



# U3A HAWTHORN NEWS

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## NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**LOCATION** Room 2045 (opposite lifts on ground floor), Business & Arts Building,  
Swinburne University, John Street, Hawthorn (see map on page 20)  
**DATE** Thursday, 20 April 1995  
**TIME** 10.30 a.m.  
**AGENDA** Chairman to open meeting  
Apologies  
Confirmation of minutes of previous A.G.M. and Extraordinary G.M.  
Presentation of Chairman's and Treasurer's reports  
Adoption of reports  
Election of Executive Committee  
Appointment of Honorary Auditor  
General business

Please remember to wear a name tag for easy identification.  
If you require any further information, please ring us on the above numbers.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by

## **SOCIAL FORUM: MAKING THE MOST OF LATER LIFE**

**Guest Speakers:  
Emeritus Professor George Singer  
Mrs Lisl Singer**

Professor Singer was Foundation Professor of Psychology and Foundation Dean of the School of Behavioural Sciences at La Trobe University, following academic positions at Sydney and Macquarie Universities. He has published ten books and many research articles and, since his retirement and as Director of the Brain-Behaviour Research Institute, he has concentrated on improving the quality of life of people in their later years.

Mrs Lisl Singer, a graduate of Sydney University, has been a social worker and researcher and now works with her husband in the presentation of their programmes.

The venue for the Forum is the same as for the Annual General Meeting above. Morning coffee will be served, as usual, at 10 a.m. The AGM will follow at 10.30, and our speakers will address us at the conclusion of the official business.

There will be refreshments following the address.

Cost per head will be \$5; just fill in the tear-off slip at the end of this Newsletter and return to U3A at 24 Wakefield Street by 13 April.

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### **NOTICE TO UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS**

This is the final issue of the Newsletter to be sent to those members who have not renewed their subscriptions for 1995. The subscription rates are \$25 per member, and \$40 for couples.

**THIRD AGE LEARNING HAWTHORN (INC.)**  
**University of the Third Age**

**MINUTES OF NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Held at Hawthorn Town Hall on Thursday, 24 March 1994, at 10.30 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Mrs Frances McCallum (Chair), Mr John Hughes (Treasurer), Mrs Betty Marginson, and 52 members of U3A. Recorder Joy Adamson.

**APOLOGIES**

Received on behalf of Charles Davidson, Keith Finlay, Jill Fitzgibbon, Hazel Fraser, Ruth Gaensler, Betty McCauley.

**MINUTES OF AGM 22/6/93**

As minutes of the Eighth Annual General Meeting had been circulated with the Agenda for 24/3/94, it was moved by Ernestine Lobb and seconded by B. Shelton that the minutes as circulated be taken as read. CARRIED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

John Hughes spoke to his report for the 12 months to 31/12/93 (circulated with agenda). He had also provided notes and budget for each month of 1994 to date, and the picture revealed that, whilst income had not fallen away, expenses had escalated markedly, particularly in the cost of venues and services. He strongly advised consideration of a rise in subscriptions from the present \$20 per annum to at least \$30 per member as from January 1995.

He also announced that he would not be able to continue in office for the future. His advice was received with great regret, and acceptance of his report, with thanks for his excellent service to U3A. CARRIED.

John Hughes then moved, seconded by Hans van Dorssen, that the office of Treasurer be considered without delay. AGREED.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman's report had been circulated and read with interest. Highlights were the increasing membership of U3A, with 36 centres and 5000 members in Victoria, offering about 69 different courses. The most popular courses were in the arts, and she stressed the need for more interest in science and technology as representing the growing needs of our times. She mentioned with regret the resignation of Deirdre Jane, long-time executive secretary, and the work of volunteers in all aspects of U3A work.

The continued support of Swinburne College and of Hawthorn Council was deeply appreciated. It was moved by Lois Astley and seconded by B. Clarke that the Chairman's report be received with approval. CARRIED.

