
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



This year could be called the Year of the Big Upheaval.

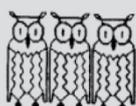
Much of our activity has been focused on the issues associated with the upgrading of our Sinclair Avenue facilities and trying to balance the heavy workloads some of our volunteers are carrying. We have worked hard to maintain all of our programs and support all of our usual activities despite the quite radical changes in venues and facilities and I thank those members who have been heavily involved in doing these tasks such as the Receptionists, Office Manager, Program Planners, Tutors, our Secretary and the Management Committee for their generous donations of time, effort and expertise.

After consultation with Boroondara Council and U3A Hawthorn the Council appointed architect drew up plans which translated ideas into a suggested building format. These plans were on display for three months at Sinclair Ave, then Council, as the buildings' owners, called for tenders and appointed the builders. Timelines were established and we were required to vacate the site prior to Christmas.



The 2016/17 Committee of Management

L-R: Ruth Muir, David Brown, Meg Adams (President), Irving Miller (Chair Program Planning Committee), Linda Baynham, David Bennett, Bruce Lancashire (Secretary), Frank Egan (Treasurer), Stefanie Sowerby, Norm Fary.



The Office and a classroom were set up with minimum interruption to our operation over the break. We are aware that the accommodation is very cramped and less than ideal for our Office volunteers. We thank them for their patience, tenacity and good humour.

We expect that we will regain the site sometime in August /early September. In the meantime we have classes operating in a variety of venues and locations. This has created a very disparate group and means that Sinclair Avenue is not the focus for our operations at present and that communication is often a challenge. Despite this we are putting every effort into maintaining our programs and activities and thank the Tutors for their cooperation.

I am conscious that the burden for much of the work required during this upheaval period falls unevenly and that some people are carrying significantly larger loads than usual. I thank these members for the generous amounts of time and skill that they give to ensure that we operate as effectively as possible in quite testing conditions.

Your Committee of Management will ensure that we continue to develop our organisation where we can fit it into our schedule. Following the Strategy Plan consultations in 2015 we are now ready to direct our attention to the formation of a new plan. Not as easy as you might think when attention is continually taken by the building project. However it will be done as a matter of priority this year.

I thank the Committee for their input over the last 12 months. I am confident that we will continue to work to achieve a new Campus that meets our needs well into the future.

In the meantime, the building progresses and the Secretary and I meet with the Council, builder and architect fortnightly to monitor progress and review budget issues. These meetings have been very constructive and positive and allow us to have a role in the development of the project.

The completed project will bring the resumption of classes at Sinclair Avenue. It will be an exciting time and will provide opportunities for us to explore and develop new ways of delivering programs in the increased space. To ensure the campus is fully utilised most classes temporarily held away from Sinclair Avenue will come back and be timetabled into a room on site. This will once again give us a chance to meet members from other classes and enable social interaction and easier communication.

Finally, during these last 12 months we lost two members who had made a significant contribution to Hawthorn U3A. Namely, Betty Marginson our Number One member, who died at the end of 2015. Betty was a founding member and a creative and driving force in the establishment of U3A Hawthorn and did much to ensure it flourished in those early years. She was the inaugural President at Hawthorn and held that position for 3 years. She was also instrumental in the establishment of U3A Network Victoria. Betty had a strong commitment to people in their Third Age and to lifelong learning. Her contribution was impressive.

Secondly, Joan Donlon died early this year. Joan worked diligently and assiduously for many years as Course Coordinator responsible for timetabling and venue coordination as well as many other Office functions. Joan's corporate memory was impressive and she is missed by those who worked with her.

I look forward to the Resettlement Year and to identifying the opportunities that will present with a new building and grounds and the cooperation of all members in working towards our goals. If you would like to be involved in our organisation please let us know. We need additional people to contribute to every aspect of our work so please come forward and contribute your expertise!

Meg Adams
President



PROGRAM PLANNING

Have you got some ideas for our program planners?

June is almost here and so planning is underway for 2017. We have many long-serving tutors who have given very generously of their time and expertise over many years. Sadly, some find themselves in poor health and are unable to continue, such as Pilar Manovel, Theresa Gunn and Austin Chapman. We thank them sincerely for their years of involvement.

