



**Notice is given of the
31ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of U3A HAWTHORN Inc.**

Location: Eric Raven Reserve Pavilion, Estella Street, Glen Iris

Date: Tuesday 10 May 2016

Time: 2.00pm

Agenda:

- To receive apologies and proxies [Proxy forms available at the Office]
- To confirm Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting
- To receive the Annual Report for 2015
- To receive the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31/12/2015
- To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next 12 months
- To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2016
- To approve Subscription Fees for 2017
- To consider 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 presentation from a guest speaker; details to be confirmed.

Afternoon Tea: Refreshments will be provided for those **who notify the Office before Friday 29 April of their intention to attend.** Pre-booking is essential for catering purposes.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

Bruce Lancashire
Hon Secretary





Congratulations to Vicki Walker OAM

We congratulate Vicki Walker on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, General Division, OAM. Vicki received this honour in recognition of her service to education and the community. Well-deserved and well-done Vicki!

Vale

During the Christmas/January period, the U3A Hawthorn community was saddened to hear of the passing of two members who had each made significant contributions to our organisation.

Betty Marginson AM

Our Number 1 member, Betty Marginson, died on 18 December. Betty was awarded a Life Membership in recognition of her role in the founding and establishment of U3A Hawthorn. Her strong commitment and valuing of education was evident over many years. First as a teacher, then parent and later in her extensive public life, Betty demonstrated her belief in the positive role education plays in society.

As our first President, Betty played a major role in our establishment and initiated many of the programs and structures which ensured that we flourished and grew into the organisation that we know today.

Betty was also involved in the establishment of U3A Network. As its first President she was involved in developing an organisation which supports all U3As in Victoria.

Betty was a Hawthorn City Councillor for nine years and the first female Mayor of Hawthorn.

Betty will be remembered for her enthusiasm, foresight and commitment, which meant that she was an active and leading contributor to everything in which she was involved.

She was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 1977, became an AM in 1995 and received the Centenary of Federation Medal in 2001. Betty Marginson was one of the 200 women honoured by being listed on the Honour Roll in the Victorian Parliament House as "women shaping the nation".

Our sincere condolences to Ray and the family.

Joan Donlon

Joan Donlon, our Curriculum Coordinator, passed away on 15 January 2016.

Joan was a long-standing member of U3A Hawthorn and made a significant contribution to our organisation over many years. Joan worked three days a week undertaking the role of Curriculum Coordinator, encompassing time tabling, tutor liaison, venue liaison and the handling of members' enquiries.

Joan will be greatly missed.

Summer School

At first we did not expect to be able to present a Summer School this year; however Swinburne University came to our rescue and offered us the use of the Lecture Theatre TD121 which some of us would have remembered from the Saturday Series Derek Readman used to run in this same venue.

Carol Lancashire organised a great program in no time at all. Attendances have been excellent and attendees have expressed their appreciation for the content and variety of presenters over the three-week period. All of this indicates a very successful Summer School for those fortunate enough to attend.

Our thanks go to Carol and Bruce Lancashire for their work over the weeks prior to the opening and then at each session after that. Their skills and time are valued and appreciated.

Thanks also to Swinburne University – to our Patron and Swinburne Vice Chancellor, Professor Linda Kristjanson and to Erika Osawa from the Office of Engagement for her liaison and facilitation. Their interest and work made the Summer School possible and enabled us to enjoy the daily presentations in a very comfortable and accessible venue

The Buildings

The last few weeks have seen a great change at Sinclair Avenue as we prepared for the building works.

With the help of the working bees and some dedicated and hard-working people over "the break" we have established the office and a classroom in the temporary buildings in the carpark, stored equipment in a container and set up other temporary sites for classes in 2016.

The grounds are now a building site and we are not permitted to enter.

We have the shared use of the Eric Raven Reserve Pavilion and various other sites, some of which are very familiar to us. All of these venues will be our temporary “homes” until the project is complete. We expect the work will not be completed until well into the second half of the year.

