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Notice is given of a
**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of THIRD AGE LEARNING
(HAWTHORN) Inc.**

Location: 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris 3146 (off Harris Avenue)

Date: Wednesday, 29 June 2011

Time: 11.45 am

Agenda: To receive the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31/12/2010

As the Annual Accounts were not able to be tabled at the Annual General Meeting held on 13 April 2011, an extension of time has been sought and granted to enable the holding of an additional General Meeting in order for members to review and accept the audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31/12/2010. As this is a formality needed to meet Department of Justice requirements, it is anticipated that the meeting should take only a few minutes.

*Bruce Lancashire
Honorary Secretary*

Please note: Proxy forms will be available from the U3A Hawthorn office if you are unable to attend in person.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

As I took over the Presidency from Rod Benjamin (who continues in an executive role as Vice-president) only six weeks ago, I have not much to impart in this newsletter. My main job to date has been to get to know all members of the Executive and those who serve in other important positions and committees.

In the thirteen years I was a tutor in Current Affairs I had no idea of the breadth and scope of the U3A Hawthorn Campus affairs other than those that affected my group. Now I know better and I am most impressed with (and grateful for) the dedication of all those who work to make our Campus a successful meeting place and source of knowledge and information for those who relish the senior years.

The first off-campus event I attended was the programme of French music, *L'Esprit de Corps*, presented by the Orchestra of U3A Hawthorn on Thursday, 12 May. Conducted by Gyula Cseszkó, the orchestra presented a feast of French music including a prelude by Debussy, three French Opera Arias and Faust ballet music a rousing performance of Bizet's *Carmen Suite No. 1*.

As saxophone/soloist accompanying the orchestra, Jason Xanthoudakis gave the Debussy added significance.

Because my tenure as President is so short, so is the news I have to impart. By the time of the next newsletter I am sure I will have more to tell.

Best wishes to you all.

Peter Isaacson

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the September 2011 Newsletter is 5 August 2011. Please send all copy to the Office.

U3A HAWTHORN OFFICE HOURS: 9.30 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday

URGENT – DATABASE ASSISTANCE

We are still looking for a Member who has a good knowledge of our Database software FilemakerPro Version 8 or above 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

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 your name(s) and U3A ID number(s).**

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

All courses, forms, and newsletters are available to download from the website.

FEES FOR 2011

Annual membership fees for 2011 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 2011 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses can be processed.

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.

Members of the Management Committee

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.***

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Some 80 members attended the AGM held on 13 April 2011. We welcomed Boroondara Councilors, David Bloom and Coral Ross, and Council staff member Lisa Foord. Also, Honorary Life Members Hans and Sue van Dorssen, Jill Fitzgibbon and Peter Anderson, and the Treasurer of the U3A Network Victoria, Ian King. A welcome was also given to Guest Speaker, Dr. John Swan AO. A blanket apology was tendered on behalf of all the other Boroondara Councilors. Other apologies included from Graeme Watt MLA and from several members, including tutors Michael Mullerworth and Carolyn Macafee.

Prior to the AGM the Committee of Management became aware of a discrepancy in the Annual Accounts which precluded them from being tabled at the meeting. As a consequence a **Special General Meeting** has been called for, to be held on 29 June 2011 at 11:45 am in the Main Hall of our Sinclair Avenue Campus. [See notice elsewhere in the Newsletter]

A vote of thanks was given to retiring Committee Members Peter Merigan [Treasurer] and Lynne Merigan [Grants Officer] for their contribution to the efficient running of U3A Hawthorn. Thanks were also expressed to our retiring Auditor, Rick Hartnett.

In a most unfortunate oversight, I missed the opportunity to give particular thanks to retiring President Rod Benjamin for his three years of leadership, including taking us through the process of preparing our Strategic Plan. Rod has agreed to continue on the Committee as Vice President. My most sincere apologies, Rod.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Following the election of office bearers for 2011/12 the Committee of Management is as follows.

President	Peter Isaacson	Members:	Meg Adams
Vice President	Rod Benjamin		Marie Hamerton
Secretary	Bruce Lancashire		Claus Gyrn
Treasurer	Frank Egan		Ruth Muir
			Gillian Yung

In addition Harold Dalton was appointed as Auditor.

