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Notice is given of the **16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Location	Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Road
Date	Wednesday 11 April 2001
Time	10.30 a.m.
Agenda	To receive apologies and proxies To confirm minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 19 April 2000 To receive President's Report for 2000 To receive Audited Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2000 To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for next twelve months To appoint an auditor for the year ending 31 December 2001 Other business

Proxy forms (available from the office) must be deposited with the Secretary not less than 24 hours prior to the time for the commencement of the Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a talk by our guest.

Time	10.45 a.m. approximately
Speaker	Mrs Jean McCaughey, AO, Hon LLD (Melb), Hon DLitt (Deakin) will tell us about 'a fortunate life'.
Light Lunch	Sandwich lunch at 12.00 noon; to assist us with catering, could you please notify the office of your intention to attend BEFORE Wednesday 4 April.
Cost	There will be no charge for this entire event.

We are delighted to welcome Jean McCaughey as our guest speaker. Homemaker, mother, academic, researcher, author of several reports on families in poverty and homelessness, Jean has been very active in public life, including six years presiding at Government House. However, she rates the last five years as joint Chair of the People Together Project as 'the most exciting, demanding and fulfilling of all'.

Once again we urge members to come by public transport, in view of the parking difficulties in the area. There is limited parking behind the Town Hall for very early birds (\$2.50 for 4 hours) and there is a commercial car park opposite the office in Wakefield Street (\$3.30 all day).

As mentioned above, the light luncheon is free, and all paid-up members are most welcome.

AND DO PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE!

NOTICE TO UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

This is the final issue of the *Newsletter* for members who have not renewed their subscriptions for 2001. Our annual rates are \$50 for a couple/two at the same address, \$30 for single membership, and \$10 for students enrolling in our classes whose U3A membership is paid at another campus.

If the label on your *Newsletter* is marked above your name with **XX**, this is not a mark of endearment but indicates that you have not yet paid your 2001 subscription.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

At our Annual General Meeting there will be an election of the Committee of Management for the period 2001/2002. There are up to 15 places to fill and, while it is expected that most of the present members of the Committee of Management will offer themselves for re-election, new nominations are very welcome. Nomination forms are available in the office, and completed forms should be lodged with the Secretary at least seven days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, i.e. by Wednesday 4 April 2001. If there are more than 15 nominations for the Committee, a ballot paper will be issued at the Annual General Meeting on 11 April 2001.

Proxy voting forms are also available from the office. Completed forms must be deposited with the Secretary by Tuesday 10 April 2001.

Please note that Temporary Members approved by the Committee under Rule 5(3) are ineligible to hold office in the Association or to vote at meetings of the Association.

<p style="text-align: center;">U3A Hawthorn Recorder Groups present A CONCERT FOR RECORDERS plus cello, voice, piano and/or percussion Tuesday, 1 May 2001 at 1.30 p.m. East Kew Uniting Church, 142 Normanby Road (Melway 45 J3) Donation \$3 (includes afternoon tea) Please book with the office if you are coming, to help with catering arrangements</p>
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SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

These lectures will continue throughout 2001 on the last Saturday of each month from March to November. Details of the three lectures for March, April and May are on the accompanying sheet. Overall demand permitting, members may each bring one visitor with them.

Bookings will be accepted only for the month of the lecture, i.e. the April lecture can be booked only in April, not before.

There will be no possibility of turning up without a booking (including the name of any guest) and as usual it will be a case of first up, best dressed, **SO PLEASE GET YOUR BOOKING IN EARLY** in the month and keep your own record of it.

SATURDAY SERIES – HELP WANTED

Volunteers (ideally two people) are sought to take over the arrangements for the Saturday Series of talks from April 2001. All speaker slots have been filled for 2001, so it would be a matter of running the talks for the current year, and then lining up speakers and otherwise running the programme for 2002 and beyond. For details, please ring Derek Readman (9853 6463).