The venues that are shared do not have all the features that have been available at Sinclair Ave and will mean that we have to be flexible, adaptable and considerate of other users. In the case of Eric Raven, the Cricket Club is the lessee and we have a licence to co-use part of the building. We need to be aware of the club’s needs and observe their requests in relation to their furniture, layout and hours of use. Tutors have been briefed on the equipment available and ways of observing the club’s requirements etc. Please use these temporary sites carefully and leave them tidy and set up as requested.

We are aware that parking is an issue at some venues. Perhaps public transport or carpooling could be considered as options. In some cases tutors may need to observe a stricter time schedule than was operating at Sinclair Ave. All of this will fade into insignificance when we move back into Sinclair Ave. In the meantime please exercise patience and tolerance as we make do until we can move back into permanent accommodation

The Office

If you visit the office you will notice that there is a very limited space available for our administrative support people to work in and for people to come in to make enquires and enrol etc. There is really only room for one person at a time in the space available between the desk and the door. Please do not crowd the office. Take a seat outside the door and the duty person will attend to your needs as quickly as possible. The people who work in the Office are coping with noise from the construction site, which adds to their load. Please give them your cooperation and make their task easier and quicker.

Postage

Letter rates have increased and guaranteed delivery times have been extended. We give emphasis to email as a means of communication to offer you a better service. You will have noticed that for the first time this year we sent out the very large batch of enrolment confirmations by email. Thanks to the Data Team who undid some of the old programming, thus allowing us to do this. This

resulted in the bulk of the confirmations reaching people much earlier than those who receive theirs by post. We saved some costs, and importantly, gave a quicker service.

IF YOU HAVE EMAIL AND CURRENTLY DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER OR CURRICULUM BY EMAIL PLEASE GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO THAT WE CAN GIVE YOU A QUICKER MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE. (Remember you do not have to print out anything other than enrolment forms. If you do not have a printer these are available from the Office).

Second Copies

Each time we have a Curriculum or Up-date published we have a high number of members requesting second copies. In future we will not be giving these out. A copy will be available for reading at the Office and one is also on display for you to read. You can also go to our website and access all back copies as well as current editions.

*Meg Adams
President*

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

In order to make the best 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 your name(s) and U3A ID number(s).**

Our website is <http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au>
All courses, forms, and newsletters are available for download from this website.



MUSIC NOTES

Bridging the gap between our final performances at the end of 2015 and plans for the start-up of 2016 brings to mind the satisfaction felt by both Choir and Orchestra as our audiences applauded our efforts, and acknowledged the work that had gone into the preparation of those final concerts. Other feelings present then were a sense of relief and a looking-forward to some weeks of freedom from the

demands of the busy year just concluded. Now we are back into preparation stage once again. There are dates to be set, meetings to be held, people to be contacted, venues to be booked and confirmed and music to be gathered up and distributed.

Let us start with the dates for concerts for the coming year, not all yet confirmed, but enough to earn a place in your diaries:

The Choir started rehearsals on 9 February, with a concert planned for Saturday 19 June at 2.00pm at Flockart Hall, MLC. Once again we will have the pleasure of hearing the Recorder Group as they have agreed to present a short selection from their current program.

The Orchestra starts rehearsing on 3 March, as usual in the Hall of St Mark's Anglican Church Camberwell, with Willem van der Vis directing the first program, with the concert to be held on Saturday 7 May at 2.30pm in St John's Anglican Church, Burke Rd, Camberwell. The talented young cellist Charlotte Miles is to be our soloist.

Further dates for the Orchestra are Sunday 14 August and Sunday 27 November. More details will be published in the next newsletter as the August date is still to be confirmed.

During January, many of our music-lovers enjoyed the two sessions at Summer School given by noted cellist Zoe Knighton, who presented us with lively accounts of the joys and challenges of playing in a string quartet – in her case, the well-known Flinders Quartet. By playing us excerpts from various recordings of selected composers she demonstrated the fine points of interpretation and performance, as well as producing examples herself on her own beautiful instrument. Zoe will be offering further sessions along these lines later in the year. Check the Curriculum to enrol in these short courses.

