



Notice is given of the
36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of U3A HAWTHORN INC.

Location: Hall, U3A Hawthorn Campus,
26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris
Date: Wednesday 19 May 2021
Time: 10.00am
Guest Speaker: To be confirmed

Agenda:

- To receive apologies and proxies [Proxy forms available at the Office]
- To confirm Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
- To receive the President's Annual Report for 2020/21
- To receive the Audited Financial Report for the year ended 31/12/2020
- To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next 12 months
- To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2021
- To approve a Subscription Fee of \$50 for 2022 as recommended by the Management Committee
- To consider other business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules
- Presentation of Honorary Life Membership to Norm Fary.

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 guest speaker (to be advised).

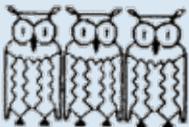
A light lunch will be provided, subject to COVID restrictions, for those who notify the Office before Wednesday 12 May of their intention to attend. Pre-booking is essential for catering purposes.

You can notify of your intention to attend by enrolling in the course 21AGM001 on the Membership System (as for any other course) or by contacting Reception.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

Bruce Lancashire, Hon Secretary

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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U3A HAWTHORN

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Vice Chancellor,
Swinburne University

Welcome everyone to U3A Hawthorn's first Newsletter for 2021. And a special welcome to those many new members. I trust that you are enjoying your classes, making new friends, and participating in all that U3A Hawthorn has to offer.

2021 commenced with our highly successful Summer School which ran for 2 weeks in January. Summer School participants had the privilege of listening to a diverse and stimulating range of speakers on subjects from Roman Slaves to the 2020 US Presidential Election. Much the same really! All these classes were held via Zoom. So members were able to participate from the comfort of their own homes, eating and drinking as they pleased, dressed [or undressed] as they liked, and best of all = **NO FACEMARKS!!!!**

Other members played Mahjong outside our Sinclair Avenue Hall, whilst observing our Covid-19 Safety Plan. It was an outstanding program and unique to U3A Hawthorn. We **THANK** each and every presenter, their contributions are invaluable.

None of this happens by "magic". Summer School only occurs as a result of the dedication, time and great organisational skills of the organising committee. I want to **ACKNOWLEDGE** and **THANK: Anne McQueen-Thomson [Chair], Lily Lau, Nathan Feld, Peter Boxhall, Pam Heath and Vince Lazzaro** for their tireless work on behalf of U3A Hawthorn members. In addition our thanks go to the AV support members whose contributions with Zoom allowed our speakers presentations, to go so smoothly.

Since enrolment opened for 2021, many members have joined and enrolled in classes. Currently we have over 1200 active members. Whilst this number is down on recent years, that was to be expected during this pandemic. All other U3As are experiencing the same reduction of members.

On a more positive note I am pleased to report that there are more than 127 Tutors/Convenors of whom 24 are new to the role at U3A Hawthorn in 2021. **WELCOME.** I trust you enjoy your time at Hawthorn, I am sure we have a great deal to learn from you.

Currently we have approximately 170 courses or activities on offer to members for 2021. As the year progresses, new courses and new tutors will add to our expanding program.

So look out for new courses in Newsletters and Gateway publications.

SPECIAL THANKS go to **Carol Lancashire**, our Course Co-Ordinator, for her outstanding work and limitless time spent in organising every aspect of the 2021 curriculum.

On 28 January 2021 we held our Tutors/Convenors and Volunteers Lunch and Briefing at Leonda. About 140 guests attended in a splendid setting and very positive atmosphere. This event was an outstanding success and a great opportunity for our many Tutors/Convenors and Volunteers to get together, exchange ideas and receive a detailed Briefing on U3A Hawthorn operational matters for 2021 and important up-to-date information on our Covid-19 Safety Plan.

During 2020 the Management Committee met via Zoom on numerous occasions to manage the organisation and, in particular, to write and submit several COVID plans to Boroondara Council for approval. Whilst these plans were a Management Committee project, special **THANKS** to **Sue Waller, Carol Lancashire** and **Judy Hamann** for their contributions to the successful outcome.

These comprehensive Plans meant that we were able to **RE-OPEN** on Monday 8 February 2021 with safe face-to-face learning at our Sinclair Avenue Campus. The first week was busy, energetic and went relatively smoothly until Friday 12, when we were required to **CLOSE** for the **"5 day circuit breaker lockdown"**. Thankfully that strategy worked, and, as I write this Letter, we have **RE-OPENED!!!!** Let's hope that we have no further Covid-19 interruptions to our academic year, or life in general.

