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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The 21st Birthday Celebration on 9 December was a great one-off event and it is a wonderful example of cooperative work by U3A Hawthorn members. Five hundred and eleven members and friends attended the event at which our orchestra played and our choir sang.

The Summer School has been an enormous success with well over 250 members attending 30 talks (I lost count after that). Muriel Mathers, Ruth Hoadley and Joan Harding deserve our congratulations for organising such interesting speakers.

U3A Hawthorn really is a cooperative – there are no salaried employees. The biggest item on our budget is room rental for our classes. Yet, as I visited 70 of our 90 classes at the end of last year I realised that many members were unaware of the enormous effort that 140 volunteers (out of 1140 members) put in to keep U3A up and running. Quite often we need extra help – so if you are asked to put in a few hours in an emergency or for a special event – please do! Volunteering can be very rewarding.

Regards

Liz Pittman

Notice is given of the **22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Location: Sinclair Avenue Campus, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris

Date: Thursday 26 April 2007

Time: 10.30 am

Agenda: To receive apologies and proxies
To confirm minutes of 2006 Annual General Meeting
To receive the Annual Report for 2006/7
To receive Audited Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2006
To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for next 12 months
To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2007
To confer an Honorary Life Membership
Other business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules

All Executive and Committee positions are declared vacant. Nomination forms and Proxy forms (both available from the office) must be deposited with the Secretary not less than 7 days (in the case of Nominations) and not less than 24 hours (in the case of Proxies) prior to the time for the commencement of the Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a talk.

Speaker: Dr Michael McKernan. Dr McKernan is a widely published historian, university lecturer, museum administrator, writer and broadcaster. He was a senior lecturer in history at the University of New South Wales before accepting the position of Deputy Director at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. He is now a consultant historian with clients in government and private enterprise and has led tours to the Anzac Day Memorial Service at Gallipoli and places associated with Australia's involvement in war. He is the author or editor of more than a dozen books, largely in the field of Australian military and social history.

Light Lunch: Sandwich lunch. To assist us with catering, please notify the office **BEFORE Wednesday 18 April** of your intention to attend.

Cost: There will be no charge for lunch.

Parking is available in two car parks in Sinclair Avenue, but space is limited.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

U3A HAWTHORN OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday 9.30 am - 1.00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.30 am - 4.00 pm

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

Many people have already taken up the opportunity to request notification of course enrolments and unforeseen changes by email. It is proposed to make more use of email for U3A Hawthorn communications. *As a number of errors have been detected in our email database please confirm your email address by sending an email to the U3A Hawthorn office at:*

mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au

indicating your email contact details. **Please include in the email your name(s) and U3A ID number(s).**

Bruce Lancashire, our orchestra percussionist, has upgraded and simplified our website. You can log on to the website at:

http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au

The website is fully functional. All courses, forms, and newsletters are available to download. Please direct your friends to the site.

FEES FOR 2007

Annual membership fees for 2007 are as follows:

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| Membership of U3A Hawthorn | \$40 single \$65 couple/two at same address |
| Member enrolling from another campus | \$25 (to cover administration) |

NEW TUTORS NEEDED

We are totally reliant on volunteer tutors to present a comprehensive and interesting program of classes for our membership. If you have an interest in a particular subject and you are prepared to share your knowledge (or if you know someone else in this position) we would like to hear from you. Please contact Collette Flynn, Joan Harding, Ruth Hoadley, Julianne Lewis, Muriel Mathers, Michael Mullerworth, or Kathleen Ralston (care of the Office) and one of them will get back to you, with a view to including the course in our program.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to give a talk in our Saturday Series (held on the last Saturday of each month from March to November). Contact as above.

