



**FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT**

It is difficult to believe that it is already November. How the year has flown – yet again. Our academic year at U3A Hawthorn [U3AH] is drawing to a close, and holidays will soon be here. It is customary at this time to review the year we have nearly completed. It has been a record year for U3AH with over 1450 financial members, more than 200 courses and activities presented, and over 120 tutors volunteering their expertise and time. Our members engaged in 3rd age learning more than ever before. The range of the courses on offer to members during the year is truly amazing.

The Readman series enhanced our program with one-off speakers presenting a diverse range of topics to stimulate and educate many members on a monthly basis. In addition we had varied, interesting and extremely well attended Summer School and Excursion programs.

2018 saw some new initiatives. We celebrated Seniors Week with our first Open Day on our Sinclair Avenue Campus. This event was very successful drawing many visitors, Council officers and members to our refurbished facilities where numerous examples of our regular activities were on display. Secondly our new (and very shiny) piano was delivered just in time to accompany our Choir's mini concert at Open Day. We plan to make greater use of this wonderful instrument in the New Year, with recitals and other musical events. No review of our organisation would be complete without mentioning and congratulating our outstanding U3AH Orchestra whose memorable concerts add so much to our musical program.

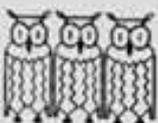
***PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND ENROLMENTS FOR 2019***

*The 2019 Curriculum Booklet and Summer School program January 2019 can be collected from Reception or can be viewed on our website.*

*Payment of Membership Subscriptions (\$50pp) and enrolments will be possible from 10am Monday 19 November . This can be done online or at Reception. Volunteers will be available to assist you with your enrolments.*

*Detailed notes to assist you to do this online are provided later in this newsletter.*

**NEWS**



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As everyone knows U3AH is an entirely voluntary organisation. We do not pay anyone for the time, work, commitment, enthusiasm and effort that is provided daily by so many people. Without their voluntary contributions our U3A would not function. So whether you are a member of one of our many committees, a receptionist, a tutor or activities leader, a class secretary, a member of the Choir or Orchestra or a volunteer at Open Day (or any other time), a BIG THANK YOU. We look forward to you returning in 2019 and joining with us in enhancing our mutual interest in learning, participating and socialising to the benefit of all.

Members are reminded that the 2019 Curriculum was available online (and in the office) on Monday, 12 November, 2018. This document also includes our 2019 Summer School program. Enrolments for 2019 opened on Monday 19 November 2018 at 10.00am, and can be made online or in the Office for assisted enrolment. Remember you MUST pay your 2019 membership fee (\$50) before you can enrol in any course or in the Summer School program. Most courses and activities are open on a "first come, first enrolled" basis; so don't wait until 2019 to decide whether to renew your membership and then try to enrol in your preferred course.

The fact that you were in a class in 2018 does NOT mean you will get into that class in 2019. As they say in the law..... "TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE".

Finally, on behalf of the Management Committee, I wish everyone an enjoyable, safe and restful holiday season. We look forward to seeing you back at U3AH in 2019 refreshed and eager to learn and experience all that we have on offer.

**Irving Miller**  
**Acting President**



## **MUSIC NOTES**

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The weeks since our last Newsletter have gone in a flash, almost totally absorbed in plans for activities, performances delivered and plans for more to come. It has been a very exciting time as we look ahead to 2019 and all that we will be offering.

Here is a brief overview of our last two or three months. Since the Orchestra's "The Shropshire Lad" concert in mid-August, following the Choir's 25th celebratory concert in late June, we found ourselves deeply involved in Seniors Week, with our experimental Open Day arrangements taking pride of place. We started the week with a performance as usual in Deakin Edge at Federation Square on the Festival Launch day with our Wind Octet

presenting a Mozart Serenade. This was followed on the following Tuesday with another performance of the same as part of Boroondara's Festival concert at the Hawthorn Arts Centre.

For Open Day, a sequence of musical offerings was prepared, with items from the Choir, the Recorder group, the Avalon Jazz group and an ensemble of flutes and strings from the Orchestra, all proceeding to entertain an audience comprised of our members and visitors from the general public. After the pleasure of spending the lunch hour on our terrace on that perfect sunny day being transported by the Avalon Jazz boys - an amalgam of our own U3A and some from Nunawading - we were a little disappointed to find that the afternoon audiences dwindled from those in the morning sessions. This was a lesson to be learned for the future.