At the conclusion of the AGM Dr John Swan, AO provided a most informative presentation on the topic *Food, Famine, Fecundity and Phosphate* wherein he explored the linkages between the availability of land for agriculture, the growth of cities, the need for fertilizers (especially the critically important nutrient phosphate) and the parallel problem of waste treatment.

Bruce Lancashire
Secretary

RETIRED PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Because I was President during the first quarter of the year I have been asked to report on those few months. The only matter of importance that has arisen since the March Newsletter is to advise you that Boroondara Council is still actively pursuing our request to them for an extension of our premises at Sinclair Avenue. You will recall that our suggestion to Council was to erect a new building to the North of our main building. Council appointed a firm of consultants to report on the U3As within Boroondara. Essentially the report focussed on Hawthorn and Deepdene. The two small U3As at Vision Australia and Condare Court, each of which cater just for the needs of their own clientele, were not the subject of the consultant's brief.

The report runs to 16 pages so it is not possible to reproduce it here. The first two points of the consultants recommended Action Plan to Council is *"to consider Hawthorn U3A's current proposal for extension of building at Glen Iris and to assist (them) to develop a plan for consolidation of its sites."*

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While these suggestions have, we understand, been well received by the Council's administration, we have been informed that Council will first undertake an audit of the usage of the many buildings that they own. This is in order to determine if their usage can be rationalised. The case of sporting club premises has been cited as an example. Many are used only for one or two days at weekends and are rarely used during daylight hours on week days.

Your Committee is of the view that we could revamp the usage of our Sinclair Avenue premises. We will keep you posted with developments.

Finally I would like to repeat the thanks that I delivered at our AGM last month to the many members who assisted me during my three years as President. Their help made my task an enjoyable one.

Rod Benjamin
Vice-President



MUSIC NOTES



First I must begin with a an important and abject MEA CULPA - In the previous newsletter the list of concert dates contained a confusing error, namely, the date of the second Orchestra concert. Please note that **the concert in August is on Friday, 5** not 4 as formerly given.

When this goes to print our first Orchestral concert featuring all-French music will have been held, hopefully with a large audience of those interested in French culture. We publicized widely, covering groups such as Alliance Française, the Camberwell Primary School which is a bilingual school, several local Community Centres who have French classes, and of course our own 11 French classes. By now we will have learnt how responsive these groups were to our very attractive publicity posters and flyers, meticulously planned by Ray Abbott, designer extraordinaire! Unfortunately our lyric bass soloist, Richard Gabriel, had to withdraw, and his "spot" was replaced by the ever-popular "Carmen" Suite by Bizet, fun to perform by one and all!

Events to note ahead are the mid-year Choir concert coming up soon on Saturday, 18 June at 2.30 pm in the Chandelier Room of the Hawthorn Town Hall, and later the mid-year Orchestra concert as above, on Friday 5 August 10.30 am in the Main Hall. Please check that these dates are noted in your diary and do come and support these groups who work so hard throughout the year for your enjoyment and participation – and of course their own!

The Orchestra's August concert will have "Bohemia" as its theme, with works by Dvořák and Mahler.

FUTURE CONCERT DATES AS FOLLOWS:-

- Choir** Saturday, June 18, 2.30 pm. Choir director, Judith Chipman.
Hawthorn Town Hall, Chandelier Room.
- Orchestra** Friday, August 5, 10.30 am. Conductor, Gyula Cseszkó,
Hawthorn Town Hall.
- Orchestra** Thursday, November 24, 10.30 am. Conductor, Willem Van der Vis.
Hawthorn Town Hall.

HELP REQUIRED - ORCHESTRA PUBLICITY

As part of the many jobs involved in managing our precious Orchestra, one of which Nola and I would love to be relieved is the publicity prior to each concert.

Ruth Muir

WINTER/SPRING EXCURSIONS

*For bookings please telephone the U3A office
For further **queries**, please contact Joan Harding on 9813 3974 or 0408366987
or Colette Flynn on 98826097*

BOOKING POLICY

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

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations more than 21 days prior to the scheduled departure
incur a \$5 administration fee per person.
Cancellations 21 days or less prior to the scheduled departure time - no refund due.