So there is much to look forward to as the year gets underway, we hope you will all enjoy what we can offer!

Ruth Muir

COPY DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the Newsletter is Wednesday 4 May. Please forward copy to the office.

SOME REMINDERS

Tutors: please turn out the lights, air-conditioners, and lock up your rooms if it appears that there are no further classes occurring after yours.

All Members: Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off or set to silent mode before the class commences and do not answer or make any calls during the class. In an emergency, please excuse yourself from the class and make or answer the call outside the building.

Students: Please be mindful of the fact that, if you wish to enrol in some of the more popular classes (for example languages and bridge), you can only enrol in one category/class, not two.

FEES FOR 2016

Annual membership fees for 2016 are as follows:
Membership of U3A Hawthorn: \$45 single or \$70 couple/two at same address
Member enrolling from another campus \$30 (to cover administration)

Members are reminded that membership fees for 2015 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses can be processed

Building Works Update



Our campus refurbishment is well underway. Members are reminded that there is **no access** to any of the campus buildings as they are within a declared construction zone.

All member services are now contained within the 3 temporary buildings in the carpark; namely the Classroom, the Office and the toilet block.



An open invitation is extended to U3A Hawthorn members to attend a presentation by Gillian Triggs, President, Australian Human Rights Commission, arranged by Current Affairs class CU04.

Wednesday 15 June
9.45am – 11.15am
Parkview Room
Camberwell Library Complex
Camberwell Road, Camberwell

This presentation is part of the CU04 program. Those enrolled in CU04 attend as usual. Members **not** enrolled in CU04 can register to attend by ringing the U3A Office **after Monday 23 May**. Bookings will not be accepted before that date.



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

BOOKING POLICY

All tour fees payable at the time of placing reservation.

Payments may be made by credit card or cheque at the Office, or by paying online.
Bookings close two weeks prior to the event.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations 14 days or less prior to the scheduled departure time will mean no refund will be paid.

Thursday 10 March 2016 MARIBYRNONG AND YARRA RIVERS CRUISE ON *THE BLACKBIRD*

Cost: \$20

You can pay by credit card on our website Excursions page

Time: 10.30am sharp departure

Departure: Footscray, on the west side of the Maribyrnong River.

Proceed to the end of Wingfield Street in the current
edition of the Melway (also known as 'Salt River Place').

The ferry is 100 yards to the left at end of the street). Ample parking.

Melway: 42E5

Limit: 28 participants

Inclusions: Cruise only

For all those members who have asked, "When is the next 'Blackbird' cruise?", now is the time to book!

Downriver, see the largest port in the Southern Hemisphere, Coode Island, Westgate Bridge and hear the history of these rivers. We turn course upstream to see the amazing development bordering the Yarra River, highrises, cafes - it's a total transformation.

On return approximately two hours later, lunch or coffee is available at Happy River Cafe on the nearby bank of the Maribyrnong River. Please indicate if you are joining the post cruise plans so we can secure tables.

Friday 15 April 2016
ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS DISCOVERY TOUR WITH GUIDE JULIANNE LEWIS

Cost: \$10

You can pay by credit card on our website Excursions page

Time: 10.30am to 12 noon (approximately)

Departure: Visitors' Centre, Observatory Gate (opposite The Shrine),
Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra Melway: 2G A12

Limit: 12 participants

Autumn is the perfect time to visit our Royal Botanic Gardens with our U3A member and qualified garden guide taking us on a journey of discovery. Marvel at the collection of rare plants, see the ancient Wollemi pine, walk through the cool glade of the newly renovated fern gully, and later, while sipping coffee or lunching (own cost) at the picturesque Tea Rooms by the lake, watch a punt glide by.

Wear comfortable shoes, take a hat, umbrella and water.

