

# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

With this *News* comes the curriculum for the second semester. We are pleased that we can offer 64 on-going courses, 16 new short courses and three new on-going courses. We trust there is something for everyone, but we are always ready for new suggestions and offers to tutor courses.

Our Chamber Music Group, under the direction of George Logie-Smith, has had its inaugural meeting of ten enthusiastic musicians; they have settled on rehearsal time for alternate Thursdays, commencing on 5 June. More players, particularly strings, are needed (see separate notice).

As is usual at this time of year, the desk staff have been busy sorting out membership numbers. We have finally arrived at a figure of 836, after much telephone follow-up and checking of lists. It is an interesting fact that roughly the same proportion of membership (approximately one-fifth) resigns each year for a variety of reasons, including ill health, return to employment, needs not met, new interests, or joining a closer campus. Conversely, each year the number of new members exceeds that of resignations by about 25 per cent, so that over

nearly 13 years we have grown from 100 members to the present figure.

One hundred members attended the Annual General Meeting in April, when the report of our activities for the year and the financial statements were received, the 1997 Committee of Management elected, and Honorary Life Membership conferred on two members who had retired after 11 years of tutoring and some years on the Committee. Those honoured in this way were Alexe Gale and Greta Burman. The guest speaker, Professor Evan Walker, then entertained us with an absorbing address covering his father's years as principal of a private school. From small beginnings this school grew to become a respected centre of education which led the way in many progressive developments. The address concluded with some observations on current trends in education and related matters.

The next opportunity for everyone to gather together will be the Winter Morning Concert on 26 August (see the notice below). Please be sure to book, so that we can cater accurately for the light lunch which will follow.

*Jean Giese*

## WINTER MORNING CONCERT

presented by

**U3A CHOIR**

and

**RECORDER GROUPS**

**Tuesday 26 August at 10.30 a.m.**

**Chandelier Room, Hawthorn Town Hall**

**followed by a light sandwich lunch**

**It is essential to book with the office before 22 August if you intend to be present.**

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MENTOR OR FOSTER GRANDFATHER?

A group called Mentor is seeking recently retired teachers or engineers who would like to help intelligent young people, some of whom suffer mild or serious disabilities, with their studies and to act as support people. Please write to 'Mentor', 8 Sherwood Street, Glen Iris, 3146, if you feel you could help a worthy cause.

## WORLD-WIDE CONNECTIONS

### 1 DELVING INTO THE PAST

A letter has been forwarded to U3A Hawthorn (by the Network office) from a lady who now lives in England and is intending to visit Melbourne in a year or two. Joyce Wood (nee Stead) was born in Melbourne in 1928 and lived at 2 Widford Street, Hawthorn, then in another house in Hawthorn. She attended Auburn South school, and would like to trace a schoolmate, Valerie Smith, who lived opposite and had a mother named Fay. There was also a Bobby Parkins whose mother's name was Nellie and whose brother Ken worked in Australia House in London.

If there are any contemporaries in our group with a recollection of Mrs Wood or of the people she mentions, she would be delighted to hear from them. Her address is 1 Rosewood Drive, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, TA8 IHP, England.

### 2 THE PLEASURE OF PENFRIENDS

In our September 1996 Newsletter, we published the address of Mrs V. Doidge in Cornwall, who wanted a penfriend in an Australian U3A. She has been so delighted with the result that the Secretary of the Hayle Penwith U3A, Mrs Gwen Bush, has sent us a note, passing on their very good wishes to all our members and saying 'It is lovely to hear news of Australia, and we always look forward to any information that Ginny passes on to us about Hawthorn U3A'. Mrs Bush has given us the names of two more hopeful letter-writers, whose addresses are below, with her comments:

Mrs Joan Mackintosh, 'Trevaylor', Catchall, Buryas Bridge, Near Penzance, TR19 6AF, Cornwall, England ['She is a lovely lady with a big family, and always laughing—very Cornish.']