Tuesday 21 June TOUR OF HISTORIC BLOCK ARCADE, MELBOURNE

***** FULLY BOOKED *****

Thursday 21 July AUSTRALIAN TAPESTRY WORKSHOP TOUR

Cost: \$10 per person
Time: 11.00 am – 12 noon
Where: 262-266 Park Street, South Melbourne, Melway reference 2K D3
Optional: Lunch/coffee at Emerald Hill Cafe located at the rear of Tapestry Workshop (own cost)

Friday 19 August PERCY GRAINGER MUSEUM

Cost: \$5 per person
Time: 2.00 pm
Where: Melbourne University, Royal Parade – Parkville, Melway reference 2B C7
Tram 19 from Elizabeth Street

Thursday 15 September AROUND THE WORLD RESTAURANT SERIES AT AMICI TRATTORIA RESTAURANT

Cost: A la carte
Time: 12 noon
Where: 726-728 Burke Road, Camberwell, Melway reference 45 J11
(1 minute walk north of Camberwell station)

Wednesday 12 October SPIRIT OF TASMANIA - DAY TOUR

Cost: \$45.50 per person
Time: 9.30 am sharp, returning around 4.30 pm
Where: U3A at Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris (bus)
Maximum: 48 passengers
Inclusions: Morning tea on board, two course lunch in Williamstown, bus and historic tour, guided tour of ship

Monday 07 November JOHNSON COLLECTION – CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

Cost: \$21 per person
Time: 9.50 am sharp
Where: Meet in the lobby of the Hilton on the Park Hotel located at 192 Wellington Street, East Melbourne. Melway reference 2G D4
Payment: **** Deadline before Friday 10 June ****

See page 6 for details of trips

NOTES ON EXCURSIONS

Australian Tapestry Workshop Tour

Established in 1976 the Tapestry Workshop has produced a significant collection of tapestries. Collaboration with artists is central to the idea of creating great tapestry art and over the years the ATW has worked with many leading international and local artists.
A guide shall show the process of producing such works of art. Well worth seeing!

Percy Grainger Museum

This wonderful museum closed for seven years and has now been reopened and completely refurbished. It offers a rich overview of both the professional and private life of the famous composer and pianist – Percy Grainger. His first concert tour was performed at the age of 12! A prolific composer, he produced over 1200 works and arrangements.

Around the World Restaurant series – Amici Trattoria Restaurant

Join us for a relaxed and delicious lunch at Amici Trattoria, a long established Italian restaurant in Camberwell. Everyone loves an Italian!

Spirit of Tasmania Tour

Take a look firsthand at the onboard facilities and enjoy morning tea in the ship's boardroom before embarking on a guided tour of the vessel. Later we will head to Williamstown for a delicious two course lunch, then tour historic Williamstown with a commentary from our coach captain.

Johnson Collection – Christmas display

Join a guided tour of this historic house featuring superb antiques and showcasing its magnificent Christmas collection brought to life with creative displays originating from its exquisite antique collection. This year the north-east Victoria region indulges us with patchwork, textiles and art, creatively, to celebrate the festive season.

GENTLE CYCLING GROUP

We don't cycle far and we don't cycle fast, we are a small group of cyclists getting our strength up again after some time of disuse. We really would like more members to join our gentle cycling group. We ride for an hour, have a 15 minute break and a coffee and then ride for an hour back to U3A. What about it????

For more information ring Maggie Roberts — telephone 9836 2610 or mobile 0438 367 304.

Maggie Roberts
Curriculum Committee

DID YOU FORGET?

The DVD title *King Lear* is missing from the 36 volume set Shakespeare Collection by the BBC. If you have it would you please return it to the Office as soon as possible.

The last recorded *Borrow and Return* was March 2007.

A TRIBUTE TO PAM DAVIS

Pam Davis ran U3A poetry classes for many years. She had also served as a valued representative on the Management Committee. Glenys Hogan has provided the following tribute:

I write to remember and honour the late Pamela Frances Davis, tutor at U3A, Hawthorn, who died suddenly and tragically, on 14 February. Last year, along with about twenty other members, I enrolled in a class at U3A Hawthorn, called The French Revolution. The tutor was to be Pam Davis, a lady unknown to me, but whom I soon came to admire, and indeed, love. As the year unfolded we students came to a deep and broad understanding of the French Revolution, its many causes and its many outcomes. This was due to Pam's meticulous preparation and to her enthusiasm for the subject, and for learning in general.

