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## CLASSES DELAYED

Owing to water damage to all the rooms of our **Sinclair Avenue Campus** we must now advise that all classes scheduled to be held on Campus have had to be delayed

## UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please disregard any previous advice you may have been given about starting times from 28 February. We still need time for buildings to dry, for carpets to be re-laid and for damaged assets to be replaced.

Classes at other venues will proceed according to times advertised in the Curriculum.



Water level—Main Hall doors

Information updates will be available on our website and we will send email updates to those who have agreed to accept email communication from us. We will also ask Tutors to ring class members once start times are confirmed.

Please understand that our Office volunteers are working under difficult circumstances with only one telephone in the temporary Office. We would request that you **don't ring** the Office for information about classes.

**Please wait for us to contact you.**

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13 April 2011

See inside for full details

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **End of 2010 Year Party**

We had advertised this as a Garden Party in our grounds at Sinclair Avenue. Your Committee had visions of our lady members turning up in long flowing dresses and carrying parasols, while the men would be wearing blazers and straw boaters. Unfortunately the weather was not favourable for such a fantasy and the function took place in our Main Hall.

Nevertheless it was a most enjoyable event. We were well fed by the catering arrangements carried out with the usual élan by Pam Anderson and her helpers. We were entertained by a trombone trio, known as *Trombosis*, which played a number of medleys that pleased everyone there.

My thanks to all who made it such a pleasant and enjoyable occasion.

### **The 2011 Summer School.**

Many of our members who attended the Summer School have asked me to congratulate those responsible for organizing the programme. Those who were there were impressed by, and enjoyed, the wide range and quality of the speakers who presented an interesting range of topics. A total of 39 courses were presented

Carmel and I had the nice experience of overhearing a conversation between a couple who sat next to us in a cinema just recently. As we waited for the programme to begin the man said to his companion: "Do you know about the marvellous Summer School programme run by Hawthorn U3A?" "No" she replied. "Well," said the man "You must go next year. If it is as good as this year it is not to be missed."!

There are many people to thank for its great success, the speakers and the organizers. I would particularly like to thank Marie Hamerton and her small committee who put the programme together and prepared the hall each day. Bruce Lancashire was also there every day to provide technical assistance for the speakers with their requirements for audio and visual equipment. Our thanks to them all.

Look at the short video presentation prepared by Bruce of the Summer School on our website.

### **The 2011 Year.**

Our full curriculum is available on our website. A summary of it, prepared by Tutor Rob Siedle, indicates the remarkable extent and the popularity of programmes.

- \* We have 81 tutors who will present full year and short courses,
- \* There are 75 full year courses of which 6 are new this year.
- \* There are 13 short courses.
- \* 18 Courses are held at hired premises off campus.
- \* 10 courses are held in private homes.
- \* The balance of courses are conducted at Sinclair Avenue.

### **Computer Classes**

In my December Message I mentioned that computer classes could be conducted in 2011 in the room now allocated to us by Swinburne University. It was proposed to run two classes a week. The demand was such that we will now run three classes a week. We also had some other good news in connection with computer facilities. We were given a grant by the combined good graces of the Boroondara Council and Balwyn Rotary that enabled us to buy four laptops to add to the facilities available for teaching.

### **A ThankYou.**

Joan Donlon has, as usual, worked long and hard to organize the detail of the curriculum, and the tutors, and to allocate members to their chosen classes wherever this was possible. She has worked tirelessly while most of us enjoyed a break.

Joan was bringing to fruition the hard work done by our Curriculum Planning Committee, under the leadership of Maggie Roberts finding and interviewing new tutors.

We are grateful to everyone concerned.

*Rod Benjamin*

Notice is given of the

**26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of  
THIRD AGE LEARNING (HAWTHORN) Inc.**

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

**Date:** Wednesday, 13 April 2011

**Time:** 10.30 am

**Agenda:** To receive apologies and proxies [Proxy forms available at the Office]  
To confirm Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting  
To receive the Annual Report for 2010/11  
To receive the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31/12/2010  
To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next 12 months  
To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2011  
To consider amendments to the Rules of Association \*  
Other business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules

*\* see the proposed amendments in the attachment at the end of this Newsletter*

All Executive and Committee positions will be declared vacant. Nomination and Proxy Forms (both available from the office) must be deposited with the Secretary not less than 7 days (in the case of Nominations) and not less than 24 hours (in the case of Proxies) prior to the time for the commencement of the Meeting.