**HONORARY AUDITOR**

Mr Charles Davidson, current Auditor, had regretted his inability to be present, but had advised his availability to continue to act as Honorary Auditor. His reappointment was accepted with approval. AGREED.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

During 1994 further personnel had been co-opted, i.e. Lois Astley, Hans van Dorssen, Keith Finlay, Jan Bombardieri, Jean Giese and Joy Adamson (recorder).

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Network Forum: Betty Marginson reported on the Forum held at Wangaratta 20/3/94. She advised that Wangaratta community had published a book based on local history over the past 30 years. Historian Judy McMillan had spoken at the Forum of Wangaratta's pioneer days when overlander Docker had bought 20 acres of virgin land and erected the mansion 'Bontheramdo', which still stands as a great attraction in the district.

She added that U3A had strong branches in nearby towns such as Benalla and Mansfield with good communication between them. Her report was received with ACCLAMATION.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

The Chairman then welcomed and introduced the Guest Speaker, Professor Carl Wood, Head of Obstetry and Gynaecology at Monash University Medical School. Professor Wood, international celebrated pioneer, in a brilliant and lucid speech, outlined the history of the century's great achievement in the field of obstetrics, and what research and micro-surgery have done for seemingly infertile women. He spoke of the first 'miracle' baby and of the now numerous children and their success.

Betty Marginson spoke for us all in her warm thanks for his address.

**CLOSE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed and light refreshments were served.

CHAIRMAN



## **SOME THANKS**

U3A Hawthorn continues to be organised on a voluntary, cooperative basis. That is, that members donate their talents as managers, office workers and tutors so that all members benefit. A detailed description of the administration was given in the research study, *Learning for Living*, published 1993.

We continue to be greatly indebted to Hans van Dorssen, Course Coordinator, who masters the computer, and to his assistants, and also to Lois Astley, who prepares the roster for the people who attend the desk. We are all indebted to them.

The quiet and tireless contribution of our Secretary, Keith Finlay, is an essential ingredient in the smooth operation of Hawthorn U3A.

The newsletter is very important in keeping contact with members and providing information about classes. Alma Bourke retired after many years of service and this responsibility has been taken over by Helen Williams; our thanks to both of them.

Lola Stewart took over from John Hughes as Treasurer (he moved over to become choir director). Our accounts have been in good hands in both cases.

## **TUTORS AND COURSE LEADERS**

Fifty-five tutors have presented courses during the year. As always, one of the constraints on the breadth of topics available is the range of people willing to act as tutors or course leaders. We are always willing to hear from fresh volunteers. We are much indebted to our present tutors for their range of knowledge and their commitment.

## **FORUMS**

One of the limitations of Wakefield Street is the size of the rooms, which makes impossible large gatherings of members. However, owing to the generosity of Swinburne University, we are given the use of a lecture room during vacation times. This has enabled a series of successful forums to be held with distinguished speakers:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
24/3/94	Professor Carl Wood (at Hawthorn Town Hall)	Minimally Invasive Surgery
13/7/94	Mr Godfrey Payne	Fire Safety
20/8/94	Mrs Geraldine McFarland	Hawthorn Sketches: Life in the Valley
1/12/94	Dr John Scott	Universities: Ivory Towers, Frontier Posts or Service Stations?

## **COOPERATION**

U3A shares the house with the Hawthorn Community Education Project, which is also a community-managed adult education activity. It offers courses for less mobile and housebound people, as well as assistance with literacy and language to people with disabilities. Support has been obtained by grants from the Adult Community and Further Education Council of the Eastern Region and the Home and Community Care programme.

The presence in the house of such capable and enthusiastic young adult educators has been a great help to the U3A committee and members. Judy Elsworth, the coordinator, serves on the U3A committee and is a constant source of advice and stability in day-to-day matters. There is clearly great strength obtained in this combination of two aspects of adult education in a supportive environment.

## **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

During the year the Committee felt it wise to recommend that the annual subscription be increased from \$20 to \$25, and for couples from \$30 to \$40.

