



# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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## FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR U3A

U3A came to Melbourne six years ago and there are now active groups in most Australian states including about 20 in Victoria. With such a fast growing movement, it is necessary to take stock at times and think about future direction and social and philosophical aims.

The Victorian Conference 1990 will be looking at issues important to the future of U3A. A range of eminent speakers will address the conference and workshops have been arranged which are designed to assess where U3A is at, where it is going and how. Over the three days participants will be able to enjoy a variety of activities including workshops and excursions to places of interest in the Geelong region.

Accommodation, if required, will be at Deakin University College - fully serviced (and heated), single and double rooms, at \$26 a night.

It is hoped that as many Hawthorn members as possible will attend this important conference. If you wish to go, please apply to the office at Wakefield Street for information brochures and registration forms.

Please mark your diaries -

Victorian Conference 1990 - Deakin University - 10th - 12th July 1990.

For catering purposes, it would be appreciated if you could register by June 15, 1990.

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## THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A TUTOR ?

Have you always had an inclination to try your hand at tutoring, and would like to explore the idea without committing yourself?

Then a series of booklets prepared by the Council of Adult Education (C.A.E.) could be for you. Titles include:

- Thinking of Teaching Adults
- Helping Adults Learn
- Planning a Course
- Running a Class Session, etc.

Another booklet from the U.S.A. called

Teaching Free

is also available on loan from the Education Centre.

Drop in to borrow these anyway!

Judith Elsworth

## STATE FILM CENTRE

We have received a communication from the State Film Centre of Victoria.

Included is a pamphlet advising that all Victorians may borrow videos and films absolutely free and giving a list of their most recent additions. The accompanying letter advises the new hours for the Centre including being open until 8.30 p.m. on a Thursday evening.

There is also another pamphlet advising that the State Film Centre has a Repair & Rental Service for Audio-Visual at a cost of \$45 per hour plus the cost of parts which will be supplied at cost to the State Film Centre. The Rental Service covers a variety of projectors and screens at extremely reasonable rates.

If you are interested, please call in at Wakefield Street and study the letter and pamphlets in detail.

## **FOUND**

Some time ago, a silver brooch was found.

If it should belong to any of our members, please apply at the office.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We would like to point out that over 200 telephone calls had to be made in order to ensure our record of financial members was correct for 1990. As well as the monetary cost of these calls, there is the time spent in making them, and in effecting changes on the computer.

Some members had withdrawn from U3A or changed campuses without notifying this office. Others thought they had paid - but didn't check. Some had simply forgotten. A few of the members contacted who promises to send their subscriptions at once, have not yet done so. It is essential, therefore, that you advise us if you are not continuing at U3A Hawthorn.

Please note that each campus is responsible for its own finance, so that if you change campus, we still need to know about this.

Early payment of your annual subscription could eradicate these problems. Remember, especially, that you should make sure you are financial before you enrol for a class. Please read your Newsletters carefully, because they will advise you of payment times, which are always at the beginning of each new year.

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUSTRALIA & THE WORLD**

This is to announce that as from Thursday, 7th June, the "Current Affairs" class will meet in a hall at the Uniting Church, 8 Power Street, West Hawthorn. This new venue has greatly improved facilities, including more space, a warm atmosphere, a kitchen and car parking on the site. Meetings will be held at the usual time of 10.00 - 12.00 p.m.

Entrance to the car park is in Grove Road, just 100, metres from Power Street. A path at the right of the building leads into the hall.

With the increased space now available, class numbers can be increased; U3A members are therefore welcome to join us for interesting and stimulating discussions, where everyone can air their views on the state of Australia and the World. Just get in touch with the office, 818 7371.

Wolfe Flack

## ITALIAN TOUR

Mr. Charles D'Aprano, one of our tutors who conducts the course entitled "History: The Renaissance in Italy" is organising a tour of Italy for October-November 1990, which will travel through the country mainly by bus. The itinerary will cover all important cities and towns from Milan to Palermo, including the enchanting Amalfi coast.

He has been able to obtain a reasonably priced package for the tour and would welcome enquiries from U3A members who are interested in joining the group. Please contact him on 387 3606 or 412 6277.