MOBILE PHONES

This is an urgent plea from our tutors that you SWITCH OFF or SET YOUR MOBILE PHONES to SILENT MODE before each class commences

SHAKESPEARE DVDs

We have acquired the complete set of the BBC Shakespeare series of 37 plays on DVD. Any Hawthorn U3A member who wishes to borrow them should telephone the U3A Office on 9821 0282.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Volunteers to be receptionists are required. This requires one half day each fortnight. Previous experience as a student at U3A Hawthorn is a decided advantage. Please ring the office, 9821 0282 or contact Elizabeth Duff whose home phone number is 9882 1587.

Archivist/Historian: As some of our members reach their nineties we realise we need to do more to preserve our history.

Tutors with suggestions for courses lasting a full year (2008); half year or four weeks (2nd half 2007 or 2008)

Technically minded people to occasionally help with audiovisual equipment for specific classes and teach other members the ropes.

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the June 2007 Newsletter is May 7. Please send all copy to the Office.



MUSIC NOTES

Welcome back to the world of music within – and beyond – U3A Hawthorn. Year 2006 finished in a blaze of glory with our exciting birthday party at Leonda, with both Choir and Orchestra excelling themselves in a new and strange performing environment. All those taking part responded superbly to the challenge and enjoyed sharing the experience with our loyal and appreciative audience.

As I write this, we are on the brink of fresh rehearsals and plans for a series of forthcoming concerts. Programs have been discussed and decided on, music obtained and parts prepared, and soon the airwaves will resound with voices and instruments joining together in the satisfaction of once again making music.

Our first concert for the year will be presented by the Choir in a new setting, as announced in the final newsletter for 2006. The program will offer a varied mix of songs old and new, sacred and secular, with some items from the In Harmony group. Full details are in the notice below. We are also happy to announce that members of Linnell's recorder group will join us on this occasion, performing a short bracket of their very distinctive music during the afternoon. As mentioned in last year's announcement, the change of time and venue will allow people to attend who are not free on weekdays, and also makes full use of our facilities at Sinclair Avenue, including our precious piano.

The Orchestra's first concert will follow soon after, conducted by Chris, with a wonderfully rich program including the Greig piano concerto performed by Ben Martin. The second concert from the Orchestra will be conducted by Willem van der Vis, who is looking forward to rejoining us after the great time we had with him last year. We are currently discussing the possibility of Choir participation in this concert, an exciting prospect! Chris will be back at the helm for the final concert.

CONCERT DATES FOR 2007 AND DETAILS:-

Saturday, May 5:- Concert by the Choir and recorder group, to be held in the main room at our Sinclair Avenue campus at 2.30 pm. A light afternoon tea will be served after the concert - cost \$5.00 per person. Bring your friends, they will be made very welcome. Please book at the U3A Hawthorn Office (9821 0282).

Thursday, May 17:- Orchestral concert at the Hawthorn Town Hall at 10.30 am.
Conductor:- Christopher Martin.

Program:- Handel - arranged Charles Mackerras - Royal Fireworks Suite.
Grieg – Piano Concerto in A minor
Soloist – Benjamin Martin.
Beethoven – Symphony No. 5
Please book at the U3A Hawthorn Office (9821 0282) - cost \$5.00 per person.

Thursday, August 9:- Orchestral concert at the Hawthorn Town Hall at 10.30am.
Conductor:- Willem van der Vis
Program to be announced.

Thursday, November 22:- Orchestral concert at the Hawthorn Town Hall at 10.30am.
Conductor:- Christopher Martin.
Program to be announced.

***PLEASE BE SURE TO ENTER THE DATES IN YOUR DIARIES SO THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND.
REMEMBER - ALL CONCERTS NEED AUDIENCES!***

A SPECIAL CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

Many of our music lovers will be interested to hear of a special concert to be given by Benjamin Martin and Hartmut Lindemann on **Thursday, March 15**. Hartmut is a viola player of great note, who visits Australia regularly and has worked with Ben and Christopher Martin many times over the years. The concert is to be held at Melba Hall, University of Melbourne Conservatorium, Royal Parade, at 7.30 pm, and is titled *An Olde Worlde Recital*. The program includes works by Brahms, Kreisler, Bach and Sarasate, and promises to be a delightful evening.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$25/\$20 concession, enquiries on 9826 4558.

