



*The Walking with Poles group, led by Nigel Flannigan, started during 2021 and aims to provide an exercise workout in the local area.*

*This group complements the four other walking groups - monthly moderate and shorter walking groups, a monthly metro group and a weekly walk and talk group.*

*We are always on the lookout for people willing to lead new walking or other exercise groups.*

*We offer three weekly photography groups. Pictured is the fstops and Stuff group led by Grant Fry, which focusses on getting the most out of an SLR camera.*

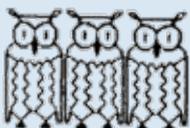
*The Monday and Wednesday digital photography groups focus on the art of photography alternating days on location with sharing images. Two country photography weekends are held each year, to explore areas beyond Melbourne.*



*Bridge is always very popular. Bridge - Level 1 commenced this week with John Quayle and Matti Shub. Other Bridge groups are Social Bridge, Intermediate Bridge and two Duplicate Bridge groups.*

*Other members play Eastern and Western Mahjong and this year Eva Carew-Reid is offering a new class playing Remmikub.*

*These activities provide social interaction as well as the opportunity to take part in mentally stimulating activities.*



# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Welcome everyone to U3A Hawthorn's first Newsletter for 2022. 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.

2022 commenced with our highly successful Summer School which ran over 3 weeks in January. Summer School participants had the privilege of listening to a diverse and stimulating range of speakers on subjects from the Fragrance of Vietnam to the History of the Shrine, and many more. The "Great Debate" on current affairs issues attracted about 80 members to the Hall one morning. All these classes were held on a face-to-face basis at our Sinclair Avenue Campus. Other members played "mind games": Bridge, Mah-jong and Cryptic Crosswords in a positive social atmosphere nearby.

It was an outstanding program and unique to U3A Hawthorn. We THANK each and every presenter, as their contributions were invaluable, and their time most generous. 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: Chris Stocker [Chair], Lily Lau, Susan Heath, Julie Angus-Kiddle, Pam Welsford, Roger Seddon and Andrew Weatherhead for their tireless work on behalf of U3A Hawthorn members. In addition our thanks go to the AV support members whose contributions allowed our Speakers presentations to go so smoothly.

For the first time Summer School ended with a social event, namely a "sausage sizzle" and the music of the "Avalon Jazz band". In my view this was a great innovation, and very well received by our members. The weather was perfect and the setting at Sinclair Avenue ideal. Thanks Chris, a superb idea brilliantly executed.

Since enrolment opened for 2022, many members have joined and enrolled in classes. Currently we have over 1273 active members. Whilst this number is less than our November membership, we always have new members joining throughout the year.

On a more positive note I am pleased to report that there are 124 Tutors/Convenors of whom 24 are new to the role at U3A Hawthorn in 2022. 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 140 courses or activities on offer to members for 2022. No doubt 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 endless time spent in organising every aspect of the 2022 curriculum.

On 27 January 2022 we held our Tutors/Convenors and Volunteers Lunch and Briefing at Leonda. About 130 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 2022. This briefing included important up-to-date information on our Covid-19 Safety Plan. By this Plan we run U3A Hawthorn classes and activities in accordance with the latest Department of Health Requirements, Government Regulations and the Boroondara Council mandated directives. These comprehensive Plans meant that we were able to RE-OPEN on Monday 7 February 2022 with safe face-to-face learning at our Sinclair Avenue Campus and elsewhere. The first month has been busy, energetic and has run relatively smoothly. Hopefully this is "Covid-19" normal for 2022.

With the double [and in many cases, triple] vaccinated status of our tutors/convenors, all members volunteers, and guests, we are now operating in the safest way possible in the circumstances.

In that way we will remain SAFE, WELL AND OPEN. As of today [28 February] it is no longer mandatory to wear face masks in classes, the office or around Campus [or at external venues]. Of course some members might be reluctant to discard their masks so soon, and they should continue to wear them, as they see fit.

I am optimistic that we will have a very successful 2022 at U3A Hawthorn. We have got off to a great start. We will continue to plan on the basis that events, classes and one off lectures will occur and on a face-to-face basis. Hopefully lockdowns are a measure of the past and that our year will not be interrupted.

Well that's all for now. I wish everyone a happy, safe and stimulating 2022.

