



# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello to everyone,

This month I have some good news; at last members will have no difficulty in hearing speakers in the main hall at the Sinclair Avenue campus. We now have a lapel microphone. I am sure you will join me in thanking the donor, Arnold Bram. We have also invested in a roving microphone. The mikes will help all those who find hearing difficult in classes and other U3A Hawthorn events where there is a fairly large audience. By the time this newsletter is published, tutors and members organising programs with outside speakers will know that these are available.

When you are next in the main hall at Sinclair Avenue, cast your eyes to the south wall and you will see a new clock, thanks to Rod Benjamin. Now everyone can see when it is time for the class to finish so the room can be set up for the next group.

As I announced in the last newsletter, the well-known jazz trumpeter Tony Newstead and his band will present a history of jazz at the Hawthorn Town Hall at our End-of-the-Year afternoon tea party on 8 December.

The third piece of good news is that friends (non-members) are welcome to attend the End-of-Year event. At the October management committee meeting it was decided to hire the main hall instead of the Chandelier Room so we can have a bigger party. In order to cater for this event we need to know how many are coming, so do not forget to book for yourself - and your friends! There is **a charge of \$10 per person** which must be paid **in advance** in order to confirm your booking.

Like all U3As, ours is based on everyone taking part in helping to run the organisation. I have noted that often the same faces are at the reception desk - most are long term members who have a deep commitment to U3A and are willing to do one half-day per fortnight when needed. Liz Duff is in charge of seeing the desk is staffed and lately she has been finding it difficult to find volunteers. This is a vital role and a good way of extending your U3A network. The rest of us depend on those smiling faces and friendly voices on the phone. So, next year I hope more of you will put your hand up to help.

When you rush to book for the magnificent Summer School program that will be held in January this year, please note the method of booking is changing in several ways.

The objective is to avoid the usual mayhem that occurs in the reception office when the Summer School program and the curriculum for the next year are published. There have been long waiting times as people try to book for both as well as paying their annual fees.

Booking for the Summer School program

- 1: Select the talks you want to attend and write down the title and number
- 2: Look at the reverse side of your U3A badge to find out your membership number.
- 3: Armed with your membership number and the numbers of the talks you wish to attend either:

Phone 9822 7668 before 14 December or  
Go to the South Room and book in person.

Please carefully note the starting date for classes in 2008. The renovations to the main building and kitchen will be done in January/February. Although this will not affect classes at other venues, to avoid confusion, all classes will begin early March. However, the office will reopen in January and remain open during the renovations.

As part of the Saturday Series, Ian and I are presenting an illustrated talk on our trip to Morocco at 2 pm 24 November at Swinburne University. Non-members of U3A Hawthorn are very welcome to attend this event. There is no charge, but everyone including non-members must book by phoning reception at 9821 0282.

If our paths do not cross in the meantime I will look forward to seeing you all in late November and early December.

*Liz Pittman*  
President

**U3A HAWTHORN OFFICE HOURS (except in December/January — see page 2)**  
**Monday to Friday: 9.30 am - 4.00 pm**

## EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

In order 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).**

Bruce Lancashire, our orchestra percussionist, keeps our website up-to-date. For the latest news 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 2008

Annual membership fees for 2008 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**

## SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The office will close on December 14 and reopen on January 2. Office hours during January are from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm. Normal office hours will resume in February.

## 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 on 9821 0282.

**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, half year or four weeks.

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

## COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the March 2008 Newsletter is February 12, 2008. Please send all copy to the Office.



## MUSIC NOTES

Once again we've reached the time for forward planning – arrangements for next year's performances under discussion and bookings being made. Some dates are already fixed and here they are for you to note and install firmly into 2008 diaries:

First Orchestral concert on Thursday May 22, 10.30 am Hawthorn Town Hall

First Choir concert on Saturday June 14, 2.00 pm Chandelier Room, Hawthorn Town Hall

Mid-year Orchestral concert on Thursday August 14, 10.30 am Hawthorn Town Hall

Final Orchestral concert on Thursday November 27, 10.30 am Hawthorn Town Hall.

More details of these treats in store will follow in the first of 2008's Newsletters.

The various other music-based groups are also closing down after an enjoyable year of shared interests and diverse musical experiences, whether it's jazz, dance, recorder-playing or exploring the lives of composers and performers. These groups too will be looking ahead to re-gathering early in the New Year.

When you read this our final concerts for the year will have been presented, and hopefully enjoyed by many of you. Both Choir and Orchestra concerts occur within the final weeks of our U3A year, and there is still the general End-of-Year party to look forward to, with this time a jazz theme, a lovely and lively change of scene. The Town Hall will be alive with toes tapping and joyous sounds all round!

Our final Orchestral concert this year had particular significance, celebrating the achievement of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The occasion caused much reflection on my part, inwardly tracing the amazing growth and development of an idea which took shape in such a small way back then, and has now expanded into the formidable entity that has become the Orchestra of U3A Hawthorn. For me personally it has been a huge learning experience, after taking up the challenge laid down by George Logie-Smith when he accepted our request to become director of an unformed musical ensemble with an unknown future. Having told Jean Giese that he didn't want to have to answer phone calls he suggested that I could do it, saying, "She dobbed me in, so now I'll dob her". In the more than ten years since, I've taken a lot of phone calls, made many friends, learnt so much about Melbourne's musical scene both amateur and professional, soaked up the music and continue to thank George for opening these doors for me. It's been a wonderful time and I'm so proud of our Orchestra and its dear, devoted and doughty players.

