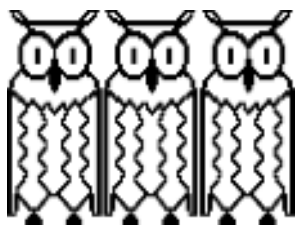


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## Office Bearers 2013



## Office Bearers elected at AGM 2013

## Committee

Position	Name
President	Norm Fary
Vice-President	Meg Adams
Secretary	Bruce Lancashire
Treasurer	Frank Egan
Campus Mgr & Tutors' Rep.	John Howell
Music/Orchestra Manager	Ruth Muir
Members:	David Bennett
	Terry Hastings
	Irving Miller
	Stefanie Sowerby

## Other Positions

Course Co-ordinator	Joan Donlon
Excursions	Joan Harding
Receptionist Manager	Gwen Gavin
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### Curriculum Committee

Meg Adams
Jenny Craw
Colette Flynn
Kathy Howell
Lilli Lipa
Elizabeth Pittman
Elizabeth Walker

### Excursions Committee

Joan Harding
Colette Flynn
Anne Heath
Julianne Lewis



### **INTRODUCTION:**

U3A Hawthorn is one of the oldest U3As in Victoria, and Australia. It has just completed another very successful year, if success is measured in the number and variety of courses and the number of participants. We currently have a membership of over 1300 and offer a wide range of courses, which vary in length from a one-hour talk, to a short series of talks to the more common year long courses with weekly meetings. Very clearly we contribute to the good health and wellbeing of a large number of older people in the City of Boroondara and beyond.

There is now a second U3A in this municipality at Deepdene with a membership of over 600. We are not competitors and this is an important point. We keep in touch and look to ways that we might co-operate. Interestingly, Deepdene U3A has tended to offer short courses, often just one or two sessions, whereas Hawthorn has tended to offer longer, often year-long courses. There is room for both.

We are a totally voluntary organization. This is a strength, but it is also a challenge, as we need to ensure that we have sufficient volunteers to ensure that our day-to-day operation works smoothly.

### **CHANGES AND CHALLENGES:**

Like most organizations we both change and adapt to change. Let me mention several significant changes. Demographic changes - the population in Boroondara is ageing. The percentage of the population over 60 years of age is increasing and will increase further over the next twenty years at least. In our community, which prides itself with its provision of services for older citizens, there is a growing demand for all types of services and amenities. At U3A we have a strong belief that our programs help people to live interesting, informed, and challenging lives. Considering how little we advertise, simply because we do not have the facilities for more classes, we suspect that there is a large unmet potential demand for what we offer.

Communication changes - consider for a moment the extent of changes which have taken place in the way we communicate since U3A Hawthorn commenced over 25 years ago: the decline in the use of the standard telephone, the increase in email communication, the development of the iPad and the iPhone and the growth in the ownership of personal computers, to name just a few. All of these technological developments open up new ways of communicating, learning and seeing the world. Our challenge is to ensure that older citizens are able to use these devices for their personal learning and contact with others.

### **FACILITIES AND LEARNING SPACES:**

We are grateful to the City of Boroondara and its officers for making the Sinclair Avenue buildings available to us. Very clearly we would like more space for teaching and social purposes and we hope that some extension to the existing buildings will be possible. The Council this past year has engaged the services of a consultant to look at our needs and the needs of other groups which work with older citizens. The consultant has a clear picture of the extent of our operation and of our present needs. We await the response of the Council to his recommendations.

### **THE CURRICULUM:**

The Curriculum Committee is constantly challenged to ensure that, with our limited resources, we are providing a curriculum which is relevant and of interest to our members. Referring back to the technological changes, we need to consider how these new developments might be used in our classes.

### **THE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS:**

We rely on volunteers for our total operation. The Committee of Management has some concern about the declining number of members who are volunteering for a number of positions in the office, particularly as receptionists, and also to assist with general maintenance and the audio equipment. In future, we will attempt to be very specific about the type of assistance needed including the day and times. Vacancies for volunteers will be regularly listed in the Newsletter.

### **NARMBOOL:**

I wish to mention one new area which the Committee of Management is investigating. We have been encouraged by the management of Sovereign Hill Historical Park in Ballarat to consider ways that we might make effective use of the historic property Narmbool, near Meredith on the Midland Highway, which it now manages as a learning centre with a particular emphasis on environmental issues. Dr David Bennett from the Committee of Management has been having discussions at Narmbool on our behalf.

