



**Notice is given of the
33RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of U3A HAWTHORN Inc.**

Location: Hall, U3A Hawthorn Campus, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris
Date: Wednesday 16 May 2018
Time: 10.30am

Agenda:

- To receive apologies and proxies [Proxy forms available at the Office]
- To confirm Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting
- To receive the Annual Report for 2017
- To receive the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31/12/2017
- To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next 12 months
- To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2018
- To approve Subscription Fees for 2019
- 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.

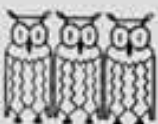
The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a presentation from a guest speaker; details to be confirmed.

A light lunch will be provided for those who notify the Office before Wednesday 9 May of their intention to attend. Pre-booking is essential for catering purposes.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

*Bruce Lancashire
Hon Secretary*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to all our new members. We hope you enjoy U3A Hawthorn and become familiar with who we are and what we offer. The Welcome to New Members function on 1 March was designed to assist a greater understanding of our organisation. If you were unable to attend that meeting, please don't be shy about getting any help you need.

Summer School, as has long been the case, was very well attended and many members expressed their appreciation of the quality and variety of topics, the high standard of presentations and the excellence of questions and the responses. Our thanks to Anne McQueen-Thomson and the Summer School team for a job well done.

Our curriculum is extensive with a mix of ongoing (long) courses, short courses and one-offs, with 110 Tutors involved in presenting our courses. This year we have a new structure for classes using the hall. Tutors were given the information at a recent meeting. There are several aims associated with this initiative. We hope the classes will implement the points outlined and in doing so ensure that tutors are supported, classes are well informed and, at the same time, the workload is shared across a wider group. The role of a communication person, one of the requirements listed, will be very necessary this year as we are about to change the way our newsletter is distributed. An information sheet was distributed, which contained a list of things to be done at the end of each session – this will be of use to all tutors and class facilitators as a checklist /reminder / prompt. Ask at Reception if you would like one.

Our buildings have had several minor works carried out recently and Council and the builder have signed off on the project. While Council as the owner of the property is responsible for major repair work we have responsibility for minor work. As lessees we are also required to keep the rooms in good order and the floors clean. Please do your part in insuring that spilled cups of tea and coffee are properly cleaned and food particles and crumbs are vacuumed up. It is great to see the buildings being so well used.

We successfully completed the 2018 enrolments process using the UMAS system for the first time. Bruce Lancashire will be keeping up to date through attending the UMAS users group meetings and consequently any improvements and new developments will be promptly implemented. Thank you to all those who negotiated their way through the system for the first time – it will get easier with further use. Special thanks to the database team and Bruce for the many hours of work spent ensuring that we had a successful transition from the old system which we had well and truly outgrown.

We are introducing another change in 2018, a pilot management support system, involving members of the Management Committee. Members will be rostered on duty to support Reception, undertake some administrative tasks, welcome new members and tutors and generally be available to be of assistance to people on campus. This will, we hope, help members to get to know their committee members and for the committee to become more familiar with the day-to-day operation of the organisation.

I wish you all a very happy and stimulating year!

Meg Adams, President



Summer School January 2018



Participants in the first aid course



As of September this year there will be changes to the way we distribute the newsletter and curriculum. This is part of a gradual process of refining our communication methods. At present some 75% of members receive their newsletter electronically and will not be affected by the changes.

From September 2018 those who presently receive their newsletter and curriculum by post will:

- be able to collect their labelled copy of the newsletter from Reception
- OR
- pay a levy towards the cost of postage and have the newsletter posted.

In future these will be the methods for receipt of the newsletter for those who elect NOT to have their newsletter sent electronically.

The levy will be \$10.00 payable with the annual subscription. This amount will be subject to change if postage rates are increased.

If you have access to a computer, it would be advantageous to give your email address to reception as this means that you will receive the newsletter more promptly, as well as being notified of your enrolments and any course changes and additions. Enrolment confirmations are no longer posted.

Remember, you do not have to print it out, and back copies are always available on the website. You can also view the newsletter at Reception.

These changes have been under consideration for some time. For many years we were able to access a bulk rate for postage and then take newsletters to an Australia Post centre on Riversdale Road. Now we are required to go to Rowville. We cannot continue to ask volunteers to go to Rowville as well as carry heavy boxes and find, when they get there, that the conditions for bulk mailing have changed and our mail is not eligible for the bulk rate unless we re-package it.