## CURRENT COURSES

Although a class may be full, people do have to withdraw for various reasons, so a waiting list is kept for each course.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY MEMBER WHO IS ABSENT FROM A CLASS FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE OFFICE, OR YOUR TUTOR, WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN.

ART APPRECIATION Convener: Sue Van Dorssen  
HISTORY OF EUROPEAN ART

18th - 19th Centuries

20th August - 3rd December, 1990

The course will continue from the later 18th Century to the mid 19th, illustrating the increasing diversity in the arts - a reflection of social and political change throughout Europe.

Mondays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

ART HISTORY Convener: Martin Merchant

The reason and need for art expression in the changing generations of mankind will be developed, together with an appreciation of the styles, methods and materials used.

Fortnightly, Tuesdays, 2.00 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

ART - PRACTICAL Convener: Margaret Gillespie-Jones

A self-help group doing oils, watercolour, pastels or other medium. Everything is very low key. Suggestions are made if asked for. Still life is set up weekly. Anyone may make suggestions. Occasionally there are discussions on exhibitions visited by the tutor or members. Thursdays, 1.00 p.m., Hawthorn Artists' Society, Cnr. Glenferrie & Manningtree Roads, Hawthorn.

ART - "THE 3-SIDED RELATIONSHIP - ARTIST, SUBJECT & VIEWER"

Programme of eight talks at the National Gallery of Victoria by Edith Santer (ex N.G.V. Voluntary Guide) on last Thursday of the month at 10.30. This course is designed to look at and consider each of the following subjects - what was meant by it and what it means for us.

Sculpture - European and Australian	29th March
Mediterranean Antiquities	26th April
Paintings from Rajasthan	31st May
Australian Women Artists	28th June
The Pre-Raphaelites	27th July
Aboriginal Art	30th August
Flemish Art	25th October
Prints or Drawings	29th November

The order of the subjects will depend on what is on exhibition at the time of our visits. Course FULL.

BIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY & THE PURPOSE OF LIFE Convener: Trevor Moffat

An on-going programme which will focus upon different books throughout the year. Each book will be set by the group and based on resolving life issues such as anxiety, stress and despair. Mondays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - CONTEMPORARY WRITERS AND SOCIETY

Tutor: Pamela Rogers

This course should appeal to both men and women who enjoy reading and are interested in lively and thought provoking discussion on subjects such as the relationship between the writer and society, concerns of modern men and women as they are explored in contemporary writing, and aspects of writing style as a means of communicating ideas and emotion. The course has primarily been concentrated on modern women writers from different countries, with the gradual introduction of short stories and poetry. In 1990 classical novels of the past will also be studied. A book list will be provided. Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m., Wakefield Street.

CHESS FOR PLEASURE:

Egon Donath has offered to tutor this new course if up to 20 members are interested, whether beginners or more advanced. "You don't need to be a Bobby Fisher" says Egon. Mondays, 12.45 p.m., Recreation Centre.

COMPUTERS - AN INTRODUCTION Convener: Vic Kennedy

A 5-week course to give you an insight into computers including the language used in this field and an opportunity for "hands-on" experience. Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., 89 Power Street, Hawthorn, commencing 16th October, 1990

CONTRACT BRIDGE Convener: Bill Zimmerman

An introduction to this fascinating game. It is necessary for there to be at least twelve students to make the course viable. Mondays, 2.00 p.m. Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool.

CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUSTRALIA & THE WORLD Convener: Wolfe Flack

This is a discussion group in which all members are encouraged to participate. Class members select items of interest for discussion from newspapers, radio and television. Guest speakers may attend and give their views on specific subjects.

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Uniting Church, 8 Power Street, West Hawthorn.

CURRENT AFFAIRS - SOUTH-EAST ASIA &

PACIFIC COUNTRIES Convener: Jean Aikenhead

Discussion of current events in our own area, with some brief background study of appropriate countries - a participatory discussion class where all are expected to contribute. As time allows, other areas of particular interest will be included - e.g. Namibia.

Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., Balwyn Library. Course FULL.

DRAMA FOR FUN Convener: Rion Jennings

Theatre skills - voice and movement. Students would be asked to share experiences from their own lives from which a drama could be improvised. Thursdays, 9.30 a.m., Wakefield Street.

DRESSMAKING Convener: Patricia Morris

This is an opportunity for ladies with sewing skills to enjoy a pleasant few hours with others who have the same interests under the guidance of an experienced teacher supervisor.