### **THANKS:**

In a voluntary organization in particular, there are many people to thank. I won't name them all, but will simply name several categories:

First, the administrative staff volunteers who work in the office, field enquiries, accept payments and enrolments, produce class lists and much more. I particularly thank Gwen Gavin who manages the Reception roster. As the Course Co-ordinator, Joan Donlon has been directly involved with the scheduling of courses, liaising with tutors and working through their special requirements as well as overseeing the enrolment arrangements. Joan has worked in the administration for three days a week for many years, a truly great contribution. I thank her.

Second, those who look after the catering for many special occasions including the lunch which follows the Annual General Meeting. Special thanks are due to Julie Mc Naughton and her team.

Third, the tutors. We would not be an adult learning centre without them. I know that some tutors take three one and a half hour classes every week for the year. That is an enormous commitment. Other tutors go to one of the many teaching spaces we use throughout the Boroondara community. My thanks and the thanks of all members should be highlighted!

Fourth, the committees. Could I name three? The Curriculum Committee, the Excursions Committee and the Committee of Management. The Curriculum Committee has an ongoing responsibility of ensuring that we have tutors for classes and that we have classes in topics which interest our members. The Excursion Committee, under the guidance of Joan Harding, arranges an interesting array of excursions and visits for members, adding a different offering to our course-based programme and I thank them for their contribution. The Committee of Management accepts the overall responsibility for Hawthorn U3A and its multi-faceted operation. During the year Stefanie Sowerby, Irving Miller, Terry Hastings and David Bennett joined the Committee of Management. I thank them for their enthusiasm and contribution

Fifth, our members - those people who love learning, want to keep learning, and keep sharing with others.

Sixth, I wish to record our appreciation for the assistance given by the City of Boroondara. We operate on council land and we are grateful for the assistance the Council and its officers provide. I thank Maggie Moulds, our principal contact with the Council, for her continuing interest and support.

Finally, there are several people of the many who are involved with Hawthorn U3A that I wish to mention by name.

**Bruce Lancashire, Secretary**

Bruce has carried out the duties of secretary with skill, efficiency, tact, diplomacy, thoroughness and more. In addition to the secretarial demands, he has accepted responsibility for the development of the quite sophisticated Audio and Visual system we have installed, as well as the hearing loop which operates in the main room at Sinclair Avenue. I need also to say that Bruce is a percussionist in our Orchestra and a member of the cycling group. One might say he is “a man of many parts”. I know that he is actively supported in his commitment to Hawthorn U3A by his wife Carol, and I thank her also. I am indebted to Bruce for his untiring work for the members of Hawthorn U3A.

**Frank Egan, Treasurer**

A treasurer’s task is a never-ending one. It has to be done with attention to detail and accuracy and the records then presented to the auditor. I thank Frank for his commitment.

**Meg Adams, Vice President**

Over the years Meg has undertaken a number of jobs in U3A Hawthorn in relation to the curriculum, the office administration and the Committee of Management. I particularly thank her for her commitment, her enthusiasm, her knowledge of U3A, her determination to do things well, and her advice.

**Marie Hamerton**

Marie has stepped down from the Committee of Management. Her contribution there has been significant as well as her support for the team of receptionists. I thank her on behalf of Hawthorn U3A

**John Harcourt**

At the AGM I shall present John with a Life Membership in recognition of his great contribution in a number of ways including database data entry and program maintenance, newsletter desktop publishing, donor of office equipment, audio-visual set-up assistance for tutors and advice to the general office staff. John has been a willing helper on many occasions and his assistance, advice and specialist skills have been appreciated by many. I thank him on behalf of Hawthorn U3A.

**CONCLUSION:**

We can look back over the past year with a sense of achievement for our members. We will continue to change as we adapt to new ways of learning, and to new ways of managing our affairs in this computer age.

*Norm Fary  
President  
April 2013*



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**SUMMER SCHOOL 2014**

Already June is upon us, and planning for the next Summer School will soon commence. I would be delighted to hear from Members who are willing to present or lead a session/s at Summer School, or provide suggestions for topics and speakers. It is good to have a mix of presenters/presentations – members/non-members, academics/enthusiasts, practical/intellectual, serious/humorous. Travel presentations and IT sessions are also very popular. Summer School also needs volunteers to assist during January with set up of facilities, MC and AV services and general back up. Last year I tapped many of my friends on the shoulder. You also have very interesting friends who can share their knowledge and expertise, so see if they would be willing to be involved. If you can help in any way please contact Carol Lancashire [clancashire@bigpond.com](mailto:clancashire@bigpond.com) or leave a note at the Office.