*Irving Miller*  
28 February 2022

### AN ELECTION YEAR

As everyone knows 2022 is an election year for both the Federal and State Parliaments.

In Current Affairs classes this year there will be guest speakers invited to our campus from a range of political parties and candidates expressing different viewpoints.

Members are reminded that EVERY guest speaker must be treated with respect and courtesy.

Our Code of Conduct requires that, and good manners demand it.

*Irving Miller*

## BOOK EXCHANGE

The Book Exchange will operate again this year for a week each month from the third Monday of the month.

We would love to have some new items to add to our collection - books, CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles are all welcome

We look forward to your continued support in 2022.

*Julie Angus-Kiddle and the Book Exchange Team*

## Updated COVID Requirements

As from Saturday 26 February the following regulations apply to U3A Hawthorn activities:

- only members who have received at least two COVID vaccinations may attend face-to-face classes and activities. You will be required to show proof of vaccination.
- masks are not compulsory indoors or outdoors, but members are encouraged to wear masks if they feel more comfortable
- do not attend classes and activities if you are a close contact of a positive person or if you have any symptoms. The government guidelines can be viewed at [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts)
- do not attend whilst positive - follow the guidelines which clearly state what to do if you test positive [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-cases](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-cases)
- QR check in is still required and you must be marked off on the U3A Hawthorn roll for each class/activity. Only members enrolled in that activity/class may participate. If you are on the waitlist you may not attend.

Whilst there are no density restrictions, we encourage members to maintain social distancing where possible and open windows and doors as practicable. We have restricted the number of people in some classes so that social distancing can be more easily achieved.

Our older age group is viewed as having a higher risk of illness and therefore we urge everyone to think about their COVID risk factors as we move into cooler weather and the possible flu season ahead.

Government regulations change frequently in line with the changing COVID pandemic. U3A Hawthorn abides by the restrictions in operation at the time.

We encourage members to make use of the Rapid Antigen tests if they are at all unsure of their COVID status.

# Notice is given of the 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of U3A HAWTHORN INC.

Location: Hall, U3A Hawthorn Campus, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris

Date: Wednesday 11 May 2022

Time: 10.00am - 1.30pm

Guest Speaker: to be confirmed

A light luncheon will be served after the Guest Presentation.

## Agenda:

- To receive apologies and proxies [Proxy forms available at the Office]
- To confirm Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
- To receive the Annual Report for 2021
- To receive the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31/12/2021
- To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next 12 months
- To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2022
- To approve Subscription Fees for 2023
- 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.

You can notify us of your intention to attend by enrolling in the course 22AGM001 on the Membership System (as for any other course) or by contacting Reception.

Registration is essential as this is a catered event. Please register before Wednesday 4 May.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

*Bruce Lancashire, Hon Secretary*

# MUSIC NOTES

As our U3A Hawthorn community slowly tracks its way back into the world it is a pleasure to once again hear sounds of music in all its forms drifting back into our lives. Progress in some areas is slow but it is happening! Plans are being formed for rehearsals and concerts throughout the coming year, and for our varied groups to once again meet to experience the pleasure of playing, listening or singing together on a regular basis.

These are early days, but already the Jazz and Recorder groups are underway with new members joining up, an encouraging sign. The numbers have swelled in the Friday afternoon Jazz group in the Hall. The Recorders, who play weekly on Wednesday mornings in the Frog Hollow venue have also recommenced and have just welcomed a second bass player, a great asset. They too have a few spare places.

The Gateway Singers have tried all manner of rehearsing during the lock-down periods, and are delighted to be back to almost "normal" in their familiar Parkview Room. They are preparing for a concert in the Saturday Series at the end of April, details below.

The Orchestra is working hard to reform and get back to full action after the last two heart-breaking years of lock-downs, cancellations and changes, and has at last begun rehearsing in St Mark's in preparation for a concert in May.

We have also planned a return of the popular Saturday Matinee Series and most of the monthly time-slots have been filled.

With great pleasure and a strong degree of hopefulness, we offer our music program for 2022.