Fridays, 11.30 a.m. Wakefield Street. Course FULL.

AN INTER-CONTINENTAL CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE AGES : THE CRUSADES

Convener: Andrew Ehrenkreutz

A joint (instructor and students) investigation of the principal causes, character and consequences of the Crusades.

Tuesdays (fortnightly, 2nd & 4th), 12.30 p.m. Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool. Commencing 10th July.

## LANGUAGES

French (Beginners) Convener: Walter Butler

Tuesdays, 1.15 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

French (2nd Year) Convener: Adele Chambers Course FULL

This course is for students who have already done one year with U3A, or equivalent. It includes some grammar, writing exercises & conversation

Fridays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

French Conversation Convener: Anna Ghiurekian

Reading of contemporary French texts from literature or magazines - explanation of vocabulary and points of grammar.

Mondays, 10.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

German (Continuing) Convener: Ken Bandman

This course is attempting to encourage the student to face (linguistically) various situations. Members should be willing to prepare written homework for correction and class discussion.

The current course will finish on 26th July and resume on 4th October.

Thursdays, 11.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Italian (Beginners) Convener: Maurice Berah

Mondays, 9.30 a.m., Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool.

Italian (Continuing) Convener: Maurice Berah

Mondays, 11.00 a.m., Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool.

Japanese (Beginners & 1st Year) Convener: Joyce Berdy

Beginning to read and write Japanese and an introduction to grammar.

Mondays, Beginners, 10.-00 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

1st Year, 11.00 a.m.

Japanese (Intermediate I & II) Convener: Geoff Matenson

Intermediate I Text Book: Alfonso Nihongo Vol. II

Course will be based on Alfonso Nihongo Vol. II with additional material supplied as required. Japanese syllabic writing will be practised (hiragana and katakana) and some Sino-Japanese characters (kanji) will be introduced.

Mondays, 12.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Intermediate II Text Book: Alfonso Nihongo Vol. III

Course will be based on Alfonso Nihongo Vol. III with additional material supplied as required. Familiarity with kana is essential in order to understand the textbook. Kanji will be introduced at least as prescribed in the text.

Mondays, 2.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Note: In both classes easy conversation will be practised. Members should be willing to prepare written and conversational homework class discussion.

Latin (Continuing) Convener: Helen Gordon

The class shall be reading Cicero - Verres in Sicily and probably Aeneid Book 2.

Wednesdays, 11.00 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN GARDENS.

CATHEDRALS AND CASTLES Convener: Maurice A. Stratton

This course comprises 16 illustrated talks by Maurice Stratton, who is an experienced photographer and lecturer on the subjects being presented.

The titles of the talks are as follows:

- Historical Gardens of Europe & the U.K.;
- Baroque, Parts I & II;
- Modern Gardens of Europe & the U.K.;
- The Great Rose Gardens of Europe & the U.K.;
- The Gardens of Western Canada;
- Great Cathedrals, Abbeys & Churches of Europe & the U.K.,  
Parts I & II;
- Great Abbeys & Chapels of the U.K.;
- Some Great Castles & City Walls of Europe;
- The Chateaux & Gardens of the Loire Valley;
- Art Galleries & Museums of Europe & the U.K.

Each talk would be illustrated by 150 color slides, and take between 1 1/2 and 1 3/4 hours.

Wednesdays, 2.00 p.m., Balwyn Library.

MAH-JONG FOR BEGINNERS: A fascinating Chinese game popular in many countries. Lois Thomas has offered to teach the simple method played by most Chinese. Bring your own mah-jong set if possible.  
Fridays, 1.45 p.m., Wakefield Street.

MARINE BIOLOGY FOR BEACHCOMBERS Convener: Frances McCallum

The course will identify and discuss the often mysterious objects encountered on beach walks. We will talk about the fascinating ways in which evolutionary forces have acted to adapt living organisms to the stresses, strains and advantages of life on the seashore. We will consider some of the environmental factors affecting shore life.

Thursdays, fortnightly, 10 a.m., Wakefield Street.

MUSIC - AS ONE LIKES IT Convener: Ven Houston

This course is a general (not progressive) study.

New students welcome at any time providing the quota is not full.

