



U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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SEASONS GREETINGS to all our Members

TO ALL MEMBERS OF U3A HAWTHORN : A REMINDER

We would like to remind members that U3A is dependent on everyone participating in order to spread the work load over as many people as possible : tutors, students and administrative staff. This is a self-help affair, and we need your assistance.

We need a full roster, for instance, to staff the front desk and answer the telephone. In addition, there are a few key jobs and we need to make sure that these very responsible people are not over-burdened. The areas are as follows:

- Organisation of rosters;
- Keeping track of membership and subscriptions;
- Central sources of information provided by people who know how everything functions;
- The Treasurership;
- The Newsletter Editor;
- Control of the computer;
- Chairman of the Executive Committee;
- Co-ordinator of classes and venues;
- Keeping minutes, and so on.

Each key area should have a back-up person to take over when the current person leaves, or becomes ill & unable to continue, or for any other reason.

We ask you to give thought to this situation and indicate whether you would have an interest in any of these areas. Each of them needs to be undertaken in a responsible fashion. If you would like to help, please contact Margaret Drake.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is a rewarding experience to work alongside U3A members and to realise just how much is being accomplished. Thank you to everyone for your contribution as learners, tutors, office staff and committee members.

Seasons greetings to all and best wishes for the year ahead

Judith Elsworth
Adult Education Officer.

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Please note that the U3A office at 24 Wakefield Street will be closed for the Christmas period from Tuesday, December 20th until Monday, January 16th inclusive.
From January 17th to 31st it will be manned from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily.
From February 1st the usual Roster System will resume.

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A large group attended the final forum for the year at Swinburne when Dr. Vivienne Grill, M.B.B.S. gave an informative and interesting talk on osteoporosis. A report on this talk will be published in the next issue.

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Peggy Powell joined the French group in March this year as a 'real' beginner. Her tutor, Adele Chambers, was thrilled to receive a post card from France on October 7th in Peggy's handwriting.
It was written in perfect French!!

CHINA STUDY TOUR

APRIL 19 - MAY 15, 1989 COST \$3,300.

Following a successful visit by U3A members to Jiangsu Province in the autumn of this year, Colin McCallum is leading another group in 1989. This visit will include a six-day introduction to Chinese culture at the Jinling Seniors' University in Nanjing.

Intinerary:

Depart Melbourne, April 19. for Hong Kong

Depart Hong Kong, April 20. for Shanghai where the group will be met by representatives from the Jinling Seniors' University.

Shanghai - two nights and three days then by train to Suzhou (one night) and Wuxi (one night) and finally Nanjing.

Nanjing - 14 days staying at the Dingshan Hotel during which a study programme will be conducted from the Jinling Seniors' University. The daily time-table will start with Tai Chi/Qigong commencing 8.30 a.m. Morning sessions will go to 10.30 a.m. when the group will return to the Dinghsan Hotel for lunch (the morning study programme will include Chinese language, Calligraphy, Traditional Chinese Art, Handicrafts (paper-cut, batik), Chinese cooking (Jiangsu style), Geography and History). Afternoon sessions will commence at 2.00 p.m. and will involve demonstrations of traditional arts and crafts by eminent artists and craftsmen. Evening programmes from 7.00 p.m. will consist of Chinese opera, films, acrobatic and other cultural performances. This will be a 6-day programme, on Sundays visits to scenic/historical sites.

Depart Nanjing for Beijing (two nights and three days).

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Should any group member have a special interest in participating in activities with Nanjing Normal University students or learning about traditional Chinese medicine (T.C.M.) then arrangements for these special interests will be met where possible.

Further information and booking forms may be obtained from Friendly Travel Service who are responsible for the travel arrangements. Their address is: 196-200 Lygon Street, Carlton, 3053. Telephone: 663-6655. Further queries: Colin McCallum. Telephone: 882-6983.

U3A HAWTHORN SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1989

Subscriptions are due on January 1st, 1989, but since the office closes for the holiday period on December 19th, it would greatly assist us if we could receive them by that date.

In the past there has been some misunderstanding regarding the fact that each office is responsible for their own financial management - in short, there is no common fund for U3A as a whole. Therefore, if you are a member at Hawthorn, you should pay at Hawthorn unless you have some particular reason for wanting to change to another venue.

