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### Notice is given of the **27TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THIRD AGE LEARNING (HAWTHORN) Inc.**

**Location:** 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris 3146

**Date:** Wednesday, 18 April 2011

**Time:** 10.30 am

**Agenda:** To receive apologies and proxies [Proxy forms available at the Office]  
To confirm Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting  
To receive the Annual Report for 2011/12  
To receive the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31/12/2011  
To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next 12 months  
To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2012  
To consider other business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules.

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:** Professor Linda Kristjanson, Vice Chancellor, Swinburne University and Patron of U3A Hawthorn.

**Lunch:** A light lunch will be provided for those who **notify the Office before Thursday 12 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  
Honorary Secretary*

### **COPY DEADLINE**

Copy deadline for the June 2012 Newsletter is 4 May 2012. Please send all copy to the Office.

### DATABASE ASSISTANCE

Unless a Filemaker Pro expert offers assistance with our database, we don't require any further volunteers at present, as I am now happy to advise that we have engaged three recruits - Linda Baynham, Alex Draper and Peter Moran. They will be trained to perform the work by Bruce Lancashire, John Harcourt and Andrew Campbell assisted by myself when required. Eventually one of the new assistants will hopefully take over my position and then I will continue as Database Consultant.

*Hans van Dorssen  
Database Manager  
U3A Hawthorn*

### 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** or

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 for download from the website.

### FEES FOR 2012

Annual membership fees for 2012 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 2012 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses can be processed.***

### MOBILE TELEPHONES

Please (1) ensure that your telephone is switched off or set to silent mode before the class commences and (2) 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*

### HELP REQUIRED – ORCHESTRA PUBLICITY

As the busy managers of our precious orchestra, Nola and I would dearly love to be relieved of the job of publicity prior to each concert. We're seeking someone with flair and dedication to a very important part of the concert year who would enjoy taking this on.

We give three concerts a year, in April/May, August and November, so the requirement would only be occasional involvement for about four weeks before each concert. We would have all the printed material prepared for distribution, and have on record all the details of what, how and where, but feel sure that a new approach to this project would bring in fresh ideas to increase our coverage.

If interested please contact Ruth Muir at 9818 0801. She would welcome enquiries!

*Ruth Muir*

### REMINDER

The Committee of Management would like to remind members enrolling in 2012 courses that in some of our popular curriculum categories, such enrolments are limited to one class of the same type; for example in the languages category Italian 1 or 2 but not both or Bridge Beginners and Bridge Advanced, but not both.

### TUTORS PLEASE NOTE

On occasions air conditioners and lights are left on and the property not secured at the conclusion of classes. If the class that follows your class is not in evidence at your time of departure you are requested to be responsible for ensuring that all lights and heating/cooling are turned off, window shutters closed, the alarm set and that all doors are locked. This particularly important during school holiday periods.

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### NEW PATRON FOR OUR U3A

Following Professor Ian Young's move from Swinburne University of Technology to Canberra as Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University and thus his retirement as Patron of Hawthorn U3A, I am delighted that his successor, Professor Linda Kristjanson accepted my invitation to succeed him as our Patron.

Secretary Bruce Lancashire and I met with Professor Kristjanson in January and were delighted about two things – first that she accepted our invitation to become our Patron and secondly at the interest she evidenced at the activities of the campus.

Professor Kristjanson was appointed Vice-Chancellor of Swinburne in May 2011. Immediately prior to coming to Swinburne, she was Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development at Curtin University of Technology, Perth. Prior to that appointment, Professor Kristjanson held a number of academic positions with the Cancer Council of Western Australia, the Faculty of Computing, Health and Science of Edith Cowan University, the West Australian Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care, as Professor in the School of Nursing and Public Health of Edith Cowan and as Associate Professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Manitoba, Canada.

According to an interview published in *The Leader* the Professor's vision for Swinburne is for it to be

the destination for anyone who wants to undertake postgraduate education, with a strong emphasis on relationships between university and industry.