The newsletter volunteers will continue to package as they have done in the past, but newsletters for those requiring and paying the levy will be posted at a conveniently close post office at the normal postage rate.

The Committee of Management



Please consider U3A Hawthorn's contribution to landfill! The committee would like to encourage members to limit their use of disposable cups (which must go into landfill) by either utilising the china cups and dishwashing facilities that are provided or perhaps by members bringing their own drink receptacles to class. Also, in order to increase the amount of our waste that can be recycled, we will be replacing rubbish bins in the classrooms with dual bins which allow for the separation of landfill and recyclable rubbish. If you're interested in the issue of landfill please refer to the excellent ABC series *The War on Waste* <http://iview.abc.net.au/collection/war-on-waste>.

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MUSIC NOTES

There has been a welcome lengthy break in the music-making world for the last couple of months, but now things are again ticking over in readiness for getting back to work. The Choir has started its regular Tuesday morning sessions, and the Orchestra will be back at St Mark's for rehearsals on 1 March. The pile of approximately 55 folders, each bulging with individual orchestral parts, is dwindling as people arrive to collect their own or request that they be mailed to them, and all around practising is starting up ready for the first get-together. Our first concert seems on paper to be more compact than previously - offering a Tchaikovsky Symphony, a Mozart Flute Concerto and one of Dvorak's Slavonic Dances, all coincidentally bearing the number 2. Maybe there is a hidden message there?

Concert dates for the Orchestra this year:

Saturday 5 May 2.30pm: Orchestra concert at MLC, 207 Barkers Rd Hawthorn. Jules Cseszko Conductor, Flute Soloist Mark Shiell.

Sunday 19 August 2.30pm: Orchestra concert at MLC, 207 Barkers Rd Hawthorn. Jules Cseszko Conductor, Trumpet soloist Dennis Stevenson.

Saturday 17 November 2.30pm: Orchestra concert at St John's Anglican Church Camberwell. Willem van der Vis Conductor. Details TBA.

We will also be performing our regular school visit at St Roch's at a date to be finalised, and assume

that a performance at Deakin Edge concert hall will take place during Seniors Week in October. The recorder group will continue to enjoy their work together, preparing for a concert in the near future, date not yet set.

We hope that all these offerings from several different quarters bring you, the audience, as much pleasure as we get from the presentations. There are many plans in the offing and our next newsletter will have more details to reveal, so watch this space!

Ruth Muir, Music Manager



CHOIR NOTES

There's no doubting the talent in the Hawthorn U3A Choir. Just before our November concert last year, our splendid accompanist – and former Musical Director – Judy Chipman was taken ill and ordered not to play. What could we do? Several people came to the rescue - current and former Directors Megan Austin and Meredith Vincent, stand-by accompanist Val Judges, and newish choir member Kathryn Thaniel who had shown herself, during the year, to also be an accomplished pianist.

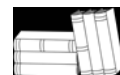
Judy greatly enjoyed being in the audience for the first time in 17 years. The choir hopes that those U3A members who were also present similarly loved our rather eclectic mix of old carols, folk songs, sacred music and Broadway musical excerpts.

This year we celebrate our Jubilee – 25 years of song. As well as bringing you new pieces, we will revisit some old favourites in our June and November concerts. You may like to let us know what you would like to hear again. U3A members can help us in other ways. At present our three past Musical Directors are sharing the conducting role, but it is more efficient and consistent to have someone in charge overall. So if you know anyone with conducting experience who might take us on, please get in touch. And with a couple of our male choristers having retired at the end of last year, we are in need of some tenor and bass voices. Are there any bathroom baritones out there?

Please put in your diaries now, Sunday 24 June, 2.00 pm when we will be presenting our mid-year concert at Flockart Hall, MLC. We look forward to welcoming many U3A members, families and friends on that occasion.

Bev Rangott, Choir Manager

BOOK EXCHANGE



As many of you are aware the Book Exchange was open every day during Summer School and by all accounts this was well received by all who visited the North Room. Hopefully we have attracted some new participants who will continue to support us throughout the year.

In addition to books we are now accepting CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles. We would also welcome picture books for children. We now have quite a few items in our collection so members do not have to bring an item in order to take one, however, we always welcome new items in good condition.

The Exchange will continue to be held in the North Room on the third Wednesday of the month 11am-1.30 pm.

We look forward to your continued support in 2018.