*Carol Lancashire*

## MUSIC NOTES



The year rolls on, and as always the musicians of U3A Hawthorn continue with their recurring cycle of program planning, music selection and preparation, rehearsing and polishing and preparing for the great day ahead when expectant audiences start to trickle into the hall. The atmosphere grows in anticipation, the conductor's arm is raised and we are all swept away into another shared and joyful musical experience for players and audience.

So it is in the words of "Kiss me Kate" – "Another Opening, Another Day"! With the first Orchestra concert behind us, we have the Choir's mid-year presentation to look forward to, coming up very soon and presented for the first time in the new Camberwell "Parkview Room" on Sunday June 16 at 2.30pm. The venue is part of the Camberwell Civic Centre on Camberwell Rd adjacent to the new Library and close to the Camberwell Junction with a tram stop directly outside. The program will comprise a selection of familiar songs both old and new with a guest artist yet to be announced. You are most warmly invited to attend and sample the new venue. Parking will be easy on a Sunday.

The Orchestra has had some challenges to work through recently, with the sudden ill-health of our conductor Jules Cseszko just two weeks before the first concert, and on-going problems with appropriate venues. Fortunately all is well again, with the generous support of our associate conductor Willem van der Vis, who was able to step in and cover the last two rehearsals and produce a wonderful concert on the day. We are most grateful to him. We were also delighted to have the attendance of our Patron Linda Kristjanson and her husband, who thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Jules is now well again and, in fact, was able to conduct a small section of the program. He is ready to commence rehearsals for our next concert in July. Our venue this time will be the wonderful facilities at Camberwell Grammar School on Mont Albert Rd.

So here are important dates for you to check in your diaries:-

- ❖ Sunday June 16, 2.30 pm: The Choir's Mid-Year concert with Meredith Vincent conductor at the "Parkview Room", Camberwell.
- ❖ Sunday July 14, 2.30 pm: Orchestral Concert in the Auditorium, Camberwell Grammar School, 55 Mont Albert Rd, Canterbury, conductor Jules Cseszko, featuring Mozart arias with soprano Janneke Ferwerda and music by Waldteufel, Schubert, Benjamin Britten and Delius.
- ❖ Sunday October 27, 2.30 pm: Orchestra's final concert, conductor Willem van der Vis, at Camberwell Grammar School.

***Ruth Muir***





## AUTUMN WINTER EXCURSIONS

*For bookings please telephone the U3A office*

*For further queries, please contact  
Joan Harding on 98133974 or 0408366987 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 21 days or less prior to the scheduled  
departure time = no refund due



**Tuesday June 25, 2013**

### FOOD LOVERS' TOUR - DANDENONG

**Cost:** \$40

**Time:** 9.50 am (sharp)

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours

**Meet:** C J Spices 355-359 Lonsdale Street, Central Dandenong

**Map:** Collect from U3A office when booking

**Limit:** 16 participants

**Includes:** Lunch and walking tour

During this tour the guide will lead you on a fascinating food sampling tour, from countries around the world. You will hear the stories about the businesses and how they came to develop. You will try Indian and Sri Lankan delicacies and tasty Afghan bread and food. The tour finishes at a Polish restaurant where you will be spoilt with an authentic Polish lunch. If you have any dietary requirements, please mention this when booking. Remember to collect a map from the U3A office when booking. Restrooms are available en route. **Note:** the tour has been organized on a Tuesday so you have the opportunity (own arrangements) to visit the renovated and iconic Dandenong Market before or after the tour.

**Wednesday July 17, 2013**

### TOUR OF MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND

**Cost:** \$15

**Time:** 10:30 am – 12 noon

**Meet:** Outside gate number 3 (northern side of MCG)

**Limit:** 25 participants

Enjoy a walk through history with a dedicated guide, Peter Anderson, who is also a Hawthorn U3A member. The Melbourne Cricket Club was founded in 1838 when the population of Melbourne was a mere 2000, and the first match was played on the Old Mint site in William Street in the city. Trace the permanent settlement of the MCC at its present site and hear the fascinating sagas involved. Step out onto the ground, take in the view from the top deck and see the players' area.

Did you know that in 2006 the MCC had approximately 100 000 members? Learn more!

**Wednesday August 14, 2013**  
**TOUR OF ART DECO MELBOURNE**

**Cost:** \$20 including tea or coffee

**Time:** 1:00 pm (sharp)

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours

**Meet:** RACV foyer, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

**Limit:** 25 participants

Calling all architectural buffs!