To set the tone of excitement on the eve of Seniors Week, we were delighted to receive delivery of our magnificent new acquisition, the splendid Yamaha piano which now takes pride of place in the Hall. It arrived just in time for the Choir's accompanist to be the first to perform on it for our Open Day concert. With its arrival, plans are now underway for a series of concerts and other functions to be offered for your enjoyment next year.

By the time you have read this the Recorder Group will have presented an afternoon concert at Rylands in Camberwell on 1 November They are a popular visitor in that venue.

The Orchestra is currently on final rehearsals for their 17 November concert with Willem van der Vis, a lively collection of popular 18th and 19th century works, some of which they will be taking to their annual lunchtime visit with St Roch's Primary School on the Thursday following.

We are also pleased to reveal details of the Orchestra's first concert next year. It will be held at MLC on Sunday 5 May and will feature two advanced young students performing sections of piano concerti with the Orchestra - one, the first two movements of Beethoven's Concerto no 1, and the other the first movements of Schumann's Concerto for Piano. This will be a very intense and interesting experience for all concerned, and I think will attract a large audience.

Dates for the three orchestral concerts in 2019 for your diary – all to commence at 2.30pm:  
- Sun 5 May: at MLC - Jules Cesezko.  
- Sun 11 August: at MLC - Willem van der Vis  
- Sat 16 November: Jules Cseszko.

**Ruth Muir**  
**Music Manager**

## CHOIR NOTES



After our very successful 25 Year Anniversary Concert in June, the U3A Choir has been enjoying a quieter second half-year. However, we were delighted to give a short performance at Sinclair Avenue during Seniors Week, making use of the beautiful new piano. The audience must have enjoyed it as several people were seen singing along – very quietly – to excerpts from *Les Miserables*. We look forward to giving similar presentations at the campus on future occasions.

While seeking a new Musical Director, a magnificent team of conductors and pianists has carried us through the year. Choir members wish to sincerely thank Megan Austin, Judy Chipman, Valerie Judges, Kathryn Thaniel and Meredith Vincent for their leadership and inspiration.

The very happy news is that Julie Lancashire has now been appointed as Musical Director for 2019, bringing extensive singing and conducting experience to the role. The choir is looking forward with much anticipation to an interesting year of new accomplishments.

**Bev Rangott**  
Choir Manager



## TUTOR NEWS

Tutors are the backbone of our organisation and we are grateful for their enthusiasm, commitment and talent. We mourn those who have died and wish the “retirees” well in future endeavours and hope they maintain contact with U3A Hawthorn.

The following long-serving tutors passed away during 2018:

- Nan Inglis – Italian classes
- Vicki Walker – Sharing Poetry; class taken over by Lena Frankel
- Nigel Creese – Latin and Reading Shakespeare

The following year-long tutors have resigned from course leadership during 2018:

- Renee Revill – French; class taken over by Millie Campain
- Ruth Muir – Fourth Tuesday Book Group; class taken over by Ian McKenzie and Lilli Lipa
- Anita Burgess-Weber – Spanish; class taken over by Rosella Flavell

- Rebecca Booth – Scrabble; class taken over by Ellen Frajman
- Anastasia Bernardi – Feldenkrais; class taken over by Simon Sliker
- Prue Roberts – Oil Painting

The following year-long tutors have resigned from course leadership at the end of 2018:

- Michael Mullerworth- The First Peoples; class to be taken by Anne McQueen-Thomson
- Ferida Felstead – Mahjong; class to be taken by Janina Noga and Lyn Parer
- Bruce Gooley – Walking Group; new convenor not decided yet
  - Michael Doyle – Creative Writing; class to be discontinued
  - Geoff Coulsell – Thoughts and Ideas; class to be taken by John Cook.
- Choir - a number of people have taken leadership roles throughout 2018.

In 2019 we will welcome a number of new tutors and convenors offering both year-long and short courses.

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER POSTAGE FOR 2019

As you were notified in the June newsletter, in 2019 we will no longer automatically mail the quarterly newsletters to those members without email addresses. For several years now most members have received the newsletters online as well as enrolment notifications, Gateway eNews and communications from tutors etc.

Members who have not given us an email address will be able to collect a labelled Newsletter from Reception at the beginning of March, June, September and mid November. Providing an email address is particularly useful for receiving communication about your enrolments and messages from tutors.

