Management, taking on the responsibility of developing our curriculum. A year or so later he also became our Secretary, added his fine voice to the choir and became a player in the bridge group.

Derek brought a creative mind, a vision and great ability to our endeavours and was always undaunted, thoughtful and kind. It seemed he didn't want any older person in Hawthorn or Kew to be lonely or have nothing to do. Because all our classes were held on weekdays, he organised a series of lectures on a Saturday and later turned his attention to the period between when our classes finished for one year and resumed in the next. His goal was to have a Summer School running through the whole of January and in this, too, he was successful. Our Summer School continues to be a special feature of what we are able to offer.

There are many throughout Boroondara who have benefitted from Derek's commitment and we are so glad he shared those 21 years of his life with us.

Jean Giese



MUSIC NOTES

Our musicians will appreciate the gradual return of warmer weather as this prolonged "cold snap" has stiffened many fingers and shoulder joints, creating challenges for our admirable and determined instrumentalists! However, the orchestra valiantly carries on with rehearsals most Thursday mornings, welding and polishing the beautiful music which will be performed for you at St John's Church, Camberwell on August 22. This will be a program from around the world and features one of the most popular violin concertos by Max Bruch. Our conductor is again Jules Cseszkó and we hope that you will be intrigued by the program title "Beauty and the Bears!" All will be revealed on the day. Last year our St John's concert was a sell-out, with standing room only, so be prepared.

After a very satisfying first half-year, and joined by some new members, the Choir produced a very pleasant afternoon of music for us in late June in the Flockhart Hall at MLC. This was well attended and the hall proved a most comfortable venue for the occasion, providing a more intimate setting for our choral group and their guest performers, the newly-formed Hawthorn Recorder Group. The acoustics were excellent and the support from the Music staff was much appreciated. The vocal offerings, a mix of sacred music, traditional folk songs and extracts from opera and musical theatre, blended well with those of the recorders. As always, choir members and the audience deeply appreciate the expertise and commitment of Musical Director Meredith Vincent and accompanists Judy Chipman and Valerie Judges.

The Choir's end-of-year concert will take place at 2.30 pm on Saturday November 21. The venue is The Habitat Uniting Church, corner of Burke and Mont Albert Roads. There is convenient parking in nearby side streets. The cost is \$8.00 donation at the door and children are admitted free. Please join us for the concert, which includes audience

participation in some carol singing, and stay for afternoon tea.

It was a real pleasure to witness the work of the new Recorder Group, who, for their first public performance, chose an interesting selection of pieces, well rehearsed and impeccably presented. My mind turned to memories of Linnell Barelli and her classes of long ago. Driven by her enthusiasm for these historic instruments, she encouraged beginners and fellow musicians to open up to the possibilities they offered in a modern setting. Her legacy proudly lives on as we witnessed that day in June. The group, including one person who has been a member since 1971, meets regularly once again under the leadership of Jeanette Macarthur, with a full complement of players. They cover the full range of recorders and are of at least intermediate level, sharing their playing knowledge and experience, working co-operatively. Thanks to Bruce Lancashire, our U3A Hawthorn website now offers an interesting video of one of their musical offerings at the concert, complete with background information and references to the Victorian Recorder Guild. Well worth a look!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday August 22, 2.30 pm:

Orchestra concert at St John's Anglican Church, 552 Burke Rd, Camberwell.

Saturday November 21, 2.30pm:

Choir concert at The Habitat Uniting Church, corner Burke and Mont Albert Rds, Canterbury.

Sunday November 29, 2.30 pm:

Orchestra concert at Camberwell Grammar School, Mont Albert Rd, Canterbury

We look forward to sharing these very special events with many of you.

Ruth Muir

CHESS



The Chess Group is active every Wednesday afternoon. The players would like some more members to challenge them and join their group. If you would like a challenge and join with them please enrol at the office.

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the December Newsletter is Wednesday, November 4, 2015. Please send all copy to the Office

SOME REMINDERS

Tutors: please turn out the lights, air-conditioners, and lock up your rooms if it appears that there are no further classes occurring after yours.

All Members: Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off or set to silent mode before the class commences and 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.

Students: Please be mindful of the fact that, if you wish to enrol in some of the more popular classes (for example languages and bridge), you can only enrol in one category/class, not two.

FEES FOR 2016

Annual membership fees for 2016 are as follows:
Membership of U3A Hawthorn: \$45 single or \$70 couple/two at same address
Member enrolling from another campus \$30 (to cover administration)

Members are reminded that membership fees for 2015 must be paid before enrolments in courses can be processed.

READMAN SERIES

Friday 11 September 2015 at 3pm

Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue

The Gender Benders

Guest speaker: Professor Garry Warne AM



Garry was the Director of Endocrinology and Diabetes at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne for 19 years. In 2003, he and a psychiatrist colleague, A/Prof Campbell Paul, co-founded the gender dysphoria service at RCH. They and others pioneered the development of policies and procedures for the assessment and management of gender dysphoria in Australia.

Of children presenting with gender issues, 25% experience intensified distress at puberty. In around 50%, distress leads to self-harm if help is not forthcoming. Some young people request surgery to change their anatomical sex, but many choose not to. The aim of treatment is to promote mental health and facilitate integration into society.

Come along and listen to this fascinating presentation. Please register your intention of coming at the Office ASAP or book online by visiting our Website and following the links.

