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END - OF - YEAR PARTY

Wednesday, 6 December, at 2 p.m.

Hawthorn Town Hall

ENTERTAINMENT

by

U3A HAWTHORN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
and **U3A HAWTHORN CHOIR**

followed by drinks and afternoon tea

Donation of \$3 at the door to help defray costs and contribute towards music copyright and performing rights fees.

Please book now at the office to assist with our catering arrangements.

Offers to help are also sought.

ATTENDING CLASSES AT WAKEFIELD STREET

There is a perennial difficulty in finding car-parking space near 'the House'. The amount of free parking dwindles each year. The parking behind the Wakefield Street house is restricted to office staff and tutors **ON DUTY ONLY**.

There are two parking spaces in Frederick Street at the side of the house that have been reserved for disabled drivers.

There is also a commercial parking station opposite 24 Wakefield Street, where the charge still seems to be \$3 ALL DAY [as at late November 2000—no promises!]. This could be a very inexpensive option if two or more members share the cost.

The whole question of parking in the Hawthorn area within cooee of Swinburne University is at present under review by the Council—perhaps we can hope for an optimistic outcome??

We urge you to use public transport (Glenferrie Station or the No. 69 tram along Glenferrie Road), or perhaps a park-and-ride arrangement. If you can, walk even some of the way to class, thus improving your health as well as exercising your brain.

DATES FOR 2000/2001

1 December	Opening date for NEW enrolments in ongoing courses and new 2001 courses (as set out in the accompanying curriculum). Membership fee for 2001 must be included with class enrolment form.
Last week Nov. / first week Dec.	This is the concluding period for 2000 classes.
6 December	End-of-year celebration and concert, Hawthorn Town Hall, 2 p.m.
8 December	Office closes for 2000, but enrolments/cheques for 2001 membership will be processed.
8 January to 3 February 2001	Summer School: see accompanying programme.
8 January	Office open part-time, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
31 January	Office open full-time, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Week from 19 Feb.	Classes commence for 2001.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2001

Note increases in bold type

2001 membership of U3A Hawthorn	\$30 single \$50 couple/two at same address
2001 member from another campus studying at Hawthorn	\$10 (to cover administration)

THE STORY BEHIND YOUR NEWSLETTER

I suspect that most of our members have only a hazy idea of how your quarterly *Newsletter* reaches you.

The most crucial part—the organising and announcing of ongoing and new courses available—is provided by Joan Donlon, Derek Readman and Jean Giese; then there are reports from the President, etc., and other bits and pieces supplied by members, or occasionally ferreted out by the Editor. [The setting up and presentation of this material is not really the most difficult part, believe me!]

Then the *real* fun begins—the despatch of the September 2000 *Newsletter* gives us a good sample.

Due to lack of space, our big photocopying machine lives in the larger teaching room at 24 Wakefield Street, which seriously restricts the time available for its use. For about a year we had a wonderful blessing in the person of Ruth Hillier, who was happy to come in and photocopy all the weekend, so there was no conflict in getting all the copies (now over 1000, of between 6 and 12 double-sided pages each quarter) copied ready for despatch. Alas, poor Ruth broke her ankle in August, so there was a frantic bustle to fit in the photocopying (between classes) before despatch day.

At the same time, Hans van Dorssen, who organises the printing of the address labels, was away interstate and no-one was able to penetrate the mystery of persuading the computer to print the labels. Horrible visions arose of a handful of typists desperately trying to type them all in one afternoon. Happily, Hans returned by overnight train, came straight to the office and pressed the magic buttons in the nick of time.

Janet McCombe then does some pre-sorting of the labels to suit Australia Post's categories, ready for the next stage.

The day set aside for the assembling, folding, labelling and counting is the last Wednesday of the appropriate month; again, the *only* clear day available, so there is no chance of postponing the operation. Janet McCombe has a team of helpers for this, who must of course be organised well in advance. Then finally, the next day, Janet delivers the whole lot to Australia Post for despatch to you.

It is sometimes nearly miraculous and always a great credit to the whole team that you receive your *Newsletters* so close to the beginning of each quarter.

The Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the benefit of new members and also, really, for all of us, it needs to be restated from time to time that we are an entirely self-help organisation. This means that ALL members are responsible for the smooth running of the organisation and need to be sensitive to the ways in which this can be achieved. An instance would be leaving the classrooms ready for the next class, with spare chairs stacked and the room as it was found. Classes which do not meet at 24 Wakefield Street need someone (not necessarily the tutor) to pick up notices of class additions and withdrawals, etc. from the tutor's pigeonhole, and generally to assist the tutor with organisational matters if the tutor would like that.