If however you wish to have the newsletter posted to you, you will need to ask Reception to enrol you into the Posted Newsletter and pay an annual fee of \$10. This is best done at the time you renew your membership and must be done at Reception, as it is assumed that those seeking this service do not have an email.

The Gateway eNews is produced as needed throughout the year. Paper copies of these and the Quarterly Newsletters can be viewed at Reception.



For bookings please go to the website [www.u3ahawthorn.org.au](http://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.

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**Thursday, 21 March 2019**

**FERRY TO PORTARLINGTON, HISTORIC TOUR AND LUNCH**

Cost: \$31 ferry return fare plus mill entry. Lunch at own cost.

Time: 9.30 am departure. Return 5.00pm

Departure: Docklands terminal

Ready for a good day out? Board the Port Phillip Ferry at 9.30am (capacity 400) destined for Portarlington and arriving at 11.00am. Enjoy an informative walk with a local historian, including a visit to the old National Trust Mill. Lunch at the Grand Hotel overlooking the bay and board the return ferry at 3.30pm.

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**Wednesday, 24 April 2019**

**GUIDED TOUR OF KEW CEMETERY**

Cost: \$10

Time: 2.00 pm

Meet: Main gate, High St. Kew

Melway Ref: 45 F5

Booroondara General Cemetery, often referred to as Kew Cemetery, is one of the oldest in Victoria. Established in 1859 with an area of 12.5 hectares, remarkably it contains 75,000 graves including those of many prominent persons, and a few rogues too.

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**Thursday, 23 May 2019**

**POPULAR JAZZ PIANO LUNCHEON**

Cost: Concert free. Seniors meals available at own cost

Location: East Malvern RSL, Stanley Grose Drive

Time: Midday to 3.00pm

Six pianists and a guest soloist will entertain you in the relaxed atmosphere of the East Malvern RSL. This event includes well-known "name" musicians and up-and-coming pianist who have been mentored for the benefit of the next generation.

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**Thursday, 6 June 2019**

**TOUR OF WALTER AND ELIZA HALL INSTITUTE**

Cost: Free

Location: 1G Royal Parade, Parkville (take the number 19 tram in Elizabeth St)

Time: 10.30am sharp

The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute is Australia's oldest medical research institute, established in 1915, and produce a Nobel Prize winner, Sir McFarland Burnett in 1960. Hear of the Institute's achievements. There is an opportunity for small groups to visit selected laboratories.

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- Monday 12 November: 2019 Curriculum and Summer School program available for collection from reception or can be viewed online
- Monday 19 November, from 10am: 2019 Membership Renewal and Enrolment in Courses commences
- Friday 30 November: last day for Priority Enrolments in a small number of courses - people in these courses have been notified by the Course Co-ordinator and/or Tutor
- Friday 7 December: Last day of office for 2018. Office reopens Monday 7 January (10am - 2pm during January)

Towards the end of each year members are invited to **RENEW MEMBERSHIP** of U3A Hawthorn for the following year by paying the Annual Membership fee.

For 2019 this will be an individual Annual Membership of \$50, which enables members to enrol in courses, excursions, Summer School and events during the year. Membership renewal is required before you can enrol in courses.

### How to RENEW your membership:

Renewal can occur from Monday 19 November 2018 from 9.30am. There are 3 options for your renewal:

1. Online through the Membership system
  - a. Go to the U3A Hawthorn website ([www.u3ahawthorn.org.au](http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au)) and click on the link to the Membership system on the home page
  - b. Login using your Membership ID and Password.
  - c. Select Pay Membership from the menu
  - d. From the Subscription 'drop down list' select Annual subscription for 2019
  - e. Click on Pay/View Invoice
  - f. Select View Member Details from the left menu
  - g. Go to the bottom of the screen and click on Pay Invoice
  - h. Follow the prompts to pay online with Paypal – either with your Paypal account or by your credit card.
2. Use your own internet banking facility to make a bank transfer
  - a. Follow the steps above to login to the Membership system
  - b. When you get to step e. you should either print the Invoice or, whilst viewing it on the screen, write down the BSB and bank account details for U3A Hawthorn
  - c. Login to your personal internet banking facility and make a bank transfer to the U3A Hawthorn account ensuring your Member ID and surname is added to the note or comment field
  - d. send an email to [database@u3ahawthorn.org.au](mailto:database@u3ahawthorn.org.au) informing us you have paid and include your membership number and name so that the database volunteers can update your payment in the UMAS Membership system.
3. Pay at Reception at Sinclair Avenue
  - a. Please bring your Membership Badge with you
  - b. Pay with credit card or cheque
  - c. You will receive a receipt for your payment
  - d. The receipt copy will go to the database volunteers who will update your payment to the UMAS Membership system.

