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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently we have had discussions with Boroondara Council executives on several issues relating to Hawthorn U3A.

In relation to Sinclair Avenue we have been seeking the support of Council to erect another building on our site. The proposal that we put forward was for a new building on the vacant land to the North of our main building. The use of the new building would be for two new classrooms and a room where our members could meet for a cup of coffee and a chat before or after class. So far the concept has met with the support of the Council. We have been informed that the sum of \$40,000 has been approved by Council in their 2010-2011 budget for an examination of the needs of Boroondara U3As. A share of this sum will be expended to examine, plan and cost the possible extension of our buildings at Sinclair Avenue. A recommendation from this examination will go forward to Council for inclusion in their budget in the 2011-2012 year. If all goes according to this timetable we should have our extensions in the year 2012-2013.

Clearly we will have to introduce other measures in the meantime. One obvious step is a more intensive use of our building at Sinclair Avenue.

We have also been asked by Council for input to their project of *Creating an Age Friendly Boroondara*. Council has appointed an Implementation Reference Group to lead this project and we are participating in discussions with the Group. We have offered our resources in co-operation with the Council to assist in the project.

Rod Benjamin
President

U3A HAWTHORN

Re-enrolment and enrolment - Payment of Subscription for 2011

This year we are encouraging members to submit their enrolment forms, both to re-enrol and to enrol in new subjects, *by mail*. **Please submit your forms and your payment, which is preferably to be made by cheque, credit card or direct debit. We prefer these methods of payments rather than by cash because of the security risk. You may also place your re-enrolments and enrolments that do not contain cash in boxes that will be provided at Sinclair Avenue. Please use the forms provided with this Newsletter.**

If you wish to pay your membership fees **by cash**, the Main Hall will be open to receive money on **SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER between 10 am and 12 noon** for re-enrolments

SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER is also the final date for re-enrolment in classes you have attended this year and wish to attend again in 2011, or to enrol in a language class but at a higher level than this year.

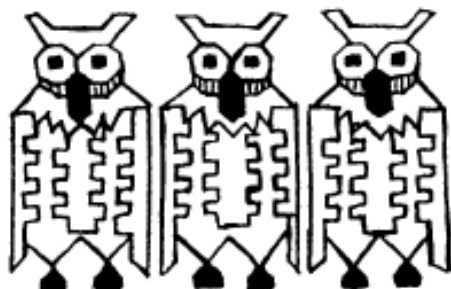
Payment of fees will be required *on or before this day* for the enrolment to proceed.

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER is the final date for enrolment in new subjects.

If you have not already paid your fees, cash payment for enrolment in new subjects may be made in the Main Hall between 10 am and 12 noon on Saturday 4 December.

U3A HAWTHORN OFFICE HOURS: 9.30 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday

U3A: UNIVERSITIES OF THE THIRD AGE NETWORK



NEWSLETTER

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uing Education,
Monash University,
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C/- City of Ringwood,
Braeside Avenue,
RINGWOOD 3134
879 2677

London and Cambridge Impressed

U3A's in Australia are a year old this November. I don't think any of us realised just how quickly they would grow. Perhaps we failed to estimate the wisdom of our own words when we said - "If anyone can make a new organization and self-help work, it will be active older people. Collectively they have the skills and experience to do anything they set their minds to".

The development has not been without problems and a great deal of humour, but no one can question its success.

Our newsletters go to both London and Cambridge U3A's and they are very impressed. In fact until England beat us at cricket lately, they were a bit worried that once again the Aussies were going to outdo them at another of their own games.

People in England were not sure of the locations of "Melbourne, Hawthorn, Monash and Ringwood" and proceeded to tell me all about these very successful looking Aussie U3A's. "Did I know of them?" they asked.

The international organization of U3A's is based in France, and while they translate most of their material, I wondered if our advanced French classes would like to establish contact? Thus, developing further contacts with French U3A's can be done in a similar style to the way we have won the enthusiasm of the Brits.

I'll organise a more detailed and deadly earnest report when I'm the right way up, but till then, it's great to be back and the more I had to explain to people how Aussie U3A's work, the more impressed I became with you all.

Cheers,

Ann Whyte

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The front page from Issue 6, the earliest Newsletter we have been able to find.

100TH EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

This is the 100th edition of U3A Hawthorn's Newsletter. To celebrate this milestone we have delved into the past editions to find some samples of early news.

Sadly we were unable to find copies of some of the earliest editions in our archives. We are re-producing part of the first page of the earliest newsletter that we have been able to locate that features the three owls on the top left hand side. You will notice that it was a joint edition with the other early U3A's. It contained news and curriculum from each of the U3A's. However we think that it emanated from Hawthorn.

We could not ascertain when Hawthorn began to produce a newsletter on its own or when the three owls first appeared but it does seem that both were in evidence within a couple of years of our establishment late in 1984.

