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FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

SUMMER SOCIAL FORUM

Those attending current classes should already have received a notice of the Social Forum on Thursday 7 December in Lecture Theatre BA 201, Swinburne University, Business & Arts Building (between John and William Streets). Our speaker is Mrs Anne Brown, who will talk to us on **WORKING WITH ABORIGINES IN VICTORIA TODAY.**

Anne Brown has a teaching background and holds an honours degree in Aboriginal Studies; she works with Aboriginal communities in Victoria on their cultural heritage. She has previously been a guest speaker at other U3As and has just led our Beyond Mabo group on a five-day expedition into the Wimmera area.

The Forum commences at 10.30 a.m., after coffee at 10.00, and is followed by a light lunch. The total cost is \$5.00 per person, and further details can be obtained from the office.

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

We will be having a party for all our members in the Chandelier Room at the Hawthorn Town Hall, Burwood Road, on **Friday 15 December.** There will be entertainments throughout the afternoon, and we hope you can drop in (no matter how briefly) to help us wind up another very successful year for Hawthorn U3A. More details appear on the enclosed separate sheet.

SOCIAL GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Everyone is welcome!

Date	Friday, 8 December 1995.
Venue	Windows on the Park Restaurant, Carlton Radisson House, 65 Queens Road, Melbourne
Time	12 noon—2 p.m.
Cost	\$17.50 for full buffet; drinks are extra.

You should book and pay at U3A office, Hawthorn, by Tuesday 5 December 1995.

DROP-IN CENTRE

The last meeting for the year at the Hawthorn Library Meeting Room will be on 8 December (of course, the following Friday afternoon is our seasonal get-together, see above).

During the school holidays, we will meet on 19 and 26 January 1996 at 24 Wakefield Street, from 2 p.m. From the beginning of February we will return to the Hawthorn Library Room.

If members are interested in meeting on 22 and 29 December (subject to his availability), please contact Felix Carrady on 9819.2059.

DATES FOR 1995/1996

4 December 1995	Opening date for new enrolments in 1996 courses (1996 membership fee to be paid before enrolment is accepted)
15 December 1995	OFFICE CLOSSES for 1995 but enrolments and cheques for 1996 membership by post will be processed.
15 January 1996	OFFICE IS OPEN PART-TIME from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
16 Jan–10 Feb.1996	Summer Schools, see pp. 3 and 4
5 February 1996	OFFICE IS OPEN normal hours (9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.)
Third week February	Classes commence for 1996

FEES FOR 1996

Membership of Hawthorn U3A

\$25 single, \$40 c

Member from another campus studying at Hawthorn

\$5 (to cover *Nev*)

Holiday Period

Please note that enrolments and membership fees sent by post are WELCOMED during the vacation period, as there will be staff members attending to these even when the office is closed.

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

The holiday and festive season is upon us, but it can prove to be a sad time for many. I hope this is not so for too many of us. The members of our Committee of Management join me in wishing everyone a happy time over the period of our break, and a return to classes in 1996 with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

But speaking of enthusiasm, we already suffer a bit from over-enthusiasm. We find that some members sign up for more courses than they can in fact manage and then have to drop out. This deprives others of the opportunity to enter the class at its commencement and also causes extra work for administration. So please beware of the over-commitment syndrome when filling in those enrolment forms.

Of course it will be hard to choose because we have so many goodies on offer. As well as the continuing courses (none of which has had to be discontinued through lack of tutors or students) there are 19 new courses due to commence early in 1996. **We warmly welcome our new tutors** and trust they will enjoy U3A Hawthorn as much as we all do.

Derek Readman has arranged some exciting **Summer Lectures** (see pp. 3 & 4). The **Saturday Series**, which has proved to be so popular, will recommence in March; as mentioned elsewhere, details will be in the March *Newsletter*.

We trust this December *Newsletter* will reach you in time to serve as a reminder about the **Summer Social Forum on Thursday, 7 December**. Anne Brown is a most entertaining speaker and her subject should be very interesting.

Then, lastly, let's finish our year off with a **GREAT PARTY on Friday, 15 December**. The choir and other groups are busily preparing, and all is in place for a happy get-together. In case you cannot come for the whole time, the plan is to have drinks, refreshments and chat (with time to look at the work exhibited), interspersed with short periods of entertainment. The order will be: Choir, Drama for Fun, Recorder groups, World Theatre, Choir with Recorders, concluding with community carol singing. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Jean Giese, Chairman

USING YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

From November 1995, an integrated working system is operating for all Boroondarra libraries (Hawthorn, Kew and Camberwell). Already the Smartview equipment is in operation (one of the catalogue searching units has an enlarged screen for people with sight loss).

