



**Notice is given of the
34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of U3A HAWTHORN Inc.**

Location: Hall, U3A Hawthorn Campus, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris
Date: Wednesday 15 May 2019
Time: 10.00am

Guest Speaker:
Phillip Storer,
Chief Executive Officer,
City of Boroondara



Agenda:

- To receive apologies and proxies [Proxy forms available at the Office]
- To confirm Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting
- To receive the Annual Report for 2018
- To receive the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31/12/2018
- To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next 12 months
- To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2019
- To approve Subscription Fees for 2020
- 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 by Phillip Storer, CEO of the City of Boroondara.

A light lunch will be provided for those who notify the Office before Wednesday 8 May of their intention to attend. Pre-booking is essential for catering purposes.

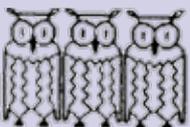
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present the first Presidential Report for 2019.

We begin the year with pleasing enrolments, and an increasing variety of stimulating, challenging and recreational courses, run and managed by over 115 volunteer tutors. At this stage of the year over 150 courses (year-long, short courses and single sessions) have been offered, as well as a range of excursions.

The committee held an information session and lunch on 31 January, 2019, to acknowledge the great contribution made by the tutors/convenors, receptionists and other volunteers and to prepare for the year ahead.

We have also conducted a highly successful summer school programme for three weeks during January 2019, which was extremely well attended and included highly skilled and experienced speakers who presented a wide variety of topics ranging from philosophy, psychology, film, history, politics and music. In my opinion it was as good a programme as we have presented.

In addition, the Readman series of lectures planned for 2019 with a series of one-off speakers presenting on a wide range of subjects, begins on Thursday 21 March 2019, at 2 pm. The first Readman lecture is presented by Professor Geoffrey Blainey on Melbourne's Early History.

We are also looking forward to performances by our unique and special U3A Hawthorn Orchestra and Choir, who add to the richness and diversity of our musical programme.

Overall, I am looking forward to an exciting, inspiring and exceptional year ahead for U3A Hawthorn.

Peter Hardham, President

NEW MEMBERS FUNCTION

THURSDAY 14 MARCH at 2.30pm, Hall

Each year we welcome our new members at a function held in the Hall at Sinclair Avenue. This year is no exception. The event provides new members with the opportunity to meet the members of the Management Committee, network with other new members, gain an insight into our organisation, and generally become more familiar with the way we operate.

We hope new members will put this date in their diary and come and spend an enjoyable couple of hours with us.

U3A Hawthorn Management Committee

All members

Please wear your U3A Hawthorn name badge to classes.

New members can collect their badge from Reception.

Please retain your badge from year to year.

START OF THE YEAR

This was the second end-of-year rollover using the UMAS membership system and we were pleased with the number of members who elected to pay their membership subscription for 2019 and enrol on line. Those who chose to do this were able to complete their enrolments more quickly. Although a small number of people experienced difficulty, the overwhelming feedback has been very positive. Since the opening of membership payments and enrolments on 19 November 2018 we have had nearly 200 new members, most of whom have joined online.

Whilst our receptionists are happy to assist you with enrolments, we do encourage you to use the system yourself. If you need help, call into Reception and ask them to show you how to login to your own details and view courses.

Still a number of people are failing to confirm and finalise their course selections - please make sure you complete these steps by checking your View Member Details which lists all the courses you are enrolled in.

To withdraw from a course, please ring or call into Reception, as we need to manage waitlists for many courses - you cannot withdraw online.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

This year's Summer School was popular - there were more than 2 000 individual enrolments - and successful, judging by the audience's enthusiasm.

The speakers were a mixture of U3A and outside presenters. Some of the most popular sessions were those of Wolfe Sharp and Sam Alfreds from U3A, and Professor Trevor Barr who spoke on the future of the ABC. Other lectures of note which showed us things we didn't know about were by Dr Jason Smythe from Monash on the ethics of genetic research, Dr Margie Beavis, a Nobel Prize winner campaigning for the abolition of nuclear weapons, and Dr Michelle Cluver, a Swinburne astrophysicist. Every single lecture was rewarding and testified to the meticulous work of the presenters.

