

# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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## WINTER SOCIAL FORUM

- DATE** Thursday, 11 July 1996
- TIME** 10.00 a.m. Coffee  
10.30 a.m. Talk begins  
12 noon Luncheon
- LOCATION** Lecture Theatre BA 201 (ground floor), Business & Arts Building, Swinburne University, John Street, Hawthorn (see map on reverse of Saturday Series notice)
- GUEST SPEAKER** **ELIZABETH EXPOSTO** will speak on **EAST TIMOR**.  
Born in East Timor, Elizabeth has grown up and been educated in Australia. Returning to East Timor when she was fourteen to visit her grandparents and seeing the conditions under which her relatives had to live, she has been inspired to work for the people of the country of her birth. She has since toured North America, England, Ireland and Sweden speaking to many groups on behalf the East Timorese people, who are not yet free to speak out themselves. Elizabeth is a fourth year Honours student at La Trobe University, studying international relations.
- COST** \$5.00 per person.
- TRANSPORT** Although this is nominally within University vacation, the problem of finding car-parking space will still be acute, due to the current building activities on the campus. Members are therefore urged to walk (if possible) or use public transport, as parking permits are NOT available for the very limited area remaining.

**PLEASE remember to wear your name badge!**

The tear-off slip below should be returned with your remittance to the U3A office by Friday, 5 July.

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### U3A HAWTHORN – WINTER SOCIAL FORUM

I / We shall be attending the Winter Social Forum on Thursday, 11 July 1996, accompanied by

..... guest/s. Enclosed is \$5 per person: \$.....

Signed: .....

## SATURDAY SERIES

A programme of three lectures has been arranged, taking us through to the end of August. The September Newsletter will carry details of the final lectures for the year.

As previously, the lectures are free and attendance is open to members and their friends; the lecture theatre will hold about 150 people comfortably.

Telephone or personal enrolments will be on a first-come, first-served basis and there will be no written confirmations or bookings. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT to keep your own record of your bookings.

### Saturday 29 June

**Mr RICHARD KENNEDY**

**'Tis My Picture': the quest for an authentic portrait of Shakespeare.**

There are several portraits said to be of William Shakespeare, but how authentic are these? This will be discussed by Richard Kennedy in his illustrated talk.

### Saturday 27 July

**Dr NICK ECKSTEIN**

**Envisioning Venice: the Medieval and Renaissance City through its art**

This illustrated lecture investigates Venice's artistic heritage to reveal the extraordinary process by which Venetians mythicised their place in the universe. The Venetians regarded their city as the highest expression of refined urban living; their art—half fact, half fiction—furthered this idea and was deeply influenced by the unique quality of light and colour for which Venice is famous.

### Saturday 31 August

**Mr CHRISTOPHER WOOD**

**Cultural Contrasts in Morocco: from desert nomads to imperial cities**

Morocco has one of the world's most distinctive cultures, having grown up isolated from Europe and the East by the great Sahara desert and the Atlantic ocean. This illustrated lecture explores the influence of Morocco's deserts, mountains and fertile coastal strip on Morocco's unique culture, explaining how wilderness, urban culture and the Muslim religion have revealed themselves in the fabric and social life of the four Imperial cities: Fez, Marrakesh, Rabat and Meknes.

## FRUITS OF A LIFETIME'S EXPERIENCE

Our large membership of more than 800 contains many people who have had interesting experiences in their lives and many who have fascinating and unusual hobbies. One of our Committee members, Ron Taft, has suggested forming a group of people who would be willing to share these experiences, and we would welcome expressions of interest from our members.

## A GUIDE TO THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Here is a new book that you might like to look for in your local library or bookshop

*Cyberkids* is the 'Australian parents' (and grandparents') guide to the electronic age and how to become technologically literate along with the kids'.

It was written by Professor Brent Waters, a self-confessed 'cybervirgin', who was shamed into the cyberworld by his 78-year-old father who was already mastering the computer.

It gives a comprehensive glossary of computer terminology and is written in an easy, relaxed style.