RE – THE VICTORIAN MUSIC LIBRARY

The Library re-opened at the end of January after the summer break, and is again available for browsing and borrowing. Memberships are growing, and all show great appreciation of the renewal of this wonderfully valuable facility. Housed in the Uniting Church Archive at 66 Orrong Road, Elsternwick, it is open between 10 am and 4 pm on Tuesdays, and will soon also operate on Thursdays. Enquiries **9528 3135**. We are continuing to seek volunteers to help with staffing the office and general library duties. If you have half a day to spare on a fortnightly basis, please contact Ruth Muir on **9818 0801**. Basic training is of course available, and you would be made very welcome.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE 2007

Derek Readman has retired after nine years of untiring, committed and innovative work as our Curriculum Manager which involved the planning for the year's curriculum, the Summer School, the Saturday Series and Snapshots. Now a SEPTET of people is replacing him ! They are Collette Flynn, Joan Harding, Ruth Hoadley, Julianne Lewis, Muriel Mathers, Michael Mullerworth, and Kathleen Ralston

This new group would appreciate your input. Let us know what YOU would like to hear, to do, to see. There will be a suggestions file in the office, so please leave your ideas there.

SATURDAY SERIES 2007 – First semester

Saturday 31 March Understanding Indonesia

Hugh O'Neill

Hugh O'Neill is an architect and academic, with a long-standing interest in Indonesia. Indonesians have long had profound contact with outsiders from mainland Southeast Asia, China, India, the Middle East and Europe. Creative expression in language, habitat and the arts is uniquely diverse and continues to flourish under forces of globalisation. Images will be used in an attempt to explode preconceptions about the vast archipelago.

Saturday 28 April Arts Projects (Australia), an Arts worker perspective

Lindy Judge

Lindy, an artist and former arts worker at APA will give an illustrated talk about the innovative exhibition *Double Talk* which she curated. She will give a history of this interesting organisation, a gallery and art studio for people with an intellectual disability. She will talk about issues involved in such work.

Saturday 26 May Winemaking to an educated woman's taste

Karen Coulston

Karen Coulston is *Hills of Plenty* vineyard owner, teaches oenology, and is a former research chemist. A brief history of wine and wine making will be followed by a description of the options a winemaker has in making certain styles of wine. The woman's approach to winemaking and wine appreciation is alluded to with examples from the modern wine industry. A wine tasting to illustrate some facets of the talk will complete the presentation.

INFORMATION FOR SATURDAY SERIES TALKS

LOCATION: Lecture Theatre TD 121, ground floor, TAFE Building TD. Swinburne University of Technology, junction of Park and John Streets. Enter from either Wakefield Street or Park Street.

TIME: 2.30 - 4.00 pm

COST: Free to members, who may each bring one friend. Both must book in advance and the friend must be accompanied by the member to access the talk.

BOOKING: It is necessary to make a booking to ensure entry to these talks. Bookings will be accepted only during the month of the talk i.e., a booking for April's talk will be taken only in April. This can be done by phoning the office 9821 0282 or in person at the office, 26 Sinclair Avenue, both during office hours - 9.30 am to 4.00 pm (except for Wednesday afternoon when the office is closed). No written confirmation is sent out, so please keep your own record of your bookings.

BADGE: Please wear your name tag. It makes it easier to check your attendance against the booking list.

SNAPSHOTS – PROGRAM FOR MARCH TO MAY 2007

A series of self contained monthly talks held on Fridays from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm

This series of one-off self contained talks was inaugurated by Derek Readman in 2006, and proved to be successful and enjoyable. We will continue Snapshots this year, initially on a monthly basis.

After the first Snapshot talk on Friday 16 March we plan to have lunch together and hope this will become a regular social event for members. The inaugural lunch will be held at the Riversdale Hotel, on the corner of Riversdale Road and Auburn Road, where a Seniors' lunch is available for \$11.20. Parking can be difficult there, so maybe people can arrange a car share. It would be useful to have some idea of the numbers for the lunch so when you ring the office to book for the talk please say if you will be coming to the lunch.

