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Notice is given of the
24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
THIRD AGE LEARNING (HAWTHORN) Inc.

Location: 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris

Date: Wednesday, 1 April 2009

Time: 10.30 am

Agenda: To receive apologies and proxies
To confirm Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting
To receive the Annual Report for 2008/9
To receive the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2008
Motion to amend the Association's Rules:
To provide for a Vice President as an Officer of the Association
To require a quorum of 20, in place of 5, at all General Meetings
To create an Executive to whom the Committee may delegate any of its functions. The Executive to consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
(For complete wording and explanation of this Motion, see inside page.)
To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next 12 months
To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2009
Other business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules

All Executive and Committee positions will be declared vacant. Nomination 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: Beth Wilson, Victoria's Health Commissioner since 1997. In 2002 she was awarded Monash University's Distinguished Alumni Award for her outstanding professional achievements and inspirational leadership. Among other awards and recognitions, Beth was inducted onto the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2008 for services to women's health in Victoria. In her spare time, Beth is learning singing and to play blues harmonica, mandolin and guitar.

Lunch: A light lunch will be provided. To assist us with catering, please notify the office **BEFORE Tuesday 24 March** if you will be attending.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

Parking will be restricted so please consider car pooling or the use of public transport

Peter Anderson, Secretary

**U3A HAWTHORN OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4pm**

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 the Curriculum Committee (care of the Office) and one of them will get back to you, with a view to including the course in our program.

SITUATIONS VACANT

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

If you can help please contact the office on 9821 0282.

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

In order to make more use of email for U3A Hawthorn communications **it is essential that you notify any changes in 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).**

Our website **http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au**

The website is fully functional. All courses, forms, and newsletters are available to download.

OFFER OF ASSISTANCE

Are you familiar with our website? Are you confident with internet browsing and emails? Is your PC doing what you want it to do? If not and you'd like a helping hand, our Webmaster, Bruce Lancashire, has offered to assist members wherever possible. You can either email him direct to webmaster@u3ahawthorn.org.au or leave a message for him at the Office. He can then make arrangements with you.

FEES FOR 2009

Annual membership fees for 2009 are as follows:

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

Members are reminded that membership fees for 2009 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses for 2009 can be processed.

COPIES OF PLAYS AVAILABLE

We have been given multiple copies of a number of plays by well-known playwrights (David Williamson, Arthur Miller, Henrik Ibsen, William Russell to name a few). Tutors and members are welcome to borrow these. Any queries, ring Jean Giese on 9890 2189.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE?

Badges are normally printed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as required. New members and those who have requested a replacement can collect the badge from the office, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris, usually within two days of joining U3A Hawthorn or making a request for a replacement.

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the June 2009 Newsletter is 8 May 2009. Please send all copy to the Office.

From the President

What a great year it has been for our U3A! The list goes on. Our new premises completely renovated, and with air-conditioning. A successful year for our well attended classes throughout the year, and capped by a great Summer School.

These achievements just don't happen. It is really not fair to single out people when so many have contributed, but I must mention just a few.

Peter Anderson bore the brunt of coping with the myriad of jobs that had to be done during the alterations at Sinclair Avenue, and beyond. As our Secretary he was a one man House Committee. Speaking of which, we intend to appoint a House Committee this year. Hopefully this will relieve Peter of this work, which is not really the intended job of a Secretary. We are looking for volunteers! For the House Committee, that is.

Joan Harding and her entire team have every right to feel a sense of achievement that all their hard work in organising the Summer School was crowned with the success of record enrolments for very popular speakers. Joan and her team stepped in at short notice to take over the great job that had been done by Elaine Cockburn. In Joan's separate report she has mentioned the daily input for a smooth running of the School of both Bruce Lancashire and Peter Anderson. I join with her in those remarks.

This issue gives formal notice of amendments to our Rules that will be put to our Annual General Meeting, to be held on 1 April. The explanatory notes that accompany the notice are, I hope, self-explanatory. If there is one phrase that adds to the explanations, it is that the intention of the changes is to 'spread the load' of what is now the running of a big business.