<p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the office is open from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. On Wednesdays the office is open from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.</p>

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT ON 2000

The members of U3A Hawthorn have enjoyed another year of stimulating learning, fulfilment and friendship. Many are the expressions of appreciation received from students and tutors alike. We are grateful to all who make the whole enterprise possible. It is because members gladly take on responsibility for the numerous teaching, administrative and other tasks that we manage so well.

Again, we have seen a small overall increase in our membership and an increase in the number of courses in our curriculum. There were 80 classes which ran all year; mostly, these were held each week, but a few were fortnightly and some, like book groups, were monthly. Also, 35 short courses were held and all attracted good enrolments. The monthly Saturday Series lectures were very popular, with attendances close to 100 at each of the nine lectures. The Summer School lectures over four weeks in January and February were a bright spot for many members during the holiday period, and a number of members of other campuses came along. We may well be the only campus offering a Summer School.

Apart from the informal morning teas and occasional lunches which students of many classes arrange amongst themselves, we have enjoyed several special occasions open to all members. Our Orchestra presented three splendid concerts, the Choir gave one, plus the entertainment at our End-of-year Party in the Hawthorn Town Hall, when the highlight was the Orchestra and Choir performing together. Another special occasion was the 'Celebrating Shakespeare' event presented by the Reading Shakespeare class, with music supplied by the Recorder classes and the Friday Singers; we are promised another presentation on 21 June 2001.

Two lunches were held during the year, for the tutors and for the workers in administration. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet and share their experiences and their pleasure at being part of the U3A Hawthorn team.

As well as entertaining our members and their friends, our talented students from the Choir,

the Recorder and Drama-for-Fun groups have presented 12 programmes for the residents of four hostels in Boroondara, which were very much appreciated.

The battle for venues for our classes is an on-going one which Joan Donlon, our Course Co-ordinator, wages with stamina and patience. During the year some of the venues became unavailable, rents rose, the GST impacted, etc. All in all we managed very well, but very occasionally we had to ask our members for their forbearance when venues were not ideal. However, it is all part of the challenge and it is all worth while.

As anticipated, our expenses increased with the introduction of GST half-way through the year. With careful budgeting, we finished the year with a surplus of \$2200. However, because of the expected impact of the GST over the full year and an increase in other expenses, our membership fee for 2001 has had to be raised to \$30; we are sure our members will still agree that we offer the best value for money to be found anywhere. Our financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2000 will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 11 April, but copies will be available in the office from 28 March.

We gratefully acknowledge and thank those who gave us assistance during the year:

- Swinburne University for providing our office and two classrooms, and also the use of lecture theatres;
- City of Boroondara for the use of two library rooms for classes, and the Chandelier Room and Town Hall for special occasions;
- Hawthorn Community Education Project for assistance throughout the year;
- Council of Adult, Community and Further Education for a grant of \$1500.

Our thanks go too to our members—students, tutors and administrators—who have contributed to the success of the year 2000, leaving us in such good shape to enter the new Millennium.

Jean Giese,
President

CARING FOR THE ELDERLY—a PhD study

Mr Gery Karantzas of the School of Psychological Science at La Trobe University is conducting a survey of older parents and adult children covering their perceptions and expectations as interactive groups. The study is entitled '**Caregiving between elderly parents and adult children**'; the U3A movement seems ideally situated to help in this project, which has been approved by the University's Human Ethics Committee and will provide invaluable assistance to future caregivers and policy-makers. All responses will be completely confidential and names will not be disclosed.

Gery is seeking a total of 150 (a) independent older parents and (b) more dependent parents (aged 60–80 years), and 150 adult children (aged 40–60 years) who provide (c) occasional or (d) regular care to older parents. Two groups will be interviewed for about one hour each, and two groups will be asked to complete a questionnaire booklet, taking about 30 minutes.

As a small thank-you for taking part in the study, participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 Myer vouchers each valued at \$50.00.