With the recent arrival of the Pfizer vaccine and the approval of another, we can look forward to members being vaccinated in coming months, and [hopefully] the easing of Covid-19 restrictions. Until that happens, we must all follow the Covid-19 Safety Plan requirements; namely, staying at home if unwell, wearing masks when required, using sanitisers, social distancing and leaving campus as soon as possible. In that way we will remain **SAFE, WELL AND OPEN**.

U3A Hawthorn is an "incorporated association" pursuant to the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 [the Act]. Under the Act, Associations have Rules which govern their operations and permit them to do things. Pursuant to Rule 8 [4] of our Rules the Management Committee may, at its discretion, recognise the long and meritorious service to the Association by any member, by granting them a special category of membership styled **"Honorary Life Membership"**.

I am delighted to tell you that at our Management Committee meeting held on 13 January 2021, the Committee unanimously decided to grant **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP to NORM FARY [member 2010]**. Norm has been a tireless worker for U3A Hawthorn for years. He has led his "Marvellous Melbourne Walks" series for over 11 years, and tutored a Current Affairs class for over 10 years. He personally researched and tested our furniture needs after the refurbishment of our campus in 2015. We each enjoy the comfort of the chairs which Norm so diligently investigated. He then sourced our new piano [now lovingly called "Norma"], and, with Ruth Muir, founded our "Saturday Musical Matinee" series. These "mini concerts" are an important part of our musical program. They return on Saturday 20 March at 2.00pm in our Hall.

Norm has been a vital member of the Management Committee for 15 years; including 2 years as President [2012-2014]. He continues to serve our organisation as a member of the Management Committee. Norm's service to U3A Hawthorn has undoubtedly been "long and meritorious". We are delighted that Norm has agreed to accept this recognition. As some members may know, Norm is currently unwell and is undergoing treatment. On behalf of all members I wish Norm well, and look forward to his speedy recovery and his return to U3A Hawthorn.

Well that's all for now. I wish everyone a **happy, safe and stimulating 2021**.

*Irving Miller
18 February 2021*



Marvellous Melbourne walks with Norm in 2011.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Last month the U3A Summer School Committee presented a very different Summer School: 14 lectures via Zoom. Only the two mahjong sessions were held face-to-face at the Sinclair Avenue Campus.

Most of the lectures had a current affairs perspective, but there were also sessions on art and history. One of the advantages of presenting via Zoom was that our experts were more willing to commit because they did not have to travel, and we had presenters from Brisbane and Canberra.

The Summer School's hero was definitely Lily Lau, who facilitated the sessions and sent out the emails.

I would like to congratulate all our members who took part. They followed the protocols to ensure the sessions went smoothly. Their engagement was shown through the excellent questions at the end of each session. One of our presenters returned the thank-you voucher we sent him because the questions were so good!

So. thank you, everyone.

*Anne McQueen-Thomson
Convenor, U3A Summer School*



Mahjong players enjoyed getting together to play outdoors (with masks) after the months of lockdown.

SUMMER SCHOOL REFLECTIONS

Like many retired Melbournians we don't join the maddening crowds during the summer holidays. Much too crowded. We prefer to enjoy a warm weather break away when the children are back at school and the holiday destinations are quieter.

So each year the two weeks of Summer School are a delightful, enriching addition to life during this time. We didn't get to gather together this year but the 10.30am Zoom sessions were eagerly awaited none the less.

I "attended" China: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Technology and Innovation, Surveillance - Friend or Foe, Landscape and Identity in Australian Art, Australia as a Dependent Middle Power and Securing Australia's interests.

I also enrolled in Islam in Australia and Did Non Roman Lives Matters but unfortunately life intervened on both days. I didn't know anyone in the first but I am reliably informed the latter was excellent.

How lucky are we to have such talented, experienced U3A members who are prepared to present themselves or who have equally talented and experienced contacts who can give us privileged insight into government, history and the major challenges facing Australia in particular and civil society in general. It was very interesting to hear the varying opinions on the growing power of China in our region and the world.

Thank you Anne and Lily, and anyone else who contributed to another Summer School packed full of enlightening and thought-provoking presentations. It made for many animated conversations with family and friends.

Best wishes to everyone for 2021 courses.

Margie Lanyon

YOUR INPUT WANTED TO ESTABLISH NEW COURSES

We are investigating the possibility of offering a new walking group - **Walking with Poles** (Nordic walking). We are asking for expressions of interest, particularly from people who are experienced walkers with poles who may be willing to assist with the course. However we also want to know if there are members interested in participating.

Briefly in 2020 we offered a **Solo group**. Would anyone be willing to convene such a group this year - to play weekly? Also I would be interested in hearing from people who might join such a group. Monday morning or Thursday afternoon would be possible times, however other times could be available.

We are also investigating the possibility of a **Table Tennis** group. Let me know if you are interested in being involved in such an activity.