Innovations this year were an accomplished piano recital by Jenny Lu, and a panel discussion led by Nathan Feld and starring Year 12 students from Bialik College. There was a separate venue and program for "games" such as bridge, mah jong and cryptic crosswords.

Thanks to the Summer School Committee—Peter Boxhall, Nathan Feld, Pam Heath, Vince Lazarro and Ian McKenzie - and to the AV experts Layton Moss, Michael Mullerworth, Paul Redmond, and Simon Spurgeon who got presentations happening and audible. Thanks also to Linda Baynham for organising the games sector.

Finally, many thanks to all the enthusiastic audience members whose comments and discussion amply rewarded our work.



*Anne McQueen-Thomson,
Convenor, Summer School*



THANK YOU

Following a number of recent events it is a pleasure to express our appreciation to the following people for their contribution to U3A Hawthorn.

After the recent Tutor and Reception Briefing Sessions and Luncheon:

- * Carol Lancashire and Sue Waller for their excellent sessions which gave everyone the latest information on operational areas and provided answers to individual queries

- * Julie McNaughton for the delicious lunch and catering arrangements with the enjoyable social opportunities

- * those who stayed behind and helped put everything away and leave the rooms spic and span.

Newsletter Dispatch: For many years [four times a year] Janet McCombe has organised teams of volunteers to sort, fold and seal in plastic "envelopes" our Newsletter to the ever changing Australia Post requirements and then take multiple boxes of Newsletters to the bulk mail Post Office at Mount Waverley. Janet cheerfully coped with the multitude of Australia Post regulations which often were only revealed when she arrived at the Post Office with all the work done.

Thank you Janet and your teams for a tremendous effort and contribution to U3A Hawthorn.

We should explain that as of this edition of the Newsletter the great majority of members are receiving their copy electronically or collecting it from Reception. Very few Newsletters will, in future, be posted.

Newsletter Editor: We should also mention that among her many other duties at U3A Hawthorn, Meg Adams has been editor of this newsletter for over 12 years. This edition is the last she will edit. The newsletter is a vital piece of communication that helps us all understand what is on offer from U3A Hawthorn, and we greatly value Meg's contribution. Ian McKenzie will edit the newsletter from now on.

MUSIC NOTES

After a welcome and enjoyable summer break we now return to the planning and preparation for a new year ahead. Ideas are being processed and put into action when possible, and I can now offer you details and dates, both tentative and definite. Orchestra plans are pretty well complete and we are hoping for some additions to the string sections as a result of our ongoing recruitment drive; the Choir will reveal their plans in a separate notice; and the ever-reliable recorder group is preparing to start up again soon. They are at full strength and have been invited to perform at Hedley Sutton Retirement centre in early April, where several former musicians are in residence. As classes resume our other musical groups will again be offering a variety of wares – opera, jazz, musical appreciation.

Our first orchestral concert this year is particularly exciting – we have two young advanced piano students performing sections of popular concertos with us – Jackie Wong will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto no 1, first and second movements, and Cherry Oh the first movement of Schumann's Piano Concerto. Jules has chosen other particularly tuneful and brilliant works to complete the program. It will be a very enjoyable afternoon, to be recommended! And as I said earlier, we are still hoping for reinforcements to our string sections, so spread the word if possible.

A newcomer to our music scene this year is of course our prized piano, and those of us responsible for its presence are now anxious to make it available to you all and to share with you the pleasures of hearing it in performance in several different guises. A highlight of the Summer School

was the lunchtime recital presented by Jenny Lu, an advanced music student at Monash University, who gave us a dazzling performance of unfamiliar piano works introduced by interesting background notes to enlighten us. She was so happy to be able to play for us, and the audience members were equally appreciative. We are now planning a series of Saturday afternoon "matinees" – an hour of music followed by light refreshments and the chance to chat to our performers – these will be presented occasionally over the coming months. We would welcome other suggestions for its use.

Plans so far include: another solo piano recital, this time a program of classical favourites, an afternoon of Jazz with Beverley Sheehan and her group, a return visit from Jenny Lu with a couple of her vocalist friends, a chamber ensemble concert from members of the orchestra and perhaps piano recitals from visiting students. Dates so far on Saturday afternoons;- Roger Creed will play Mendelssohn, Bach and others on March 30th at 2.30pm, Beverley Sheehan and her jazz boys on May 11th 2pm, Jenny Lu and friends, June 15th 2.30pm, April and July still to be decided.