The Branch Librarian at Hawthorn, Adria, would be happy to arrange conducted tours of the Hawthorn Library to help you use the Library more efficiently and more comfortably. Information about the other libraries can also be provided.

Please let us know in the office if you would be interested in a guided tour in January or February.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The following FREE programme for members only has been arranged for January and February 1996.

ART OF THE JAPANESE GARDEN One session Friday 2 February

Speaker: Morris Williams

Morris will focus on gardens attached to Buddhist temples, the natural elements forming their basis and their adaptation to expressions of Buddhist philosophy and symbolism.

BONSAI One session Monday 29 January

Speaker: Ted Poynton

Ted will show some outstanding examples of bonsai and explain their cultivation and care.

GENEALOGY Two sessions Saturdays, 3 & 10 Feb.

Speaker: Noelle Tatum

Noelle will provide an introduction to family history research in Australia and overseas, detailing the sources available in Melbourne. Class members should feel free to bring any information on their own work in this area.

NOEL COWARD AND IVOR NOVELLO Four sessions Tuesdays 16 Jan–6 Feb.

Speaker: Bill Patey

Bill will present a tribute to these two outstanding contributors to English theatre music. Recorded highlights from their shows will be heard, interspersed with entertaining and informative anecdotes from their brilliant careers.

PORTUGAL'S GLORY: Explorers & the Epic Poet

Speaker: Lorna Mitchell

Two sessions Wednesdays 24 & 31 Jan

Lorna will present an outline of Portuguese discoveries, trade and empire of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, and a glimpse of Louis Vaz de Camoëns (1524–1580), Portuguese soldier, sailor, poet, and author of a national epic celebrating Portugal's phenomenal marine achievements.

SHAKESPEARE: *Measure for Measure* Two sessions Thursdays 25 Jan & 1 Feb

Speaker: Doris Gabbe

Shakespeare has taken the theme of young lovers caught in the web of strict marriage laws—and found a modern solution? Doris will show and discuss a video presentation of the play.

TRAVEL FOR THE OVER-50s One session Monday 22 January

Speaker: Margaret Penman

Margaret will talk about some of her adventures while hitchhiking (at 75!) around Iceland, Greenland and parts of Scandinavia in 1995—perhaps explaining why she now gives cliffs with puffins on them a wide berth!

TIME for all 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

BOOKINGS Bookings should be made on Monday to Friday between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. either by telephone (9214 8824 or 9818 7371) or personally at the Wakefield Street office. There will be NO WRITTEN CONFIRMATION of bookings. You are therefore asked to keep your personal record of the date of each booking.

NOTE Places are limited: a maximum of 70 people for each class on the basis of first come/first served. Please have alternative course titles ready in case you are unsuccessful with your first choice/s.

PLEASE REMEMBER that the office is closed from 15 December 1995 to 15 January 1996.

SUMMER SCHOOL

COMPUTERS

An introduction to basic computer skills for
grandparents and others who want to fight back!
Maximum of 18 places

TUTOR	John Borchers
DATES	Six sessions: 23, 25, 30 January, 2, 6, 9 February
TIME	10.00–11.30 a.m.
COST	FREE
LOCATION	Room TA 111, Swinburne TAFE Building Wakefield Street, Hawthorn

Please complete an enrolment form in the usual way, marking it clearly 'Computer Summer School'. Enrolment will be on a first-come/first-served basis. You will be notified of the outcome.

SPEAKING BETTER ENGLISH

A Hawthorn Community Education Project

This course is for older migrant people who have settled in Australia and would like to improve their spoken English.

Run by a trained tutor, the course is funded through the Adult, Community and Further Education Board (ACFEB). Members of U3A, Elisabeth Fiddian and Nan Durance, assist the tutor with small group discussions and help to make the course very friendly and welcoming.

You may know people who could be interested to join the group, which meets on Thursday mornings at the Hawthorn Library Meeting Room. For further information they could ring Judy Elsworth on 9214.8824.

ADVICE WANTED

50 Notable Victorian Women

If you had the chance to nominate the fifty most significant women in Victoria's past, who would you choose? This exciting new project plans to commemorate some fifty women prominent in our history and we would like your input. These women may be the first to achieve prominence in their chosen area of interest, be noted for their artistic endeavours or they may have been famous sportswomen. They could have been the first in their field, the winner of the prize or the longest serving candidate in a particular area. They will no longer be alive but will have left a strong memory of their contribution. You may send a short list, a long list of names or just mention one particular woman.

Dr Jan Penny, 50 Significant Victorian Women Project, Office of Planning & Heritage,
Level 3, 477 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000, Fax (03) 9628 5313

A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

When you are wondering what to give to a friend for Christmas, why not consider a year's membership of Hawthorn U3A? Many people (who need only the initial nudge) would gain undreamt-of interest and pleasure from belonging to such an invigorating group.