But more importantly, along the way we came to know a wonderful person and a fine human being. Pamela was a humble but extraordinary woman. She was generous in every way - generous of spirit, generous with her time, and generous in her teaching and relationships. She was curious, intelligent, knowledgeable, wise and passionate. All of these qualities she shared with us. She was humorous, self-effacing and modest. All of these qualities we will remember, miss and mourn. I feel privileged to have known Pam, and to have been taught and inspired by her.

CLASSICS OF FRENCH CINEMA

Please join us in the Main Hall for the showing of some wonderful French films at 11.30 am on Friday 17 June, Friday 1 July and Friday 22 July. The first film will be *Le Dernier Metro* a highly acclaimed French wartime classic starring Catherine Deneuve and Gerard Depardieu. Following films will include *Au Revoir Les Enfants*, *Danton*, *Lacombe Lucien*.

NIGEL CREESE TELLS US THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN THE HAPPY PEASANT

... firmisque lacertis aetas robustum tertia cernit avum...

... and the THIRD AGE sees him as a vigorous grandfather with strong arms

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LETTER FOLDING MACHINE

Has anyone seen or borrowed the letter folding machine which was moved from the Office to the Main Hall after our inundation in February? It has not been seen since that time, and, while it is only used occasionally when there are a large number of letters to be folded before mailing, it sure beats folding upwards of a thousand letters by hand !!!



IT'S COUGHS AND COLDS TIME AGAIN

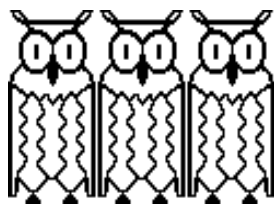
Members are reminded that cold and 'flu time is here. It would be appreciated if people with cold and/or 'flu symptoms could give classes a miss and stay in the warmth of their homes. Some of our classes require close quarter personal contact or materials used in the class require handling by participants which means that these winter complaints are spread very easily. Please consider that you may infect others.

PLEASE HELP OUR NEIGHBOURS

As there is sufficient parking in our own car park, members are asked not to park in Sinclair Avenue on Tuesdays as the rubbish collection vehicles find it difficult to get through and also to access the waste bins. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

EQUIPMENT USAGE

When using any of our equipment it is desirable that it is returned to its correct storage position. Often tutors spend precious time searching for items that have been left in quite obscure or unsafe positions. Details of equipment that has to be borrowed for a class held away from the Sinclair Avenue Campus should be entered in the Borrowing Book and returned each week as it cannot be assumed that another class will not need it.



U3A HAWTHORN EVENTS

June 2011 to November 2011

(This flyer is for your refrigerator or bulletin board)

SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2011 2.30 PM	U3A HAWTHORN CHOIR HAWTHORN TOWN HALL
TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2011 1.00 PM	TOUR OF HISTORIC BLOCK ARCADE, MELBOURNE
WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 11.45 AM	SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 26 SINCLAIR AVENUE, GLEN IRIS
THURSDAY 21 JULY 2011 11.00 AM	AUSTRALIAN TAPESTRY WORKSHOP TOUR 262-266 PARK STREET, SOUTH MELBOURNE
FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 2011 10.30 AM	ORCHESTRAL CONCERT HAWTHORN TOWN HALL
FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2011 2.00 PM	PERCY GRAINGER MUSEUM MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY, ROYAL PARADE, PARKVILLE
THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2011 12.00 NOON	AROUND THE WORLD RESTAURANT SERIES AT AMICI TRATTORIA RESTAURANT 726-768 BURKE ROAD, CAMBERWELL
WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2011 9.30 AM (SHARP)	<i>SPIRIT OF TASMANIA</i> - DAY TOUR CAR PARK, 26 SINCLAIR AVENUE, GLEN IRIS
MONDAY 07 NOVEMBER 2011 9.50 AM (SHARP)	JOHNSON COLLECTION – CHRISTMAS DISPLAY HILTON ON THE PARK HOTEL 192 WELLINGTON STREET, EAST MELBOURNE
FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2011 10.30 AM	ORCHESTRAL CONCERT HAWTHORN TOWN HALL

Full details of these events are in your Newsletter

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