A final word. The 2009 programme is now completed. I would be remiss if I did not thank Joan Donlon for her continuing untiring application to this big job. And to include our receptionists in my thanks for handling the rush of enthusiastic members at the enrolment times, all the while coping with the EFTPOS machine.

Rod Benjamin, President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1 APRIL 2009

Motion to amend the Association's Rules

MOTION

To amend the Rules of Third Age Learning (Hawthorn) Inc. by

Altering Rule 8(4)(c)(ii) to read "a Vice President"

Altering Rule 8(4)(c)(iii) to read "a Secretary"

Adding Rule 8(4)(c)(iv) to read "a Treasurer and ordinary members of the Committee"

Altering the first sentence of Rule 9(9) to substitute the word "twenty" for the word "five"

Adding new Rule 10(2)(d) reading "The Committee can decide to delegate any of its functions to the Executive of the Committee. The Executive shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Executive shall be required to report back to the Committee on any of the functions so delegated."

EXPLANATION

1. Alterations to Rule 8(4) are recommended to allow the creation of the position of Vice President. The Vice-President will be the President-in-waiting. There is much to learn about all the activities of the group and it takes some experience to take over the reins. Establishing an Executive (see below) which includes the Vice President will share the load of the present Office Holders.

2. The current Rule provides that five members present at a General Meeting shall constitute a quorum. It is considered this is inadequate in an organisation whose membership is in excess of 1000.

Currently there is no formal Executive. The Executive should consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Because the Committee meets only once a month it is seen as appropriate that the Committee can delegate specific functions to the Executive. There is presently no formal way of doing this. This rule will not prevent the Committee delegating tasks to individual Office Bearers or to individual Committee members.

Peter Anderson, Secretary



MUSIC NOTES FOR 2009

In this climate of plunging stock markets, job losses, overwhelming heat waves, power failures, failed peace settlements and buckled train tracks, the power of music to divert and delight becomes even more invaluable. Here is a taste of what is in store for us all at U3A in the coming year.

The main dates for your diary are:

Thursday, May 14	Orchestral concert
Saturday, June 13	Choir concert
Thursday, August 13	Orchestral concert
Thursday, November 26	Orchestral concert

All Orchestral concerts are at 10.30 am in the Hawthorn Town Hall.

The Choir concert is at 2 30 pm in the Chandelier Room, Hawthorn Town Hall.

PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE THESE DOWN NOW, AS YOU ARE OUR PRIME AUDIENCE AND PUBLICISTS, AND WE NEED YOU TO SPREAD THE WORD!

- During 2009 musicians the world over acknowledge the 200th anniversary of the death of Josef Haydn. For our first concert the Orchestra will include two of his works, an early symphony and the delightful cello concerto in D with Faye Goldsmith as soloist. Christopher Martin will be conducting in what may be his final year with us – he's threatening to retire midway through 2010 when he turns 80! So let's make the most of every opportunity to enjoy his unique talent!

- Once again, the Choir is sending out an appeal to all you closet tenors and baritones – come and join a very special band of vocalist/music makers, and swell the ranks of those in the back row who, after all, provide the very foundation of the special U3A Choir sound. Judy Chipman would love to hear from you – 9848 6036. Do call her and talk it over.

- The Recorder groups are all full and continuing to flourish. Linnell is proud of the progress being made and of the obvious pleasure which all players express, regardless of their level of expertise.

See you at the concerts!

Ruth Muir

OUR ORCHESTRA MEMBER HONOURED BY MANNINGHAM COUNCIL

Those of you who receive the Manningham local paper would have noticed that one of our orchestra cellists, Heather Ambrose, has been honoured as a Manningham Council Citizen of the Year, due to her long-time contribution to Manningham U3A. Some years ago Heather developed a program especially designed to encourage volunteering from the members, which has had resounding success.

Ruth Muir

U3A HAWTHORN CHOIR PIANIST WANTED

The choir is seeking a pianist to assist the present accompanist at choir rehearsals and performances. Ideally some time would be spent singing in the choir and some time accompanying the choir.

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday at 10.15 am to 12 noon at St David's Uniting Church, corner Burke and Mont Albert Roads, Balwyn.