Also, it would be very helpful if you could advise us if you do not intend to renew your subscription.

NAME (Please Print)

ADDRESS TELEPHONE:

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Enclosed is my/our subscription for U3A Hawthorn (\$15 single,
\$25 double)

Signed

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.

ANTHROPOLOGY I Convener: Judy Lee

This course looks at the field work of Social Anthropologists in countries such as Africa, Mexico and China, as well as Australian Aborigines. By increasing our understanding of other cultures, the barriers of cultural difference are overcome.

Friday morning, 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 24th February, 1989

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL Convener: Harry Bonney

See Australia - travel experiences, recollections and suggestions in a few words with many slides.

ART APPRECIATION Convener: Sue Van Dorssen

An on-going course embracing the major arts (architecture, painting and sculpture) of Western Europe. Next year we will be covering the 18th and 19th Centuries.

Monday afternoon, 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 27th February, 1989.

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 Tuesday afternoons, 24 Wakefield Street, 21st February, 1989.

ARTS OF ASIA Convener: Ernestine Lobb

This is the Chinese Year of the Snake. Do you know the creature which supposedly influenced your birth?

What are the inner meanings of the endless knot, the lotus flower, the reversed swastika and the 8 spoked wheel of the Law?

What are the 4 treasures of the scholar? What are the colours and features of jade? What are the following: inro, a vajra, a stupa? How is batik produced? Why did the Chinese put snuff in bottles?

These and other fascinating insights into various arts will be explored and visits to oriental galleries will also be arranged.

Friday mornings, 4A Dalny Street, Malvern.

ART - PRACTICAL Tutor: Margaret Gillespie-Jones

A self-help group doing oils, watercolour, pastels or other medium - still life supplied but anyone is free to do whatever they like. Occasionally there are discussions on exhibitions visited by the tutor or members.

Thursday afternoon, Hawthorn Artists' Society, Cnr. Glenferrie & Manningtree Roads, Hawthorn, commencing 23rd February, 1989.

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

A Self-Help Group led by Gail Taylor.

Enjoyable way to learn about your own country through discussion, reading and research.

Friday morning, 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 24th February, 1989.

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

This is a basic course covering the general areas of each subject in everyday language. We shall attempt to maintain a balance of structured and workshop approaches and, where possible, use videos or films to stimulate discussion. The course will centre on three fundamental questions:

1. How does it happen?
2. Why does it happen?
3. What is its purpose?

Group members will be requested to prepare own presentation on book chosen by the group. During the past term we studied "The Road Less Travelled" by M. Scott Peck.

Monday afternoon, Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool, commencing 27th February, 1989.

CAR MAINTENANCE

A course to help you understand how your car works, how to carry out quick and easy maintenance procedures and how you can tell when things are not working as they should; run in conjunction with M.L.C.

Particulars available from the office at 24 Wakefield Street.

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.

Tuesday morning, 89 Power Street, Hawthorn.

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.

Wednesday afternoon, William Tresise Centre, Cnr. Bowler & Munro Streets, Hawthorn (Riversdale Road tram - alight at Auburn Road).

CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUSTRALIA & THE WORLD Convener: Wolfe Flack

This is a discussion course dealing with current affairs in Australia and around the world. Class members select items of interest from newspapers, radio and television for use at meetings. Speakers specialising in subjects of particular interest may be invited to attend and give their views.

Wednesday morning, William Tresise Centre, Cnr. Bowler & Munro Streets, Hawthorn (Riversdale Road tram - alight at Auburn Road).
commencing 22nd February, 1989.

CURRENT AFFAIRS - SOUTH EAST ASIA Convener: Jean Aikenhead

The course will be run as a discussion group, with all members expected to participate, and details will be decided by consensus - e.g. which country will be studied in more detail; order of these according to student choice; etc. Main programme each weekly session will be a brief comment on world affairs that directly affect Australia, and then further discussion of those items in our particular area of interest - there will be a brief historical study of this, concentrating on more 'recent' events - e.g. 19th Century historical background, as relevant.