## **NETWORK OF U3As VICTORIA**

Hawthorn continues to be an active supporter of the Network, and many of our members participated in the National Spring School organised by Sunraysia U3A in September.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Hawthorn U3A continues to be greatly indebted to Swinburne University of Technology, who provide our Wakefield Street headquarters and maintain them. Practical advice and assistance with other facilities are always available. We thank them for their community spirit expressed in a practical way.

The Borroondara Commissioners have maintained the assistance in photocopying and concessions about building use established by the previous Hawthorn Council. Again we thank them for their community spirit.

We express our pleasure at the completion of our first ten years and trust that we can continue to work together to make the years of retirement from working life both stimulating and purposeful.

*Betty Marginson,*  
Chairman

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**31 December 1994**

Hawthorn U3A campus continues to grow. Our membership has now reached approximately 600, and in 1995 we are offering 65 classes. Because of the need to accommodate so many people and classes, venue hire remains our biggest expense.

This could possibly be lessened somewhat by making more use of Swinburne facilities, which are available to us on Friday afternoon and Saturday. The house at 24 Wakefield Street is also vacant on Saturdays. The concentration of classes occurs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A greater spread to other days is desirable, in order to make better use of free classrooms.

Our overall expenses for 1994 have been lower than anticipated, and consequently we have been able to reduce slightly the shortfall from 1993. Thank you to our desk volunteers for their vigilance in cutting down on telephone calls and postage. No doubt computerisation is adding to efficiency.

We have acquired several additional pieces of equipment: a dual cassette recorder for the use of tutors and classes, very useful for cassette copying, and also a microphone to help with large classes and where some members have less than perfect hearing. Tutors may book any of the available equipment by informing the office. In addition a printer was purchased for the office.

With the amalgamation of several councils, the future is still a little uncertain as to whether we will continue to enjoy the privileges so long afforded us by the previous Hawthorn council. Thus it seems prudent to keep a rein on expenses until our position becomes clear. Your continuing cooperation in this regard is important if we are to keep our subscriptions at the present new level of \$25 (\$40 double) annually. Let us hope that no further rises in subscriptions will be necessary for another five years.

*Lola Stewart,*  
Treasurer

### **WANTED**

**Computer operator  
Must have database  
programming experience**

Please call Hans on 509 0527 after 6 p.m.

# Third Age Learning Hawthorn ( Incorporated )

## Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1994

1993		1994
\$	\$	\$
	<b>Current Assets:</b>	
4,975	Cash at Bank	3,757
<u>4,000</u>	Investment Accounts	<u>9,000</u>
8,975		12,757
	<b>Fixed Assets:</b>	
12,166	Equipment	13,321
<u>6,056</u>	Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>7,417</u>
6,110		<u>5,904</u>
<u>15,085</u>		18,661
	<b>Equities Represented by:</b>	
6,200	Prepaid Subscriptions	10,410
95	Creditors	455
-	Choir Funds	71
<u>8,790</u>	Accumulated Funds	<u>7,725</u>
<u>15,085</u>		<u>18,661</u>

### Auditor's Report

I report that I have audited the cash receipts and payments records and the financial accounts of the Third Age Learning Hawthorn (Incorporated) for the year ended December 31st, 1994.

In my opinion the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Association's affairs as at December 31st, 1994.

Dated at Kew March 16th, 1995

*K.C. Davidson*

K.C. Davidson A.C.A.

# Third Age Learning Hawthorn ( Incorporated )

## Income & Expenditure Account

1993		1994
\$	Income:	\$
11,810	Subscriptions	12,643
15	Donations	45
443	Interest Received	279
3	Sale of Publications	99
12,271		13,066
	<b>Less Expenses:</b>	
32	Annual Return Fee	53
100	Auditor's Honorarium	100
116	Bank Costs	80
270	Equipment Maintenance	-
-	General Expenses	75
220	Insurance	59
-	Name Tags	273
300	Network Affiliation Fee	308
115	Photo-copier	(149)
1,788	Postage (General)	1,090
871	Post / Print Newsletter	1,083
632	Stationery	1,062
-	Social Activities	38
178	Social Forums	(45)
60	Subscriptions	62
233	Teaching Aids	174
1,856	Telephone	1,727
6,839	Venue Hire	6,576
510	Volunteer & Tutor Expenses	204
14,120		12,770
	<b>Income less Expenditure</b>	
(1,192)	Surplus / Shortfall	296
1,192	Depreciation	1,361
(3,041)	Shortfall transferred to Members	(1,065)
	Accumulated Funds	
	<b>Accumulated Funds</b>	
11,831	Balance 31st December, 1993	8,790
3,041	Less Shortfall for 1994	1,065
8,790	Balance 31st December, 1994	7,725