**The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a talk.**

**Speaker:** Dr. John Swan, AO, whose topic is *Food, Famine, Fecundity and Phosphate*.

The demand for food (especially high-protein food) is growing rapidly, in step with a projected major growth in world populations. This talk will explore 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. Controlled sewage disposal is essential to human health in cities, but is leading to a one-way loss of phosphate to the world's oceans. Some possible means for converting this 'positive feedback' (where the problem gets bigger and more expensive year by year) to 'negative feedback' will be examined.

See inside the Newsletter for more information about Dr. Swan.

**Lunch:** A light lunch will be provided for those who **notify the Office before Thursday 7 April** of their intention to attend. There is no charge for lunch but pre-booking is essential for catering purposes.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE**

**Because of limited parking we suggest you car pool if possible or use public transport.**

*Bruce Lancashire, Hon. Secretary*

### ATTENTION BRIDGE PLAYERS

Would you be interested in playing Bridge with a housebound resident of Boroondara? Ideally we would like to find 3 players to assist in undertaking this role. If you are interested, would you please contact Maggie Moulds at City of Boroondara on 9278 4444.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.***

### COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the June 2011 Newsletter is 6 May 2011. Please send all copy to the Office.

## SUMMER SCHOOL JANUARY 2011.

It was very pleasing to receive extremely favourable comments from members who attended our Summer School programme this year. One such comment came from a member who stated that we had given her the “most wonderful January”. Some very interesting and popular topics were delivered, many from tutors and members of our own U3A. This year some craft sessions were introduced – Pressed Flowers and Japanese Nuno Felting - both of which were well attended and very successful. An audience of about 1700 members and associate members enrolled in 38 classes throughout the month of January.

The success of these four weeks was due to the constant presence and assistance of Bruce Lancashire and our Committee – especially Rod Benjamin, Pam Anderson and Paddy Wagstaff. Thank you also to our members who greeted and thanked our speakers, and, of course, the presenters themselves who gave of their time and knowledge so willingly.

*Marie Hamerton  
Co-ordinator*

## OUR STORM DAMAGE

It wasn't forty days and forty nights. It was just one night, Friday 4 February 2011. Those of you who live the eastern suburbs of Melbourne would have heard and witnessed the severe rainstorm that hit the area that night. Our premises at Sinclair Avenue did not escape. Both of our buildings, the office and the main building were inundated to a level of approximately 50 to 60 centimetres above ground level. This meant that the carpets in all the rooms in the main building and the office were ruined and have had to be removed. Most items on the floors of both buildings, or in cupboards at floor level including cupboards in the kitchen, or the bottom drawers of filing cabinets, have been ruined and have already been destroyed.

The Boroondara Council, as our landlord, was on the job immediately and has gone out of its way to be very helpful. Rubbish, including all the ruined carpets, has already been removed and where possible other services, electricity and phones have been restored.

Our main computer and its files were fortunately not damaged. Our new photocopier is untouched, but any equipment of the floor of the office was destroyed. We have had to dispose of all the paper and cardboard items in the lower cupboards of the kitchen and in the toilets. Fortunately the refrigerator is still working.

A number of members of our Committee have worked extremely hard for a number of days immediately after the water damage clearing the buildings of damaged goods. In particular I would like to thank Bruce Lancashire and John Howell who bore the brunt of the hard work in cleaning up the horrendous mess. John Harcourt was on hand when needed as was Lynne Merigan, Pam Anderson and several other members of the Committee. Our archives, that were stored in the bottom drawers of two filing cabinets, have been badly damaged despite the heroic efforts our poor Archivist, Vida Jerasius. Hopefully her plans to save most of them will succeed.

*Rod Benjamin  
President*

### **Vale Pam Davis**

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of long-standing member and tutor Pam Davis on Monday this week. We extend our sincere condolences to her family. In a later Newsletter we will pay tribute to the contribution that Pam has made to U3A Hawthorn.

### **ROAD SAFETY**

Victoria's Road Safety rules have changed. Full details of the Road Safety Road Rules can be found at <http://vicroads.vic.gov.au>



## MUSIC NOTES



At the time of writing this, our various music groups are only just starting to tune up backstage, so any news contained here will relate to the future, and there is little to tell just yet.

The Jazz group, the Recorder group, the Composers' group, the Music Appreciation group and the Dancing group will all be starting up soon, and what a wide range of musical enjoyment they cover!

Of the two remaining groups, the Choir will also be starting soon and reports an almost full complement, although experienced altos would still be welcome. They are already planning for their concert in June, details of which follow below.