"We don't confuse quality with elitism – that is very much at the heart of what this university stands for – we also value the notion that we should be an engaged university that responds to industry."

Professor Kristjanson is outspoken, keen to debate the ideas that underpin the tertiary sector and with a barrow to push for more money, more support, more engagement.

"This is a university", she says, "that is energetic and agile and very responsive to the changing policy settings within higher education and I think its really doing a good job."

We look forward to meeting Professor Kristjanson at our AGM in April.

### MANY GROUPS FULL

There are 92 groups doing courses at Hawthorn U3A. Of these, at the time of writing, 25 were full. Most courses are held on the Glen Iris campus but there are 12 held in private homes and 16 at other venues.

### CHANGE OF PRESIDENT

After 14 years as a tutor in Current Affairs and one as President, I intend retiring at the Annual General Meeting in April. I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with Hawthorn U3A and was privileged to tutor a group which grew from about 10 located in a little room on the Hawthorn premises of Swinburne CAE to 100 plus who just fitted into the main hall at Glen Iris.

I could not have done either job without the help of the many who work behind the scenes – Joan Donlon and the team in the office, the outstanding Secretary Bruce Lancashire, and the splendid Committee – Rod Benjamin, Frank Egan, Meg Adams, John Howell, Claus Gyrn, Ruth Muir and Marie Hamerton plus those on the Curriculum Committee, the Excursion Committee and the 12 on the euphemistically called 'other positions'.

My best wishes to you all - each and everyone of the 1200 plus who attend Hawthorn U3A.

*Peter Isaacson*  
President



## WELCOME TO TUTORS – 2012

A meeting was held on Tuesday 7 February to welcome Tutors, Conveners and Activity Coordinators as we prepare for commencement of the First Term of 2012.

It was an opportunity to catch up, meet Tutors from other areas of the curriculum and to exchange and outline ideas and challenges for the new year with members of the Management Committee.

The meeting was addressed by Rob Siedle who, with a panel of other tutors, has prepared a paper on *Principles and Practices of Mature Age Education at U3As*.

A special vote of thanks goes to Catering Manager, Julie McNaughton, and her team who provided a delightful morning tea.



## AU REVOIR TO OUR TUTOR

The members of the Japanese (Intermediate) group are sad to say *au revoir* to our wonderful tutor, Mrs Yoko Okuma. Since 2000 Yoko-sensei has coaxed us with patience, affection and humour through the intricacies of Japanese grammar and culture. Conversely, she has been interested in our laid-back customs and lifestyle, and has enjoyed her lovely garden, golf, and her dog Pal.

Sadly, family commitments made a return to Japan unavoidable. We will miss Yoko-sensei and her husband, Dr Katsuhiko Okuma, but are confident that our friendship will continue.

We wish the best possible future for Yoko-sensei and her family, and thank her for all that she has so generously given us.

*Helen Williams*

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Following the dazzling display of Arts and Craftwork from several U3As at the Carnival of Learning at Federation Square on 2 October, I would like to offer to set up a Bring-your-own Embroidery group, starting next year, meeting fortnightly for a couple of hours, preferably on a Monday afternoon, possibly in my home on Riversdale Road, Hawthorn. If the idea appeals, please contact Ruth Muir at 9818 0801.

## IT'S A MATTER OF COURTESY

Each year U3A Hawthorn organises some functions where members are invited to participate. So that the volunteers organising the event can make suitable arrangements including catering there is an RSVP

date for members to indicate their intentions. As some of our catering involves the use of outside caterers we must have accurate numbers to ensure appropriate provisioning as we cannot adjust our catering requirements after the due date or indeed find extra on the day of the event. We often have to make extensive phone calls to remind people and establish our numbers. This places stress on the organisers at a very busy time. In future we are assuming that no response means not attending. Everyone is most welcome to attend and all that is required is notification to the Office prior to the closing date.