If you have ideas for other new courses or presentations please email me.

If you can help or are interested in any of these please email Carol Lancashire - courses@u3ahawthorn.org.au

CELEBRATING SERVICE

In the splendid ballroom at Leonda on 28 January, U3A Hawthorn celebrated the many tutors and volunteers who make U3A happen. Consistent with the Management Committee's careful covid planning the ballroom was chosen to ensure guests had room to enjoy the day safely distanced.

U3A could not operate without these volunteers who give so willingly of their time and expertise. Volunteer tutors, administration and management give of their time and expertise to provide the smorgasbord of courses we all enjoy. This year over 170 courses are on offer with more in the planning stage.

This year's event included recognition of the outstanding achievements of a very special group of tutors who have given 10 years service and are still continuing in 2021. Their remarkable service has mainly been in year-long courses.

We congratulate and offer our sincere gratitude to the following members :

Naomi Aitchison - Creative Movement and Dance

Peter Eisler - Current Affairs

Brian Amey - Why is it so? (science – with Norm Ellis)

Elaine Cockburn – Book group

Norm Ellis – Why is it so? and Dancing the Years Away

Norm Fary – Current Affairs, Marvellous Melbourne Walks

Jean Giese – Book group

Bruce Gooley - Previous walking group convenor and Maritime History short courses each year

Terry Hastings - German

Carol Lancashire – Tuesday Riders

Edgar Loutit – Round table discussion

Carolyn Macafee - French

Nola Meredith – Orchestra Admin Assistant

Marjorie Millingen – Japanese

Ruth Muir – Orchestra Manager, book group, Threads and Needles

Barbara Shepherd – French

Alby Twigg - Latin

Meredith Vincent – Knitting, Choir

Cesare Volpato – Italian & Bocce

Christine Watters – Italian Literature

In his welcoming remarks President Irving Miller congratulated all tutors and volunteers for their contributions. He concluded his remarks with special mention of two people - Carol and Bruce Lancashire.

Carol is the Course Coordinator and her husband Bruce is the Secretary and tech guru who supports all our tech needs in and out of the classroom. His services were invaluable during our COVID year. Carol is indefatigable. On behalf of U3A Irving expressed sincere appreciation for all that she does in so many ways in so many fields. Without her there would be no classes.

Margie Lanyon



Back L-R: Bruce Gooley, Edgar Loutit, Alby Twigg, Terry Hastings, Norm Ellis, Brian Amey.

Front L-R: Jean Giese, Naomi Aitchison, Carol Lancashire, Elaine Cockburn, Ruth Muir, Carolyn Macafee, Meredith Vincent.



*Tutors, Convenors,
Receptionists and other
volunters at the luncheon
and briefing.*



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Introducing some of our long serving tutors, part of the team that keeps U3A Hawthorn working and affordable for our members. Interviews by Margie Lanyon.

MARVELLOUS MARJORY

When you turn 90 years of age what do you imagine you will be doing? Would it be running weekly, year long classes in a language that is your second language?

Well that is exactly what soon-to-be 90 years old Marjory Millingen is doing.

Marjory has been running beginners and advanced Japanese language courses for U3A for over 30 years. During this time she has conducted her classes in a variety of different locations including a staffroom at Swinburne University and the Hawthorn library. She now conducts the classes in her beautiful home.

Being amazing in later life runs in the family. Marjory was introduced to Japanese by her sister, who after her retirement, studied for her matriculation during which she learnt Japanese! Following her matriculation she taught Marjory. Marjory can now speak and write the language fluently.

Her sister joined the Japan Australia Association and through that organisation she and Marjory met the wives of Japanese businessmen who could not speak English. So they formed a group where Marjory and her sister would gather with the wives in each other's houses, so they all could enjoy conversations in Japanese and improve their language and writing skills. The group formed life-long friendships. Marjorie still maintains contact with many of these friends who have since returned to Japan.

Marjory is an Industrial Chemist and was one of only two women who graduated in her year. Often she was the only female in a sea of men in her classes. She has worked for major companies in Australia, England and Canada as their chief chemist eg Guinness Brewery in their Park Royal research lab and the Canadian Brewery. On her return to Australia she worked for Dunlop and Olympic tyres in their research divisions. She has also worked for Arnotts Biscuits, taught maths and science at Swinburne University and set up a successful Consultancy with major clients in the petrochemical industry. Feeling tired?

As an assessor with the National Association for Testing in the fields of polymers and solvents, Marjory has also been called upon to be an expert witness in legal trials. In one of her murder trials the work done on microscopic particles in a bed led to the release of a man wrongfully accused of murder who had spent six years in goal. He had always vigorously protested his innocence.