Tuesday 17 May 2016
TOUR OF THE ISLAMIC MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Cost: \$10

You can pay by credit card on our website Excursions page

Time: 10.00am to 11.30am

Departure: 15a Anderson Road, Thornbury
Melway: 30 B4 (parking onsite)

Limit: 20 participants

This Museum has been established to create a cultural awareness and understanding through an innovative environment, programs and tools that help people nurture their curiosity about Islam and build bridges between cultures.

Accept this invitation to journey with a guide through the architecturally outstanding museum and conclude your visit with refreshments at the onsite cafe (own cost). Order choice at commencement of tour.

Friday 24 June 2016
CELEBRATING STYLE – 1950s FASHION OF MELBOURNE GUIDED TOUR

Time: 12 noon to 1.00pm (approximately)

Location: Location: Glen Eira City Council Gallery,
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
(incorporated in the Caulfield Town Hall)

Gallery curator Diane Soumilas shall showcase 1950s Australian Women's vintage fashion and couture with the exhibition capturing the international influences, style and elegance of fashion during this decade.

Garments, accessories and photography, sourced from public and private collections, will be included in the exhibition. If desired you may lunch or have coffee at the recommended Cafe Einstein, 251 Hawthorn Road, just 5 minutes walk south.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MARCH - JUNE

Thursday 10 March	Excursion - Maribyrnong and Yarra Rivers cruise on the <i>Blackbird</i> , 10.30am
Monday 14 March	Labour Day Public Holiday – no classes
Fri 25 – Mon 28 March	Easter – no classes
Friday 15 April	Excursion - Royal Botanical Garden Tour with Julianne Lewis 10.30am
Tuesday 19 April	Readman Lecture No 8 –Professor Linda Kristjanson <i>Future Directions in Tertiary Education : Continuity and Change</i> 3 pm, Eric Raven Reserve Pavilion
Monday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday – no classes
Saturday 7 May	U3A Hawthorn Orchestra Concert, St John’s Anglican Church, Burke Rd, Camberwell, 2.30pm
Tuesday 10 May	Annual General Meeting, Eric Raven Pavilion, 2.00pm
Tuesday 17 May	Excursion - Tour of Islamic Museum of Australia, 10.00am
Monday 13 June	Queens’ Birthday Public Holiday – no classes
Wednesday 15 June	Open Lecture - Professor Gillian Triggs presentation, Parkview Room, Camberwell Library Complex, 9.45am
Thursday 16 June	Readman Lecture No 9 – Jane Tanner <i>Children’s Book Illustration</i>
Saturday 19 June	U3A Hawthorn Choir Concert, Flockart Hall, MLC, 2.00pm
Friday 24 June	Excursion - Celebrating style – 1950s fashion tour, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, 12 noon
Thursday 21 July	Readman Lecture No 10 – Associate Professor Lynn Gilham, <i>Clinical Ethics</i>



READMAN SERIES LECTURES 2016



No 8 Future Directions in Tertiary Education: Continuity and Change

*Professor Linda Kristjanson,
Vice Chancellor, Swinburne University*

Tuesday 19 April 2016, 3pm

Eric Raven Pavilion
Estella Street, Glen Iris

RSVP:

The Readman Lectures are free to all members of U3A Hawthorn, but registration is essential. Please RSVP to the U3A Hawthorn Office by Monday 11 April. Tel: 9821 0282. Refreshments will be provided.

Readman Lecture No 9

Children's book illustration... Which stories, why and for whom?

Jane Tanner, Author, Illustrator

Thursday 16 June 2016

Readman Lecture No 10

Clinical ethics: assisting hospital staff to make decisions in ethically difficult situations

Associate Professor Lynn Gilham, Health Ethics, Centre for Health and Society, University of Melbourne

Thursday 21 July 2016

Readman Lecture No 11

Why we need stronger Human Rights protection in Australia

Hugh de Kretser Executive Director, Human Rights Law Centre

Thursday 15 September 2016