The **four** groups of participants are as follows:

1 Older parents who live independent lives (60–80 years)

These older adults lead quite independent lives but may require the occasional favour or help from an adult child—a lift into town, running an occasional errand, or being taken on an outing. These independent people's thoughts about caring provisions are as important as those of people who need a high level of care. A questionnaire booklet is to be filled in, taking about 30 minutes.

2 Older parents who depend on their adult children for help (60–80 years)

These older adults require high levels of care from an adult child—help with bathing/showering, help in giving medication, preparing meals and other daily living tasks. These peoples' thoughts on receiving care from their children are extremely important to the study, and will be the subject of a short interview. The relevant adult children's views may be sought in a questionnaire, but the responses will be completely confidential and non-identifiable, and will not be shared between the parties.

3 Adult children who lend a hand to their older parent occasionally (40-60 years)

These adult children provide some form of care to older, independent parents—running an occasional errand, providing a lift into town, or taking the parent on an outing. The adult children's thoughts on the possibility of caring for the parent if need be in the future are very important for the development of social policy. There is a questionnaire booklet to be filled in, taking about 30 minutes (all information is of course confidential).

4 Adult children providing regular care to a dependent older parent (40-60 years)

The adult children provide some regular or constant care for an older parent who is dependent on the child's help, such as bathing/showering, help in giving medication, preparing meals and other such daily living tasks. There is a questionnaire to be filled in, taking about 30 minutes, and the relevant dependent parent may also be asked to fill in a questionnaire. These will all be strictly confidential and the responses will not be communicated to the other party.

If you are interested in helping with this study, could you please contact

Gery Karantzas

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e-mail G.Karantzas@latrobe.edu.au

SUMMER SCHOOL 2001

The Summer School over January–February 2001 has ended, and we take the opportunity to thank everyone who gave classes during this valuable holiday time.

Our grateful thanks go also to all those who actively assisted—opening up, arranging seating, looking after the speakers, ferrying equipment, etc. Their participation ensured a successful outcome throughout the month-long programme of classes.

A TRIP TO ALICE SPRINGS

A most interesting trip is being arranged by U3A Waverley for September 2001. The twelve-day trip, travelling by the Overlander and the Ghan, with return by air, covers Alice Springs, Uluru, Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), King's Canyon, Henley on Todd, MacDonnell Ranges, Simpson's Gap, Ormiston Gorge, etc., etc. The cost is \$2918 per person twin share (single supplement \$611).

More details are available in our office, or you can telephone U3A Waverley (9807 4755) or Joy Dent (9799 0336).

A CELEBRATION OF SHAKESPEARE

The large audience who came last June to see *ACOS 1* will not be surprised to learn that another Celebration of Shakespeare is being planned for 21 June. Ruth Muir and Michael Clark are busily compiling an engaging programme of Shakespeare scenes, speeches, poetry and songs, plus music inspired by our author.

The performers will include the Friday Singers, members of the U3A orchestra, and some able speakers.

The date is Friday 21 June (in the afternoon), so make a note in your diary now. Full details will appear in our next (June) Newsletter.

STARTING AT THE BEGINNING: a computer course for older learners

The Hawthorn Community Education Project is arranging this course, designed for mature people with little or no computer skill. Costs are subsidised by funding from Adult Community and Further Education, using facilities at Swinburne University.

Time 8.30–10.30 a.m. Fridays

Starting 2 March (1st intake), 9 March (2nd intake), approx. 16 sessions (not in school holidays).

Cost \$40

To enrol, please ring **HCEP** (Judy or Lil) on **9819 5771** or fax to **9819 5102**.

HEARING TESTS

Last year our co-house friends Hawthorn Community Education Project organised more sessions of hearing tests through the H.E.A.R. Service. These tests are free, and referrals are given to those who need them.

If you are interested, please let Judy Elsworth at HCEP (**9819 5771**) know—when there are ten starters, Judy will arrange for another visit from the service.

Expression of Interest—ARABIC

There is a possibility that we could offer a course in basic Arabic, if we have enough interested students. Please register your expression of interest with the office.