Enjoy a delightful walk with noted historian and guide, Kenneth W. Park, highlighting the Art Deco design and style that emerged in the City of Melbourne in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. As we meander through the streets, we will discover some truly stunning examples of this movement. Complete the tour with refreshments.

**Wednesday September 4, 2013**  
**HISTORIC GEELONG – A WALKING TOUR**  
**Cost:** Own expense transportation and refreshments/tour free of charge  
**Time:** Train from Southern Cross Station at 10:00am  
**Meet:** Outside Geelong railway station entrance at 11.00am  
**Limit:** 30 participants

Join our President, Norm Fary, for a great day exploring the history of Geelong, the port of disembarkation for many miners who were en route to the Victorian goldfields. The tour includes the waterfront, public gardens, churches and local houses.

**Details:**

- Train from Southern Cross station at 10 am; return from Geelong at either 3.29 pm or 4.28 pm.
- You may prefer to drive to Geelong and longer-term parking is available several blocks away to the north or west from the railway station.
- There will be an opportunity to purchase coffee and lunch, but you may wish to bring your lunch and eat it in one of the many parks. We will take a 45 minute break.
- Please wear your U3A name-tag so that others can quickly get to know you.
- Consider bringing a bottle of water, perhaps UV cream, perhaps a hat and comfortable shoes.

*Note: this walking tour replaces the proposed trip to Ararat in the Gold Town Series. It was felt that the limited train service to Ararat made a very long day.*

**Monday October 14, 2013**  
**‘THE BRIARS’ AND THE ROYAL CRANBOURNE BOTANIC GARDENS TOUR**  
**Cost:** \$64

**Inclusions:** Morning tea, lunch, entry to ‘The Briars’ & Gardens and transportation by coach

**Time:** 8.45am sharp, returning approximately 5.00pm

**Meet:** Sinclair Avenue U3A

**Limit:** 48 participants

‘The Briars’ is one of Mornington’s oldest properties, first settled in 1840 by Captain James Reid. On tour we shall have morning tea at the Visitors’ Centre, followed by a short audio-visual presentation explaining the history of the area. A fascinating tour of the homestead follows.

Next, we board the coach and head to the beautiful Amstel Golf Course where we will have lunch at the Club Rooms, overlooking the smooth, rolling putting green.



We then drive onto the Royal Cranbourne Botanic Gardens, established in 1970 for the purpose of conservation, research, display and enjoyment of Australian Native Plants. You will have time to wander the gardens at your leisure and may even enjoy a coffee the Boonerwurrang Café.

**Bring a friend!**

*Joan Harding*



## **OBITUARY**

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### **GOOD-BYE TO A LONG-TIME TUTOR**

Members of University of the Third Age (Hawthorn) have lost a faithful friend, tutor and supporter in Morris Williams, who died on 27/4/13, after a long struggle with emphysema.

In October 1993 Morris was 'manipulated' by a friend of ours into giving some fill-in art lectures on Neo-Classicism. From 1994 he gave fortnightly talks on Art History, and these grew into Groups A and B from 1995 (both full by 1996). These continued until the end of 2009, when his failing health forced him to stop.

Morris delighted in sharing his love of art with his U3A friends (even winning over some spouses), preparing his sessions meticulously and with humour. So many people have said 'I look at pictures and places quite differently now'.

From early days we have welcomed his students at an 'open house' at the end of each year, an event we looked forward to with pleasure. Some students even lasted the 16 years!

Morris arranged with the University of Melbourne to donate his body to science, and it was his long-held wish that there should be no funeral: 'I already know how my friends will remember me'.

*Helen Williams*

***U3A Hawthorn remembers Morris with great affection and extends its condolences to Helen.***

### **POST NO BILLS**

Our lease agreement with Boroondara Council limits external advertising and signage. We need planning permission before we can place any such material on external walls and fences.

***PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ADVERTISING/NOTICES FOR CLASSES, CHARITY FUNDRAISING ETC. MATERIALS ON OUR EXTERNAL WALLS OR FENCES.***

Thank you for your cooperation.

### COPY DEADLINE

**Copy deadline for the September Newsletter is August 2, 2013. 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.

### OFFICE HOURS

9.30 am to 4.00 pm

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### A REMINDER

If you want to borrow any equipment for use away from the Campus please ask at the office. We have a process for borrowing and return of our equipment.

### FEES FOR 2013

Annual membership fees for 2013 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 2013 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses can be processed***

### 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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