If you would like to help please telephone Judith Chipman on 9848 6036.

DATABASE MANAGER

We are very fortunate at U3A Hawthorn to have Hans van Dorssen, our Database Manager. He has personally crafted our database application – refining and adapting it to our changing needs over many years. It is central to everything we do as it manages all the information about memberships, courses, venues, tutors and, of course, class enrolments. The application is written in FileMaker Pro [for Windows] using its inbuilt scripting capabilities. Hans is looking for someone with the skills of analyst/programmer/database manager – preferably with a good working knowledge of FileMaker Pro – who would be interested in assisting, and then taking over the role of Database Manager. If you can help, please email Hans van Dorssen at hansvd@optusnet.com.au to arrange a meeting and a demonstration of our database system.

Bruce Lancashire

ARCHIVIST SERVICES

We were delighted that Vida Jerasius responded to our advertisements for an archivist historian . She has already commenced work on the archives by downloading information that was stored on floppy discs that were filed with our documents. Vida is somewhat restricted in the work because the archives are in a filing cabinet in the southern room at Sinclair Avenue, so she can only work when the room is not in use. Nevertheless we are very grateful for her offer and for the work she has already done.

Rod Benjamin

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

This is an invitation to members who are prepared to give something back to U3A by offering about 1 hour a week of their time to purchase and distribute supplies within Sinclair Avenue. Peter Anderson would like to hear from you on 9817 5879 or through a message at the office.

Peter Anderson

2009 U3A CURRICULUM COMMITTEE SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

January presented the Curriculum Committee with two great challenges, firstly operating the 2009 Summer School series of lectures, and secondly the extreme weather conditions!

This year your Committee offered the largest number of classes ever conducted for a Summer School which ran from 5 to 30 January with the total enrolment numbers being an incredible 1745! We were grateful that our recently renovated lecture rooms allowed members to relax in air-conditioned comfort while our volunteer lecturers gave 59 outstanding presentations on a vast number of subjects.

Previously our Summer School was held at Swinburne University, where their staff handled many of the details for presentations but this year, with our own venue at Sinclair Avenue, we had to master all expertise. Many volunteers rose to the challenge to help make this project such a success and the Committee is grateful. For those volunteers who were not called upon, thank you also for your response. A very special member of our Committee, Elaine Cockburn, now retired, needs recognition for her outstanding work both for the 2008 Summer School held at Swinburne and for guiding the 2009 Summer School. Bruce Lancashire made enormous input each day, by controlling the audio and IT equipment. The guest lecturers were made welcome and were delighted with his expert assistance. Thank you also Peter Anderson, our General Committee Secretary, for his constant presence and help. A special note of appreciation is due to all the tutors who prepared and delivered such excellent presentations – well done!

The involvement of all volunteers in every aspect of the Summer School – the contact and documentation of prospective tutors, the enrolment days, the data input, the introduction and thanks to lecturers, the opening and closing of facilities and finally the ever helpful office staff – is much appreciated.

We hope next year that those members who have benefited and enjoyed our 2009 Summer School series of lectures will consider offering their help for the next series. I know you would enjoy the involvement.

One final word – I would like to thank each member of our small Curriculum Committee: Paddy Wagstaff, Colette Flynn, Julianne Lewis, Elizabeth Walker and Graham Barber, for their incredible effort in getting the 2009 Summer School on the road.

*Joan Harding,
Curriculum Committee Coordinator*

AUTUMN EXCURSIONS

*For bookings please telephone the U3A office
For further **queries**, please contact Joan Harding on 98133974 or 0408366987
or Colette Flynn on 98826097
Payment is due **at least 21 days** prior to tour departure unless stated otherwise.*

MARIBYRNONG RIVER TWO HOUR BOAT CRUISE WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009

Learn the early history of life along the Maribyrnong River with commentary provided by the Captain of the popular cruise vessel '*Blackbird*'. The river was discovered by L.T. Robbins and Charles Grimes in 1803, then settled by groups led by John Pascoe Fawkner and John Batman in 1835.

Compare the past with the present development – you'll be surprised.