*Ruth Muir*



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| 19 March      | Saturday Matinee. Brian Luo, young virtuoso pianist, 2.30 pm in the Hall.     |
| 30 April      | Saturday Matinee. Gateway Singers, 2.30pm in the Hall.                        |
| Sunday 1 May  | Orchestra Concert, 2.30 pm James Tatoulis Auditorium MLC, 207 Barkers Rd Kew. |
| 28 May        | Saturday Matinee. Faye Goldsmith, cello and piano, 2.30pm in the Hall.        |
| 11 June       | Saturday Matinee. Jaynee Russell-Clarke and strings, 2.30pm in the Hall.      |
| 23 July       | Saturday Matinee. Alan Cook and his Russian baritones, 2.30pm in the Hall.    |
| Sunday 14 Aug | Orchestra Concert, 2.30pm James Tatoulis Auditorium MLC, 207 Barkers, Rd Kew  |
| 1 October     | Saturday Matinee. Jenny Lu, pianist and friend 2.30pm in the Hall.            |

As further performances are organised they will be put on the membership website. You are asked to enrol in the Saturday Matinees on the membership website so that we know the numbers attending for both catering purposes and to organise seating. There is no charge for Saturday Matinees as they are on campus.

For the Orchestra Concerts there is no need to book, just come and pay the entry at the door. We must hire external venues for these concerts so the entry charge is to assist in covering costs.



# SUMMER SCHOOL

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The 2022 Summer School ran from 3 -21 January with 26 presenter sessions, morning and afternoon, plus multiple sessions of bridge, chess and mah-jong. Two sessions were on Zoom with interstate presenters; another was a recorded opera recital. There was one other musical recital and a debate/panel discussion. One session was cancelled due to the presenter's non- Covid health issues. The program finished on Friday 21st with a BBQ and the Avalon Jazz band and local Member, John Kennedy MP, as a guest.

The planning group started in May 2021 to compile a list of possible speakers. We sought to have a wide range of topics of general appeal to members: history, philosophy, science, astronomy, travel, music, healthcare, etc. All but two potential speakers accepted straight off, so the program was quickly developed with 27 acceptances. Where possible, we tried to achieve a balance of gender - equality, although further encouragement of female presenters would be a strong recommendation.

Once presenters were known by July, we developed an outline program, spacing similar topics over the three weeks and placing the 'social activities' [bridge etc] in the afternoons. Presenters were contacted at least three times to confirm their sessions, to request bios and synopses and to finalise AV needs. A draft program was available for the Program Planning Committee to review in October.

The key period in preparation was September to October, when the bulk of program planning, liaison with presenters and finding AV volunteers occurs. A schedule has been prepared for future Schools showing the critical events and timelines.

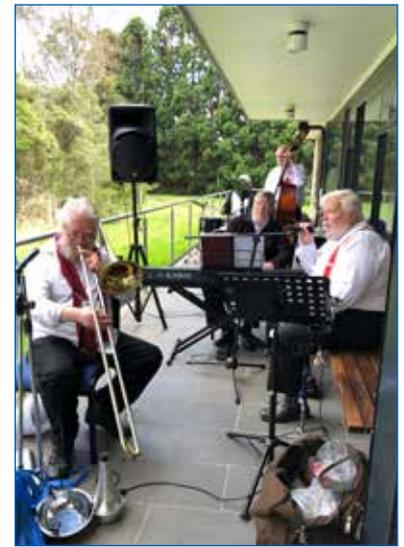
The planning group evolved separate roles: agenda preparation and room bookings; minute taking; collection of bios and synopses for a central file that was used to introduce each speaker; recruitment and training of AV volunteers; coordination and logistics, including a daily 'to do' list for session convenors.

While we anticipated a drop-out rate of members enrolled but not attending, Covid 19 had a significant impact, mainly due to the arrival of the Omicron variant in December. One cannot criticise members for taking a very cautious approach to appearing at public events like Summer School and absences were perfectly understandable. In many sessions there was a drop-out rate of between 30 – 40 %. All possible Covid risk management measures were in place: QR check -in, vaccination status checks, face masks, ventilation and cleaning of microphones etc.

The planning group feels that the School was very successful, from our own observations and the feedback provide by many members during and after the program. The speakers were universally well prepared and excellent in their presentations and audience responses showed a great deal of interest and engagement. While some subjects were clearly more popular than others, we feel that there was enough breadth in the program to meet members' varied interests.