We have a marvellous group involved in our administration, but we are always looking for back-up staff. All members can help by attending to details such as notifying the office if it is necessary to withdraw from a class, as some classes have waiting lists of people keen to join.

At a recent Committee of Management meeting it was decided that students may not be enrolled for more than one class of the same subject and same standard (e.g. two classes of the same language, or current affairs, or art, etc.) if there is a waiting list for the class.

We also have a slight problem regarding gifts to tutors. We believe people belong to our U3A for the pleasure they derive, be they tutor, engaged in administration, or student—and none can operate without the other. It is not our wish to say that students should not express appreciation to their tutors by the presentation of a gift,

but we do need to be modest and sensitive about it. Many of our students attend several classes (especially is this the case with short courses) and we would be unhappy to think there could be any embarrassment for students or tutors. Sufficient reward is the pleasure and sense of achievement we see all about us.

Sometimes members laugh at our administration, in a good-natured way, because we recycle everything possible and are so frugal. Our aim is to offer friendship and learning opportunities that are within the reach of all older people, regardless of their level of income.

A great new curriculum for 2001 comes with this *Newsletter*, plus details of our Summer School. Congratulations to Joan Donlon and Derek Readman and their helpers, who have put together such a range of courses, and our thanks as always go to the tutors who are happy to take the classes.

Since the last *Newsletter* we have had another very enjoyable concert presented by our Chamber Orchestra. They will again entertain us, along with our Choir, at our End-of-Year Party in the Hawthorn Town Hall at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 6 December. Be quick to register with the office if you intend to come, in order that we have enough drinks and afternoon tea for everyone.

Thank you to all for another good year, and wishing you happy learning in 2001,

Jean Giese,
President

Victorian Deaf Society H.E.A.R. Service

H.E.A.R. Service's Bronwyn Porter once again carried out two worthwhile days of free preliminary hearing tests at 24 Wakefield Street on 13 September and 18 October. Twenty people had their hearing tested over the two days and received advice about appropriate services and/or management strategies. Most received a report to take to their doctor.

Hawthorn Community Education Project (our co-inhabitants of 24 Wakefield Street) organised these visits. If you would be interested in attending one of these sessions in 2001, please contact them initially through our own office.

2001 SUMMER SCHOOL

You will see separately with this *Newsletter* the details of our Summer School, which has again been put together by Derek Readman. The series of lectures runs for four weeks during our recess from regular classes, and there is such a wide range of subjects that all our diverse tastes will surely be catered for.

The enrolment procedures are set out in the attached leaflet, and it would be appreciated if our members could please follow the guidelines.

However, the warning is—be quick in enrolling, because many of the classes fill very fast. Please also keep your own record of the sessions you have booked.

COMPUTERS = TROUBLE?

For many, 'computer' is a synonym for the IBM-type/clone PC (personal computer) used by the majority of people who feel the need to be attached to this currently fashionable form of human expression. Members might be interested in knowing about the following organisation that helps members with computer problems; the annual fee is roughly \$50–60.

PC Users Group
Telephone 9699 6222

[*Your Editor declares an interest in using the Macintosh system—easier but more expensive*]

TELEMARKETING—a persistent irritation

They always ring just as you are going out or have just started dinner, don't they? If you wish to have your name/telephone number removed from the telemarketers' directories, you can notify:

Admar — reply paid 38,
P O Box 464,
Kings Cross NSW 1340.

State your name, suburb, state, postcode and telephone number.

The telephone number of the Australian Direct Marketing Association is 1800 646 664.

[Thanks to C. Rodgers for the above information.]

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?

Aristotle: It is the nature of chickens to cross the road.

Karl Marx: It was an historical inevitability.

Einstein: Did the chicken really cross the road or did the road move beneath the chicken?

John Howard: The chicken never crossed the road. It was not forcibly removed from its mother. Anyway that's a matter for the states and of no interest to us.

Kim Beasley: There WAS a chicken and it DID cross the road. This is a deliberate act by the government to hide the fact that chickens continue to cross Australian roads.

Peter Costello: According to documentation submitted to the Live Foods Processing Authority, the chicken in question was uncooked at the time of its journey and therefore would not incur a GST charge. However if that chicken actually crossed the road for profit, regardless of its raw/cooked status, the road crossing would be considered by the ATO to be a service for which a GST is imposed.

Abstracted from one of the innumerable Internet sources (via Iris Jane)—and a very, very happy tax-paying year to you all!—Ed.

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