## How to ENROL IN COURSES for 2019

Enrolment in courses can occur from Monday 19 November 2018 from 10am. The 2019 Curriculum Booklet and Summer School program are available for collection from Reception and can be viewed online on the website [www.u3ahawthorn.org.au/courses](http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au/courses)

As has always been the case, you must enrol each year for the courses of your choice. Even if you have been enrolled in a course in 2018, you must put in an enrolment for that course for 2019 if you wish to continue to attend.

A small number of popular courses (with waitlists this year) will have a Priority Enrolment for those enrolled in the course in 2018. This will be explained to you in each of these classes.

The priority enrolment period will be from Monday 19 November until Friday 30 November 2018. If you apply for one of these courses you will appear as waitlisted until after 30 November when those who are in the course in 2018 and have applied for 2019 will be entered manually. Any remaining places in the course will be allocated to people who have applied for 2019, but were not in the course in 2018. This will be done in order of receipt of enrolment. After 30 November enrolments received for these courses from 2018 course members will no longer be given priority and are unlikely to gain a place in the course.

For some courses, such as languages where there is a required skill level, new applicants will be contacted by the tutor for assessment prior to final acceptance in the course. Information about this is provided in the course descriptions online and in the Curriculum Booklet 2019.

However, most courses will not have priority enrolment and, as usual, enrolments will be accepted in order of receipt until the maximum number is achieved and further enrolments will be waitlisted.

### Options for enrolments in courses:

#### 1. Online via the Membership system

- a. Go to the U3A Hawthorn website ([www.u3ahawthorn.org.au](http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au)) and click on the link to the Membership system on the home page or direct to [www.u3ahawthorn.org.au/members](http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au/members)
- b. Login using your Membership ID and Password.
- c. Click on View Courses in the menu at left of the screen
- d. Click in the small box at the left of each course in which you wish to enrol
- e. Once you have selected all your courses, click on the green button to Confirm Selections
- f. On the new screen check the list is correct and then click on the green button to Finalise Courses

#### 2. In person at Sinclair Avenue

- a. Come into Reception at Sinclair Avenue to have an Assisted Enrolment from Monday 19 November.
- b. Ensure you bring your Membership badge
- c. A database volunteer will assist you to make your selections using the Membership system

#### Please note:

- In the November – February period no enrolments by telephone or email will be accepted as this is a very busy time in the office.
- There are no paper forms sent out for renewals and enrolments. You either do it yourself online or have an assisted enrolment at the office.



## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2019**

Monday 7 January	Reception re-opens - 10am - 2pm 7 January to 1 February
Mon 7 - Fri 25 January	Summer School - collect the program at Reception or view on website
Monday 4 February	Reception resumes normal hours 9.30am - 4pm
Monday 11 February	Commencement of Classes
Monday 11 March	Labour Day – Office closed, no classes
Thursday, 21 March	Excursion: Ferry to Portarlington, tour and lunch, 9.30am – 5.00pm
Thursday 21 March	Readman: Geoffrey Blainey. “Melbourne’s early history”, 2pm
6 – 22 April	School Holidays - note classes marked NCSSH
Friday 19 – Monday 22 April	Easter – Office closed, no classes
Wednesday, 24 April	Excursion: Guided tour of Kew Cemetery, 2.00pm
Thursday 25 April	Anzac Day – Office closed, no classes
Sunday, 5 May	Orchestra concert, Jules Cseszko Conductor, MLC, 2.30pm
Wednesday 15 May	Annual General Meeting and Speaker
Thursday, 23 May	Excursion: Popular jazz piano luncheon, East Malvern RSL, 12 – 3.00pm
Thursday, 6 June	Excursion: Tour of Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, Parkville, 10.30am sharp
Monday 10 June	Queen’s Birthday – Office closed, no classes
29 June – 14 July	School Holidays - note classes marked NCSSH
Sunday 11 August	Orchestra concert, Willem van der Vis Conductor, MLC, 2.30pm
21 Sept – 6 October	School Holidays - note classes marked NCSSH
Tuesday 5 November	Cup Day – Office closed, no classes
Saturday, 16 November	Orchestra concert, Jules Cseszko Conductor, 2.30pm
Friday 29 November	End of classes 2019