Remember that the piano is there for us all to enjoy, even if you are not a pianist you are encouraged to become familiar with the keyboard, to feel what it is like to press the keys and explore the sounds, to experiment, try a scale or two, black keys and white keys, or to recall long-forgotten pieces from our youth. We urge you to get to know it and respect and love it for what it can bring you. The only thing we ask is never to put anything containing liquid on top!

Ruth Muir, Music Manager

The Musical Calendar:

Saturday 30 March	Saturday Matinee - Roger Creed – Mendelssohn & Bach, The Hall, Sinclair Avenue, 2.30pm (free)
Sunday 5 May	Orchestra of U3A Concert with Jules Cseszkó, MLC, 2.30pm (\$10pp)
Saturday 11 May	Saturday Matinee - Beverley Sheehan – jazz, The Hall, Sinclair Avenue, 2.00pm (free)
Saturday 15 June	Saturday Matinee- Jenny Lu and friends, The Hall, Sinclair Avenue, 2.30pm (free)
Sunday 11 August	Orchestra of U3A Concert with Willem van der Vis, MLC, 2.30pm (\$10pp)
Saturday 16 November	Orchestra of U3A Concert with Jules Cseszkó, St John's Anglican Church, Camberwell, 2.30pm (\$10pp)

CHOIR NOTES

The U3A Hawthorn Choir is absolutely delighted to welcome Julie Lancashire as our newly-appointed Musical Director for 2019. There was a lengthy search of over a year for a new Director, with both promising leads and disappointments. Meanwhile, our three previous Musical Directors – Judy Chipman, Megan Austin and Meredith Vincent – worked together to keep the choir singing successfully and able to present a June concert in 2018 to celebrate the choir's 25th year.

Julie heard us sing during Seniors' Week at Sinclair Avenue in October, and was sufficiently impressed to take us on. She has had significant experience over many years as both conductor and chorister in a range of small and large ensembles. Julie conducted some choir sessions at the end of last year and has already established a strong rapport with choir members.

The other exciting development for the choir is the purchase of a fine piano for the hall at the campus, creating an opportunity for mini-concerts and presentations from the choir this year at our home base.

As always we welcome new recruits, especially tenors and basses. (Where are you fellas?) Please check the quarterly U3A Hawthorn Newsletter and Gateway News for information about the choir's concerts this year. We hope to have many of you come to hear us.

Bev Rangott, Choir Manager

BOOK EXCHANGE

As many of you are aware the Book Exchange was open throughout the enrolment period until the end of the year and every day during Summer School and by all accounts this was well received by all who visited us in the foyer. Hopefully we have attracted many new participants who will continue to support us throughout the coming year.

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, new items in good condition are always welcome. Please bring your donations during the days the book exchange is open. In addition to books our collection also includes CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles.

The Book Exchange will continue to be held in the third week of each month. This year we are extending our hours of operation from 9.30am until 4.00pm and changing our location. The Book Exchange will be held in the foyer opposite reception and will open on the third Monday of each month and will remain open until Friday.

We look forward to your continued support in 2019.

*Julie Angus-Kiddle
and the Book Exchange Team*

BOOK EXCHANGE OPENING DATES 2019

February 18-22

March 18-22

April 15-18 (19th is Good Friday)

May 20-24

June 17-21

July 15-19

August 19-23

September 16-20

October 21-25

November 18-22



The U3A Hawthorn book exchange team:

Julie Angus-Kiddle, Meg Adams, Kathy Manderson,
Ellen Stoddard, Rod Waples & Sheila West

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.

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19EXE005 **Wednesday 6 March 2019**
NELLIE MELBA & PERCY GRAINGER AT THE GRAINGER MUSEUM

Cost: free

Time: 1.00pm

Meet: Grainger Museum, Gate B, Royal Pde, Parkville

Transport: Catch tram No 19 along Elizabeth St, City, and alight at stop No 11.