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

An important item on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting will be the election of your Executive Committee for the ensuing year. Not all currently serving members of the Committee are continuing—there are vacancies to be filled.

This Association can best succeed in its purpose if there is a periodical stimulus to the energies and the enthusiasm of its Committee of Management, which can only be achieved by the introduction of new members from time to time. Whilst there is a natural reluctance of members to put their own name forward as candidate, most would agree if approached by another. Tutors and other class participants would know those who would be able to make a contribution, and they are urged to approach, to seek agreement and to nominate such members as candidates for election.

Nomination forms are available in the office, and should be lodged with the Secretary seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, viz. by 13 April 1995.

### SITTING MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE eligible and available for re-election

#### **Rae Alexander**

A founder member of U3A Hawthorn—is responsible for tutor liaison and is convener of the newly formed Curriculum Sub-committee. Currently tutoring Literature courses and monthly Book Groups.

#### **Lois Astley**

Joined the Committee in 1993—at present a member of Forum Sub-committee and has for some years performed the important role of Coordinator of Office Administration.

#### **Greta Burman**

A founder member of the Committee—currently serving as a member of the Curriculum Sub-committee and as tutor in both Physiology and Nutrition and Health courses.

#### **Alexe Gale**

Long-serving member of the Committee—also member of Curriculum Sub-committee and other working groups. In addition Alexe has tutorial roles in Psychology and Philosophy subjects.

#### **Ruth Gaensler**

Has served as member of the Committee since 1991.

#### **Jean Giese**

Joined the Committee in 1993—is assistant to Coordinator of Office Administration and has convened Summer School Seminars in addition to an ongoing study of Aboriginal issues, culture and history; has previous experience in management of other community organisations.

#### **Werner Graff**

Long-serving member of the Committee—member of Forum Sub-committee and is liaison officer for this Campus with Victorian U3A Network; he also has a tutorial role.

#### **Derek Readman**

Joined the Committee recently—has brought experience in general administration and is now actively engaged in a curriculum and course venue review. Serves as a member of Curriculum Sub-committee.

#### **Lola Stewart**

Elected to Committee in 1994 and performs the vital role of Treasurer; has had previous valuable experience in management and general business administration.

#### **Hans van Dorssen**

Joined Committee 1993 and has introduced a large measure of computer science to our course administration, drastically reducing the clerical workloads and improving efficiency. He is Course Coordinator.



## NEW CANDIDATES

The following are new nominations received up to the time of preparation of this Newsletter, but there may be further candidates, as nominations are open up to seven days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

### **Laurel Hollow**

Active in U3A Hawthorn affairs and at present working in our office administration; has considerable experience in accounting and an involvement in many community and charitable organisations.

### **Judith Lahey**

Works at present in our office administration and assisted in the organisation of recent Summer School Seminars. Recently retired from a banking career, which included management roles, her experience would be valuable within the Committee.

### **Bev McIntyre**

Recently retired, now an enthusiastic U3A member and available for further involvement; has maintained connections in community affairs as a committee member and a voluntary worker for various causes.

### **Ralph Mottram**

Has had a long career in marketing, personnel and management development and retired in 1985 as General Manager, Management Services Division, Australian Institute of Management. He hopes to help in the development and effectiveness of U3A Hawthorn.

### **Pam Rogers**

Member of U3A Hawthorn since 1987, with eight continuous years of convening and teaching at this campus. Her academic qualifications and former extensive teaching experience would add to the overall depth of the Committee.