It does however emphasise the importance of other members coming forward to volunteer their services to ensure that we have continuity and regeneration. Some courses, such as languages, are very popular but can only offer a limited number of places in each class. It is also important that we can offer beginner classes in languages.

Other courses, such as Feldenkrais, are also in demand and so there are waitlists. It would be wonderful to be able to offer other similar gentle exercise classes.

Short courses have become more popular as members travel, or have other commitments during the year and may be less willing to commit to year-long courses. Stimulating general interest courses on history, other cultures and society, the arts, and finance offer great opportunities to learn more and meet other like-minded members.

U3A is volunteer based. Tutors and convenors may draw on their professional expertise and studies, their life experience or their interest/passion for a subject or activity. It may be that you are interested in an activity and would like to join with others, such as exercise groups, games, going to the movies, dining out, book groups, discussion groups - the list is endless. Courses may be year-long or short courses (2 sessions or more). Please think about how you can enrich the life of others and participate in our further development by sharing your interests within U3A Hawthorn.

Particularly for 2016 we are seeking tutors willing to offer:

- Beginner French, Italian and German (other languages also very welcome)
- Activities such as Feldenkrais, cycling, yoga, pilates, gentle exercise
- History, arts and general courses.

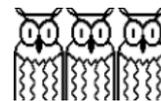
If you are interested in being involved please leave a message at the office or email courses@u3ahawthorn.org.au

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

In order to make the best use of email for U3A Hawthorn communications **it is essential that you notify any changes in your email address by sending an email to the U3A Hawthorn office at: mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au** indicating your email contact details. **Please include your name(s) and U3A ID number(s).** Our website is <http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au> All courses, forms, and newsletters are available for download from this website.

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the September Newsletter is Wednesday, August 3.
Please forward copy to the office.



FEES FOR 2017

At the AGM on 10 May the fees for 2017 were announced, in accordance with our Rules of Incorporation.

The fees for 2017 are:

Full Membership: \$60 per annum
Joint Membership \$90 per annum
(2 persons at same address)

The Committee also announced that it has decided to remove the category of membership known as *Associate Member* as of 2017. This category of membership has previously been available to those holding full membership at another U3A and had restrictions on the number of courses that could be taken. Also our full members have been given priority where there was high demand for a course. In view of the number of classes with waiting lists and the difficulty of meeting Associate Members' enrolment requests it had been decided to remove the category such that all members have the same access to classes.



MUSIC NOTES

Our Orchestra is currently basking in the success of its first concert for the year, held in St John's Church Camberwell on Saturday last, 7 May. After a long bout of demanding rehearsals with popular conductor Willem van der Vis, interrupted by a lengthy Easter break, it was so satisfying to witness everything coming together at last and beautiful music being offered to a most appreciative audience. Our Orchestra certainly can rise to the occasion and we are justly extremely proud of them and grateful for their dedication and hard work. Our highlight was of course the magnificent playing of our young soloist, 13-year-old cellist Charlotte Miles, who astonished us with her virtuosity and musicianship. She obviously enjoyed her challenge and was a delightful "star turn". In the following week we were off to St Roch's Primary School to share some of these joys with the children and then we'll have a well-earned break until we start again at the end of June, soon after the Choir's first concert on 19 June.

Unfortunately we are, at this stage, still unable to fix a date for Concert number 2 for the Orchestra, but in the meantime I can ask you to pencil in **August 14, 20 or 21**, and our conductor will be Jules Cseszkó.

We are awaiting confirmation of the date from the Hawthorn Arts Centre, and will post it on the website, on Gateway News and other prominent places as soon as we know. In the meantime we will look forward to hearing from the Choir and members of the Recorder Group, who are once again sharing the stage with the singers.

There are many future events to plan for, including another performance by the Orchestra at Deakin Edge on **Sunday 2 October**, the traditional launch day of Seniors' Week, possibly at 11am, presenting Mendelssohn's exciting violin concerto. There is also a possibility that we will help U3A Manningham celebrate its 20th anniversary by presenting a guest concert some time in October or November, and the Grand Opening of our new campus will of course need a musical offering of some type! This will be decided when dates, venue and format have become clearer

Meanwhile, continue to spread the word within and outside our world of music - there will always be delights and surprises and deep pleasures in store!

