

U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

While everyone is eagerly studying the new curriculum, this is a good time to take stock of 1996. Apart from the short courses, greatly enjoyed by all who participated, nine new on-going classes were commenced, tutors being Joan Bazely, Linnell Barelli, Judith Chipman, Sylvia Coates, Gwenda Ford, John Salvaris, Bernadette Smith, Yehuda Svoray and Ron Taft. It says something about the satisfaction of both students and tutors that all nine groups wish to continue in 1997. It will be noted that all 52 of our old classes will also continue. As well, we are offering in the first semester nine new on-going courses and 16 short ones. All those who have participated in making this possible are to be congratulated, especially Derek Readman and Joan Donlon. We look set for a good year of learning.

We would like to thank those tutors who gave us short courses this year, some of whom we are glad to report will be turning up again in 1997: Ken Aitken, Bernard Boas, Ann and Ted Bouchier, Greta Burman, Judy Chancellor, Chintaman Datar, Irene Dunsmuir, Essie Gordon, Peter Havlicek, Betty Marginson, Ralph Mottram, Alison Patrick, Nola Sharp, Colin Scott and D. H. Dacre Smyth. Of course we are always grateful to our on-going tutors who are now part of the U3A Hawthorn family. We welcome the new tutors joining us in the coming year and hope you too will enjoy your classes here.

Our special thanks go to one of our foundation tutors, Ven Houston, who has told us he is retiring after 11 years. Ven began in our first year of operation (1985) with a weekly group in music appreciation. As interest and numbers grew this was increased to three groups a week, which Ven has conscientiously conducted on a Tuesday over all this time. The Committee has been pleased to vote Ven a Life Membership and he will be honoured at the end-of-year party.

Because we are a 'third-age' organisation, we are constantly saddened by the loss of members. Particularly affecting us all recently was the death of our Secretary, Joan Strachan. We are missing her presence, her wisdom, reliability and dedication. A number of us attended the funeral service, where we were able to offer our sympathy to Joan's family and to hear fine tributes to a woman who served her community through several different organisations; we felt fortunate to have been part of her life. The Committee has appointed Derek Readman as Secretary and he will serve until our Annual General Meeting in April 1997.

Since our last *Newsletter* we have had two pleasant occasions when the Committee, on behalf of all members, was able to express thanks to our tutors and to all those working in the administration of U3A Hawthorn. The first lunch at the Swinburne Staff Club was attended by 30 of the administration staff, and the second by 55 of our tutors. They were happy occasions, when the opportunity was taken to get to know each other better and to share thoughts and enthusiasm in our common endeavour.

Now we look forward to seeing everyone at the end-of-year party on Tuesday 3 December at 2 p.m., when we will celebrate the conclusion of a great year.

Jean Giese, Chairman

A LAST-MINUTE REMINDER! *END - OF - YEAR GATHERING*

Have you remembered to notify the office that you are coming to our annual get-together on **Tuesday 3 December** at the Hawthorn Town Hall, commencing at **2 p.m.**? Although we asked for your acceptances earlier to help us with catering arrangements, we would hate to turn any friend away. We could probably accommodate some last-minuters, so please give the office a ring immediately if you would like to join us.

DATES FOR 1996/97

2 December	Opening date for new enrolments in on-going courses and new 1997 courses (as advertised in the December curriculum). Membership fee for 1997 must be included with enrolment.
Last week Nov./first week Dec.	This is the concluding period for 1996 classes.
13 December	Office closes for 1996, but enrolments and cheques for 1997 membership posted to the office will be processed before 13 January
13 Jan. to 8 Feb.	Summer School (full details elsewhere in this Newsletter).
13 January	Office open part-time, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
3 February	Office open full-time from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Third week February	Classes commence for 1997.