Friday 16 March Climate change - the Big Issue

Cam Walker*

While most climate scientists now agree that climate change is real and is caused by human activity, many in the community already sense that it is affecting their lives. Victoria has already suffered from more than a decade of drought and a terrible bushfire season. Climate science predictions suggest more of these events in coming decades. Cam's talk will outline the latest science on global warming, an overview of the likely impacts on Melbourne, a summary of the global dimensions of the problem including the possibility of the creation of massive numbers of climate refugees, and what we ALL need to do to respond effectively.

* Campaigns Coordinator for Friends of the Earth.

Friday 13 April

Textiles and Ceramics of Uzbekistan

June and Laura Jocic

An illustrated talk on the wonderful crafts of this little known area. Our speakers travelled there in 2006 and will give us an insight into the country and its culture.

Friday 18 May

Gliding

Brian Amey

Brian is a member of the Gliding Club of Victoria. Everything we ever wanted to know about this beautiful, quiet and entrancing sport. Brian will take away some of the myths and fears some of us have about gliding, something we always wanted to do but were too nervous to try.

INFORMATION FOR SNAPSHOT TALKS

Location: MAIN HALL Sinclair Avenue.

Time: 11.30 am to 1.00 pm, middle Friday of the month (see program above)

Booking: It is necessary to make a booking which will be accepted only during the month of the talk. This can be done at the office by phone (9821 0282) or in person during office hours 9.30 am to 4.00 pm (except for Wednesday afternoon when the office is closed). No written confirmation of bookings is given, so please keep a record of your booking.

DON'T FORGET THE LUNCHEON AT THE RIVERSDALE HOTEL ON FRIDAY 16 MARCH AFTER THE FIRST SNAPSHOT LECTURE

PLEASE NOTE: - ALL U3A HAWTHORN MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THIS LUNCHEON

AUTUMN EXCURSIONS

*For bookings, please telephone the U3A office (9821 0282)
to express your interest in participation
For further queries, please contact Joan Harding on 9813 3974*

BATMANIA TOUR WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL 2007

Spend twilight with naturalist, Laurence Pope, observing the bats, *correctly known as grey-headed flying foxes*, preparing for their nightly excursions. Hear all the fascinating facts about these remarkable creatures as you watch them in their habitat.

Cost: No charge but a donation appreciated for the Victorian Advocate of Animals Inc., of which Laurence is a member.

Venue: Melway map reference 44 K3.

Meet Laurence at the picnic ground, 60 metres from the car park located at Yarra Bend Park at 5.30 pm.
Please telephone the U3A office to book a place.



BELEURA HOUSE AND GARDEN MORNINGTON TOUR FRIDAY 27 APRIL 2007

The Planning Committee had such a positive response from their first excursion to *Beleura House and Garden* late last year, that they plan to operate a second tour for all those who missed out.

Beleura, a stylish Italianate Garden Villa, built in 1863, has been described as 'a wonderful time capsule, a theatre of the past, yet it appears that life in the house goes on'. Complete with a beautiful garden, the property was owned by John Tallis, Chairman of Directors of JC Williamson Limited for many years, and was later bequeathed by him, along with its beautiful contents to the people of Victoria in 1996.

A coach will depart from U3A Sinclair Avenue at 8.30 am bound for the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery. Upon arrival members will transfer to a mini bus to travel on to Beleura and return to the Gallery at 2.30 pm to view their exhibition, *Emotion Through the Ages*, followed by the journey back to Sinclair Avenue at approximately 4.30 pm.

Cost: \$48 per person (no refunds, maximum of 45 in the group).

Inclusions: Entry into Beleura.

Coach and minibus transfers.

Morning tea.

Sandwich lunch.

Entry into the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery.

Note: Please advise any special dietary requirements at the time of booking. Also, please be sure to wear suitable clothing and footwear.