## SUMMER SCHOOL 2012

Derek Readman introduced our Summer School concept in 1995 and since then it has been a very popular and important part of our Curriculum. This year was no exception with a very varied and stimulating program available to members. We were offered 40 sessions and around 2500 individual attendances were recorded. In addition 50 people from Deepdene U3A (with 250 attendances) were our guests during the month.

All of this does not happen without a tremendous amount of forethought and preparation. We are grateful to a number of people including the Summer School Committee chaired by Marie Hamerton, the volunteers who helped at each session, the presenters, both from within our membership and the outside community, and to the technical expertise of our Secretary, Bruce Lancashire.

Congratulations to these very dedicated people for another great event in the U3A calendar.



## Vale Barry Munari



We mourn the passing of Barry Munari, leader of our cycling group and co-Tutor of one of our Current Affairs classes. Barry joined U3A Hawthorn in 2001 and was always a willing participant - assisting in a number of roles, including working in the Office, undertaking database work and helping out in the move from Swinburne to Sinclair Avenue. Barry will be sorely missed.

September this involves visiting the office for a short time one or two days a fortnight and from October to February two or three times a week, excluding the holiday period. Prue is willing to assist during the initial period in the role.

Please contact our Treasurer, Frank Egan, through the Office, 9821 0282 for further details.

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## NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION

We need a volunteer with experience in word processing to assist in the production of our quarterly Newsletter. This role requires some time in the first two weeks of February, May, August and November. Most of the work can be done off site. Please contact Meg Adams through the Office 9821 0282 if you would like to join the team.

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## INVITATION TO AN INFORMATION DROP-IN SESSION FOR GARDINERS CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS

A "Gateway" email earlier this month mentioned a Melbourne Water session to be held on 28 February. That date has now been changed to 14 March and a letter has been sent to local residents to invite them to Campus to participate.

Melbourne Water would like to invite you to drop in to the **University of the Third Age Hall at 26 Sinclair Ave, Glen Iris 3146**. Melbourne Water Staff will be there from 17:30 until 19:00 on Wednesday 14 March. This session is primarily to give an opportunity to talk with members of Melbourne Water's floodplain services team should you have any questions regarding the investigation into flooding and to allow interested persons to meet the team who will be in charge of the project until works are completed.

Melbourne Water will not have detailed plans for works at this session as the project is still in the early planning phase. The project team will provide detail on their plan for keeping residents informed of progress.

Melbourne Water remains committed to undertaking works in Gardiners Creek which will reduce the flood risk to residents of Parkin Street, Faircroft Avenue and Sinclair Avenue.

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## New Document Camera



We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Balwyn for providing us a grant to purchase a new Document Camera. This device, as pictured, operates similar to a video camera and can be connected to a data projector to project images to a wall screen.

This will be particularly useful for Tutors wishing to project images of an object, a text book page, or an illustration so that a large class can view them. It removes the necessity of scanning images and preparing slide shows in advance, as the image can be projected 'in real time'.

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## WANTED BANKING OFFICER

After 15 years in the role of Banking Officer Prue Ferguson would like to retire. Consequently we are looking to a person/persons willing to volunteer for this position. The role requires banking money collected in the office into our U3A account. From March to

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## GARDENING GROUP

Shirley Hallows has relinquished her role as convener of the gardening group and the new convener is Clare Carlson. New volunteers are needed and are always welcome. Please contact the office for further details. Thank you Shirley for a job well done.



## MUSIC NOTES



As our New Year of 2012 marches on it is time to look ahead to the musical treats in store, and as usual for our U3A there is plenty to look forward to.

There are several changes affecting both Choir and Orchestra this year. As previously announced, the Choir will have a new Director, Meredith Vincent, with Judy Chipman, the retiring Director, taking over as part-time accompanist.