Marjory was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute for her outstanding contribution to Chemistry.

Apart from her many human friends, Marjory also has large group of friends of the winged variety, a bevy of beautiful birds who had the very good fortune to visit her garden many years ago. She prepares different breakfasts and dinners for 40 lorikeets, 3 butcher birds and 4 magpies every day.

Happy 90th birthday Marjory!



JULIUS SUMNER MILLER WOULD BE PROUD

Invoking the motto of that great early Science communicator, Julius Sumner Miller, Norm Ellis and Brian Amey have been engaging classes in the exploration and investigation of earth and space sciences in their Why Is It So? course for many moons!

As a young boy Norm was always interested in astronomy and to his delight the first science class in secondary school was on the solar system. This class commenced a life-long passion and fascination in the world of space science.

Following studies in applied chemistry and physics at RMIT, with sub atomic particles a special interest, Norm worked as a drugs and poisons analyst at the Coroners lab for many years. In his typically humorous way Norm commented "I took early retirement from that dead end job and was introduced to U3A by a friend."

One of the U3A courses he attended was Geology and the Universe which was jointly run, on a fortnightly basis, by Brian Amey and colleague Micheal Pier Malone. Following a year of classes Norm showed interest in co-tutoring so they could run a weekly class.

They joined forces and the rest is history. 17 years of history! Brian and Norm were the perfect couple combining an astounding wealth of knowledge.

Graduating from the University of Melbourne with a degree in Physics and Electronics, Brian began a career as a Biophysicist in the medical field. He established the medical electronics department at Heidelberg Repatriation hospital, was heavily involved in the developing field of electrical safety and electro-medical equipment, worked in radiation safety in radiology departments, and was a member of the committee preparing for the new Australian Standards for X-Ray machines.

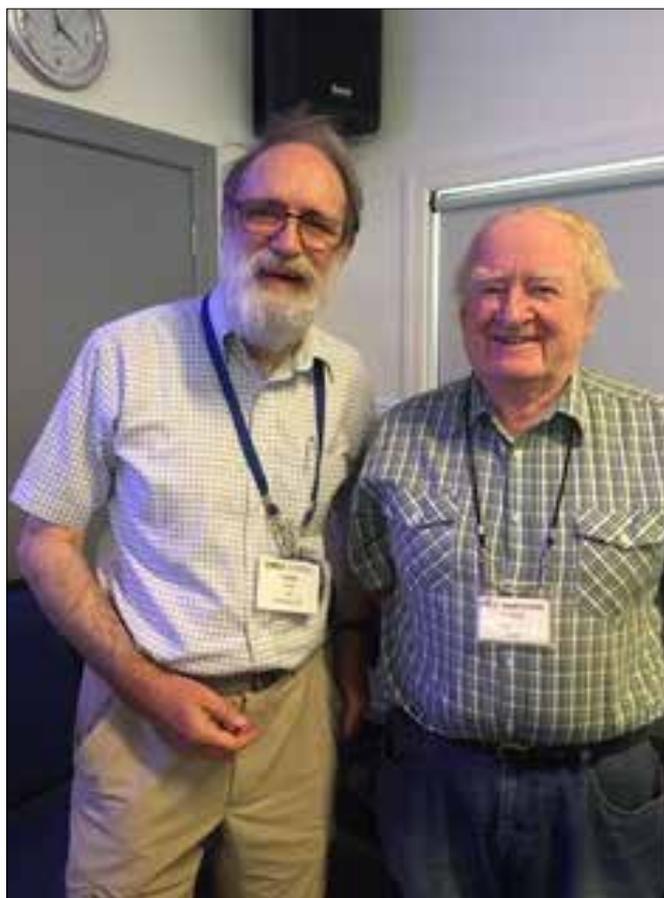
As an eight year old, a Christmas stocking, containing a model aircraft started a life long interest in aviation. With wins in State model gliding competitions he graduated to the real thing and has since spent 2,000 hours gliding, including competing in 8 Australian National Competitions.

U3A Hawthorn certainly has some amazing members.

DANCING THE YEARS AWAY

Alongside space science, Norm Ellis's other great loves are folk music and dancing. He was the founding member of Melbourne's Colonial Dancers demonstration team and led it for a number of years both teaching and calling dances. Drawing on his knowledge of English, Scottish and Australian bush dancing Norm conducts the Dancing the Years Away course at U3A. He continues to enjoy the challenge of preparing his dance classes concentrating on the patterns of the dance fitting the phrasing of the music. His dance classes provide mental, physical and social stimulation in an easy and most enjoyable way.

The course is currently full, due to covid restrictions, but if you are interested you can put your name on the waiting list.