We sincerely thank all the presenters, external and internal to U3A Hawthorn, plus the assistance given by the AV volunteers, Carol and Bruce Lancashire and receptionists and those who helped with the final BBQ.

*Chris Stocker, Convenor of 2022 Summer School  
on behalf of Julie Angus-Kiddle, Lily Lau, Pam Welsford, Susan Heath, Anne McQueen Thomson,  
Nathan Feld, Peter Boxhall, Roger Seddon and Andrew Weatherhead.*



# NEW TUTORS AND CONVENORS

Each year we welcome new tutors and convenors, the life-blood of our organisation.

Tutors teach/train course participants. They are responsible for devising, researching and delivering course information and skills development over one or more sessions. They also moderate class discussion and are contact people for the course.

Convenors take responsibility for the organisation and management of a course or indoor or outdoor activities. They set the parameters for course operation and moderate class discussion and are the contact people for the course. They may organise presenters from within the course or non-members of U3A Hawthorn.

We also welcome presenters. These people may be members or non-members who are invited by tutors/convenors/the course coordinator or members of sub committees to make a presentation on a specific topic. Examples of this are the Readman series, Armchair Travel, Health series, and presenters in the Politics and Current Affairs course.

This year we welcome the following new tutors and convenors:

- Jean Aitken – 2nd Wednesday book group
- Saul Bastomsky - Latin XXI
- Sim Birrell – Beginners and Continuing Western Mahjong
- Jim Bland – Recorder Group
- Jacques Boulet – Global Predicaments short course
- Eva Carew-Reid – Remmikub
- Tim Clarke – Men’s Book Group

- Inge Hanke – Moderate Walks
- Sue Harvey – 4th Wednesday book group
- Ikuko Happo & Nobuko Sayer - Japanese Continuing
- Margie Lanyon & Ruth Scharley – Creative Women and their Work
- Veronique Le Gallo – Beginners French
- Vin Lucas – Munari Riders
- Mary McCarthy – Social Bridge
- John Quayle & Matti Shub – Beginners Bridge
- Michael Read – Friday Cycling
- Jayne Russell Clarke - Orchestra Committee
- Alan Scott – Wednesday Photography
- Fiona Thomas – Let’s go to a Gallery (Friday)

We start each year with a luncheon and briefing for tutors, convenors and volunteers. This is one way of saying thank you to these wonderful people who volunteer at U3A Hawthorn. It also provides an opportunity for people to network and to prepare for the coming year.

As the past two years have been very disrupted, it provided an opportunity to inform new tutors/convenors and remind ongoing tutors/convenors of procedures for the coming year.



# IN MEMORIUM

## ALBY TWIGG 1932 - 2022

In January this year, our Wednesday Latin Poetry Group was very sad to learn of the death of its tutor, Alby Twigg.

Alby was born in 1932, and had a long career as a teacher before volunteering as a tutor at U3A Hawthorn, where he has diligently kept on working for over a decade with an enthusiastic bunch of students.

All felt privileged to have a leader of this quality and dedication. We enjoyed his digressions and anecdotes including one where he mentioned that his mother had been born in 1890. That really sent the brain into a spin!

Latin is like music, where, unless practice is kept up, any skills are soon frittered away.