We had an interesting and comprehensive list of classes offered for 1986 including Anthropology, Art Appreciation, Art-Practical, Myths and Facts of Ageing, Contract Bridge, Car Maintenance and Care, Cell Biology, Current Affairs, Introduction to Computers, History, Economics Piano Studies, Nutrition Philosophy and fourteen language classes including French, German, Italian, Japanese and Latin. In total there were forty classes being offered. This is a very impressive list for a group that had just celebrated its first birthday. In addition there were four topics for Summer Samples which appears to be the forerunner of the Summer School.

Thanks are due to early members who graciously responded to phone calls especially Betty and Ray Marginson who may be able to give some material that we can use in future editions. We would be most interested to hear from anyone else who has information about the early newsletters.

Meg Adams

TUTORS TO HOLD ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

A Round Table Conference for tutors will be held from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday 2 October. The Guest of Honour will be Emeritus Professor Geoff Molloy, who was A/Professor Educational Psychology at Monash University for many years. The conference will focus on research into adult education by leaders like Malcolm Knowles and how it applies to our classes. For more information contact Rob Siedle, telephone 9819 2160 or rsiedle@optusnet.com.au.

U3A HAWTHORN WEBSITE AND USE OF EMAIL

In order to keep costs down and expedite delivery, we will be conducting trials of a system of communicating with members by email notification. For example, Newsletter notifications and downloads, including enrolment letters will be sent as email attachments. Many members have already supplied their **CURRENT** email addresses and have consented to using this method of communication. This, of course, implies that you check your email on a frequent and regular basis for this form of communication to be successful.

We encourage you to receive your communications by email and if you have not yet registered your **current** email address with us, please do so at your earliest convenience (mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au).

Members are reminded that Newsletters and Curriculum details can always be accessed on our website (www.u3ahawthorn.org.au)

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

As we prepare to make more 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 in the email your name(s) and U3A ID number(s).**

Our website **http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au**

The website is fully functional. **All courses, forms, and newsletters are available to download.**

MOBILE TELEPHONES

Tutors report that mobile telephones are still being used during classes both for receiving and making calls. Please (1) ensure that your telephone is switched off or set to silent mode before the class commences and (2) good manners dictate that you 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. Thank you for your co-operation.

Members of the Management Committee

FEES FOR 2011

Annual membership fees for 2010 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 2011 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses for 2011 can be processed.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE?

Badges are normally printed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as required. New members and those who have requested a replacement can collect the badge from the office, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris, usually within two days of joining U3A Hawthorn or making a request for a replacement. ***Please do not forget to collect your badge from the Office.***

TRIBUTES AND OBITUARIES

We are very happy to publish tributes/obituaries for people who have made significant contributions to U3A Hawthorn. However, often space is at a premium as the Newsletter must comply with Australia Post mailing regulations — oversize items are very costly to send. Consequently, we allocate our space very carefully with priority being given to curriculum, trips and administrative items. We will accept tributes/obituaries that have family authorisation of content and are restricted to 250 to 300 words.

*Meg Adams
for the Newsletter Committee*

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the December 2010 Newsletter is 5 November 2010. Please send all copy to the Office.

HAWTHORN U3A INSURANCE

A number of members have enquired about the insurances that we hold. These are in the name of Third Age Learning (Hawthorn) Incorporated, (TALH) which is the registered name of Hawthorn U3A.

Public Liability Insurance.

Members may recall that several years ago there was a crisis in the Australian insurance market for Public Liability insurance as a consequence of the number of large claims arising out of personal injury. Insurance companies increased premiums very substantially, and a number of particularly hazardous non-profit organizations, like pony clubs, could not obtain cover at all. Until quite recently public liability insurance was one of our major costs.

In order to solve these problems for Community Service Organizations (CSO) the Victorian Government created an insurance body, The Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA) to issue policies for Public Liability, **at no cost**, for those CSOs that receive Victorian Government funding. Hawthorn U3A fits into that category.

Under the VMIA group policy Hawthorn U3A (TALH) is indemnified up to \$20 million for claims made against it for personal injury or damage to property arising out its activities. In the simplest terms this means that the corporate body TALH and its officers and members are insured against claims made against TALH and/or them for personal injury or damage to property.

In so far as members are concerned it means that in order to substantiate a claim against Hawthorn U3A they would have to be able to prove that their injury or damage to their property was caused by the negligence of Hawthorn U3A, or one of its Committee, or another member.

There are several extensions to this section of the policy, including advertising liability, claims for food poisoning and professional indemnity.

Personal Accident Insurance

Included in the VMIA policy is a limited form of personal accident insurance. **It applies only to members of the Committee and voluntary workers while they are engaged in those capacities on the business of Hawthorn U3A.**

Under the policy members of Hawthorn U3A not described in the above categories are not insured against accident while they are participating in Hawthorn U3A activities.