## EXERCISING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The City of Boroondara runs a great number of exercise classes for older people throughout the area. There are classes on every day of the week in various parts of the municipality, which are advertised regularly in the *Boroondara Bulletin*. The City of Boroondara has a sheet, Exercise Opportunities for Older People, which covers more than 40 classes, so there must be at least one that would suit you.

Don't forget, the maxim 'Use it or lose it' applies to the body as well as the brain!

# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Members will see that the programme of courses for the second half of 1996 is separate in this Newsletter. This will be the only complete list of courses issued for the remainder of the year. Any amendments to this list will be included in the September News. In December a comprehensive list of courses for 1997 will be issued with the December News. This should be retained for reference purposes until it is superseded by the next full programme in the following December. New courses will be advised in the March, June and September newsletters.

This change is being made to economise on paper (to save the trees) and postage costs, and also to ease the strain on the Town Hall copying facilities. Replacement copies of the complete curriculum for the year will be available on request from the office, and will be given or sent to prospective new members.

Also in preparation is a short pamphlet, in question and answer format, which gives information about Hawthorn U3A and the philosophy underpinning our organisation.

In this issue you will see a notice of a short concert to be given by our choir on at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 August, to be followed by morning tea. Do come and enjoy a pleasant morning with our choristers.

On Sunday, 25 August, there will be an Open Day on the Swinburne campus. Our Silversmithing and Enamelling class, which is held in a Swinburne TAFE laboratory, has been invited to demonstrate its art from 10a.m. to 12 noon. U3A members may be interested to call in to Room TA 303 to see the students at work.

On Thursday, 6 June, there will be a gathering of the Yarra Ramblers, the dressmaking class and the Walmer Bushland Friends group. They will be joined by interested members of the community and family members of our late member, Eugenie Clarke, to dedicate a tree and small native garden in Yarra Bend Park to her memory. Eugenie was a foundation member of the U3A Friends of Walmer Bushland and worked on the restoration of this section. Paula Davey, one of the newly elected Boroondara Councillors, will unveil a small plaque, and I have been pleased to accept an invitation to represent the Committee of U3A Hawthorn and plant a *wallenbergia* in the garden.

*Jean Giese, Chairman*

## YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting held on 10 April 1996, the following were elected as the Committee of Management:

Chairman	Jean Giese
Secretary	Joan Strachan
Treasurer	Lola Stewart
Committee	Rae Alexander, Lois Astley, Hans van Dorssen, Laurel Hollow, Nan Inglis, Judith Lahey, Bev McIntyre, Ralph Mottram, Derek Readman, Pamela Rogers, Ronald Taft, Helen Williams.

### U3A CHOIR

You are all cordially invited to a  
**CONCERT**  
at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 August 1996,  
in  
CHANDELIER ROOM, HAWTHORN TOWN HALL  
to be followed by morning tea

It would be appreciated if you could notify the U3A office by  
5 August if you will be attending, to assist us with catering

# SATURDAY VIDEOS

As an extension of the current Saturday Lecture Series, your Committee has decided to introduce a Saturday Video Series, to be held once each month on a Saturday afternoon. The venue will be at 24 Wakefield Street, and the programme for the next three months will be held on:

SATURDAY                      15 June                      13 July                      17 August

and will follow the same format on each occasion:

2.30	half-hour video
3.00	tea/coffee break
3.30	half-hour video

Numbers will be limited to 20 maximum. Entry will be free, but will be restricted to members only. Members will need to book through the office in the usual way, and applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tea and coffee will be provided, but please BYO lunch, biscuits or whatever.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO RUN THIS ACTIVITY. ITS FUTURE WILL DEPEND ON THEIR AVAILABILITY.
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The videos will be chosen from the following menu:

Jane Austen, novelist	Jewellery through 7000 Years
Kipling's India	Life at Little 'Lon (excavations in Little Lonsdale St)
Chaplin—my happiest years	Panels of the Altarpiece
4000 Years of Cat History	Mary McKillop
Peter Ustinov Reads the Orchestra	Portraits—from Renaissance to the Present
Kiri Te Kanawa	Public Gardens and Trees
The Restless Planet	Roses and Rose Gardening
The Sea Floor	Vatican: Fortress of Christianity
Worlds Found and Lost	etc., etc.

We shall try to present as mixed a showing as possible, but this will depend on the availability of videos at the time.