Above: Norm Ellis (left), Brian Amey (right).

Below: Norm devised a clever way to ensure social distancing in the first class of Dancing the Year Away this year. Newspaper rolls were held by each participant ensuring no physical contact and plenty of space between people.



MUSIC NOTES

At the start of what is beginning to look like another roller-coaster year, it is hard to be specific about plans and events, particularly in the world of music. In the past year, I have become an even more avid knitter and the mystic command to “Sl1 K1 psso” (slip one, knit one, pass the slip-stitch over) somehow seems appropriate. As we all know, lockdowns have been the norm, and the restrictions placed on artists and musicians have been painful and extremely frustrating.

It is hard to believe that a whole year has gone by with almost no gathering of singers or instrumentalists, and we continue to hope that there will soon be some improvements to this arid situation. ZOOM has proved a very difficult means to share live group music, dashing hopes when attempted by our own members as it requires expert sound engineers and special equipment.

Jazz for Enjoyment and the Magic of Opera recommenced in the first week. Ironically it was in these first sessions last week when the shock news of the latest lockdown broke through the news waves – an announcement which caused the cancellation of the much-anticipated Welcome Morning Tea and Music morning the next day. How disappointing for the Gateway singers who had been rehearsing specially for a brief concert for that event, the only music performers available for a function so early in the year.

However there has been some good news – there was a brief period in January and early February when we were able to make the Hall available for orchestra and choir rehearsals until face to face classes opened up again on 8 February. This made it possible for a string orchestra group to be formed from the Orchestra players, to review possible music and maybe prepare for a concert in May. There was a very positive atmosphere in the Hall each Thursday morning when players could meet again and share their enjoyment. As wind and brass players are still having difficulty in being able to play with the strings, individual wind players have also formed a small group and there are hopes for a brass group.

With the start of courses, the Gateway Singers are back in their former home in the Parkview Room and regular rehearsals have commenced, Covid willing! A second piece of good news is that their search for an accompanist for the coming year has been rewarded by the timely advent of Roger Creed, renowned for his series on Choral Music and recently retired from his tenure at Caulfield Grammar School. He is

Saturday Matinees are back!

2021 Season Opens

The ever popular **Saturday Matinee Concerts** are back with a fantastic program for your listening pleasure. Enjoy a delightful afternoon of beautiful music in Sinclair Hall with programs arranged by some of Melbourne's very talented artists.

The first concert for the 2021 Season will feature:

Johannes Trio

Piano, Johann Schellenbach, clarinet Rosemary Smith and cello, Faye Goldsmith.

Program

Brahms Clarinet Trio in A minor
Max Bruch's 'Achte Stücke' Nos 1,2,3 and 7

20 March, 2021—2.30pm—Sinclair Hall

What better way to spend a Saturday afternoon?

To join us please enrol using the Online Membership System - 21MUS020

“We look forward to seeing you there!”

most welcome! The Recorder Group with Jeanette MacArthur recommenced in the first week.

Sections of the Orchestra will recommence rehearsals in St Mark's Hall at the end of February.

The one final piece of good news is that we have taken the plunge and re-opened the Saturday Matinee Series, giving our frustrated players a chance to perform for a small but enthusiastic audience. We are hoping for one each month and so far have bookings for the first few months. These concerts are listed on the Membership system and you are asked to enrol as for other courses. At this stage, due to COVID restrictions, only U3A Hawthorn members may attend and must be enrolled as numbers in the Hall will be limited.

The March concert features the new Johannes Trio, with Faye Goldsmith, cello, Rosemary Smith, clarinet and Johann Schellenbach, piano, with a rich program from Brahms and Max Bruch. We are very fortunate to have this group as the first in the series.

Future Saturday Matinee dates are 24 May, 26 June and 31 July. Enjoy!

Ruth Muir

TUTOR AND CONVENOR CHANGES

TREVOR WHITE

The U3A Munari Riders–Cycling has been a popular activity since being founded by the late Barry Munari in 2005. The list has been perennially full as it offers social benefits, fitness and a great opportunity to explore Melbourne and surrounds.

Trevor White has been the energetic convenor since 2015, ably assisted by his wife Judy, who was dubbed Mrs. Melway for her navigational contribution. Trevor has maintained high standards for safety and organization and has encouraged members to lead weekly rides over a wide range of routes. Trevor has proven resilient through some tough medical challenges but has always bounced back to enjoy his riding with the group. With an emphasis on fun in the group, one member penned a ditty for Trevor:

*There was a gun cyclist called Trevor
Who only went out in good weather
If there was one drop of rain
He was heard to complain
This will ruin my bike seat's soft leather*

The popular couple are returning to Sydney after 23 years in Melbourne to be closer to family and to be where Trevor better understands the local football code.