WEARING YOUR BADGE

While we all feel sooner or later that 'everyone in the class knows me, so it doesn't matter about my badge', there is a very good reason for members to wear their badges to class. This is because of the personal details on the back, which could be of great assistance should a medical emergency arise. Most importantly, this information should be available if your class or group is AWAY from 24 Wakefield Street at another venue, bushwalking, etc. **Please help us to help you!**

MEMBERSHIP FEES

1997 Membership of U3A Hawthorn	\$25 single \$40 two at same address
1997 Member from another campus studying at Hawthorn (covers badge, quarterly newsletter, curriculum)	\$5

A GREAT HONOUR

The Victorian Community Foundation makes annual Awards to acknowledge individuals, organisations and corporations whose work has had a significant impact on the quality of life in Victoria.

We are delighted to announce that **U3A Network-Victoria** has received the award for 1996 for 'its imaginative and dynamic response to the need in the community for continuing learning among the 50 plus age group'. It is a real achievement to have the work of the U3A movement acknowledged publicly—let's congratulate everyone concerned!

VALE TO TWO OF OUR MEMBERS

We are sorry to announce that our Secretary, Joan Strachan, died on 17 October. We also regret to report that John Molnar, a member for some years, died on Tuesday, 5 November.

We extend our sympathy to the families of these two friends, who will be sadly missed.

A WELCOME GIFT

When you are wondering about a Christmas gift, think of the special pleasure a friend would get from a year's membership of Hawthorn U3A. It could be a life-altering experience—so do the right thing!

1997 SUMMER SCHOOL

Following the success of the 1996 Summer School, we are running an expanded version (free, for financial members) over four weeks from mid-January into February 1997.

HELPERS

We require volunteers to help with running the lecture venues. We need one person attending each single lecture or series of lectures to be responsible for opening and closing the lecture venue; if you are coming anyway, this is hardly an inconvenience. Please remember that U3A is a **self-help co-operative group**, and it is unfair to leave all the work to a tiny percentage of willing BUT OVER-WORKED hands. Please let the office know at which courses you can help.

MAIN VENUE

Swinburne lecture room BA 302 is on the third floor, Business & Arts Building (enter from the plaza between John and William Streets). Access is by lift (also at ground-level basement), escalator or stairs.

BOOKINGS

Your bookings can be made between 9.30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, by telephone (9818 7371 or 9214 8824) or personally at the office.

For the **COMPUTER COURSE ONLY**, you will need to complete and hand in an enrolment form as for a normal course, marked **COMPUTER COURSE**; places are limited, so it is first-in, best-dressed. For **ALL** the other lectures, there will be **NO WRITTEN CONFIRMATION** of bookings, so you will need to keep your personal record of the time and date of each booking.

Places are limited: please have an alternative ready if you are unsuccessful with your first choice.

ARTURO TOSCANINI

Saturday 25 January & 1 February

Al will talk over two sessions on the life and times of this great and colourful Italian conductor.

ASIAN TRADE ROUTES—from antiquity to modern times

Thursday 6, 23, 30 January & 6 February

Illustrated talks about the Silk Route from China, the Spice Route from the East Indies and the Incense Route from Southern Arabia.

CHESS

Monday 13, 20, 27 January

Egon will talk about the theory and practice of chess, with some supervised play.

EARLY WOMEN AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS—the French connection

Friday 24 January

Bernadette will talk about the artist Jane Crowley (with fellow student Anne Dangar) enjoying the happiest years of her life as an art student at the Académie Lhôte in Paris during the years 1927 to 1929.

EXPLORERS IN VICTORIA

Wednesday 15, 22, 29 January & 5 February

The four sessions cover (1) Hume and Hovell in Victoria, (2) William Hovell at Western Port, (3) John Batman's journey to Mt Erubu, and (4) the journeys of Wedge and Gellibrand.

HOT JAZZ

Tuesday 14, 21, 28 January & 4 February

Barney will discuss over four sessions the development of traditional jazz music from 1900 to the present day, its main traditions and various styles illustrated with appropriate records. Emphasis is on enjoyment of the music.