The closure of the Hawthorn Town Hall for the next 18 months has affected both groups, and for the Orchestra particularly it has caused quite a few problems. Finding a large enough venue for our performances was not easy, and we are grateful to have been able to secure the wonderful Performing Arts Centre at Genazzano Girls College in Cotham Road Kew. However to present concerts on weekdays as usual has meant that we must perform in school holidays, when the Hall is not used by the scholars and when the grounds are available for parking. This has meant some rather tight scheduling of rehearsals, but we hope the inconveniences are overcome by the setting itself and the plentiful parking spaces on the day for players and audience!

The Choir has also had to find a new venue, and this message from Meredith provides the details:-

*“We look forward to a happy year of music making under the new leadership. As usual there will be two concerts this year, the first on Saturday 2 June to be held in Flockart Hall MLC, Barkers Road, Kew with Judy Chipman in her different role as accompanist along with Valerie Judges. Details of the Christmas concert will be announced later, as will more details of the June concert.*

*There are places available in the choir for tenor, bass and alto singers, but some competence and experience is required.”*

The Orchestra's first concert will be presented earlier than usual on Thursday April 12 at 10.30 am at Genazzano on Cotham Road (Melway reference 45 J7) The tram stops at the gate (Stop 41, Route 109). The program is of special interest, planned to showcase each of the sections of the Orchestra individually, as well as combining in several great works. It starts with Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, and ends with a polka by Strauss, with much to enjoy in between. Please make a special effort to support this concert, as changes are sometimes difficult to adjust to, and we hope our many loyal friends and their friends will make a special effort to explore our new setting and share in the interesting and unusual program. We can promise you lavish accommodation in beautiful surroundings, with exciting music to entertain!

So - dates for the diaries:-

Thursday April 12 at 10.30 am First Orchestra Concert, conducted by Jules Cseszko

Saturday June 2 at 2.30 pm. Choir Concert, conducted by Meredith Vincent

Thursday July 5 at 10.30 am. Mid-year Orchestra Concert, conducted by Willem van der Vis

Sunday November 4 at 2 pm. Final Orchestra Concert – Please note change of day and time.

*Ruth Muir*

### **A special request from Ruth Muir**

Now that my beloved Bechstein is back again with its gleaming new strings, I would welcome a competent pianist/partner to occasionally play duets – just for fun! Ruth's phone number is 9818 0801

# 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.

**Thursday 15 March 2012**

### **UPPER MARIBYRNONG RIVER CRUISE ON THE 'BLACKBIRD'**

**Cost:** \$15 per person  
**Time:** Boat departs at 10.30 am sharp returning 2 hours later.  
**Where:** Footscray on the western side of the Maribyrnong River.  
Melway reference 42 E5.  
Proceed to the end of Wingfield Street to access the River. There is a new name for the end of Wingfield Street in the latest Melway, which is called 'Salt River Place'. The river ferry is 100 yards to the end of Salt River place.  
**Transport:** Own arrangements (ample parking)  
**Meals:** Optional lunch at own cost at the Happy River Café located 200 metres south of the boat mooring area.  
**Maximum:** 28 participants

**Tuesday 17 April 2012**

### **GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF THE GOLD TOWNS BENDIGO – SERIES 1**

**Cost:** Tour is free of charge however public transport is at own expense.  
**Train:** Schedules subject to change; however as a guide:-  
Departs Southern Cross station 9.15 am (check on big LCD screen for platform number)  
Arrives Bendigo station 11.20 am  
Departs Bendigo station 4.02 pm  
**Tour departs:** Bendigo rail station 11.20 am  
**Maximum:** 25 participants

**Wednesday 23 May 2012**

### **FOX CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION TOUR**

**Cost:** \$8 per person  
**Time:** 10.30 am sharp with duration of tour 1 - 1.5 hours  
**Where:** 749-755 Collins Street, Docklands (corner Batman Hill Drive and Collins Street) Melway 2E H7  
**Minimum:** 25 participants