The Orchestra starts rehearsals in early March, and our new director of music, Jules Cseszko, has plans under way for an all-French program, so - here is a special advance message to the members of all our French classes! We would of course love to have a large Francophile representation in the audience, and are intending to bring it to the notice of Alliance Française, hoping that it will attract some of their members too. By coincidence, the Melbourne Symphony's first "Prom" concert is billed to be an all-French one too. In an interestingly varied program, our Orchestra will be offering works by Debussy, Gounod, Fauré, Massenet and others, with an alto-saxophonist and a lyric bass singer as soloists. And to sum up Jules' feelings for his band of players, he has titled this first concert "Esprit de Corps", which the Oxford Dictionary defines as "a feeling of devotion to, and pride in, the group one belongs to". An accurate tribute from the leader!

So here are the dates for your diaries for concerts in 2011:-

Thursday, May 12 at 10.30 am - Orchestra of U3A Hawthorn.

Saturday, June 18 at 2.30 pm - U3A Hawthorn Choir.

Thursday, August 5 at 10.30 am - Orchestra of U3A Hawthorn.

Friday, November 24 at 10.30 am - Orchestra of U3A Hawthorn.

The first two Orchestral concerts will be conducted by Jules Cseszko, the final one by Willem van der Vis. They will all be held in the Hawthorn Town Hall. Please note the change of day for November.

The Choir Concert, led by Judith Chipman, will be in the Chandelier Room of the Town Hall.

Do come and support your musicians at these concerts, and enjoy! After all a concert is not a concert without an audience!

(As a footnote for anyone interested in joining the orchestra, we are always on the lookout for experienced violinists, and urgently need a 2<sup>nd</sup> bassoon player! Contact the office or give Ruth Muir a call on 9818 0801.)

*Ruth Muir*

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### **AGM Speaker, Dr. John Swan, AO.**

Dr. Swan worked as a junior laboratory assistant at ICIANZ explosives factory from 1940. In 1944 he completed a diploma in applied chemistry at the Royal Melbourne Technical College (now RMIT University). Continuing his studies at the University of Melbourne, he received a BSc in 1947 and was awarded a CSIR (now the CSIRO) scholarship which he used to study at the University of London and complete a PhD in 1949. Returning to Australia, Dr. Swan worked as a chemist at the CSIR from 1949 to 1965. During 1953 he was a Fulbright scholar at the Cornell University Medical College, New York, where he was involved in the synthesis of the peptide hormone oxytocin, the structure of which had recently been discovered.

In 1966 he moved to Monash University as professor of organic chemistry. From 1971 to 1975 he served as pro vice-chancellor and became dean of the Faculty of Science in 1976 and remained in this position until 1984. After his retirement, he was appointed as an emeritus professor and in 1994 he was awarded a DSc from Monash University.

# AUTUMN/WINTER 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.

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### **Wednesday 23 March NAGAMBIE WINERIES AND RIVER CRUISE**

**Cost:** \$55  
**Time:** 9.15 am from U3A Sinclair Avenue  
**Return:** Approximately 5.00 pm  
**Inclusions:** Morning tea, BBQ lunch, coach & cruise

### **Thursday 07 April WALKING TOUR OF DAREBIN PARKLANDS**

**Cost:** \$10 (proceeds to Darebin Parklands)  
**Time:** 10.30 am – 12 noon  
**Meet:** Melway map 31, 9C at the end of Separation Street, Alphington at the ranger's building inside the entrance.  
**Inclusions:** Tea or coffee provided  
**Optional:** Bring own lunch if you wish

### **Wednesday 25 May TOUR OF THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA**

**Cost:** \$13  
**Time:** 10.30 am-1.00 pm  
**Meet:** 26 Alma Road, St Kilda (Melway 58 B9)  
**Inclusions:** Morning tea

### **Tuesday 21 June TOUR OF HISTORIC BLOCK ARCADE, MELBOURNE**

**Cost:** \$9  
**Time:** 1.00 pm to approximately 3.30 pm  
**Meet:** Outside the Hopetoun Tearooms in Block Arcade (off Collins Street, Melbourne)  
**Inclusions:** Tour and afternoon tea at the Charles Dickens  
**Limit:** 20 people

## **NAGAMBIE WINERIES AND RIVER CRUISE**

Voted one of our most popular tours we visit Mitchelton Winery for wine tastings, then embark on a cruise on the Goulburn River where we will be served a BBQ lunch. We disembark at Tahbilk to finish the day with further tastings and sales.

## **WALKING TOUR OF DAREBIN PARKLAND**

The ranger will trace the transformation of a weed infested quarry to a beautiful parkland. Sue Course, our own U3A member (and founding member of the DP Association) will be our guide and will highlight many aspects of the parkland. Please wear comfortable shoes.

## JEWISH MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Our own guide and member of Hawthorn U3A, Martha Vanderhoek, will show us through the Timeline Gallery, explain the Jewish rituals and history, and will conclude with a visit to the Jewish Synagogue.