**Julie Angus-Kiddle and
the Book Exchange Team**

VALE JILL FITZGIBBON



We were saddened to hear of the death of Jill Fitzgibbon who held number 9 on our membership list. Jill passed away on 19 January 2018.

Jill was a valued, much respected and admired member whose contribution to U3A Hawthorn was considerable. She was on duty in the Office on the first operating day of this U3A and was one of four people who were responsible for the founding of the organisation in 1984. She was awarded a Life Membership of U3A Hawthorn.

Jill still attended classes until the middle of last year and participated actively and with obvious enjoyment in her Current Affairs class and the Australia's First Peoples group. Jill was the only founding member still active and with her passing the link with our foundation members is broken.

Members of both classes as well as other U3A members attended her Memorial Service.

Jill will be greatly missed by her many friends at U3A Hawthorn.



AUTUMN EXCURSIONS

For bookings please go to the website www.u3ahawthorn.org.au
and use the online membership system to enrol and pay (if required).
If you are unable to use the online system, please visit Reception to complete your enrolment.

For further queries please contact:
Joan Harding on 98133974 or 0408366987

BOOKING POLICY

All tour fees payable at the time of placing reservation.
Payments may be made by credit card, cash or cheque at Reception, or by paying online.
Bookings close two weeks prior to the event.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations 14 days or less prior to the scheduled departure time will mean no refund will be given.

18EXC003 Monday 5 March 2018 VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Cost: free
Time: 2.30pm - 3:30pm
Location: Government House Drive, Melbourne, adjacent to the Royal Botanic Gardens.
Meet: Gatehouse, Government House Drive at 2.20pm
Limit: Minimum 15; maximum 35 participants. Members only, no guests.

18EXC002 Friday 20 April DAME NELLIE MELBA'S COOMBE COTTAGE GARDEN AND AFTERNOON TEA

Cost: \$25
Time: 1.30 pm to approximately 3.00 pm
Meet: 673- 675 Mountain Highway, Coldstream
Melway Ref: 281
Limit: 26 participants

A wonderful afternoon is in store as you are guided around the historic garden listening to the stories surrounding this famous location. Many artists, playwrights and Melbourne's establishment society had enjoyed Dame Nellie Melba's hospitality. Stroll through the beautifully restored garden and complete the tour with an outstanding afternoon tea.

18EXC004 Friday 4 May TOUR TO HERITAGE "DUNEIRA" GARDEN, MT MACEDON

Cost: \$74
Time: 9.30 am sharp to approximately 4.00pm
Departure: Sinclair Ave Transport: By coach
Treat yourself, celebrate autumn! Visit the famous heritage garden, Duneira, and embrace the magnificent colours of autumn. A breathtaking sight! Enjoy the country atmosphere with lunch provided by the ladies of Mt Macedon Country Women's Association and conclude the excursion with a guided tour of the amazing Diconia Rare Plant Nursery, often featured in the media.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5 March	Excursion - Tour to Government House 2.30pm
Monday 12 March	Labour Day - no classes, office closed
Thursday 15 March	Readman Series Lecture: Dr Michael Adcock, <i>Civilising the City: Paris 1852 – 1870</i> , Hall Sinclair Ave, 3.00pm
30 Mar– 15 April	School Holidays - note classes marked NCSSH
Fri 30 Mar– Mon 2 April	Easter - no classes, office closed
Thursday 19 April	Readman Series Lecture: Sam Alfreds and Shimona Rose, <i>Enjoying Opera</i> , Hall Sinclair Ave, 3.00pm
Friday 20 April	Dame Nellie Melba's Coombe Cottage and afternoon tea, 1.30 pm
Wednesday 25 April	Anzac Day - no classes, office closed
Friday 4 May	Tour to heritage Duneira Garden, Mt Macedon, 9.30 am
Saturday 5 May	Orchestra concert Jules Cseszko Conductor, Flute Soloist Mark Shiell, MLC, 2.30pm
Wednesday 16 May	Annual General Meeting 10.30am
Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday - no classes, office closed
Thursday 21 June	Readman Series Lecture – Elizabeth Douglas: <i>3 weeks in Timor Leste</i> , Hall Sinclair Ave, 3.00pm
Sunday 24 June	Mid-year concert, U3A Hawthorn Choir, MLC, 2.00pm
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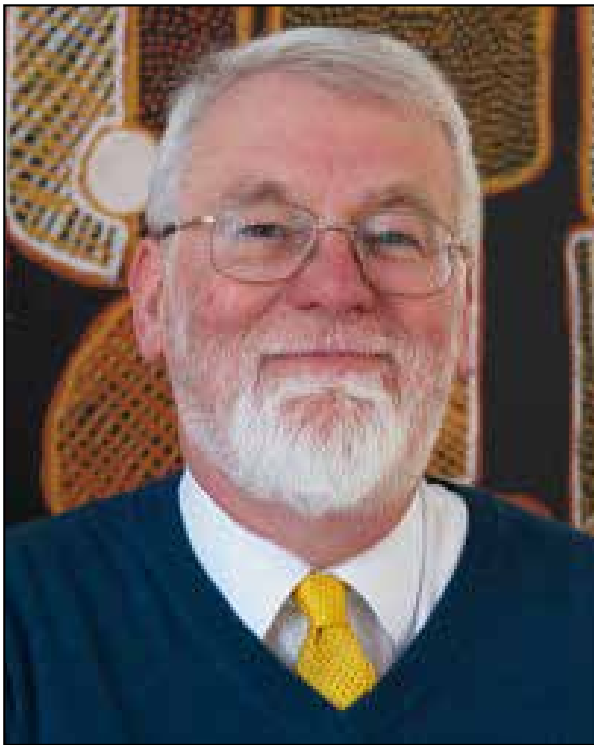
READMAN LECTURES