## Wednesday 13 June 2012 SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA

<b>Cost:</b>	Free of charge
<b>Time:</b>	9.15 am for a 9.30 pm start (sharp)
<b>Note:</b>	No late comers accepted on tour
<b>Where:</b>	210 William Street, Melbourne (enter through open door around the corner in Lonsdale Street)
<b>Limit:</b>	25 participants

## Tuesday 17 July 2012 BLOCK ARCADE, MELBOURNE

<b>Cost:</b>	\$10
<b>Time:</b>	1.00 pm sharp until approximately 3.30 pm (please arrive 10 minutes prior)
<b>Meet:</b>	Outside the Hopetoun Tearooms in Block Arcade (off Collins Street, Melbourne)
<b>Inclusions:</b>	Tour and afternoon tea at Charles Dickens Restaurant
<b>Limit:</b>	20 participants

### NOTES ON EXCURSIONS

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#### UPPER MARIBYRNONG RIVER CRUISE ON THE 'BLACKBIRD'

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Two years ago we boarded the traditional ferry boat, the *Blackbird* of Lakes Entrance fame to venture downstream. This year we shall cruise upstream to retrace the early history of Melbourne's development. The popular excursion is being repeated due to high demand. Upon disembarkation join members for lunch at the Happy River Cafe (own expense), nearby on the river.

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#### GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF THE GOLD TOWNS OF VICTORIA – SERIES 1

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This is the first historical walking tour, in a series of walking tours, to be offered over the next three years. Travel in comfort by train from Melbourne to Bendigo and our Hawthorn U3A member, guide and historian, Norm Fary, will conduct an informative and entertaining insight into early Bendigo.

A second tour will be held in October 2012.

#### COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES ARE ESSENTIAL.

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#### FOX CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION TOUR

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Indulge yourself! Experience the high life while viewing trucking magnate Lindsay Fox's amazing collection of more than 50 prestige vehicles

collected over a 20-year period and housed in the historic Queen's Warehouse. The \$15 million collection is guaranteed to capture everyone's imagination.

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#### SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA TOUR

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Not to be missed. Hear about the intricacies of court room procedure with a special presentation by Leanne Newson, Educational Officer for the Law Courts. Witness the Supreme Court in session.

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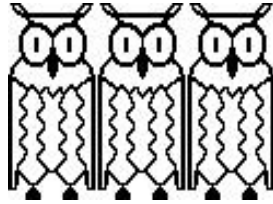
#### BLOCK ARCADE, MELBOURNE

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As promised, we will repeat this popular excursion. Have you ever wondered, while strolling through beautiful Block Arcade, what lies upstairs? On a guided tour we will 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.





## U3A HAWTHORN EVENTS

March 2012 to July 2012

(This flyer is for your refrigerator or bulletin board)

THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2012 10.30 AM	UPPER MARIBYRNONG RIVER CRUISE ON THE 'BLACKBIRD'
THURSDAY 12 APRIL 2012 10.30 AM	ORCHESTRA CONCERT GENAZZANO ON COTHAM ROAD
TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012 9.15 AM	GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF THE GOLD TOWNS BENDIGO – SERIES 1
WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012 10.30 AM	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SINCLAIR AVENUE
WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2012 10.30 AM	FOX CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION TOUR 749-755 COLLINS STREET, DOCKLANDS
SATURDAY 2 JUNE 2012 2.30 PM	CHOIR CONCERT, FLOCKART HALL MLC, BARKERS ROAD, KEW
WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2012 9.15 AM	SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA 210 WILLIAM STREET, MELBOURNE
THURSDAY 5 JULY 2012 10.30 AM	ORCHESTRA CONCERT GENAZZANO ON COTHAM ROAD
TUESDAY 17 JULY 2012 1.00 PM	BLOCK ARCADE, MELBOURNE OUTSIDE THE HOPETOUN TEAROOMS IN BLOCK ARCADE
SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2012 2.00 PM	ORCHESTRA CONCERT GENAZZANO ON COTHAM ROAD

***Full details of these events are in your Newsletter***

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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.

Thank you for your co-operation