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Notice is given of the 28TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THIRD AGE LEARNING (HAWTHORN) Inc.

Location: 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris 3146
Date: Wednesday, 24 April 2013
Time: 10.30 am
Agenda:

- To receive apologies and proxies [Proxy forms available at the Office]
- To confirm Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting
- To receive the Annual Report for 2012
- To receive the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31/12/2012
- To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next 12 months
- To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2013
- 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.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by an address by **Professor David de Kretser AC**, former Governor of Victoria and founding Director of the Monash Institute of Medical Research.

Professor de Kretser is a reproductive endocrinologist and is currently a Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor at Monash University. His research explores the causes of male infertility, the hormonal regulation of reproduction and novel mechanisms influencing inflammatory and fibrotic responses. He initiated a very successful program of community and professional education in male reproductive health called Andrology Australia.

Lunch: A light lunch will be provided for those **who notify the Office before Wednesday 17 April** of their intention to attend. There is no charge for lunch but pre-booking is essential for catering purposes.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

Because of limited parking, we suggest you car pool, if possible, or use public transport.

Bruce Lancashire
Hon. Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another summer, another Summer School. Over the years Hawthorn U3A has distinguished itself with the size and quality of the annual Summer School. This summer was no exception. Around 400 plus members and associates took part over the month and heard about many things. Minds were stretched, stimulated, and challenged. In particular, I wish to record the appreciation of all who participated to Carol Lancashire who selected and invited the speakers and followed up with all the necessary details about the venue. I want to also thank Bruce Lancashire who day by day set up the audio-visual equipment for the hall and then closely monitored it every session. These two people spent all of January making sure that the Summer School ran to schedule and that it ran well. Even at this early stage I invite all members to keep in mind possible speakers who could be invited for the 2014 Summer School. Of course, it may be that some members will consider offering to make a presentation.

We continue to be grateful to the City of Boroondara for making our meeting room available. The Council is aware of our needs, particularly through a consultant who is preparing a report on the place of U3As in this community and their accommodation needs in particular. Your Committee of Management has made a submission to the consultant and has met with him on several occasions. We would, of course, like to have more space for more classes. We would also like to have space for members to meet socially over a cup of coffee.

Some additional meeting space has been made available to us through the City of Boroondara for this coming year. We will use the Parkview Room in the recently redeveloped former Civic Centre, now Library, in Camberwell Road and we will also use the Tooronga Community Room, which is in the privately owned Stockland complex at Tooronga Village.

We are exploring the possibility of providing an opportunity for members to take a short environmental studies program at a new residential centre at Narmbool, a 2000 hectare pastoral property near Yendon, which is managed by Sovereign Hill, Ballarat. Narmbool is one of the oldest sheep grazing properties in Victoria and still has the main homestead, the homestead garden and large expanses of bushland in addition to the sheep grazing pastures. It was given to Sovereign Hill to manage in conjunction with the old model gold mining township. Final details have yet to be completed, but we hope to have the first two-day historical and environmental studies guided activity this coming spring. Further details will be published as they become available. The proposed two-day residential activity at Narmbool promises to be an exciting extension of our learning activities.

Finally, we are a self-help voluntary body, which works because so many people have a commitment to make it work by giving their time. Please consider any requests for assistance which appear in the Newsletter from time to time.

I hope that your involvement with your U3A in 2013 will give you great satisfaction. Good learning.

Norm Fary

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.



CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The Curriculum Committee is one of our key committees. Currently the committee has several vacancies which we would like to fill. The committee is a sub-committee of the Committee of Management and makes recommendations to it on curriculum content and direction. It meets approximately nine times a year. If you are interested in joining this important aspect of our operation please submit an Expression of Interest giving your name and contact details addressed to the President and deliver it to 26 Sinclair Ave, Glen Iris. 3146 by Tuesday March 12.

THE END OF AN ERA

Sheila Bignell is signalling her retirement after a long association with Hawthorn U3A.

Sheila is a graduate of both Melbourne and Monash Universities, the Ecole Pedagogique in Paris and the Goethe Institut in Germany. She has been a U3A tutor since the inception of the movement almost 30 years ago and has presented a great variety of well researched subjects. Areas covered include the history, culture and society of the British Settlements in America; The Swiss Confederation 1291-1991; Berlin 1640-1945 and subsequently Berlin 1945-2005; Shakespeare's England; The Arts of Tudor England; the English National Trust; and The Artist's America 16th-20th Centuries. Also, specific architects and sculptors; The Holbein Family; Frank Lloyd Wright; Three great 17th Century Artists from Lorraine; War Memorials; Public Sculpture; Sir John Edward Millais; William Morris and Friends and Northern European Masters 15th to 20th Centuries. The courses have been presented in Sheila's own home - well-equipped, with a pleasant ambience, with pictures on the wall, appropriate introductory music and books on the table. After the introductory lecture, slides, and more recently digital images, were projected. She has been helped by various family members in the preparation and presentation of her very informative and enjoyable sessions.