Be quick to secure your reservation with payment, as arrangements must be finalized **by 22 March 2007**. Please forward your payment to the U3A office in Sinclair Avenue.

**MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND TOUR
WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2007**

Enjoy a walk through history with our dedicated guide, Peter Anderson, who is also a Hawthorn U3A member. He will take us on a tour of his beloved MCG.

The Melbourne Cricket Club was founded in 1838 when the population of Melbourne was a mere 2000, and the first match was played on the old Mint site in William Street in the city.

Trace the permanent settlement of the Melbourne Cricket Club at its present site and hear the fascinating sagas involved. Step out onto the ground, take in the view from the top deck and see the players' area. Visit the Club's magnificent museum.

Did you know that in 2006, the MCC had approximately 56 800 full members, 37 100 restricted members and 160 000 people on their waiting list? Learn more!

Cost: \$7.50 to be paid on arrival at the MCG tour desk (maximum group of 25 participants).
Venue: Meet at 10.30 am outside Gate 3 on the **Northern** side of the MCG.
Duration: Approximately 1½ hours.

Please telephone the U3A office to book a place.

**TARRAWARRA MUSEUM OF ART AND
DOMAINE CHANDON WINERY TOUR
WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2007**

Enjoy a day in the Yarra Valley. Our first *watering hole* will be the Yarra Glen Grand Hotel where lunch will be served (at your own expense), followed by a visit to the *TarraWarra Museum of Art*, boldly set in a vineyard landscape. This is the vision of Eva and Marc Besen who wished to share their passion and collection of Australian art works with enthusiasts. Opened in the year 2000, this unique building displays works that are almost entirely gifts to the Museum by the Besens.

After leaving TarraWarra we have a stopover at the famous *Domaine Chandon winery*, then arrive back at Sinclair Avenue at approximately 4.00 pm.

Cost: \$34 per person (no refunds, limit of 21 participants).
Departure: U3A Sinclair Avenue at 10.15 am.
Inclusions: Coach travel.
Entry into *TarraWarra Museum of Art*.
Visit to *Domaine Chandon* grounds.

Please direct bookings and payment to the U3A office.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Jessica Edquist, a PhD student at Monash University is running two studies on driving, and would like to include some older drivers. Both of the studies have been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee.

1. Driving simulator study - participants wanted:

We are looking for:

- people aged over 65 who hold full driver's licences
- people aged 25-55 who hold full driver's licences
- people aged 18-25 who have held their probationary driver's licence for less than one year

to complete a series of drives in the Advanced Driving Simulator at Monash University Accident Research Centre. Before and after the drives you will be asked to complete a Current Well-being questionnaire. You will also be asked to fill out a short anonymous questionnaire on your age, gender, driving experience, and the level of workload experienced during the drives. These activities should take no more than one hour in total and will be conducted during business hours at the Accident Research Centre. Participants will be offered \$20 to reimburse their time and travel costs.

People who suffer from *motion sickness* or *epilepsy* are advised not to use Driving Simulators. ***Please do not respond to this advertisement if you have either of these conditions.***

2. Change detection study - participants wanted:

We are looking for:

- people aged over 65 who hold full driver's licences
- people aged 25-55 who hold full driver's licences
- people who have held their probationary driver's licence for less than one year

to view a series of pairs of photographs of road scenes.

The display will alternate between each photograph in a pair, and your task will be to detect which object is changing. You may take a break whenever you wish between pairs. You will also be asked to fill out a short anonymous questionnaire on your age, gender, and driving experience. These activities should take between 45 minutes to 1½ hours in total, and will be conducted during business hours at the Accident Research Centre. Participants will be offered \$15 to reimburse their time and travel costs.

This research is being conducted by Jessica Edquist, a postgraduate student at the Monash University Accident Research Centre, as part of her PhD. If you are interested in participating in this research, or for further information, please contact Jessica on **9905 5815** or email jessica.edquist@muarc.monash.edu.au.