Tuesday morning, Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn.
commencing 21st February, 1989.

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. Monday afternoon, Hawthorn Library, Glenferrie Road commencing 27th February, 1989.

GENEALOGY Convener: Marjorie Stone

Are you interested in tracing your origins? If so, then this beginners workshop in genealogy would be a good place to start. Students should bring any information they may have about their family tree with them and they will be shown how to organise and carry out further research.

Wednesday afternoon, No. 5 Hawthorn Road, North Caulfield (Melway Ref. 59 A 10)

GRANDPARENTING Convener: Alex Gale

The function of the group is one of sharing and support. The pleasures of grandparenting, and the problems which may arise in this role are discussed. New members welcome, especially Grandfathers.

Date and venue to be notified.

HUMAN RELATIONS - Thoughts and Ideas

A self-help group, led by Beryl French, undertaking a course in human relations; evolution as a positive sequence; growth, its nature and limitations; logical concepts and the nature of meaning; restructuring human attitudes; democracy; student participation; economics and administration; life force and the golden mean.

Friday morning, 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 24th February, 1989

LANGUAGES

French (Beginners) Convener: Adele Chambers

Friday afternoon, 24 Wakefield Street.

French Conversation Convener: Nazli Wilhelm

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

Wednesday afternoon, Recreation Centre, next to Swimming Pool.

German (Continuing) Convener: Ken Bandman

Thursday morning, 24 Wakefield Street.

Italian (Beginners) Convener: Maurice Berah

Tuesday morning, 24 Wakefield Street.

Italian (Continuing) Convener: Maurice Berah

Tuesday morning, 24 Wakefield Street.

Japanese (Beginners) Convener: Joyce Berdy

Monday afternoon, 24 Wakefield Street.

Japanese (1st & 2nd Year) Convener: Geoff Matenson

Intermediate I Text Book: Alfonso Nihongo Vol. II

Intending class members should have some knowledge of elementary Japanese (completed U3A Beginners Course, Alfonso Nihongo Vol. I or similar). Japanese syllabic writing (hiragana and katakana) will be practised and some Sino-Japanese characters (kanji) will be introduced. Some prior knowledge of these forms of writing would be helpful but not essential.

Intermediate II Text Book: Alfonso Nihongo Vol. III

Intending class members should have completed U3A Intermediate II or other to the standard of Alfonso Nihongo Vol II. Familiarity with kana is essential in order to understand the textbook. Kanji will be introduced at least as prescribed in the text.

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

Monday afternoon, 24 Wakefield Street.

Latin (Continuing) Convener: Helen Gordon

Wednesday morning, 24 Wakefield Street.

LITERARY STUDIES - Levels I & II Convener: Connie Anthony

These courses explore our literary heritage of Australian authors and notable poets - then possibly take a glance at world literature. This will encompass the ancient Greeks, French and great English authors and poets. Following this, some of the outstanding contributions of modern American authors and playwrights will be examined.

Tuesday morning, 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 21st February, 1989

MUSIC - AS ONE LIKES IT Convener: Ven Houston

This course looks at the structure and history of music in opera, dance, chamber, vocal and choral music, and other areas.

Tuesday, 12 noon, Hawthorn Community House, William Street.

MATHEMATICS IN THE MODERN WORLD Convener: Brian Phipps

With the advent of the calculator and the computer, we have learnt new ways of doing mathematics allowing the interested learner to investigate, explore and make decisions without feeling threatened or discouraged.

Hence, starting with the counting numbers 1,2,3 and so on, it is possible, in relatively simple steps to build up a knowledge of mathematics that allows the learner to appreciate the role of mathematics in everyday life and to enjoy the recreational aspects of mathematics in problem solving and in games and puzzles.

Monday afternoon, Hawthorn Inst. of Education, 442 Auburn Rd., Hawthorn.

NEEDLECRAFT Convener: Patricia Morris

Make your granddaughter a smocked frock or perhaps a shirt for your grandson! Or skirts or blouses or even a new frock for yourself!!

A general garment-making programme (including collars, hems, zips, etc) for anyone with staying power and a sewing machine.