Ruth Muir, Orchestra Manager

This year the U3A Hawthorn Choir has welcomed five new members and one returning member and we are pleased they have stuck with us. (I remember how intimidating it can be to join an established choir!) We are currently rehearsing items for our mid-year concert and we will, as always, present a variety from 'classics' to Broadway melodies.

The concert is on **Sunday, 19 June at 2 pm** (Note: In the March Newsletter the date was correct but not the day.) It will be held in Flockart Hall, Methodist Ladies' College (MLC), Barkers Road, Kew, with parking available on the grounds. Entry is \$8.00 donation at the door and children are admitted free. You will be delighted to know that our guest artists will again be members of the U3A Hawthorn Recorder Ensemble which was such a success last year.

On a more sombre note, choir members were saddened by the recent death of Bob Rothols, a long-time chorister, together with his partner Dal Ellis. Bob often drew on his extensive musical knowledge to introduce our concert items. Many of you will also have heard his interesting and informative broadcasts on Community Radio station 3MPS. Farewell Bob.

Bev Rangott, Choir Manager



Charlotte Miles

For those who missed the Orchestra concert, or would like to revisit it, YouTube videos have been uploaded by Charlotte's parents for members to view. Simply visit the orchestra's website and use the provided links. [orchestra.u3ahawthorn.org.au] You can also find the orchestra's website by going to the main U3A Hawthorn website and using the "Class Pages" tab.

READMAN SERIES OF LECTURES

Children's book illustration: Which stories, why and for whom?

Jane Tanner is an Australian children's book illustrator. After majoring in painting and printmaking at the National Gallery School, Melbourne, she worked as a traditional artist for many years.

Jane often uses soft pastels, watercolours and gouache, but is best known for her use of coloured pencils. Over 25 years she has created more than 13 picture books, including some written by herself, and numerous book covers.

She has won many awards, including the Commonwealth Human Rights Award for Children's Literature for her book *The Wolf* with Margaret Barbalet.



**Thursday 16 June 2016, 2pm
Parkview Room, Camberwell Library Complex,
Camberwell Road, Camberwell**



Clinical ethics; assisting hospital staff to make decisions in ethically difficult situations

Associate Professor Lynn Gillam BA Hons, MA, PhD, Health Ethics Centre for Health and Society, University of Melbourne Children's Bioethics Centre, Royal Children's Hospital.

Associate Professor Lynn Gillam is the Academic Director of the Children's Bioethics Centre where she provides leadership in research, education and professional development in ethics, as well as continuing to do clinical ethics case consultation work. This work is aiming to better understand the ethical complexities of caring for children and promoting ethical best practice, not just at RCH, but nationally and internationally.

**Thursday 21 July 2016, 2pm
Parkview Room, Camberwell Library Complex,
Camberwell Road, Camberwell**



AUTUMN/WINTER EXCURSIONS

For bookings please telephone the U3A office

For further queries please contact:
Joan Harding on 98133974 or 0408366987
Or
Colette Flynn on 98826097

BOOKING POLICY

All tour fees payable at the time of placing reservation.

Payments may be made by credit card or cheque at the office, 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 paid.

Friday, 24 June

CELEBRATING STYLE – 1950s FASHION OF MELBOURNE GUIDED TOUR

Time: 12 noon to 1.00pm (approximately)

Location: Location: Glen Eira City Council Gallery, corner
Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
(incorporated in the Caulfield Town Hall)

Limit: 12 participants

Gallery curator Diane Soumilas will showcase 1950s Australian Women's vintage fashion and couture with the exhibition capturing the international influences, style and elegance of fashion during this decade.

Garments, accessories and photography, sourced from public and private collections, will be included in the exhibition. If desired you may lunch or coffee at the recommended Cafe Einstein, 251 Hawthorn Road, just 5 minutes walk south.

Monday, 11 July

CAMBERWELL ROTARY ART SHOW TOUR WITH LUNCH

Cost: \$15

Time: 12.30pm

Meet: Main entrance, Swinburne University, 427 – 451 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn

Inclusions: Admission to show, guided tour with art expert and a light lunch, including tea or coffee

Limit: Minimum 20 participants to operate (ask a friend)

The renowned annual Camberwell Art Show has offered us a marvelous package deal – not to be missed! This is an opportunity to view the 1500 paintings (all of which are for sale), with the commentary of an expert.