These are the terms of the VMIA policy. It would be a prohibitive cost to insure all our members for personal accident, and in addition those policies are very restrictive in the cover that is given to older persons. In considering the pros and cons of such covers for all members, in addition to the premium cost and limited cover, all members have their public hospital expenses and most of their medical expenses covered under Medicare. Many carry private health insurance. Few of our members earn an income from employment so that insurance for loss of income is not an issue.

A PLEA FROM OUR TUTORS

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE TO EVERY CLASS

You know who you are but the Tutor and other class members may not. A name badge makes for a much more friendly atmosphere as you can address one another by first name without fear of making a mistake. We are all getting older and tend to suffer from what can be described as '*oldtimer's disease*'!!!



MUSIC NOTES

To begin with that somewhat irritating cliché - “at this point in time” it’s steady as she goes in the music world of U3A Hawthorn just now. The first Orchestral concert is well behind us, with bitter-sweet memories of the farewell to Chris Martin, a fine concert containing many of his favourites, followed by a festive luncheon and the presentation of a framed certificate of appreciation from all at U3A, and the spectacular chocolate viola, so lifelike we felt like asking him to render us an item or two!

Some weeks later the Choir gave us a very pleasant musical afternoon with a concert of old favourites and some lesser-known works, including a couple of very attractive “novelties”, leaving us wishing to hear more, but happy to oblige the suggestion made by the men - “Right, said Fred.....let’s have a cuppa tea.”

The Orchestra’s mid-year concert will also have been held by the time this goes to print, with Willem van der Vis once again at the helm and the magical cello-playing of Robert Ekselman in a Haydn Concerto. This program also offered a novelty with its opening piece, a short work composed by Sarah Hopkins, whose “visionary music”, with its distinctive harmonics and unusual string-playing techniques created a dream-like contemplation of our environment.

In other areas, John Byrne is attracting a growing audience to his interesting presentations of the lives, music and performances of a variety of composers, and the jazz group continues to produce lively and joyful sounds from the Northern classroom on a Friday. Recorders too, a most committed group of musicians under Linnell’s faithful directorship, regularly work together to create the sweet purity of sound which only their instruments can produce.

A SIGNIFICANT MUSICAL DATE TO REMEMBER

FINAL ORCHESTRAL CONCERT – THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER

HAWTHORN TOWN HALL, 10.30 am. - CONDUCTOR JULES CSESZKO.

A tuneful end-of-year program with Strauss, Mozart, Bizet and Wagner.

Ruth Muir

CHOIR CONCERT

This will be held on Tuesday 30 November at 10.30 am in the St David’s Uniting Church, Corner Mont Albert and Burke Roads, Canterbury. This concert will have audience participation in some items! Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the programme.

CHOIR NEWS

Choir members have recently been vocally challenged through participation in a study devised by a La Trobe University student. The aim of the study was to sample a number of mature age [over 65!] choristers and investigate the effectiveness of a four-week programme of vocal exercises. We hope to have the choir in top form for November 30 – that is, if they have recovered from their exercises!

Judith Chipman

CARNIVAL OF LEARNING IN FEDERATION SQUARE

ON SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER - 11 am - 4 pm

Hawthorn U3A will have a marquee featuring a display for photographs from our Digital Photography classes.

Do take the time to visit our site and admire our photographers’ artistry and creativity.

WRITERS’ FESTIVAL BOOK SALES

The Committee of Management at their June meeting approved the sale of books written by the guest speakers at the recent Writers’ Festival. The Committee will give consideration to this type of trading activity on a case by case basis.

SPRING-SUMMER 2010 EXCURSIONS

*For bookings please telephone the U3A office
For further queries, please contact Joan Harding on 98133974 or 0408366987 or
Colette Flynn on 98826097*

BOOKINGS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Unless otherwise indicated bookings for all excursions must be made at least 21 days prior to the scheduled date of the excursion. Cancellations more than 21 days before the scheduled date will incur a \$5 administration fee per person. If cancellations are made 21 days or fewer prior to the scheduled date, there will be no refund.

FOOD LOVERS' LITTLE INDIA TOUR TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2010

Immerse yourself in Indian culture with the tour which was featured in the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival 2010. A guide will introduce you to the groceries, fashion, Bollywood and customs of India. We will conclude with an Indian banquet. Please wear comfortable shoes. Note that you may wish to visit the Dandenong Market afterwards for some affordable clothing and food purchases (open until 4 pm).

- Time:** 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start
- Transport:** Own arrangements (Dandenong Railway station only 300 metres from meeting point)
- Cost:** \$35 including lunch
- Where:** Meet at Roshan's Fashions, 69-71 Foster Street, Dandenong

Please direct bookings to the U3A office.