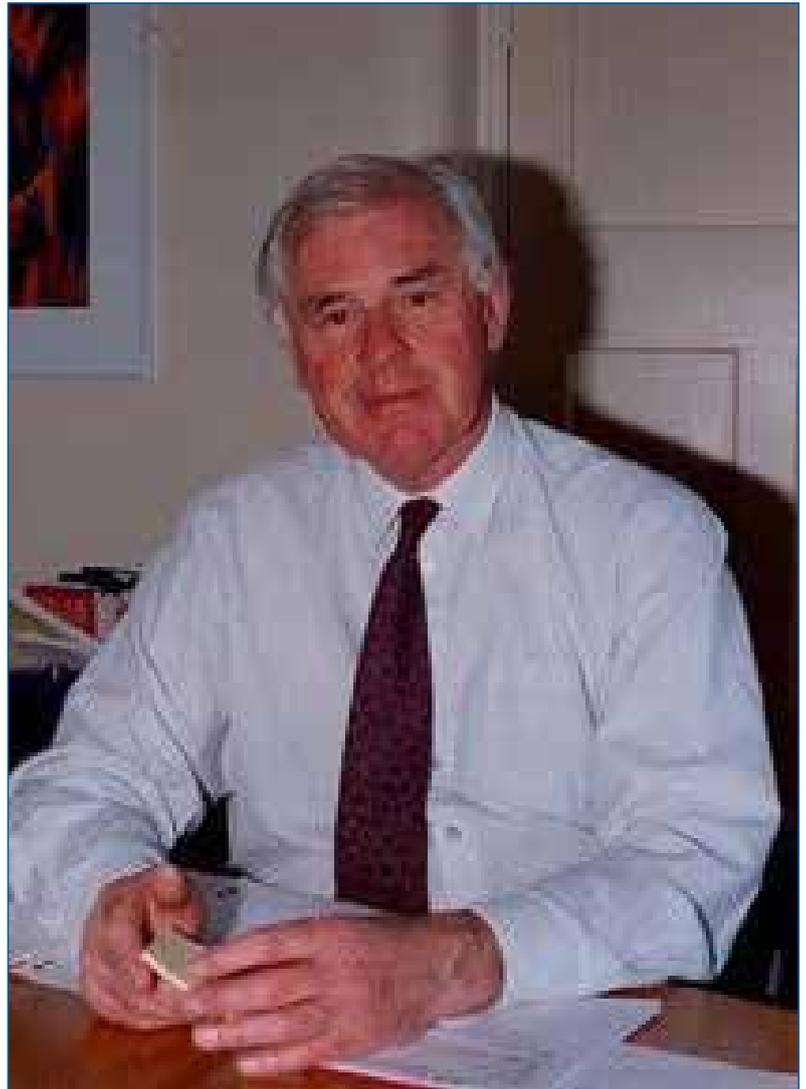
Like many who are ageing, Alby would have been well aware of the need to keep mentally alert, and obviously found Latin an enjoyable, rewarding and challenging way to do so.

This passion, he shared generously with those who wanted to join him on the journey, and we are all the better for it. Thank you, Alby.

Vale Amice.  
Meg McPherson

We thank Saul Bastomsky who has stepped in to be tutor of the Latin XXI course this year. U3A Hawthorn is very fortunate to be able to offer four Latin courses. Frank Vergona teaches a Beginners Latin and two ongoing courses (year 2/3) and the very advanced Latin XXI now is led by Saul Bastomsky.

*From L to R, Gerry O'Reilly, Alby Twigg, Penny Rooke, Dick Sutcliffe in 2020.*



# EXCURSIONS 2022

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## BOOKING POLICY

Enrolment in Excursions is done in the same way as enrolling in all other courses. Please enrol online using the Membership system [u3ahawthorn.org.au/members](http://u3ahawthorn.org.au/members) or by visiting Reception. Telephone or email enrolments are not accepted. Excursions are for Members of U3A Hawthorn only.

All tour fees are payable at the time of enrolment, either online or at Reception.  
Bookings close 14 days prior to tour departure date.

For further queries, please contact Joan Harding on 9813 3974 or 0408 366 987

## CANCELLATION POLICY

For cancellations made 14 days or less prior to the scheduled departure, no refund will be made

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### 22EXC002 ALL INCLUSIVE TRAM BOAT CRUISE TO HISTORIC WILLIAMSTOWN

Friday 18th March  
Time: 10:30am sharp  
Cost: \$49.00 - payable on enrolment  
Depart: From pier, directly opposite Marvel Stadium on Docklands Esplanade  
- Public transport to the pier: take Tram City Circle No. 35 or Tram No. 70 or 75  
- Alight at Tram Stop No. D3 Stadium Precinct  
Limit: 30 persons

Take a relaxing Tram Boat cruise from Docklands to historic Williamstown and return. Tea or coffee and slices will served onboard, while owners Lisa and Anthony provide an interesting commentary.  
Alight at Williamstown to spend an hour strolling the historic township and perhaps buying the obligatory ice cream.

Back on board, you will be served your tasty individual fish and chips lunch pack to complete your cruise by 2:00pm.  
Important: Wear comfortable shoes. You must wear your U3A identification and be fully vaccinated.