When booking please advise of any dietary requirements.

Friday, 15 July
YARRA VALLEY TOUR WITH RACV LUNCHEON

Cost: \$62

Time: 9.50 am sharp departure

Departure: Meet Sinclair Ave U3A

Inclusions: Please note that entry to Tarrawarra Gallery is \$5 per person for seniors and complimentary entry for Pension Card holders – payable on entry to the gallery.

This morning we depart U3A and make our way to the picturesque Yarra Valley where you will have the chance to indulge in life's great pleasures, food, wine, spectacular scenery and inspiring art.

Our first stop is the Tarrawarra Museum and Winery. The current exhibition is 'Panorama'; the term 'panorama' creates a context for how artists view the landscape, not simply as a depiction of it.

Our next stop is the beautiful RACV Club at Healesville where you will enjoy a tour of the facility, and later a luncheon, in a contemporary and relaxed space. On final stop will be at the Yarra Valley Chocolatier and Ice-creamery where you will have the chance to sample locally made chocolate and watch the artisans at work.

When booking please advise of any dietary requirements.

Thursday, 11 August
LITTLE INDIA TOUR, DANDENONG

Cost: \$45 including food samples and lunch

Time: 9.50 am for a 10.00 am sharp departure

Departure: Meet at the corner of Lonsdale and Walker Streets, Dandenong, at the library entrance which faces the big screen in the Civic Square
(Obtain map from U3A office)

Limit: 16 participants

Your tour guide will take you on a journey to awaken your senses and reveal the rich Indian culture through clothing, jewellery, food, film and music. The tour concludes at a local Indian restaurant. The Little India precinct, in Forster Street is concentrated within metres of each other so once in the area, walking is limited. Parking locations are suggested on the map we supply, or the convenient Dandenong train station is nearby.

The banquet covers a selection of food including curries, meat and vegetables. When booking please advise of any dietary requirements.

Monday, 12 September
TOUR OF ABBOTSFORD CONVENT

Cost: \$12.50

Time: 10.30 am to 12.00 noon

Location: 1 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford (carpark on north side of this street, directly across from the main gate, with disabled parking available). Charge of \$12 for all day. Map available at U3A office

Melway: 44 J5

Meet: Providence Lawn

Limit: 20 participants Minimum 10 participants to operate

Have you wondered about the history of the Abbotsford Convent? What stories lie within those walls? Our guide will reveal the background of this heritage building, who originally built it, the varied inhabitants and institutions and will bring us up to the present day's cultural uses. A fascinating story!

At the conclusion of the tour, lunch may be purchased on site if desired.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JUNE - NOVEMBER

Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – no classes
Wednesday 15 June	CU04 Open Lecture - Professor Gillian Triggs, President Australian Human Rights Commission Parkview Room, Camberwell Library Complex, 9.45am
Thursday 16 June	Readman Lecture No 8 – Jane Tanner <i>Children's Book Illustration</i> , Parkview Room, Camberwell Library Complex, 2pm
Sunday 19 June	U3A Hawthorn Choir Concert, Flockart Hall, MLC, 2.00pm
Friday 24 June	Excursion - Celebrating style – 1950s fashion tour, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, 12 noon
Monday 11 July	Excursion - Camberwell Rotary Art Show Tour with lunch
Friday 15 July	Excursion – Yarra Valley Tour with RACV luncheon
Thursday 21 July	Readman Lecture No 9 – Associate Professor Lynn Gillam, <i>Clinical Ethics</i> , Parkview Room, Camberwell Library Complex, 2pm
Thursday 11 August	Excursion - Tour of Little India, Dandenong, 10am
Monday 12 September	Excursion – Tour of Abbotsford Convent, 10am
Thursday 15 September	Readman Lecture No 10 – Hugh de Kretser <i>“Why we need stronger Human Rights protection in Australia”</i>
Friday 30 September	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday – no classes
Sunday 2 October	Seniors' Week Launch, Federation Square and performance by U3A Hawthorn Orchestra
Tuesday 1 November	Cup Day Public Holiday – no classes
Sunday 27 November	Orchestra of U3A Hawthorn Concert, Performing Arts Centre, Camberwell Grammar School