Friday morning, 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 24th February, 1989

HELP! Our needlecraft convener would be most grateful to be able to offer her class the use of an ironing board and iron. Should anyone have either of these items stowed away in a back cupboard, we would be pleased to hear from you.

NEW LIFE SCIENCES MADE EASY Convener: Elizabeth Turner

Six lectures covering the stuff of life, the body's defences, genetic engineering, reproduction techniques and public policies and the future.

Friday afternoon, Wakefield Street.

NEW PHYSICS & PHILOSOPHY Convener: Fred Rosedale

In Search of Meaning

Our course will discuss a number of key concepts - Entropy, Holism, the Uncertainty Principle and Dissipative Structures. We will consider the evidence for potential worldwide change. "The future", Teilhard said, "is in the hands of those who can give tomorrow's generation valid reason to live and hope"

Tuesday afternoon, Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool.

PIANO STUDIES I & II Convener: Ann Taylor

For beginners and those who learned in their early years and now feel they have the time to experience the joy of learning again.

Wednesday mornings at 4/284 Barkers Road, Hawthorn.

PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY Convener: Alex Gale

This course has a philosophical, psychological approach, aimed at a greater understanding of our own reactions and behaviour. The book to be studied is Victor Frankl's "Man's Search for Meaning".

Fortnightly, Monday afternoon, Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool commencing 27th February, 1989.

SOCIAL ISSUES Convener: Herbert Liffman

Studies range from multi-culturalism through racism to children and the law, the Family Court and victims of crime, in considering the important social issues of our time. Bio-ethics, the problems of adoption (national and international), abortion and euthanasia also come under scrutiny.

Wednesday afternoon, Recreation Centre, next to Swimming Pool, commencing 22nd February, 1989.

WRITING WORKSHOP Convener: Connie Anthony

Beginners will be given every assistance with vocabulary, grammar and self-expression. They will be encouraged to write small exercises, then higher assignments, persisting to essays, non-fiction articles, newspaper work and short stories with the hope of publication.

Tuesday afternoon, 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 21st February, 1989.



NEW COURSES

ART - "SEE THE PICTURES, HEAR THE STORIES"

Programme of talks by Edith Santer (ex National Gallery of Victoria
Voluntary Guide)

1. "LADIES IN THE N.G.V." - Slide talk concerning certain ladies immortalized in sculpture and painting from Chinese Tang dynasty, pre-Columbian Mexican, Renaissance and 18th to 20th Century.
2. "ABORIGINAL ART" - Visit to N.G.V. with background information on Dreamtime Creations Myths, bark painting techniques and stories, relevant to the current exhibition.
3. "RELIGION AS INSPIRATION FOR PRE-CHRISTIAN ART" - Slide talk and brief stories of the underlying beliefs that are illustrated by Chinese, Buddhist, Hindu, Egyptian and pre-Columbian sculptures and paintings.
4. "ANTONIO BEGARELLI 16TH CENTURY TERRACOTTA STUDY OF VIRGIN AND THREE HOLY WOMEN IN THE N.G.V." - Slide talk on the subject of the unique period of Renaissance Terracotta sculpture of Northern Italy.
5. "TWO 16TH CENTURY ALTARPIECES IN THE N.G.V." - Visit to the N.G.V. to see the Antwerp and Flemish altarpieces and the 13th and 15th Century reliquaries and hear the stories of their rich symbolism.
6. "PORTRAITURE" - Slide talk mainly concerned with portraits in the N.G.V. and stories about their subjects.
7. "18TH CENTURY PORCELAIN" - N.G.V. visit with information on soft and hard porcelains, their history, decorations and marks.
8. "SILVER & GLASS IN THE N.G.V." - N.G.V. visit with information on hallmarks, techniques, etc.
9. "TECHNIQUES OF PRINTMAKING" - Talk with some Xerox examples of Woodcuts, Engraving, Etching, Lithography and Silk-screen Printing. (Sub-title: 'Cutting, gouging, scratching, smearing, scraping dotting.')

30/3/89 - 9.45 a.m. meet at Wakefield Street and make our way to
Swinburne Arts Building.

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 discussing such subjects as the relationship between the writer and society, concerns of modern women as they are expressed in contemporary writing, and the aspect of writing styles as a means of communicating ideas and emotions.