And of course behind all of this is an abiding commitment to the power of music to nourish, inspire, excite and refresh through its "infinite variety" and abiding magic. Life would be unimaginable without it!

*Ruth Muir*

## MUSIC REQUESTS

There are two special requests from the music groups.

One comes from the Choir members, who are still hoping for more men (especially tenors) to swell their ranks.

The other comes from the Orchestra which, looking ahead, would welcome more younger players to join the team.

For the Choir, contact Judith Chipman on 9848 6036

For the Orchestra, contact Ruth Muir on 9818 0801.

## SUMMER SCHOOL 2008

The Summer School will run over 17 days from Monday January 7 to Thursday January 31 (excluding Friday 25 and Monday 28 January) and you will have a choice of over 40 sessions. The Summer School is free but available only to U3A Hawthorn members *who are financial for 2008*.

The venue for 2008 will be Lecture Theatre TDI21 at Swinburne University, Wakefield Street, Hawthorn (with the exception of Creative Movement and Tai Chi).

**VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED** to help at the lecture venue.

We need at least one person (preferably two) attending each single talk or series of talks to be responsible for setting up at the venue, checking the attendance roll, introducing/thanking and generally providing help to the speaker. Please let the office know when you register for a class if you are able to help (or phone Elaine Cockburn 9486 7998) - you will be fully briefed on your duties and will be adequately supported. We would greatly appreciate your help!

### SATURDAY SERIES

**Location:** Lecture theatre TD 121, ground floor, Swinburne University, Wakefield Street, Hawthorn

**Time:** 2.30 to 4.00 pm.

**Bookings:** Book by phoning the office on 9821 0282 or by attending in person. Please leave YOUR telephone number. We need this in case the lecture has to be cancelled unexpectedly and we have to ring members who have enrolled.

**November 24** Morocco Unbound

Liz and Ian Pittman

Travel through the Atlas Mountains, deserts, deep gorges and fertile rolling hills. Meet the Berbers and see the houses in which the Pittmans stayed. There will be Moroccan rose essence and spices to smell.

## U3A HAWTHORN COMMITTEE 2007-2008



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Ruth Muir  
Orchestra Manager

## U3A EXCURSIONS

Two thousand and seven has been a busy year providing an interesting selection of excursions to cater for our members' vast range of interests.

We opened with the unusual and fascinating **Bat Watching** at dusk at Yarra Bend, then progressing to our other tours – **Beleura House and Garden** at Mornington; **Melbourne Cricket Ground**; **Tarrawarra Museum of Modern Art**; **Jewish Museum**; **Freeways, Tunnels and Bridges of Melbourne**; **Garden Lovers' Tour in the Dandenongs** and finally **Kew Cemetery**.

Quite a year and a great start to our excursions program. Not only were the tours educational but the social aspect of meeting and mixing with other members was highly successful.

Many thanks to my two committee colleagues, **Collette Flynn** and **Julianne Lewis**, who have been of great assistance to me in planning your year.

Please note that the date for the **Police Academy Tour** has been altered to a later date, **Tuesday 18 March**, due to our U3A year starting at a later time.

*Joan Harding*

## AUTUMN EXCURSIONS

*For bookings please telephone the U3A office*

*For further queries, please contact Joan Harding on 9813 3974 or 0408 366 987 or Collette Flynn on 9882 6097*

*Payment is **due 21 days** prior to tour date, unless stated otherwise.*

*The bus companies have reviewed their charges due to rising costs (fuel, catering, etc.) and have adjusted their costs accordingly. In turn, our coach tour fees will be slightly higher this coming year.*

### **POLICE ACADEMY TOUR - TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2008 - (note change of date from 4 March)**

Visit the Victoria Police Academy and gain an insight into the recruitment and training processes adopted by the force. Lunch will be served in the Academy Trainees' Canteen, followed by a walk in the historic grounds. Please wear comfortable shoes as walking and standing are involved.

**Cost:** \$10 per person for lunch - (own transport is needed.).

**Assemble:** Viewmount Road, Glen Waverley - meet in the main foyer.  
Melway reference: 71 E6  
10.00 am to 1.00 pm

**Parking:** In the grounds of the Academy (parking spaces may be limited).

Please direct bookings and payment to the U3A office. Be quick to register!! Payment due by Monday 10 March.

### **WINERIES AND RIVER CRUISE -.NAGAMBIE - THURSDAY 17 APRIL -**

Enjoy morning tea at Chateau Tahbilk Winery, Victoria's oldest family-owned winery and vineyard, which is picturesquely set adjacent to the Goulburn River.

Board the Goulburn River Cruises boat for a delicious BBQ and meander along the river to Mitchelton Winery which was established in 1969. A 55 metre observation tower with viewing deck dominates the complex. There is also an art gallery, underground cellars and they specialize in Shiraz, Marsanne and Riesling.