Sheila has enjoyed sharing her hard-won knowledge and enthusiasm with U3A colleagues over the years. However having turned 90 at Christmas 2012, Sheila will sing her swansong in 2013. Her final topic will highlight George Lambert ARA, whose iconic images of the Great War are imprinted on our minds. It is hoped that the two sessions entitled George Lambert, 1873-1930: *Images of Australia and Australians in Peace and War* will attract a good audience and provide Sheila with a very fitting farewell.

Thank you Sheila for your outstanding contribution to U3A Hawthorn. It has been much appreciated



SUMMER SCHOOL 2013

The 2013 Summer School was very successful and the standard of presentations was generally excellent. Thank you to all the people involved and especially to those who gave presentations or assisted with the set up and presentations.

The Summer School has several purposes:

- to provide stimulating presentations on a range of topics
- to enable one-off topics to be presented which don't fit in to a year-long or short course
- to provide opportunities for social interaction for members who find themselves at a loose end in January
- to help members get to know other people beyond the classes they attend
- to hear speakers from other areas such as universities, specialist fields, other organisations, and to have practical information sessions

Facts and figures

Number of sessions: 43 (with one cancelled due to speaker unable to come : 42)

Number of different speakers: 35

Speakers from Universities: 7

U3A Hawthorn member speakers: 11

Others: 17

Number of individuals attending: over 400

Average number of sessions individuals attended: 6 to 8 sessions (estimated)

I have undertaken to co-ordinate the Summer School again next year and I would very much appreciate your feedback about this year's Summer School as well as ideas for next year. Please drop a note into the office or send an email to mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au

Carol Lancashire



MUSIC NOTES

For the last couple of months the sounds of silence have prevailed in U3A's music world, as those involved in producing more audible effects have enjoyed a time of rest and refreshment. But underneath it all there has been much rustling and murmuring and now we are nearly ready to once again burst upon the scene.

For the Orchestra, last year ended splendidly with our Young People's program being well received in concert and then on to an enthusiastic reception at two primary schools. The visits to Ashburton Primary and to Meadows Primary were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by children and staff as well as our players. At Ashburton, a school with no instrumental music teaching, we had 500 children sitting on the floor in front of the players and a few days later we were sent pictures and thank-you messages from all the first graders. It is astonishing to realize the impact of our brief performance on those children – many had created pictures of the instruments, others concentrating on aspects of *Peter and the Wolf* or Indiana Jones from *The Raiders March*. Having carried out this experiment so successfully, we are now determined to repeat the process in the latter part of 2013.

The Choir also look back with satisfaction at end-of-year performances, one in mid-November at a Probus Club in Forest Hill which was well received. This was followed by their Christmas concert at the Oxley Rd Uniting Church, a very pleasant venue where audience participation in the carols was much enjoyed. The highlight was a successful rendering of a fiendish arrangement of The Twelve Days of Christmas, a particular challenge for the accompanist, Judy Chipman!

Dates for your diary so far are:-

Sunday April 21 at 2.30 pm. First Orchestral concert with Jules Cseszkó, and trialling the new Parkview Room at the Camberwell Civic Centre, Camberwell Rd. An all-English program with Elgar's Cello Concerto, and Vaughan Williams' English Folk Songs Suite.

Sunday July 14 at 2.30 pm. Orchestral concert with Jules Cseszkó.

The Choir's **mid-June concert** date is still to be finalised, and hopefully will also be held in the new Parkview Room.

Ruth Muir



AUTUMN 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 tours payable at the time of placing reservation.
Bookings close two week prior to the event.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations 21 days or less prior to the scheduled
departure time = no refund due



Wednesday 20 March 2013 VICTORIAN GOLDFIELD TOWNS VISIT NUMBER 3 – BALLARAT

Cost: Transportation and refreshments – own arrangements

Time: 10.45 am at the Ballarat Railway station foyer area

Limit: 30 participants

This is the third Hawthorn U3A walking tour of a Victorian town established in the gold mining era of the 19th century. Although the mines have long gone, Ballarat city today contains many buildings, streets, and gardens of an earlier era.