GUILFOYLE'S VOLCANO – ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2010

Join a guided tour to see Guilfoyle's Volcano which was built in 1876 and was used to store water for Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. After lying idle for 60 years, it is now restored as part of a significant landscape development project.

- Cost:** \$12
- Time:** 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm concluding at the garden tearooms for optional afternoon tea at your own expense.
- Departure point:** Gate D (enter via Birdwood Avenue)
- Transport:** Own arrangements (parking in Anderson Street or Birdwood Avenue)
- Limit:** 20

Full payment is due upon booking at the U3A office.

RUPERTSWOOD MANSION AND 'LIVING LEGENDS' TOUR MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2010

Visit 'Woodlands' historic mansion and park, the home of retired racehorses now brought back here into the public eye. A tour of the property will be followed by morning tea in the homestead. We then drive to Sunbury for lunch and then proceed to the famous 'Rupertswood' mansion, which was built in 1874 for Sir William John Clarke. It became an important centre for Melbourne's early social life. Invited guests arrived by train from Spencer Street to Rupertswood's dedicated railway siding to attend grand balls and their famous cricket matches. It was here that the great sporting rivalry between England and Australia began with the 'Burning of the Ashes'.

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- Cost:** \$65 per person
- Departure point:** U3A Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris at 9.00 am sharp
- Return:** U3A at approximately 5.00 pm
- Limit:** 48
- Inclusions:** Coach transportation, morning tea, lunch, & entry fees

Full payment due on, or before Friday 22 October at the U3A office.

WANTED WANTED CAN YOU HELP

We hope you will read the following and make yourself available to help Hawthorn U3A which is so dependent on membership for assistance in every facet of operation. We would not have such a vibrant and healthy organisation if it were not for those who already contribute so willingly.

CATERING MANAGER

Pam Anderson, our Catering Manager for the past six years, would like to retire at the end of 2010. We are calling for a volunteer to take on this important role. If you would like more details please contact Pam through the Office. She will be delighted to chat with you.

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 reception volunteers are rostered for either a morning or afternoon session once a fortnight. Please give our request serious thought as we are currently in need of more assistance. You can contact Gwen Gavin through the Office for further details.

2011 SUMMER SCHOOL

Marie Hammerton would like to hear from members who would be willing to assist with the organisation of the 2011 Summer School. Please contact her through the Office.

DATABASE ASSISTANCE

We are looking for a Member who has a good knowledge of our Database software FilemakerPro Versions 8 - 11 or would like to learn in order to assist with data processing and further development. Email us at mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au if you can help.

CURRICULUM PLANNING

The Curriculum Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to join our team. We need someone who can help source suitable tutors, both academic and non-academic, who would be willing to impart their knowledge to our members either in a short or longer series of lectures. Please contact Graham Barber for more information on 9347 5052.

ON YOUR BIKE!

Calling all cyclists who would love to be back on their bikes but feel a 'gentle' cycling group would suit their style at the moment. Enjoy the exercise (15-20 km), a coffee and good company while improving your fitness. Phone Colette Flynn on 9882 6097 to register your interest. Don't wait, phone now!

U3A HAWTHORN EVENTS

September 2010 Onwards

(This flyer is for your refrigerator or bulletin board)

TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2010
10.15 AM

FOOD LOVERS' LITTLE INDIA TOUR
69-71 FOSTER STREET, DANDENONG

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2010
11.00 AM TO 4.00 PM

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THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2010
1.00 PM

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GATE D ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

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THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2010
AT 10.30 AM

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT AT
HAWTHORN TOWN HALL

TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2010
AT 10.30 AM

CHOIR CONCERT AT ST DAVID'S UNITING
CHURCH, CORNER MONT ALBERT AND
BURKE ROADS, CANTERBURY

Full details of these events are in your Newsletter



U3A HAWTHORN

Re-enrolment and enrolment - Payment of Subscription for 2011 NON-CASH PAYMENTS

Payment \$..... Member(s) ID(s):

Cheque enclosed []

Credit/Debit Card (Visa and MasterCard Only)

Card number: _____ Expiry Date __/____

Name on card:.....Signature:.....

REMEMBER
The final date is
9 October



Direct Debit

Hawthorn U3A Bank details for EFT

National Australia Bank BSB 083 166 A/C No. 9065 2416

It is essential that you provide your membership number on your direct debit so that we can be certain that your record shows this payment.

Please return by mail or in person to U3A Hawthorn, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris 3146.
Credit card and EFTPOS transactions cannot be made over the telephone.



CASH ONLY PAYMENTS

Individual member \$40 [] Couple at one address \$65 [] Associate member \$25 []

Payment \$..... Member(s) ID(s):

Member(s) name(s) Receipt No.

Cash payments must be made in person in the Main Hall and
only on 9 October and 4 December.

REMEMBER
The final date is
4 December