We wish them well on the bike lanes of Sydney.

Warwick Manderson

Each year we are delighted to welcome new tutors and convenors who have volunteered their skills, expertise and enthusiasm. Since the publication of the curriculum in early January and the last Newsletter there have been several changes of tutors and convenors.

Daryl Wayland has stepped down as convenor of the **Armchair Travel** series. Daryl established this very popular monthly series in 2018. In 2021 Judy and Geoff McPherson will convene the series on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Dennis Vaughan has accepted the role of convenor of **French Conversation Advanced**, following the retirement of Marie-Anne Cusson.

This year the **Moderate Walks** group will be led by Franz Hanke and George Guimmarra. Kathy Manderson and George Guimmarra will convene the **Munari Riders** with Trevor White's relocation to Sydney.

Due to the popularity of some courses, we have endeavoured to create a parallel course. Rosalie Gannon will lead a **Let's go to a Gallery** on the 3rd Friday of the month. Lyn Parer and Jan Priestley now convene a **Continuing Western Mahjong on Tuesday** afternoon. Adrian Guest will repeat his Be your own Travel Agent sessions on another day in April.



Two repeat excursions have been added - the **Sydney Road Food and Cultural Tour** and the **Tour of the Shrine**. Excursions are often limited in numbers because of the venue.

Two courses have been cancelled with the withdrawal of tutors - Feldenkrais with Louise Rothols and Advanced German with Astrid Adam. Spanish for Aspiring Travellers with Laurie David will be changed to a series of Spanish language workshops, commencing after Easter.

There have been several new courses and presentations added to the Membership website and listed in the Curriculum Update at the end of this newsletter, including an interesting music series drawn from the best of YouTube music, led by Geoff Hindle and John Wallace. Artists Tova and Stephen Seelig have offered a new **Multimedia Art Group** which will commence after Easter.

Face-to-face Bridge has not been possible as yet due to COVID. The Bridge tutors and convenors will review the matter during this term. However we were delighted to offer **Improve your Bridge** as a face-to-face course this term, led by Nafty Vanderhoek and Linda Baynham.

We are delighted to have been granted a lease to use the Frog Hollow Pavilion in Camberwell this year. It is a lovely venue for courses such as book groups, mahjong and chess - courses which do not require AV facilities and can take advantage of the beautiful natural setting.

IN MEMORIUM



ROBIN SIEDLE

On December 26 Robin Siedle, aged 87, died in the presence of his family.

Rob was a gifted man of great dignity, scholarship and generosity. In his retirement he refused to allow his auto-immune illness, which denied him full use of his legs, to impede his passion for life, learning and teaching.

His commitment to U3A Philosophy class, which he single-handedly taught for 13 and a half years, was a measure both of his scholarship and his generosity. It also gave him tremendous motivation for his retirement years.

Those who had the pleasure of being in his class during any of those years recall his commitment to the class - rarely missing one, and his pride in the philosophy and approach to scholarship he imbibed at his beloved Oxford University.

They fondly recall his stentorian tones as he directed class members in turn to read his meticulously prepared notes on aspects, theories or schools of philosophy. That is when they were not reading from his excellent self-published book which provided a survey of aspects of philosophy from ancient to modern times. His interruptions to explicate some difficult aspect of the reading or to remind some young pups they had not been in the class long enough to ask a question or to remind some vocal contributors

that they had asked their share of questions, added interest, some shock and liveliness to the class. Rob had his idiosyncrasies, but the class tended to disregard them as they felt that they were entering a new way of looking at life, and were thankful. His enthusiasm was infectious.

He was a tutor in the true sense of leading his students through the difficult to the real. Not for him the sloppy response for we were 'people who used reason to work things out'. Philosophy was based on reason we were constantly reminded.

He often started classes with excerpts, comments or propositions from such sources as The Economist.

For the years after stepping down from the position of Tutor of the Philosophy class he continued to attend classes and offer whatever supportive comment he felt relevant to the presentations to those from the Committee of four or five who replaced him.

We at U3A Hawthorn Philosophy class mourn his loss and remember his inspiring classes and his South African accent with its Aussie twist.

He is survived by his wife Jenny Siedle and family.
Vale Rob.

*Daryl Wayland - on behalf of the current tutoring committee of Rob's philosophy class:
Nobby Ward, Jane Bentley, David Shepherd, Phil Rosengarten and Vin Underwood*

JENI LEE

We were saddened to hear of Jeni Lee's death on 5 January 2021. Jeni has been a very active member of U3A Hawthorn since 2009.