**Cost:** \$52 per person (\$5 surcharge for non members)

**Departure:** U3A Sinclair Avenue at 9.00 am

**Return:** Approximately 5.00 pm

**Inclusions:** Coach travel, morning tea, BBQ lunch, river cruise and entrance fees.

Please direct bookings to the U3A office. Payment due no later than Tuesday 4 April.

***Are you a Computer Savvy Senior?  
No? Then keep up with Cyberspace!***

Learn new computer skills with the City of Boroondara Library Service.

The Library provides a wide range of computer training programs to suit all members of the community. They are offered at all five branches of the Library Service.

The training sessions are free of charge, run for 1 hour and provide notes.

Choose one or all of the following:

**Introduction to the Internet**

Basic skills to get you started.

**Introduction to email using Gmail (Google email)**

Create an email account and send/receive email.

**Further Internet**

Use search engines and directories, improve your search strategies and learn about Wikipedia.

**Further email using Gmail (Google email)**

Send/receive attachments, create your own signature, create and manage contacts and organise your email.

**Online Databases**

Search for current information on a wide variety of subjects spanning business, history, science, arts, health, law, education as well as local and international newspapers and magazines.

**Genealogy on the Internet**

Delve into your family history using resources available online.

**Blogs and blogging for beginners**

We recently added Blogs to extend our training repertoire. Create your own blog and post an entry.

We also offer a special computer training program designed for seniors.

**Computer Savvy Seniors** train volunteer tutors in computer and Internet skills who in turn provide one-on-one computer training to other interested seniors either in the library or at the participant's home.

For more information about any of these programs or to book a session please contact Lisa Wilson, Community Development Librarian, Hawthorn Library, 9278 4666 or contact any branch of the City of Boroondara Library Service.

Ashburton Library	9278 4633
Balwyn Library	9278 4644
Camberwell Library	9278 4655
Hawthorn Library	9278 4666
Kew Library	9278 4677

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Lifestyle Cultures and Well-being Project**

The study looks at how lifestyles and health are shaped by life roles, everyday life demands and cultures. (University of Melbourne, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences).

We are looking for individuals aged between 38 and 62.

Your feedback will help in understanding the diversity of ways people relate to lifestyle health messages and ways of promoting wellbeing in communities.

Involves a survey on your background, lifestyle and a fun skills thinking activity.

Takes one hour and forty minutes (including break).

Each participant will be paid \$50 in appreciation for taking part.

If interested, please contact Chris Platania-Phung on 8344 9498, 0401 008 447, or [cpphung@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:cpphung@unimelb.edu.au)

This study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of Melbourne (Project approval number 020656).

## 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.

## RECORDERS: Pleasure NOT pain.

The word *recorder* evokes in many people the memory of the strident sound of descant recorders played by primary school students. Try to overcome this impression. The descant or soprano is only one member of a family of recorders which comprises eight instruments ranging from the tiny garklein to the large concert tenor which resembles a huge pepper mill! The soprano, alto, tenor and bass recorders are those most used in social consorts.

The recorder, in all its guises, is very popular in England, Europe, United States, Japan and Canada and is considered a solo instrument as well as part of a consort.

The repertoire is equally wide; from early music to Palestrina and Purcell in the Renaissance to Telemann, Bach and Handel in the 17th century, to jazz and ragtime arranged and written by current musicians such as Bonsor and Victorian composer/arranger Peter Madge.

U3A therefore, being a teaching entity, offers an opportunity to those with or without musical experience to learn to play, read music and with some theory to realize the enormous pleasure of playing with a group of like-minded people.

Group playing is not about public performance *per se* but learning to play harmoniously with others under a conductor. This, when successfully achieved, engenders a feeling of *esprit de corps* and can open up new avenues of musical endeavour to explore.

Anyone interested should call Linnell Barelli on 9817 1757.

*Marnie Holborow*

## CYCLING GROUP

Next year we are considering forming a second cycling group for those who would like to ride at a more leisurely pace and over a shorter distance. The group would also meet at Sinclair Avenue each Friday at 9.15 am. If you are interested, please contact Barry Munari on 9819 0290 or the office on 9821 0282.

The compliments of  
the Season to you all  
and a bright and prosperous  
New Year

# **U3A HAWTHORN COMING EVENTS**

(This flyer is for your refrigerator or bulletin board)

## **A SPECIAL EVENT**

**December 8 2007** Special End of Year Party (Cost \$10 per person payable at time of booking)

## **SATURDAY SERIES**

**November 24 2007** Morocco Unbound Liz and Ian Pittman

## **CONCERTS**

**November 22 2007** Orchestral Concert

**November 27 2007** Choir Christmas concert and lunch

**May 22 2008** Orchestral Concert

**June 14 2008** Choir concert

**August 14 2008** Orchestral concert

**November 27 2008** Orchestral concert

## **EXCURSIONS**

**March 18 2008** Police Academy Tour

**April 17 2008** Wineries and River Cruise - Nagambie

***FULL DETAILS OF ALL THESE EVENTS ARE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER.***