Sister Mary Edmund Petherick, St Michael's Hospital, Hayle, Cornwall, England ['One of the jolliest nuns I have ever known, and a valuable contributor to our writing group and many other U3A activities.']

## SATURDAY VIDEO SERIES

This series is now in recess until later in the year. The next date will be Saturday 16 August at 2.30 p.m. at 24 Wakefield Street.

## NEWS FROM THE U3A NETWORK

### SPECIAL INTEREST NETWORKS

Procedures have been instituted for bringing together across campuses those members of U3A who have common learning interests. The learning networks will exchange information and plan some common activities; perhaps eventually they may establish links on e-mail. Co-ordinators are already available for networks in the following areas:

Australian history  
computers  
earth sciences  
genealogy

languages  
science/technology  
walking

You are invited to suggest additional areas of common interest to Keith Pearson, Mordialloc-Chelsea U3A, P O Box 5123, Mordialloc, 3195.

### GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

The Victorian Department of Human Services has allocated \$70,000 to U3A groups to assist them to purchase necessary equipment items which might otherwise be beyond their means.

## MANAGEMENT OF U3A HAWTHORN

At our 12th Annual General Meeting on 9 April, the following members were elected to the Committee of Management:

Office bearers	Chairman	Jean Giese
	Secretary	Derek Readman
	Treasurer	Philip Stanley
Committee	Rae Alexander	
	Lois Astley	
	Hans van Dorssen	
	Laurel Hollow	
	Nan Inglis	
	Beverley McIntyre	
	Ralph Mottram	
	Pamela Rogers	
	John Salvaris	
	Lola Stewart	
	Ron Taft	
	Helen Williams	

In addition, the following members have agreed to continue with their present responsibilities:

Margaret Borden, office manager  
Joan Donlan, course co-ordinator including venues  
Jill Fitzgibbon, membership secretary

### U3A HAWTHORN CHAMBER MUSIC GROUP

More players, *particularly strings*, are needed for the newly formed Chamber Music Group, which will meet for rehearsal on alternate Thursday mornings from 10.00 to 12.00, commencing 5 June, in the Parlour at the Oxley Road Uniting Church, Hawthorn.

Director: George Logie-Smith

Enquiries to the Secretary, Ruth Muir, 9818 0801  
(but to Barbara Hewitt, 9489 6649, up to 13 August)

### LITERARY LUNCHEON

U3A Chadstone are hosting a literary luncheon at their campus, Robroy Road, Chadstone, on Friday 25 July at 12 noon. The speaker will be Professor John Funder of the Baker Institute, Alfred Hospital, who will speak on 'Hearts, Genes and the Next Ten Years'. The cost is \$11 and U3A members from other campuses are most welcome. You can telephone 9530 4372 (day) or Joy Dent at 9799 0336 (evening).

## TRAINING COURSES

### PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND EDITING COURSE

#### Mid-year Intake

If you are interested in short story writing, popular fiction, poetry, scriptwriting and other forms of professional writing, subjects in the Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing may fit your requirements. The Hawthorn Community Education Project, in conjunction with the Adult and General Education Department of Swinburne University of Technology, offer the course to both part-time and full-time students.

Places are available for subjects commencing in July. A part-time enrolment may suit retirees, senior citizens, or people who just enjoy writing. Concession rates are available. For further information, contact John Hannon (9214 8727), Lisa Quayle (9214 8730), or Julia Ward (9819 5771).

### TRAINING THE TRAINER

#### Professional Development Course

The Adult Community and Further Education group is running a course for people involved in adult and community education and training. The course covers:

- Confidence in addressing groups and public speaking
- Adult learning principles
- Planning and delivery of training to suit participant needs
- Practical training methods and skills
- How to deal with difficult students and situations
- How to customise training for one-to-one inductions and group situations

Where: Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre, corner Balwyn and Canterbury Roads  
(park in Boronia Street, enter from Boronia Street in lane beside church)

When: Fridays 9.30 a.m.—4.00 p.m. (BYO lunch), 18 & 25 July, 1 & 8 August

U3A Hawthorn tutors and *potential tutors* would be eligible to join this accredited course, which is FREE, and carries a certificate of qualification.