READMAN SERIES

Thursday 15 October at 3pm

Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue

[Painting a Revolutionary World](#)

Guest speaker: Professor Peter McPhee AM



Peter McPhee AM held a Personal Chair in History at the University of Melbourne and has published widely on the history of modern France. He was the University's first Provost and is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and the Academy of Social Sciences. Awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003, he became a Member of the Order of Australia in 2012.

The revolutionary century after 1780 was a whirlpool of political and social upheaval before the republican ship entered a secure harbour in 1880. How did painters such as David, Millet, Courbet and Monet respond to abrupt changes of régime and official artistic preferences? How was their art affected by the changing French society of the nineteenth century?

Come along and listen to this fascinating presentation. Please register your intention of coming at the Office ASAP or book online by visiting our Website and following the links.



SPRING EXCURSIONS

For bookings please telephone the U3A office

For further queries please contact:
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Or
Colette Flynn on 98826097

BOOKING POLICY

All tours payable at the time of placing reservation.
Bookings close two weeks prior to the event.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations 14 days or less prior to the scheduled departure time = no refund due

Thursday September 10

TOUR OF HISTORIC COMO HOUSE AND LUNCH AT THE STABLES CAFÉ (optional)

Cost: \$12 entry plus food on consumption

Time: 11.00am sharp

Meet: Corner Lechlade Ave and Williams Rd, South Yarra. Melways reference 58 G2

Limit: 15 participants (minimum and maximum)

Built in 1847, the beautiful Como House is set in a magnificent garden and was the centre of the social life of early Melbourne. Our Hawthorn U3A member, Julianne Lewis, will personally guide us through the mansion's classical architecture, relate the romantic histories of its previous owners and lead us through the delightfully historic garden.

At the conclusion of the tour (approximately 12.15 pm), we can indulge in a light or more lavish lunch, just as you prefer, at the celebrated Stables Cafe. We will reserve a table for our group (cafe at own expense).

Friday October 23

VICTORIAN TOWN WALKS – DISCOVER KYNETON

Cost: Own expense

Time: 10.30am sharp

Meet: Kyneton Railway Station exit gate of arrival platform

Transport: Train from Southern Cross station departing at 9.15 am, arriving Kyneton 10.20 am. Tickets can be purchased at either your local railway station or Southern Cross. Return trains depart Kyneton at 3.54 pm, 4.50 pm or 5.07 pm, taking around 1 hour 20 minutes duration.

Our leader, Norm Fary, will give a short talk on the history and growth of Kyneton before setting off to explore this quaint town. A lunch break along Piper Street may include sandwiches, pies, pubs or restaurants. Perhaps a picnic in the park if it's a lovely spring day?

After our lunch break we will visit the Botanical Gardens, churches and public buildings. The tour shall conclude with a coffee break before heading homeward.

Consider your needs - water, hat, sunglasses, UV cream, raincoat, umbrella, camera and comfortable walking shoes.

Wednesday November 4
TWILIGHT DRINKS AT ROBIN BOYD'S HOUSE

Cost: \$20 including refreshments

Time: 6.30pm sharp

Meet: 290 Walsh Street, South Yarra

Limit: 25 participants

The Robin Boyd Foundation invites you to the famous 'Walsh Street' residence for twilight drinks. Robin and Patricia were renowned around Melbourne as hosts in the 1960s and invitations to 'Walsh Street' were highly coveted.

These events continue the tradition. Boyd designed 'Walsh Street' for himself and the house remains unchanged from the time it was first designed and occupied by the Boyd family in 1959. Furnished with pieces designed by Boyd's associates, the house gives a unique insight into Melbourne's design leaders of the fifties and sixties.

Your 'Walsh Street' experience will begin with an introductory talk about the house and Robin Boyd, followed by a tour and finishing with refreshments prepared and baked in-house.

You are invited.....

The Hon Anna Burke MP
Federal Member for Chisholm
Speaker of the 43rd Parliament



speaking at U3A Hawthorn on
Wednesday 2nd September 2015
Main Hall 9:45 am - 11:15 am

Please contact the Office and enrol to take part
in this discussion with the former Speaker

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The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP
Federal Member for Higgins
Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer



speaking at U3A Hawthorn on
Wednesday 4th November 2015
Main Hall 9:45 am - 11:15 am

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in this discussion with the Parliamentary Secretary

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2015 TO NOVEMBER 2015

(This flyer is for your refrigerator or bulletin board)

Wednesday, September 2	The Hon Anna Burke MP, Main Hall, 9.45am
Thursday, September 10	Tour of Historic Como House, Lechlade Ave, South Yarra, 11.00am
Friday, September 11	Readman Series: Professor Garry Warne AM - <i>Gender Benders</i> , Main Hall, 3.00pm
Thursday, October 15	Readman Series: Professor Peter Mc Phee AM - <i>Painting a Revolutionary World</i> , Main Hall, 3.00pm
Saturday, October 17	Tutors and Volunteers thank-you lunch
Friday, October 23	Victorian Town Walks – Discover Kyneton, Kyneton Station 10.30am
Wednesday, November 4	The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP, Main Hall, 9.45am
Wednesday, November 4	Twilight Drinks At Robin Boyd's House, 290 Walsh Street, South Yarra
Friday, November 6	Last day for re-enrolments
Saturday, November 21	Choir concert at The Habitat Uniting Church, corner Burke and Mont Albert Rds, Canterbury, 2.30pm
Sunday, November 29	Orchestra Concert with Jules Cseszkó, Camberwell Grammar School, Mont Albert Rd, Canterbury, 2.30pm