IDEA OF SPECIAL RELATIVITY

Monday 27 January

Colin will discuss Einstein's journey from Galileo to Lorenz in search of transformations under which the laws of physics are covariant.

INSIGHT INTO JAPANESE HOMES

Wednesday 29 January

Betty will talk on her impressions gained after five visits to Japan, including invitations to the homes of pen-friends and five short home-stay experiences.

IN THE STEPS OF CAPTAIN COOK

Friday 7 February

Nola and Frank will give a slide show on the Captain Cook Heritage Trail in Yorkshire and Australia, and follow the building of the *Endeavour* replica in Fremantle and its recent historic voyage.

AL IRVINE

11.30—1.00, Swinburne BA 302

MURIEL CRABTREE

11.30—1.00, Swinburne BA 302

EGON DONATH

1.00—2.30, 24 Wakefield St

BERNADÈTTE SMITH

11.00—12.30, 24 Wakefield St

Dr STUART DUNCAN

11.30—1.00, Swinburne BA 302

BARNEY GOVAN-SMITH

11.30—1.00, Swinburne BA 302

COLIN SCOTT

2.30—4.00, 24 Wakefield St

BETTY JONES

11.00—12.30, 24 Wakefield St

NOLA & FRANK SHARP

11.30—1.00, Swinburne BA 302

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Tuesday/Thursday 21, 23, 28, 30 January, 4, 6 February

These six sessions cover IBM computing for grandparents—for those who want to fight back. Classes will be held at Swinburne, but initially the group meets at 9.45 a.m. at 24 Wakefield St

ITALIAN—brushing up the basics

Monday 13, 20, 27 January & 3 February

A series of four lectures aimed at revising the basics of Italian grammar for people who are either studying the language or who have studied it at some time. The course could also serve as an introduction to the language for anyone considering joining a beginners' class.

MYTHS AND THEIR INFLUENCE

Monday 13 & 20 January

A discussion over two sessions on how myths have guided and informed the lives of human beings around the world and through the ages.

PSEUDONYMS

Friday 17 January

People, famous and infamous, have been hiding behind pseudonyms for years, even for centuries. Ken will discuss who they are and why they did.

RADAR AND THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Tuesday 4 February

Radar was invented in Britain, and Germany had no knowledge of its existence. At the outbreak of World War 2 the TV service closed down, and Wolfe will talk about his experiences after he was recruited to work on radar some months later.

A READERS' FESTIVAL

Saturday 18, 25 January & 1, 8 February

This four-session course will focus on writing by Australian authors taking part in the 1996 Writers' Festival. It covers three genres: the novel, the short story and journalism.

TRAVEL ADVENTURES

Monday 3 February

Our widely travelled Ernestine will talk about her own amusing and alarming travel adventures.

TRAVEL IN IRELAND

Friday 31 January

Dr Foster ('a brave little woman travelling alone in Ireland') will talk on her tour of the Republic of Ireland, with a video on Charles Parnell and a description of some Irish gardens.

JOHN BORCHERS

10.00—11.30, Swinburne BA 302

11.00—12.30, 24 Wakefield St

NAN INGLIS

11.00—12.30, 24 Wakefield St

IRMA VAN DER GIESSEN

11.30—1.00, Swinburne BA 302

KENNETH BANDMAN

11.30—1.00, Swinburne BA 302

WOLFE FLACK

11.00—12.30, 24 Wakefield St

Dr CHRISTINE FERRARI

11.30—1.00, Swinburne BA 302

ERNESTINE LOBB

11.30—1.00, Swinburne BA 302

Dr LEONIE FOSTER

11.30—1.00, Swinburne BA 302

KEEP YOUR CURRICULUM HANDY

This edition of the *Newsletter* includes the Curriculum, which you should retain until you receive the June 1997 *Newsletter*. Updates of course details will appear in the March 1997 *Newsletter*.

By publishing the full details of our curriculum only six-monthly and not three-monthly, we make a considerable saving in postage and paper (we must think of the trees).