Limited street parking

This exhibition showcases, in parallel, the internationally recognised career paths of Nellie Melba and Percy Grainger and explores how these two musicians exploited the opportunities to build their fame.

A magnificent collection of Percy Grainger's memorabilia is well worth seeing.

Time: 1pm

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19EXC002 **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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19EXC003 **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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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 6 March	Excursion – Nellie Melba & Percy Grainger at the Grainger Museum, 1pm.
Monday 11 March	Labour Day – Office closed
Thursday 14 March	Welcome to New Members 2019, The Hall, 2.30pm
Thursday 21 March	Readman Lecture - Geoffrely Blainey - “Melbourne’s early history”, 2.00pm.
Thursday 21 March	Excursion – Ferry to Portarlington, tour and lunch, 9.30am to 5.00pm (FULL)
Saturday 30 March	Saturday Matinee - Roger Creed, Hall, Sinclair Avenue, 2.30pm
6 - 22 April	School holidays – note classes marked NCSSH
19 - 22 April	Easter – Office closed
Wednesday 24 April	Excursion – Guided tour of Kew Cemetery, 2.00pm
Thursday 25 April	Anzac Day – Office closed
Sunday 5 May	Orchestra of U3A Concert, MLC, 2.30pm
Saturday 11 May	Saturday Matinee - Beverley Sheehan Jazz, Hall, Sinclair Avenue, 2.00pm
Wednesday 15 May	Annual General Meeting with guest speaker, Phillip Storer, CEO, City of Boroondara, 10.00am.
Thursday 23 May	Excursion – Popular Jazz piano luncheon, East Malvern RSL, midday-3.00pm
Thursday 6 June	Excursion – Tour of Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, Parkville, 10.30am (FULL)
Monday 10 June	Queens Birthday - Office closed
Saturday 15 June	Saturday Matinee - Jenny Lu and friends, Hall, Sinclair Avenue, 2.30pm
Thursday 20 June	Readman Lecture – Carolyn Ingvarsen, “Lighter Footprints”, 2pm
June 29 – July 14	School holidays – note classes marked NCSSH
Sunday 11 August	Orchestra of U3A Concert – MLC, 2.30pm
Thursday 15 August 2.00pm	Readman Lecture -Susie Lachal, “Teachers across borders Cambodia”,
Thursday 19 September	Readman Lecture – Myra Scott – “Australian suffragettes in the UK”, 2.00pm
Saturday 16 November	Orchestra of U3A Concert – St Johns Anglican Church, Camberwell 2.30pm

*The following courses have been offered since the publication of the 2019 Curriculum booklet in November 2018 and the January 2019 Update.
Not previously advertised courses are shown in green*

You can access detailed descriptions of these courses and enrol for them on our website or visit Reception.

www.u3ahawthorn.org.au/members

Further courses will be put on the website as they are organised.

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- 19TRA001** Armchair Travel - China Presenter: Lily Lau
single session Thursday 28 February, 1.30pm in the Hall
- 19EXC005** Excursion - Percy Grainger Museum - Nellie Melba/Percy Grainger
Wednesday 6 March, 1pm at the Museum (free entry) **Some places still available**
- 19HEA001** Health Series: The truth about delaying the onset of ageing
Presenter: Graham Morgan-Elliss, single session Thursday 7 March, 1.30pm in Hall
- 19EXC002** Excursion - Tour of the Kew Cemetery
Wednesday 24 April, 2pm at the Cemetery, Cost \$10 **Limited places available**
- 19AGM001** Annual General Meeting and Speaker, Wednesday 15 May, 10.00am in the Hall.
Guest Speaker - Phillip Storer, CEO, City of Boroondara. **Enrolments essential**
- 19COM013** Getting started on Photobooks Tutor: Carol Lancashire
weekly from Monday 8 April (2 sessions), 1.30 - 3.00 in North Room
- 19LAT002** Introduction to Latin Tutor: Francis Vergona
weekly from Monday 29 April, 11.30 in the South Room
This is a very special opportunity to study Latin. Latin is the basis of all modern Romance languages, including English. You cannot read Latin without a knowledge of English grammar. Come along and learn the rudiments of English grammar, leading into Latin.
- 19HUM015** Positive Thinking Tutor: Sim Birrell
weekly from Friday 3 May (6 sessions) , 1.30 - 2.30 in North Room
- 19COM016** Making the most of your iPad Tutor: Pam Welsford
weekly from Monday 6 May (4 sessions), 9.45 - 11.15 in West Room
This course is for Apple iPads, not other tablets.
- 19RUS001** Russian Beginners Tutor: Jill Scurfield
weekly commencing Tuesday 7 May, 10.00, Private home in Burwood
- 19HUM016** World War II in the Asia Pacific Tutor: Dr William Breen
weekly from Wednesday 8 May (8 sessions), 11.30 - 1.30 in West Room
- 19HUM014** Let's not talk about dying, let's just be prepared Tutor: Jeni Lee
single session Thursday 9 May, 1.30 - 3.00 in Hall
- 19COM017** IT Workshop - Getting to know your device Presenter: ReadyTechGo
single session Monday 13 May, 11.30 - 1.00 in West Room
Ideal for people who want a basic introduction to computers, smart phones and tablets.