Cost: \$15 per person

Transport: Own arrangements

Departure: Footscray – on the western side of the Maribyrnong River Melway reference: 42 E5

Proceed to the end of Wingfield Street to access the river. There is a new name for the end of Wingfield Street in the latest Melway, which is called '*Salt River Place*'

The boat leaves the dock at 11.00 am sharp and returns two hours later.

Parking: Near the boat cruise office or in the street (4 hour parking restriction).

Maximum Participants: 30

Iced water is available on board. Car pooling is suggested.

Please direct bookings and payment to the U3A office. Be quick to register!!

TOUR OF THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2009

Cost: Nil

Transport: Own arrangements – tram suggested

Where: St Kilda Road, Melbourne

Time: Departure at 1.00 pm, and concluding between 2.00 – 2.30 pm

Maximum Group Size: Unlimited

Join a guide who shall explain the significance of each area of the Shrine. You will be taken through the crypt to view the historical collections and later to the upper level (lift available) to the sanctuary, featuring the '*ray of light*'. Concluding at the observatory we will enjoy a panoramic view of beautiful Melbourne. Afternoon tea may be enjoyed (at your own expense), just across the road at the Observatory Restaurant in the Botanic Gardens. Please direct bookings to the U3A office.

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**AROUND THE WORLD LUNCH
INDIAN RESTAURANT – TANDOORI DEN CAMBERWELL
THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009**

Where: 261 Camberwell Road, Camberwell (close to Camberwell Junction)

Transport: Own arrangements (tram stops outside restaurant)

Time: 12.30 pm

Cost: *A la carte* (own expense depending on what you order)
Cash or major credit cards welcome

Beverages: BYO (wine only) or fully licensed

Maximum Group Size: 30

Voted 'Best Indian Restaurant' by American Express and *The Herald Sun*, Tandoori Den offers a delicious Indian fare. Accomplished chefs Sansar Chand and Balwant Singh will conjure up a spicy Indian menu that begins in the north with a tasty Chicken Korma and travels down south with a special Coconut Crab. Along the way you will find a great selection of dishes including Burra Kebab. Chefs Iqbal and Janak Raj combine raw and tempered spice to produce Tandoori Den Specials like Tandoori Steak, Tandoori Salmon, Lamb Pepper Fry and many more. If you haven't sampled Indian cuisine previously, this restaurant is a great place to start.

Please direct bookings to the U3A office no later than Friday 01 May. A deposit of \$10 per person (non refundable) due upon placing booking.

**TOUR OF THE AUSTRALIAN COSTUME COLLECTION
FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2009**

Cost: \$5 per person (donated to the Murchison Nursing Home).

Where: 39 Greenaway Street, Bulleen.

Transport: Own arrangements.

Time: Commencing at 1.00 pm (approximately 1.5 hour's duration).

Tucked away in Bulleen's light industrial area is a rare jewel. Discover a museum housing an amazing costume collection spanning the time from early European settlement to present day. The extremely knowledgeable owner, Loel Thomson, will present a short lecture and summary of the changing fashions and influences on dress of the times and is followed by a viewing of this exceptional collection in superb surroundings. A very professional tour, and not to be missed!

Please direct bookings and payment to the U3A office no later than Thursday 28 May.

Joan Harding

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**

U3A HAWTHORN EVENTS

March 2008 to June 2009

(This flyer is for your refrigerator or bulletin board)

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009
11 AM

MARIBYRNONG RIVER
TWO-HOUR BOAT CRUISE

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2009
10.30 AM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF U3A HAWTHORN
26 SINCLAIR AVENUE, GLEN IRIS

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2009
1 PM

TOUR OF SHRINE OF
REMEMBRANCE

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009
10.30 AM

U3A ORCHESTRA CONCERT
HAWTHORN TOWN HALL

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009
12.30 PM

AROUND THE WORLD LUNCH
TANDOORI DEN
CAMBERWELL

FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2009
1 PM

TOUR OF COSTUME COLLECTION
BULLEEN

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2009
2.30 PM

U3A CHOIR CONCERT
HAWTHORN TOWN HALL

Full details of all these events are in your Newsletter