## FOR TRAVELLERS

### MILDURA

U3A Waverley at Chadstone are arranging an interesting trip on 12–16 August, which includes three days touring Mungo National Park, sights in and around Mildura, and a trip along the Murray River. The total cost of \$237.00 (deposit \$50.00) begins when you arrive at Mildura Station either by train (in company with most of the group), by car or flying with Kendall Airlines. The cost covers all meals and four nights' accommodation at the selected motel, plus transport between Mildura Station and the motel. Participation by our members would be most welcome. For more detailed information, contact U3A Waverley at 20 Rob Roy Road, Chadstone, telephone 9530 4372.

### ITALY

For the more venturesome, U3A Adelaide are arranging a 29-day tour of Italy led by Gene Vecchio (leader of U3A Adelaide's Italian History courses) leaving Adelaide on 1 September 1996, which Victorian U3A members could join in Melbourne. The itinerary includes Rome, Salerno, Sorrento, Capri, Naples, Assisi, Perugia, Venice, Stresa, Pisa and Florence. The cost of \$5995 includes accommodation, breakfasts and dinners. Mr Vecchio is at Sea Air Travel Ltd, 403 Grange Road, Seaton, SA 5023, telephone (08) 356 3266, fax (08) 356 8473.

# COMPUTER COURSES

The Hawthorn Community Education Project has arranged with Swinburne University to provide computer courses for U3A Hawthorn members. A paid tutor will be employed, but the facilities are provided free.

## A) INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

A course for those with little or no experience with computers. Includes an introduction to basic computer terminology, an introduction to Windows 3.11 and practical work with word-processing, data base and spreadsheets, using Microsoft programs.

## B) WINDOWS 3.11

A course explaining the operating features and applications of Windows, program and file managers, customising Windows, the accessories, creating program groups, printing and program input files.

The courses will be conducted at Swinburne, Hawthorn, for five Saturdays, with 2-hour classes from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Course A commences on Saturday, 15 June

Course B commences on Saturday, 20 July

There is a maximum of 15 students for each class and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. At the time of going into print, there are still several places available.

The Hawthorn Community Education Project is applying for a grant which, if approved should cover most of the costs. However, at this stage members may work on the course fee being \$40. Payment should be made in advance on application. Apply in the usual way, but cheques should be made out to Hawthorn Community Education.

*[Note from the Editor: In English the words are programme and disc, but in computer-speak they are respectively program and disk—don't blame me!]*

## WHAT'S AGE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

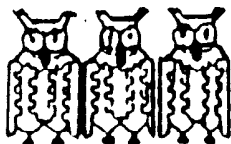
Some members have commented on the inclusion of 'year of birth' on the U3A enrolment forms. It is a requirement of the **Adult Community and Further Education Board** that this information be collected throughout the State, but age will in no way be identified with a particular person.

When we are pressing for recognition of the rights of older people to better resources and access to education, it is important that the Education Ministry knows the number and age distribution of people already participating. It is the responsibility of Judith Elsworth, the HCEP Co-ordinator, to pass on this information, and we hope all members will co-operate for the general good.

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**Copy Deadline**

All copy to the Editor by Thursday 22 AUGUST please



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## SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

**Location** Swinburne University of Technology  
Business and Arts Building  
John Street  
Hawthorn

Lecture Theatre No. BA 201 (see map overleaf)

**Programme** See the *June Newsletter* for full details.

**29 June**

**Richard Kennedy**

“TIS MY PICTURE”: the quest for an authentic  
portrait of Shakespeare

**27 July**

**Dr Nick Eckstein**

ENVISIONING VENICE: the Medieval  
and Renaissance City through its art

**31 August**

**Chris Wood**

CULTURAL CONTRASTS IN MOROCCO:  
from Desert Nomads to Imperial Cities

**Time** 2.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m.

**Cost** FREE

Attendance is open to members and friends.

Bookings should be made on weekdays between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., either by telephone (9214 8824 or 9818 7371) or personally at the Wakefield Street office.

There will be no written confirmation of bookings. You are therefore asked to keep your personal record of the date of each lecture for which you book.

**Remember, a name tag in place helps identify the face.**