CIVILISING THE CITY: PARIS 1852-1870

Guest speaker: Dr Michael Adcock

Thursday 15 March 2018 at 3.00pm
Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue

Dr Michael Adcock is currently Head of History at Melbourne Grammar School. Previously, he lectured in modern French history at the University of Melbourne and as a cultural historian, lectured on French art at the National Gallery of Victoria, the National Gallery of Australia and the Queensland Art Gallery. Dr Adcock has also published a number of books and conducts residential study tours in Paris, where he presents lectures on the history of the city and conducts walking tours to explore its past and its heritage.



ENJOYING OPERA

Guest speakers: Sam Alfreds & Guest singer:
Shimona Rose

Thursday 19 April 2018 at 3.00pm
Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue

This Readman takes the form of introduction and commentary by U3A Hawthorn tutor Sam Alfreds, a passionate opera fan and volunteer broadcaster at 3MBS. Sam will introduce performance pieces by his niece Shimona Rose, the 2018 Opera Scholar of the Year at Beechworth's Opera in the Alps and recipient of many other awards including two first prizes at the 2017 Boroondara Eisteddfod. This is a rare opportunity to hear Shimona's wonderful voice before she departs to take up a scholarship to continue her vocal studies at the Royal College of Music in London.



Come and listen to these fascinating presentations. Please enrol for the sessions online or notify the Office ASAP on 9821 0282, or go to Reception to enrol.

The third lecture of the 2018 Readman Series will be on Thursday 21 June, 3.00pm
Elizabeth Douglas: *3 weeks in Timor Leste*

CURRICULUM UPDATE MARCH 2018

The following courses have been offered since the publication of the 2018 Curriculum booklet in November 2017.

You can access details of the courses and enrol for them on our website. Further courses will be put on the website over the next weeks.

The Readman Lectures and Excursions are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