Participants may drive to Ballarat. Parking is available close to the station or in the general vicinity of the railway station, but many areas in the vicinity have tight time limits. You may have to park a few blocks away to the north of the station to avoid the time limits.

Trains: the train which best suits the walk leaves Southern Cross station at 9.07 and arrives at Ballarat at 10.33. An earlier train, which requires a reservation to be made, leaves at 8.03 and arrives at 9.34. With a **Seniors Card** the cost of a return ticket from Camberwell to Ballarat is relatively small. Tickets may be purchased in advance at major suburban stations such as Camberwell. The **return train** leaves Ballarat at 15.56, arriving at Southern Cross at 17.33. Later departures from Ballarat are at 17.15 (bus from station), 17.57, 19.20 and 20.55. (**Note: Train timetables are always subject to change. Please check with V/Line.**)

The leader will give a short talk about the history and growth of Ballarat at the railway station before we walk the short distance from the station into Lydiard Street and then explore the centre of the town until about 12.30, when we will take a break until 1.30. There are places to purchase a sandwich/pie lunch, have a pub lunch or a restaurant lunch. Or you may bring your own lunch and enjoy eating it in the gardens in Sturt Street. After lunch we will continue to explore the historic centre of Ballarat. There will be an opportunity to further explore the fine local art gallery, the Sturt Street statues and monuments, the Anglican or Catholic cathedral or just sit a while. We will have a coffee/tea break before finishing the tour at the Railway Station at 3.30. There are later trains for any participants wishing to explore further. **Suggestion:** carry water and wear a name-tag

Friday 19 April 2013
MARIBYRNONG RIVER AND PORT CRUISE

Cost: \$20

Time: 10.30 am departure (sharp)

Departure: Footscray on the western side of the Maribyrnong River
Melway reference 42 E5.

Limit: 28 participants

Proceed to the end of Wingfield Street in the current edition of the Melway (also known as Salt River Place). The river ferry is 100 yards to the end of Salt River Place – ample parking.

This is a chance to visit the largest container port in the Southern Hemisphere and a section of Melbourne which has remained mainly hidden from the city's inhabitants. Highlights include Coode Island, the Science Museum, tugs at the South Wharf in Swanston Dock, Westgate Bridge and more. On our return (approximately 2 hours later), lunch or coffee is available at the Happy River Cafe on the nearby bank of the Maribyrnong. Please indicate if you are joining us here, so we can secure tables.

Friday 24 May 2013
VICTORIAN JAZZ ARCHIVE TOUR

Cost: \$20

Time: 10.30 am

Where: Meet at 15 Mountain Highway, Koomba Park, Wantirna
Melway reference 63 C8 (directly opposite the Nutrimerics Head Office)

We will revisit this ever-popular attraction and enjoy the incredible collection of jazz memorabilia. The tour also includes entertainment by talented jazz musicians and concludes with a delicious morning tea.

You will leave with a happy heart!

Tuesday 25 June 2013
FOOD LOVERS' TOUR - DANDENONG

Cost: \$40

Time: 9.50 am (sharp)

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Meet: C J Spices, 355-359 Lonsdale Street, Central Dandenong

Map: Collect from U3A office when booking

Limit: 16 participants

Includes: Lunch and walking tour

During this tour the guide will lead you on a fascinating food sampling tour, from countries around the world. You will hear the stories about the businesses and how they came to develop. You will try Indian and Sri Lankan delicacies and tasty Afghan bread and food. The tour finishes at a Polish restaurant where you will be spoilt with an authentic Polish lunch. If you have any dietary requirements, please mention this when booking. Remember to collect a map from the U3A office when booking. Restrooms are available en route. **Note:** the tour has been organized on a Tuesday so you have the opportunity (own arrangements) to visit the renovated and iconic Dandenong Market before or after the tour.

Joan Harding

SWINBURNE SERIES

U3A Hawthorn presents the

SWINBURNE SERIES 2013

We are very appreciative of the involvement of Swinburne University in both our Summer School and this inaugural Swinburne Series of lectures in the first half of 2013. The first lecture of the series, by Professor Chris Fluke, was held in February at the Astrophysics Virtual Reality Theatre at Swinburne.