- 19SCI030** Psychology: Understanding people Tutor: Catherine Scott
weekly from Tuesday 14 May (6 sessions), 9.45 - 11.15 in West Room
- 19EXC003** Excursion - Popular Jazz Piano Luncheon,
Thursday 23 May, 12noon at the East Malvern RSL **Places still available**
- 19COM018** IT Workshop - Online skills Presenter: ReadyTechGo
single session Monday 27 May, 11.30 - 1.00 in West Room
This workshop looks at online shopping and connecting with friends and family using social networks.
- 19SCI003 - 5** Astrophysics Series Presenter: Dr Michelle Cluver
Following her excellent presentation at Summer School, Dr Cluver will present a series of three lectures on Astrophysics.
- 19SCI003** An Astronomy Toolkit
single session Wednesday 19 June, 11.30 - 1.00 in the Hall
- 19SCI004** The Infrared Universe
single session Wednesday 3 July, 11.30 - 1.00 in the Hall
- 19SCI005** Interacting Galaxies
single session Wednesday 17 July, 11.30 - 1.00 in the Hall
- 19COM019** IT Workshop - Connecting to others Presenter: ReadyTechGo
single session Wednesday 12 June 11.30 - 1.00 in the Hall
This course will teach you how to get set up with the correct equipment to make video calls. It will also teach you about some different ways to make free video calls using applications such as Skype, WhatsApp and FaceTime.
- 19HEA005** The use of statins for older people Presenter: Joanne Cairney (STAREE)
single session Thursday 13 June, 1.30pm in the Hall
The STAREE program is run in the School of Public Health and Preventative Medicine, Monash University to research the value of statin therapy for older people.
- 19HUM017** German Politics Today Tutor: Joe Hajdu
weekly from Tuesday 25 June (2 sessions) , 11.30 - 1.00 in the Hall
- 19COM020** IT Workshop - Wifi and mobile networks Presenter: ReadyTechGo
single session Wednesday 26 June 11.30 - 1.00 in the Hall
This course will teach you all about Wi-Fi, which we use when we're at home or in a place that has free Wi-Fi like a café or airport. Learn about mobile data which we can use anywhere anytime and how it is different from Wi-Fi.
- 19TRA005** Armchair Travel - Hawaii - not the tourist version Presenter: Sue Brinks
Single session, Thursday 27 June, 1.30pm in the Hall
- 19HUM013** Thinking for a healthy future Tutor: Irwin Tobias
weekly from Tuesday 16 July (4 sessions), 10.00 - 12.00 in West Room
- 19LEC002** Readman Lecture - Carolyn Ingvarsen, "Lighter Footprints"
Thursday 27 June, 2.00pm in the Hall
- 19TRA006** Armchair Travel - Stargazing in South America Presenter: Sally Ruston
Single session Thursday 25 July, 1.30pm in the Hall
- 19LEC004** Readman Lecture - Susie Lachal, "Teachers across Borders in Cambodia"
Thursday 15 August, 2.00pm in the Hall
- 19LEC005** Readman Lecture - Myra Scott, "Australian Suffragettes in the UK"
Thursday 19 September, 2.00pm in the Hall.