DESPATCHING YOUR NEWSLETTER

Your Editor advises that, after the despatch of this December issue, she will **NOT** be available to handle both jobs involved in getting the *Newsletter* to you. While happy to continue the compiling/word-processing/editing section (about five-sixths of the total time), she feels that the despatch part is now sufficiently organised and codified to hand over to another person.

There are usually sufficient people willing to **help**, but we urgently require someone to **take responsibility** for organising and directing the despatch of our quarterly *Newsletter*. This involves up to eight hours of work, spread over two or three days (access to a car is fairly important), and the flexibility to be available over part of each of the last three days of the final week in the months of February, May, August and November. Coaching in the details of this most important job will of course be gladly offered.

Surely among our **850+** members there are **some** who are not currently contributing in any way and would like to pull their weight? Please ring the office or Helen Williams (9818 5077).

SOME COURSES IN 1997

SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

The popular Saturday Lecture Series will resume in March 1997 and carry on through the year until next November. There will be details of the first three end-month lectures in the March *Newsletter*.

SATURDAY VIDEOS

It is intended to continue this programme next year, commencing in March. Further details will appear in the March *Newsletter*.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

An offer has been made to run a Scottish Country Dancing group (this is not Highland Dancing) for people who enjoy Scottish music. The dances require groups of eight people who combine to make different dance patterns. A partner is not required, as this is a social activity with dancers changing partners every dance. For those who might find the step too energetic, it is sufficient to walk in time with the music. We are seeking expressions of interest, so please telephone the office.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

The History Institute of Victoria Inc. is holding a three-day Summer School from 29-31 January, providing a detailed introduction to a selection of Melbourne's major archival repositories and how they might be used by new researchers or those refining their skills. Costs are \$100 per day or \$250 for three days, including transport, teas and lunches. For further details, contact the Institute, 254 Faraday Street, Carlton, telephone and fax (03) 9344 6209.

PROFESSIONAL WRITING & EDITING

A new course is just being introduced at Swinburne; it is a Certificate IV course and is a joint project by the Hawthorn Community Education Project Inc. and Swinburne University of Technology, TAFE Division Adult and General Education. It is designed for those who enjoy writing, and are of retirement age or are no longer working for health reasons.

There are two 3-hour sessions per week, with a choice of electives according to interest, e.g. Poetry, Literature Analysis, Writing for Performance, etc. There is a minimal charge.

Please contact Julia Ward at 24 Wakefield St (9819 5771) or Lisa Quayle at Swinburne (9214 8370).

SPEAKING BETTER ENGLISH

This is a course for older migrant people who have settled in Australia and would like to improve their English conversation skills. Anita Tonkes helps beginners and intermediate learners to develop their communication skills in the Meeting Room behind Hawthorn Library between 10.15 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. on Thursdays; there is a small fee of \$10 per term.

Contact Judith Elsworth on 9214 8824 for further information on this course, which is subsidised by Adult Community & Further Education.

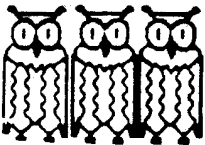
RETIREMENT SERVICE CENTRE

The Retirement Service Centre at 1 Railway Parade, Camberwell, is a 'one-stop shop' providing access to information on a range of retirement-related matters, including financial, lifestyle, housing and health issues. This service is available to age pensioners, the veteran community and to people who are planning their retirement; it brings together the services of the Departments of Social Security and of Veterans' Affairs and also the Australian Taxation Office.

The Centre operates on an appointment system; Department of Social Service clients should ring 12 24 68, and the Veteran Community should ring 9284 6000.

RESEARCH PROJECT

Betty Clarke would be very interested to hear from women who married Australian servicemen overseas in World War 2 and who followed on to Australia in the immediate post-war period. Please contact Betty on 9381 1520.