If you are interested, contact Cathy Donovan (9818 8919) or Anne Lockett (9830 4214) for details.

## ATTENDING CLASSES AT WAKEFIELD STREET

The problem of finding parking near 24 Wakefield Street has not really gone away. Due to recent building programmes undertaken by Swinburne University, there is even less free parking available than previously. In some cases members, after driving around fruitlessly for some time, have even given up and returned home, missing their class completely.

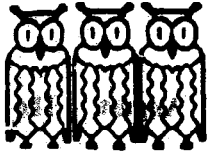
The parking behind Wakefield Street is restricted to office staff and tutors **ON DUTY** only. Disabled drivers should arrange **IN ADVANCE** with HCEP staff if they need a space to be reserved.

There is now a parking station in Wakefield Street opposite the office, where the charge is \$3 all day. This might be a very inexpensive option if two or more members share the cost.

However, we strongly urge you to use public transport, with which we are well served, for at least the final part of your journey to class, if walking all the way is not a viable option. For those who are not very mobile, perhaps another class member could drop you off and return after parking some distance away.

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## 1997 SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

**Saturday 28 June**                    **BUDAPEST, VIENNA AND PRAGUE: The Hapsburg Cities**  
Dr Nicholas Eckstein, Academic Coordinator, Australians Studying Abroad

To many people Central Europe remains a mystery, because it falls between our modern notions of allegedly distinct 'western' and 'eastern' European cultures. This lecture uses the art and culture of three major centres to show that in fact Central Europe was not a poor cousin of the more developed west, but that it both responded to trends from elsewhere and mixed outside developments with local traditions to create distinct forms in painting, architecture and civic life.

**Saturday 30 August**                **DUTCH AND BRITISH LANDSCAPES, 17th-19th Centuries**  
Dr Russell Staiff, Department of Fine Arts, University of Melbourne

The way we look at the world is determined by a cultural inheritance of which we may not always be aware. This lecture looks at the birth of modern landscape painting in the Netherlands and shows how the painting of this period has influenced both the way we see rural and urban landscapes and the way the actual world has been shaped. The lecture investigates the way northern painters like Vermeer responded to and adapted formalist Italian landscape traditions, and shows how the wealthy bourgeois society of early modern northern Europe created a visual grammar that profoundly influenced later British painters like Constable and Turner.

**Saturday 27 September**          **ART AND CULTURE IN SPAIN**  
Mr Chris Wood, Director, Australians Studying Abroad

This lecture explores the extraordinarily diverse culture of Spain, traversing the Islamic civilization of Al-Andalus, the medieval Christian kingdoms of the *reconquista*, the Golden Age of art and architecture (El Greco, Velázquez, Murillo and others), Goya and the genesis of early modernism in Barcelona (Gaudi, Picasso, Mirò). The lecture covers architecture, painting, urban developments and the unique cultural forms and behaviours of the Spanish people themselves.

[This booking is tentative and will be confirmed in the September Newsletter]

**LOCATION FOR ALL LECTURES**      Lecture Theatre BA 201 (turn right on entering from Plaza, same level)  
Business and Arts Building  
Enter from John Street or William Street (near Fire Station)  
Hawthorn (see map over)

**TIME**                                    2.30-4.00 p.m.

**COST**                                    Free to members and friends. The lecture theatre will hold up to 150 people comfortably.

**BOOKINGS**                            It is necessary to make a booking. This can be done on weekdays between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. by telephone (9214 8824 or 9818 7371) or personally at 24 Wakefield Street.

Bookings are on a first-come, first-served basis, and to save administrative time there will be NO WRITTEN CONFIRMATION of bookings. Please therefore keep YOUR OWN RECORD of the dates for which you have booked.

**BADGES**                                Please remember to wear your name badge.