DRAMA FOR FUN Tutor: Sally Segal

Theatre skills - voice and movement.

Students would be asked to share experiences from their own lives around which a drama could be improvised.

Attend an amateur performance together (e.g. The Church Theatre).

HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY Conveners: Greta Burman, Frances McCallum and
Claire Pullin

Learning about the body, its properties and how it works is a fascinating study which can help us to keep functioning well. If difficulties arise, it will enable us to discuss them with understanding and prevent delay in seeking treatment.

Topics to be covered: The life of cells; the skeleton, joints and muscles; how food and oxygen are distributed and utilised; how wastes and toxins are eliminated; and the body's defences. Systems which control and co-ordinate body functions: the brain; nerves; hormones; reproduction; stress. What is health?

Fortnightly, Tuesday afternoons, 24 Wakefield St., comm. 28th February.

MODERN TECHNOLOGY Convener: Wolfe Flack

It is intended that this should be a discussion group whose main interests will be in the wide fields of MODERN TECHNOLOGY and could, for example, relate to Aerospace, Atomic Energy, Electronics, Medicine, Biology, Communications, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering as well as the many other technologies which have done so much to increase our knowledge and to raise our standards of living to their current high peaks. It is expected that members of the group will have worked in or have an interest in a technological field. During meetings, members will be free to raise any subject for discussion. When appropriate, guest speakers would be invited to talk on specific subjects.

Tuesday afternoon, Recreation Centre, next to swimming pool, commencing 21st February, 1989.

SINGING - The Search for the Natural Voice. Convener: Vera Evans
Would you like to become an informed as well as an experienced listener to the art of the singer? There is much to be learned about your own vocal instrument and the way to use it, in order to develop the very best sound possible. The search for the natural voice is, without a doubt, a most fascinating study. Maybe you have more talent than you suspected, but you need only become involved if you wish to, otherwise "just take it in". A well informed parent would then be able to search out the best teacher for a young family member who wishes to make a career of singing. Try it! If you cannot say it - sing it!!

TURNING POINT Convener: John Balfour

I perceive this course as a combination of Future Studies, Environmental Studies, and a discussion of those aspects of social and technological changes that are affecting the planet, our existence and our quality of life. The format will be discussions of pre-arranged topics and we shall explore questions such as : 'What is happening?', 'What is needed?' and 'What should we do?'.
Thursday morning, 24 Wakefield Street, commencing 23rd February, 1989.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

If you have any queries about accessibility to venues or have transport difficulties due to disability, please contact the Adult Education Officer, Judith Elsworth, at the U3A office, telephone 818 7371.

COURSES AT CITY, MONASH & BAYSIDE

For your information, we set out below the courses available at City, Monash and Bayside. Please contact the relevant Campuses for more information.

CITY

Australia & World Events	Current Affairs
Exercise & Dance for Older People	Healthy Living
Music Making	Philosophy
Typing	Voice Production & Effective
Writers' Workshop	Weiss Report (Reading)
Languages: French, German & Italian.	
English Language - The Basic Principle	History of Science
The Hindu Way of Life	Medieval Heroines
Modern Drama	New Life Sciences Made Easy
Opera	Painting
Shakespeare for You	Teaching & Travelling in China
Christianity	On being Worldly Wise Travel
Terra Australis	Literature
Australian Writing	Sculpture

MONASH

Archaeology	Astronomy for Beginners
Ballroom Dancing	Books & Writers
Dutch Conversation	Greek Elementary Conversation
Hi-Fi, Understanding of	Social Studies
Pleasures of Poetry	Scriptures, A New Look at
Understanding Life & the Universe	Walking Group
Public Speaking	Politics & Government
Creative Drama	Living Latin
History of English Language	Computers
Craft	Mah Jong
Literature for Pleasure	Fun with Mathematics
Asian Studies	English for Fun

BAYSIDE

An Introduction to Economics	Basic German
A Little Confidence goes a Long Way	Spanish Language & Culture
Book Discussion Group	Oil Painting for Beginners
Writers' Workshop	Keeping up with Today's Technology: Energy