Tuesday, 12 noon, Hawthorn Community House, Course FULL.

NEW ECONOMICS Convener: George Charles

This discussion group is free from figures and is in plain language that all can understand. Its aim is to seek a greater awareness of the world about us by looking at the history and the background of economic systems at home and abroad. Next course starts on 6th September.

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Wakefield Street.



NEW PHYSICS & PHILOSOPHY Convener: Fred Rosedale

In Search of Meaning

This course will place various new scientific findings in their philosophical contexts and explore their consequences.

Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m., Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool.

NUTRITION & HEALTH Convener: Greta Burman

We are continuously subjected to enticing food advertisements and articles on miracle diets. The course is designed to help us distinguish between fact and fiction, plan and enjoy a healthy diet. Topics include nutrients; how does the body make use of food materials; production of energy and maintenance of body tissues; importance of minerals and vitamins; effect of deficiency and excess; cooking and food processing; reducing diets; misconceptions.

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Wakefield Street, commencing 28th August.

PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY Convener: Alex Gale

In this course a book is studied whose content covers social, philosophical and psychological issues. The aim of the group is to increase awareness and discuss how old and new concepts affect our behaviour and well being.

Book studied in 1989 was Marilyn Ferguson's 'The Aquarian Conspiracy'.

Wednesdays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre. Course FULL.

RELAXATION Convener: John Balfour

We shall use guided imagery to bring about deep states of relaxation.

During each session a different method will be shown, so that participants may discover the technique which is most useful for them.

Wednesdays, 1.30 p.m., Tresise Centre, commencing 20th June.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Conveners: M. Black, G. Triaca and J. Jackson

An on-going course with speakers followed by discussion & question time.

The various speakers cover a range of subjects such as comparative religion, multi-culturalism, racism, family law, common law, adoption, abortion, education, travel, child abuse, and many more.

Members are also invited to participate and talk about their life experiences or subjects of their choice if they so wish.

Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Recreation Centre.

Course FULL.

THEATRE Convener: Peg Bethune

Going to the Theatre and Discussion

It is hoped to offer 8 "suitable" plays in various theatres with discussion of the play approximately a week later at Wakefield Street.

Information regarding the forthcoming play (when and where etc.) will be "pinned up" at the office as soon as it is received - it will depend on when the tickets are cheapest just which day is chosen for the visit.

THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

An informal group, led by Beryl French, discussing thoughts and ideas relevant to today's society. Fridays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Course FULL.

TRAVEL Convener: Betty Burstin

An informal group discussing all aspects on independent/unusual travel. Group participation is welcomed. Occasional guest speakers will be invited to talk on their experiences.

Last Wednesday of each month, 5.00 p.m., Wakefield Street.

TURNING POINTS Convener: John Balfour

This course will be a combination of future studies and environmental studies and it will explore those aspects of social and technological changes which affect the planet, our individual existence and our quality of life. Wednesdays, 1.30 p.m., Tresise Centre, comm. October.

NEW COURSES

THE ETRUSCANS: Convener: Charles D'Aprano

There will be a series of six (6) tutorials on the Etruscans beginning on the first Friday in July at 12 noon, at the Hawthorn Recreation Centre.

EXPLORING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Walks and talks with Gwen McWilliam, author of 'Hawthorn Peppercorns'. This is a series of walks focussing on the history and development of local village centres: their churches, schools, shops and government buildings, and the homes, gardens, highways and byways nearby.

There will be an introductory illustrated lecture on the history of Boroondara - the present-day cities of Camberwell, Hawthorn and Kew - then a leisurely stroll, once a fortnight, of about an hour and a half.

The walks suggested so far are: The villages of Kew, Canterbury, Hawthorn Balwyn, Glen Iris, Glenferrie, Auburn and Camberwell. Gwen would be happy to make small detours from the planned route, or to explore someone's special street, with a few days warning.

The walks are planned to take place in Winter and early Spring, to see as much as possible. Snow, ill-health, or torrential rain would be considered the only possible deterrent, so good shoes and warm clothing are a must, also an interest in old buildings and gardening.

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PLEASE NOTE:

Enrolment forms are found at the end of the News Notes. It is essential that one form should be completed for each course you wish to take, accurately including telephone number and postcode, and returned to the office at 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn, 3122 without delay.