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SUMMER SCHOOL 1997 TIMETABLE

VENUES: **S 302** **Lecture Theatre 302 (3rd floor, John Street)**
 Business & Arts Building, Swinburne University (map over)

24 W **24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn**

JANUARY					
13	Monday	S 302	MYTHS & THEIR INFLUENCE	Irma Van Der Giessen	11.30-1.00
		24 W	ITALIAN—brushing up the basics	Nan Inglis	11.00-12.30
		24 W	CHESS	Egon Donath	1.00-2.30
14	Tuesday	S 302	HOT JAZZ	Barney Govan-Smith	11.30-1.00
15	Wednesday	S 302	EXPLORERS IN VICTORIA	Dr Stuart Duncan	11.30-1.00
16	Thursday	S 302	ASIAN TRADE ROUTES	Muriel Crabtree	11.30-1.00
17	Friday	S 302	PSEUDONYMS	Kenneth Bandman	11.30-1.00
18	Saturday	24 W	A READERS' FESTIVAL	Dr Christine Ferrari	2.30-4.00
20	Monday	S 302	MYTHS & THEIR INFLUENCE	Irma Van Der Giessen	11.30-1.00
		24 W	ITALIAN—brushing up the basics	Nan Inglis	11.00-12.30
		24 W	CHESS	Egon Donath	1.00-2.30
21	Tuesday	S 302	HOT JAZZ	Barney Govan-Smith	11.30-1.00
		24 W	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS	John Borchers	9.45 -11.30
22	Wednesday	S 302	EXPLORERS IN VICTORIA	Dr Stuart Duncan	11.30-1.00
23	Thursday	S 302	ASIAN TRADE ROUTES	Muriel Crabtree	11.30-1.00
		Swinb	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS	John Borchers	10.00 -11.30
24	Friday	24 W	EARLY AUSTRALIAN WOMEN ARTISTS	Bernadette Smith	11.00-12.30
25	Saturday	S 302	ARTURO TOSCANINI	Al Irvine	11.30-1.00
		24 W	A READERS' FESTIVAL	Dr Christine Ferrari	2.30-4.00
27	Monday	24 W	AN IDEA OF SPATIAL RELATIVITY	Colin Scott	2.30-4.00
		24 W	ITALIAN—brushing up the basics	Nan Inglis	11.00-12.30
		24 W	CHESS	Egon Donath	1.00-2.30
28	Tuesday	S 302	HOT JAZZ	Barney Govan-Smith	11.30-1.00
		Swinb	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS	John Borchers	10.00-11.30
29	Wednesday	24 W	INSIGHT INTO JAPANESE HOMES	Betty Jones	11.00-12.30
		S 302	EXPLORERS IN VICTORIA	Dr Stuart Duncan	11.30-1.00
30	Thursday	S 302	ASIAN TRADE ROUTES	Muriel Crabtree	11.30-1.00
		Swinb	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS	John Borchers	10.00-11.30
31	Friday	S 302	TRAVEL IN IRELAND	Dr Leonie Foster	11.30-1.00
FEBRUARY					
1	Saturday	S 302	ARTURO TOSCANINI	Al Irvine	11.30-1.00
		24 W	A READERS' FESTIVAL	Dr Christine Ferrari	2.30-4.00
3	Monday	S 302	TRAVEL ADVENTURES	Ernestine Lobb	11.30-1.00
		24 W	ITALIAN—brushing up the basics	Nan Inglis	11.00-12.30
4	Tuesday	S 302	HOT JAZZ	Barney Govan-Smith	11.30-1.00
		24 W	RADAR & THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN	Wolfe Flack	11.00-12.30
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6	Thursday	S 302	ASIAN TRADE ROUTES	Muriel Crabtree	11.30-1.00
		Swinb	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS	John Borchers	10.00-11.30
7	Friday	S 302	IN THE STEPS OF CAPTAIN COOK	Nola & Frank Sharp	11.30-1.00
8	Saturday	24 W	A READERS' FESTIVAL	Dr Christine Ferrari	2.30-4.00

Further details on all the above courses appear in the December 1996 Newsletter.