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### 22EXC001 AUTUMN TOUR OF FITZROY GARDENS

*Fully booked but put your name on the waitlist as places do become available close to the excursion as people withdraw for various reasons.*

Thursday 21 April.  
Time: 11am  
Cost: \$5.50 (for Captain Cook's cottage entrance - payable on the day)  
Meet: Captain Cook's Cottage off Wellington Street City  
Public Transport: Tram number 48 or 72

Take a leisurely stroll through the beautiful Fitzroy Gardens to immerse yourself in Melbourne's autumn glory. Guided by U3A leader Elizabeth Fitzgerald acquaint yourself with the attractions of this special place. Visit the house and garden of Captain Cook's cottage, the fairy tree, the fern gully and admire the newly restored conservatory amongst other attractions. Enjoy your day in the autumn season and catch lunch or coffee at the garden's cafe later.

Note important: Don't forget to wear your U3A identification.

# CURRICULUM UPDATE - MARCH 2022

*These courses have been added since the publication of the Curriculum in November. Details of each course can be viewed on the Membership website [u3ahawthorn.org.au/members/courses](http://u3ahawthorn.org.au/members/courses)*

22ARTS04	Films and Film-makers - May Series The films of Alfred Hitchcock, Billy Wilder and John Huston weekly from Tuesday 3 May (3 sessions), 1.30pm Room 2	Tutor: Adrian Guest	<b>NEW</b>
22ARTS05	Films and Film-makers - June series The films of Mike Nichols, 1968 films, Overlooked films of the 1970s weekly from Tuesday 7 June (3 sessions), 1.30pm Room 2	Tutor: Adrian Guest	<b>NEW</b>
22HEA005	Meditation and Mindfulness weekly Thursdays, 10.30, North Room	Tutor: Tova Seelig	<b>HAS COMMENCED</b>
22HUM024	The Jewish People and their Lives weekly from Thursday 26 May (8 sessions), 11.30am, Hall	Tutor: Zvi Civins	<b>NEW</b>
22HUM025	A Day Of Chado: Seminar and Discussion on The Way of Tea in Japan This seminar is designed to introduce the participants to the fundamental principles and philosophy underlying the (zen) tradition of tea. Presenter: Scott Soshin Rogers, Chado Tea Master	Thursday 31 March, 1.30pm, Hall	<b>NEW</b>
22HUM026	Family History Group Monthly 4th from Thursday 26 May, 11.30, West Room Please register your interest by enrolling and further details will be circulated. This monthly workshop will explore various aspects of researching and presenting family history. A topic will be set for each session with a presenter followed by discussion and sharing of information.	Organising group to be formed	<b>NEW</b>
22MAH005	Beginners Western Mahjong Weekly, Friday 1.30 - 3.30pm in Room 1	Tutor: Sim Birrell	<b>HAS COMMENCED</b>
22SCI021	Geological surveys and petroleum exploration in western Papua Niugini This talk will describe the early exploration of this area, its geological evolution, the geological conditions that controlled the accumulation of its petroleum, and the history of development of its resources. Presenter: Martin Norvick	Thursday 28 April, 1.30pm, Hall	<b>NEW</b>
22TRA011	Changed date for Travel in COVID times with Adrian Guest. New date is Tuesday 5 April, 1.30pm Room 2		<b>Changed date</b>

## WITHDRAWALS AND ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

### WITHDRAWAL:

- A withdrawal is when you do not wish to attend any future sessions of a course or when you will not be attending a single session.
- Notification of withdrawal is a courtesy to the tutor or presenter and also allows someone on the waitlist to take your place.
- You are not able to do this online as we need to manage waitlists.

### To withdraw:

- email [members@u3ahawthorn.org.au](mailto:members@u3ahawthorn.org.au) or [courses@u3ahawthorn.org.au](mailto:courses@u3ahawthorn.org.au)
- phone or visit Reception 9821 0282

### ABSENCE NOTIFICATION:

- This is to notify the Tutor/Convenor that you will not be attending a future session of an on-going course.
- You can do this on the Membership system when you are logged in, under My Absences.
- You can mark your future absence on the class roll in advance.
- You can ask Reception to notify the tutor.