Most years Jeni provided a short course or Summer School presentations around the topic of legal issues for older people, especially looking at wills, medical powers of attorney and advanced health directives. She was passionate about these issues and was generous in sharing her legal expertise in a very practical way.



JUNE JOCIC

June Jovic passed away aged 97 in mid February 2021. June was Member No 140 and joined U3A Hawthorn in 1988.

Queensland born and bred with a wide interest in world affairs and a passion for books and the arts in general. June had a very strong sense of social justice and community affairs. A teacher in Queensland before moving south, an excellent and popular leader who enjoyed holding end of year gatherings in her charming small home in Malvern. In later years she valiantly battled health problems and loss of vision.

The Fourth Tuesday book group was established about 1989 by Pamela Rogers, initially as a weekly group. June became the convenor from 1995 until 2013.



MISSING WITHOUT ACTION

- IS THIS YOU ?

FRUSTRATINGLY we have a number of members who fall into the category of MISSING WITHOUT ACTION.

Firstly there are those members who, when they find they cannot attend a class for which they had enrolled, do not take appropriate action and withdraw from the class. This has the effect of denying someone else the opportunity of participating in a class for which they were waitlisted and can leave the tutor short of numbers. We take pride in our curriculum provision and organisation and don't like to see members missing out.

Secondly the MISSING WITHOUT ACTION category contains those members who book into a catered event and fail to notify us when they find they are unable to attend. This often has an expensive and negative (painful) effect on our budget, we don't like wasting our precious funds.

PRESENT WITHOUT ACTION

Yes, we have members who fall into this category. - they are the ones who forget to tell us that they will be attending a function with the effect of making our food provision look very inadequate. Very frustrating as we are always delighted to welcome members to our functions, but want the catering to be appropriate for the people present.

Both WITHOUT ACTION categories are very frustrating and often cause negative comment. We'd be very grateful if you could assist us in eradicating the behaviours described.

Let's see if we can make a positive difference in the area this year!.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST THE U3A HAWTHORN ORCHESTRA MANAGER

The Orchestra has recommenced rehearsals this year and is preparing for a concert in May. Until May the Orchestra will meet on Thursday mornings from 10.00 to 12.30 at St Mark's Church Hall in Burke Road, and 11.30 to 3.30 at Frog Hollow.

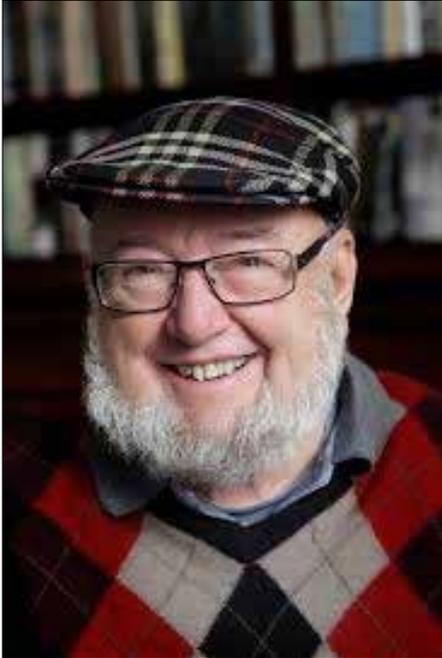
We need volunteers willing to assist in a number of roles which would contribute to the certainty of continuity of the orchestra. These include:

- Opening and closing premises for rehearsals
- Helping to set up and clean according to the COVID protocols established by the Boroondara Council or the St Mark's Parish
- Assisting in marking the roll, distributing music for the players
- Assisting players in setting up and dismantling chairs for rehearsal.
- Assisting with ticketing at the concerts.

If you are interested please contact
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READMAN SERIES

21LEC001 Thursday 29 April 2021, 2pm by Zoom



Thomas Keneally **“A Creative Life”**

Thomas Keneally, AO is a prolific Australian novelist, playwright, and essayist, best known for his non-fiction novel *Schindler's Ark*, the story of Oskar Schindler's rescue of Jews during the Holocaust, which won the Booker Prize in 1982. He has written over 50 books, including 30 novels. Many of his novels are reworkings of historical material, although modern in their psychology and style.

Tom Keneally was a member of the Literature Board of the Australia Council from 1985 to 1988 and President of the National Book Council from 1985 to 1989. He was a visiting professor at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) where he taught the graduate fiction workshop for one quarter in 1985. From 1991 to 1995, he was a visiting professor in the writing program at UCI.

The Tom Keneally Centre opened in August 2011 at the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, housing Keneally's books and memorabilia. The site is used for book launches, readings and writing classes.