### **Joan Strachan**

One of the office volunteers at Hawthorn U3A, she is on the Committee of the Hawthorn Community Education Project and the Statistics Officer for the Victorian Citizens' Advice Bureaux.

### **Ronald Taft**

Currently co-convenor of Current Affairs course, he is highly academically qualified and a most suitable candidate for the committee.

### **Helen Williams**

A freelance editor for 20 years, currently editor and producer of *Hawthorn U3A News*; works closely now with the Committee and her election as a Committee member would bring useful skills and experience in editing and communication.

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Following the amendment of our Association rules by Special Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 1 December last, the Committee have recognised the services of four members by the award of Honorary Life Membership. The recipients of this award are:

Margaret Drake

Harold Fraser

Judy Gould

Deirdre Jane

All have given long and exceptional service to this Association, and the thanks and congratulations of all our members go forward to them.

## COMING TO CLASS

Parking in Hawthorn is NEVER easy, so U3A members are asked to consider their transport options carefully. Parking behind 24 Wakefield Street is restricted to office staff and tutors ON DUTY only. Disabled drivers should make arrangements in advance with HCEP staff should they need to have a space reserved.

When coming to class, U3A members could consider car-pooling, collecting a friend, or leaving the car at a local station parking facility. (Timetables can be collected at Glenferrie Station.)

For those close enough, walking to class may be an option: this would combine physical and mental exercise in the one day! The experts tell us that this is the best way to age successfully.

## **ADULT EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

It can be difficult for some people to get out and about unassisted, but involvement in educational activities is possible with appropriate help to get started. The Hawthorn Community Education Project staff will visit housebound older people to discuss what is available in the way of Learning for the Less Mobile Classes (with transport assistance), the Life Writing Correspondence or Telelink Courses. There are also conversation groups for older migrant people to improve their English. If you know of someone who could be interested, the telephone number is 214 8824; ask for Geraldine or Julia.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL SEMINARS**

### **AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION**

This took the form of a one-day seminar/workshop on 24 January 1995 and was arranged in conjunction with the Constitution Centenary Foundation, who provided the recommended reading material, the principal speaker and the workshop discussion leaders.

The programme entailed an opening address given by Mr Denis Tracey, the Executive Director of the Foundation, following which the participants broke up into three workshop groups. There were three workshop sessions, each of one hour's duration, the topics being 'Head of State', 'The Federal System' and 'Individual Rights'. Discussions on these aspects of the Constitution were led by Peter Morrissey, Stephen Donaghue and Tony Thomas, all of the Constitution Centenary Foundation.

All in all the day was highly successful and participants voted unanimously in support of follow-up seminars to further their understanding of what is really the foundation of our democracy.

Our thanks go to the officers and volunteer speakers of the Foundation for their interest, assistance and enthusiasm, which led to the success of this seminar.

### **THE ENVIRONMENT**

Professor Peter Fensham conducted the seminar at the beginning of February and during the first two days he demonstrated the differences between the greenhouse effect and the depletion of the ozone layer. On the third day the group visited the Yellingbo State Nature Reserve at Macclesfield, where they saw and helped in the work being done to preserve the habitat of the Helmeted Honeyeater, Victoria's bird emblem (an endangered species).

## **TENTH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH**

The function to mark ten years of U3As in Victoria, held on Tuesday, 24 March, in the Great Hall of the National Gallery of Victoria, was voted an outstanding success by all those who attended (out of 700 people, some 70 were from the Hawthorn campus!). The address by the former Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowan, was extremely interesting and the whole event was very enjoyable. Congratulations are due to our own Betty Marginson and the organising committee for doing us proud.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP**

U3A's next Social Club luncheon will be

Date Friday, 26 May, 12 noon at

Venue Classy's, Shops 13-14, The Causeway (off Bourke Street, opposite Myer), Melbourne.

Price The 3-course meal is \$18, BYO drinks.

Please book and pay in full at U3A office, Hawthorn, by 19 May.

Suggestions would be welcome for other inexpensive lunch venues, and in particular for a venue for a Christmas-in-Winter lunch: please ring Ruth Grady (882-1473) or the office with any bright ideas.