## BLOCK ARCADE, MELBOURNE

Have you ever wondered while strolling through beautiful Block Arcade what lies upstairs? On a guided tour we shall trace the history of this architectural treasure, a class example of early Melbourne's development, and discover what lies high above the magnificent mosaic walkway.

Join us outside the Hopetoun Tearooms in the Block Arcade (off Collins Street) for the tour and conclude with a Devonshire tea at the Charles Dickens Restaurant Tavern, nestled in the arcade maze.

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## GENTLE CYCLING

We are keen to get a Gentle Cycling Group going. Anyone interested please contact Maggie Roberts to indicate your interest (9836 2610, Mobile: 0438 367 304 or email: wingsprd@netspace.net.au). Let's get the wheels rolling!

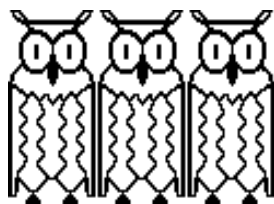
*Maggie Roberts,  
Curriculum Committee*

### 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.





## U3A HAWTHORN EVENTS

March 2011 to June 2011

This flyer is for your refrigerator or bulletin board)

**WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2011**  
**AT 9.15 AM**

**NAGAMBIE WINERIES AND RIVER CRUISE**  
**LEAVE FROM SINCLAIR AVENUE**

**THURSDAY 07 APRIL 2011**  
**AT 10.30 AM TO 12 NOON**

**WALKING TOUR OF DAREBIN PARKLANDS**  
**MEET AT PARKLANDS (MELWAY 31 9C)**

**THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011**  
**AT 10.30 AM**

**ORCHESTRAL CONCERT**  
**HAWTHORN TOWN HALL**

**WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2011**  
**10.30 AM TO 1 PM**

**TOUR OF JEWISH MUSEUM**  
**26 ALMA ROAD, ST KILDA**

**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**

**THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 2011**  
**10.30 AM**

**ORCHESTRAL CONCERT**  
**HAWTHORN TOWN HALL**

**FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2011**  
**10.30 AM**

**ORCHESTRAL CONCERT**  
**HAWTHORN TOWN HALL**

*Full details of these events are in your Newsletter*

### OFFICE HOURS

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## **Proposed Changes to the Rules of Third Age Learning (Hawthorn) Inc. Submitted for approval to the AGM on 13th April 2011.**

### **Rule 2 (1)**

In the Interpretation section, the definition of *Third Age* currently reads:  
The “Third Age” means .....’those who have reached retiring age, or any person not engaged in a full time occupation.’

**Proposed change** ‘those who have reached 55 years of age.’

### **Rule 2 (2)**

The legislation for Incorporated Associations is to be changed. One of the changes is that the Secretary will be the Public Officer.

Rule 2 (2) defines the role of the Secretary and refers in rule 2 (2) (b) to the Public Officer as an alternative to the Secretary. Because of the change in the legislation the Secretary **will be** the Public Officer.

**Proposed change:** Delete Rule 2 (2) (b)

### **Rule 6 (1)**

The rule currently reads:

‘Resignation – Members may resign from the Association by notice in writing, or by non-payment of membership fees within 2 months of a notice that such fees are overdue’

It is not our current practice to write to members notifying them that their fees are overdue. It would add to our administrative burden to do so.

**Proposed change:** Rule 6 (1) to read.

‘Membership shall cease upon resignation, or failure to pay outstanding membership fees within three months of the due date.’

### **Rule 9 (2)**

This rule requires that a notice of meeting be sent to the address of a member by prepaid postage. As some 560 members have now agreed to accept correspondence by email it is proposed to change this rule to allow for notices of meetings to be emailed.

**Current wording:**

**9 (2) Notice of Meeting** – 21 days’ notice in writing of every general meeting shall be given to every member at the address appearing in the Register of Members by prepaid postage stating the time, place and the business to be transacted. No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at any general meeting.

**Proposed change:**

**9 (2) Notice of Meeting** – 21 days’ notice in writing of every general meeting shall be given to every member stating the time, place and the business to be transacted. No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at any general meeting.  
Notice may be sent;

(a) by prepaid post to the address appearing in the register of members; or

(b) if the member agrees, by facsimile transmission or electronic transmission.

### **Rule 17 (2)**

This rule relates to the authority for affixing the Common Seal. The present rule includes that it must be ‘attested by the signatures either of two members of the Committee or by any one member of the Committee and the Public Officer of the Association.’

**Proposed change:**

It is proposed to delete the words ‘or by any one member of the Committee and the Public Officer of the Association’ because the latter will be a member of the Committee.