ARE YOU A 'PEOPLE' PERSON?

The **Abbeyfield Society** in Burnley Street, Richmond, needs caring men and women to help in running their house for ten independent older people.

There is a full-time housekeeper, but there are always jobs to be done in the house and garden, as well as the vital one of maintaining contact with the residents and their families.

If you have a little time and energy, why not find out more about the Society and the ways you could help? Please ring

Dawn Phillips 9818 5361
Janet Paterson 9429 5301

A NEW SCAM—CREDIT CARDS AND YOUR PIN

In South Australia recently, credit cards were stolen from several houses. The thieves later rang the victims, posing as bank officials and requesting their PINs for their cards because of computer problems. Five people (mostly elderly) gave their numbers and lost about \$2000 each withdrawn from their accounts. However, other victims contacted their banks immediately the credit cards were stolen, and realised the crooks were just that. Police advise there is no reason that the banking sector needs to have anyone's PIN, which should never be disclosed to others.

AN ADDRESS TO YOUR PERSONAL DEITY from those growing old

The following, by that prolific author **Anon**, may be addressed to whatever deity you wish. [The Editor wishes to dedicate this to a dear friend who died today, Wednesday 21 February 2001, and who embodied this philosophy.]

Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know that I want a few friends.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details: give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and the love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

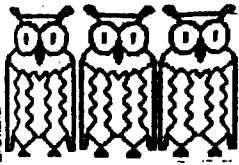
Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me the grace to tell them so. Amen.

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You are invited to attend our

2001 SATURDAY SERIES OF LECTURES

31 March RELATIONS BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND JEWS from early times to the present
Rev. Prof. Robert Anderson, former Professor of Old Testament Studies at Ormond College and Founding President of the Council for Christians and Jews

In 2000 on the 'Day of Pardon' Pope John Paul II prayed that 'Christians will acknowledge the sins committed by not a few of their number against the people of the Covenant ...'. Other mainstream churches over the past few decades have made similar confessions, sometimes even more forceful, when they too have considered Christian attitudes towards the treatment of Jews over the centuries. Jesus himself was a Jew, as were all his earliest disciples and most of the church's initial members. Professor Anderson will consider what went tragically wrong and why, whereby it is now necessary for the churches to recognise their own measure of complicity, not only for what happened in the distant past, but for what occurred within the lifetime of many of us.

[NOTE This talk was to have been given on 30 September 2000, but was rescheduled due to a clash with Yom Kippur.]

28 April THE FEDERAL SETTLEMENT—1900 and 2000

Prof. Marian Quartly, Professor of History at Monash University and Editor of *Australian Historical Studies*

Australian Federation created a state generous in its potential to benefit citizens but harsh in its racial exclusions. Professor Quartly will discuss how, one hundred years later, that settlement has been virtually dismantled, and how it is time to rethink its assumptions.

26 May THE THRILL OF THE CHASE—Art at auction with Sotheby's

Jane Clark, Director of Paintings at Sotheby's Australia

There is never a dull moment in a major art auction house such as Sotheby's. Paintings and other works of art must be discovered, consigned, researched and prepared for the 'big night' when collectors compete for the very best. Ms Clark will share some of the stories behind the pictures on offer at Sotheby's.

LOCATION FOR ALL LECTURES Lecture Theatre TD 121, ground floor, TAFE Building TD, Swinburne University of Technology, junction of Wakefield and John Streets. Enter from Wakefield Street or Park Street (see map over)

TIME 2.30–4.00 p.m.

COST Free to members, who may each bring one friend only.

BOOKINGS **IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A BOOKING** to ensure entry to these talks; however, bookings are now accepted only during the month of the talk, e.g. bookings for April's talk will be taken only in April.

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 the office, 24 Wakefield Street.

There will be no written confirmation of bookings; please therefore keep your own record of your bookings.

BADGES

PLEASE remember to wear your name badge.