This series provides a unique opportunity for U3A Hawthorn members to hear presentations by leading Swinburne researchers. Swinburne has 14 designated Research Centres that cultivate strength in specific areas by concentrating both human and instrumental resources. The Centres consist of groups of researchers that collectively have a demonstrable national or international profile.

Session 2 Friday 15 March 2013 1.30 – 3.00pm Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue
Snapshots of interesting projects in the Faculty
Professor Leon Sterling, Dean Faculty of Information & Communication Technologies.

In this presentation Professor Sterling will give an overview of some of the research being undertaken in the faculty. The Faculty of Information and Communication Technologies is host to five of the key University research centres, which provide the focal points of research in the Faculty. Each centre commands an international reputation in its areas of expertise and enjoy strong support from competitive research grants and generous industry sponsorships. Areas covered include astrophysics, software systems, computer engineering and internet architecture.

Session 3 Friday 19 April 2013 1.30 – 3.00pm Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue
Aboriginal Smart Art
Dr Elizabeth Tunstall, Associate Dean for Learning and Teaching, Faculty of Design

As Associate Professor of Design Anthropology and Research Leader Cultures-Based Innovation, Dr Tunstall investigates how design translates human values into tangible experiences. The purpose of Design Anthropology is to understand how the processes and artefacts of design help define what it means to be human. By taking into account how others see and experience the world differently, products and services can be designed that work with people and nature rather than disrupt them. Currently she is working on establishing the Swinburne Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Design Anthropology. Where other forms of research into Australian Indigenous cultures often end up imposing upon communities, design anthropology methods seek to understand the many different backgrounds and cultures so as to assist and empower them.

Session 4 Friday 10 May 2013 1.30 – 3.00pm Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue
Body dysmorphic disorder: recent research
Professor Susan Rossell, Faculty of Life and Social Sciences

Professor Susan Rossell is a cognitive neuropsychologist and Professorial Research Fellow at Brain and Psychological Sciences Research Centre, Swinburne University and at Monash Alfred Psychiatry research centre. Her research has focused on understanding the cognitive and neurobiological processes involved in psychosis and related disorders. Susan has published extensively and has received both the International and European award for Young Investigator into Schizophrenia Research.

Please register for each individual session by telephoning the office (9821 0282) or by returning the slip below to the U3A Office. Members are invited to bring guests to the sessions, but names must be registered by the RSVP date.

Name/s _____ Member No/s _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Please register me/us for the following sessions in the Swinburne Series

Session 2 Friday 15 March 2013	Professor Leon Sterling	<input type="checkbox"/> RSVP 8 Mar
Session 3 Friday 19 April 2013	Dr Elizabeth Tunstall	<input type="checkbox"/> RSVP 12 Apr
Session 4 Friday 10 May 2013	Professor Susan Rossell	<input type="checkbox"/> RSVP 3 May

OFFICE RECEPTIONISTS

The office is open five days a week so we need a number of volunteers to assist in this rewarding front-line role. Usually receptionist volunteers are rostered for either a morning or an afternoon session once a fortnight.

Please give our request serious thought as we currently need more assistance. You can contact Gwen Gavin (9885 4407) or Bev Fagan (9889 6518) or the office (9821 0282) for further details.

VOLUNTEERING FOR OTHER ROLES

U3A Hawthorn has no paid employees and depends entirely on members volunteering to assist in a wide range of duties and roles.

Our Volunteering Form, which is available on the website, lists the volunteering opportunities open to you and there is sure to be something on the Form which matches your skills and abilities.

The Form can be downloaded from the FORMS tab when you go to our homepage. We'd love to hear from you.

SOME REMINDERS

Tutors: please turn out the lights, air-conditioners, and lock up your rooms if it appears that there are no further classes occurring after yours.

All Members: Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off or set to silent mode before the class commences and do not answer or make any calls during the class. In an emergency, please excuse yourself from the class and make or answer the call outside the building.

Students: Please be mindful of the fact that, if you wish to enrol in some of the more popular classes (for example languages and bridge), you can only enroll in one category/class, not two.

Office Hours 9.30 am to 4.00 pm

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Borrowing

If you wish to borrow any books or equipment for use away from the Campus, please ask at the Office. We have a process for borrowing and return of our equipment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

FEES FOR 2013

Annual membership fees for 2013 are as follows:

Membership of U3A Hawthorn:	\$40 single
	\$65 couple/two at same address
Member enrolling from another campus:	\$25 (to cover administration)

Members are reminded that membership fees for 2013 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses can be processed

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the June Newsletter is May 3, 2013. Please send all copy to the Office.