- 18COM004 Going on Safari - note changed dates to Mon 9, 16 & 23 April Room 1.
- 18GRE001 Modern Greek for those who love the soul (George Theodoridis) Friday 11.30
(weekly from Friday 4 May NCSSH)
Everyday Greek for the kitchen, the market place and the Greek dance floor. This is a beginners course.
- 18HUM020 Story of Medieval England 400 – 1400 (Vin Underwood) Wednesday 1.30
(2nd & 4th Wednesday from 14 Feb)
This course uses the Great Courses DVDs, The Story of Mediaeval England: From King Arthur to the Tudor Conquest, as a basis for studying this very interesting period of British history. Each session is for two hours and will consist of two half hour lectures with each lecture followed by a tutor summary presented in power point and some class discussion.
- 18HUM027 Berlin – an exciting European metropolis (Joe Hajdu) Tuesday 11.30
(weekly from 24 April - 3 sessions, Hall)
A course of 3 lectures on Berlin:
1. Berlin - history
2. Berlin - famous people
3. Berlin - culture
- 18HUM028 An appreciation of Southern Indian Culture (Mary Butterworth) Friday 10.30
(6 April , 13 April, 4 May – 3 sessions)
An appreciation of Southern Indian culture with special emphasis on Kerala.
The class will comprise 3 sessions of 2-3 hours.
Session 1 - Fri 6 April - Sinclair Avenue - Overview of the culture of Southern India.
Session 2 - Friday 13 April - Visit to a local Indian spice shop.
Session 3 - Friday 4 May - Demonstration of authentic Malayalee cooking. You will learn how to prepare a delicious Kerala style organic chicken curry, spiced vegetables and cardamom rice. We will end the session with a communal meal. (Members will share the cost of the ingredients for the meal - approx \$30pp)
- 18HUM029 Psychology – Understanding People (Catherine Scott) Monday 11.30
(weekly from 14 May – 6 sessions)
Psychology is about understanding people. This course will provide an introduction to psychology, the various branches of psychology and the research methods used. It will then look at specific questions and topics selected with input from the group eg memory, identity, health psychology.
- 18HUM030 Modern Japanese History – from 1918 (Wolfe Sharp) Wednesday 11.30
(Wednesday 23 & 30 May, Hall) (a continuation of the Summer School series)
Lecture May 23rd. (1918 – 1941) Intense modernisation after the Meiji Restoration (1868) had enabled Japan to be victorious in wars against China (1894-5) and Russia (1905). These victories further fuelled ambitions of empire, and gave greater impetus to the rise of extreme militarism within Japanese society. New political ideologies were rising and fascism was the ideology which appealed most to the younger generation of military officers and political activists. It led Japan into the “Dark Valley” of its history.
Lecture May 30th – End of the Pacific War & Post War Re-construction.

- 18HUM031 Underwater Creatures (Grant Fry) Thursday 11.30
(weekly from 19 April – 4 sessions)
Discover the amazing small creatures that can be found under our piers in Australia and Vanuatu. Grant has taken beautiful photos over many years of the tiny creatures that can be seen whilst scuba diving.
Session 1 South Australia
Session 2 Victoria
Session 3 Queensland
Session 4 Vanuatu
- 18HUM032 Thinking for a Healthy Future (Irwin Tobias) Thursday 1.30
(weekly from 3 May - 3 sessions)
When referring to Brain Health, we have all heard the slogan ‘use it or lose it’. This course looks at the way our Thinking Preferences influence our interests, interactions and future directions. During the process we learn more about ourselves and others. This will be a lively, interactive course where you reflect on your own Thinking Preferences and what you can do to avoid brain decline. You will also develop strategies to enhance your relationships and improve your communication skills.
- 18HUM033 Conversation with International Students (Carol Lancashire) Monday 1.30
single session Monday 19 March at Swinburne University TD304
This is an opportunity to meet and talk with international students at Swinburne University, mainly post graduate students. These young people welcome the opportunity to talk informally with “locals” outside the university. This is one session only and participants would meet with 1 to 3 students to chat for 1.5 hours.
- 18HUM034 International Students at Swinburne and their stories (Carol Lancashire) Friday 11.30
(single session Friday 4 May Room 1)
A group of post-graduate international students at Swinburne University will come to the Sinclair Avenue campus to talk about their studies in Australia and their research topics as well as their home countries and the challenges and benefits of international study. Participants will join the students for tea and coffee at the end of the session for informal discussion.
- 18LIT021 Writing your life story (Francis Icasiano) Monday 9.45 - 11.15, 2 sessions 16 & 23 April
(Room 1)
We all have our own story to tell, but most of us put off recording it. In these fun and interactive sessions we look at why it is so important to tell, record or share your life story and provide approaches, strategies and resources to get you started.
Bring along pen and paper.
- 18TRA004 Armchair Travel - To Antarctica and back the hard way - The whale wars (Bruce Hawken)
Thursday 31 May, 1.30pm Hall
- 18TRA005 Armchair Travel - Touring Hungary (Tony Nankervis) Thursday 28 June, 1.30pm Hall
- 18TRA006 Armchair Travel - Navigating an Ocean Race (Bruce Hawken), Thursday 26 July, 1.30pm
Hall
- 18TRA007 Armchair Travel - Spain (Nick Balazs) Thursday 30 August, 1.30pm Hall
- 18TRA008 Armchair Travel - Austria and beyond (Jane Bentley), Thursday 27 September, 1.30pm Hall