Tom Keneally is an ambassador of the Asylum Seekers Centre, a not-for-profit that provides personal and practical support to people seeking asylum in Australia”

21LEC002 Thursday 29 July 2021 2pm Hall, Sinclair Avenue



Dr Peter Evans

MB,BS (Sydney), FRANZCP.

“Sexual abuse in a culture of silence”

Dr Peter Evans is a former catholic priest and retired psychiatrist who will discuss the psychological and socio-cultural determinants of sexual abuse within Australian society and which takes place in a culture of silence that is both a result and part cause of the abuse itself.

Dr Peter Evans graduated in medicine from Sydney University in 1957. In 1960 he entered the Franciscan Order to study for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest in 1967 and in 1969 commenced postgraduate studies in psychiatry at Saint Vincent's Hospital in Sydney. In 1973 he was admitted as a fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. He left the priesthood in 1976 and became a consultant psychiatrist at the Priory Hospital in London. In 1978 he returned to Melbourne where he practiced psychiatry for a period of 30 years before his retirement. He is married to Gerda, a registered nurse, and they have four sons. He has recently given evidence before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

CURRICULUM UPDATE - MARCH 2021

These courses have been added since the publication of the Curriculum and still have some vacancies. Details of each course can be viewed on the Membership website u3ahawthorn.org.au/members.

- 21ARTS32 Multimedia Art Group Convenors: Tova & Stephen Seelig
weekly from Wednesday 21 April, 11.30am, West Room NCSSH
- 21EXC006 Excursion - Tour of the Shrine
Thursday 13 May, 12 noon
- 21HEA002 Pandemic Stress Presenter: James Khong
Rescheduled due to lockdown - now Thursday 4 March, 1.30pm in Hall
- 21HEA003 Pathways to Inner Self (Meditation) Tutor: Kirti Baxi
weekly from Thursday 22 April, 10am, South Room SAC
- 21HUM016 The Maginot Line Presenter: Peter Conlon
weekly (2 sessions) from Wednesday 24 March, 1.30pm, Hall
- 21HUM017 The Melbourne Metro Tunnel (Zoom) - presented by CYP Design and Construction Joint Venture
single session on Zoom, Friday 12 March, 10.30am
- 21HUM018 Oral Storytelling for Kids Presenter: Judy Hubbard
weekly (4 sessions) from Thursday 6 May, 11.30am Frog Hollow
Would you like to learn how to create, practise and then tell spellbinding oral stories to your grandchildren? And help get them to sleep. This fun course looks at how to build short and long oral stories using a simple four step approach and lots of story themes, provided by Judy, to try out in class and at home. We will explore the many benefits of oral storytelling; learn how to use your body language and voice to bring stories to life, and find out how to create story boxes and props bags to enrich your storytelling.
- 21LEC001 Readman - Speaker: Thomas Keneally - "A Creative Life"
Thursday 29 April, 2pm on Zoom
- 21LEC002 Readman - Speaker: Dr Peter Evans - "Sexual abuse in a culture of silence"
Thursday 29 July, 2pm, Hall SAC
- 21MUS015 Great YouTube rock and pop music videos Tutors: Geoff Hindle & John Wallace
weekly Tuesday from 1 June (8 sessions), 1.30pm Hall
We will select great music and great performances, (official music videos and live performances) from YouTube's enormous range, each week for eight weeks. For example Michelle Obama loving a performance of Whole Lotta Love at the Kennedy Center and the Clintons enjoying Don't Stop, Bill's campaign song (live) at the 1993 Inaugural Ball. There will be Springsteen and McCartney playing I Saw Her Standing There and AC/DC playing Thunderstruck before 60,000 in Montevideo stadium. There will be quite a range from ballads to metal, from Blondie, Robert Palmer, Joni Mitchell and Eagles to Nirvana, Hendrix and Judas Priest.
- 21MUS020 Saturday Matinee - The Johannes Trio
Saturday 20 March, 2.30pm, Hall
- 21MUS021 Saturday Matinee - David Xia, piano soloist
Saturday 24 April, 2.30pm, Hall
- 21MUS023 Saturday Matinee - Chamber ensemble led by Jaynee Russell-Clarke
Saturday 26 June, 2.30pm, Hall
- 21MUS024 Saturday Matinee - Jenny Lu piano and Hamish Gould counter-tenor.
Saturday 31 July, 2.30pm, Hall
- 21SPA004 Spanish Basics Tutor: Laurie David
weekly from Friday 9 April (5 sessions), 9.45am, Room 1
A series of workshops geared for people who have learned 'a bit' of Spanish but would like to enhance their pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary and conversational skills. Can be done in conjunction with another class.
- 21TRA013 Be your own Travel Agent Tutor: Adrian Guest
weekly (2 sessions) from Thursday 8 April, 1.30pm Room 1 SAC