



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In a recent conversation with an eight year old family member I was asked what U3A was and why I went there. After some chatting and questioning he concluded that it was a good idea to keep older people learning and busy. It set me thinking about what I say to adult inquirers and what would be an appropriate and concise response to people who want to know about U3A Hawthorn

On consulting a variety of materials developed over the years I found the following:

- We are an autonomous association incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 operating on a voluntary, self-supporting basis
- We provide educational classes to Third Age Learners ie older, retired people
- We are a self-help organisation run entirely by volunteers and funded by members' subscriptions
- We are a community of people sharing knowledge
- No educational qualifications are required – those who teach and those who learn are all members
- U3A is a learning co-operative of older people that encourages healthy ageing
- We offer life-long learning possibilities, new friendships, fresh opportunities, healthy ageing, creative and leisure activities
- Like minded members from all walks of life are encouraged to form study groups and share knowledge on a voluntary basis
- A world-wide non-profit organisation
- The principles of self-help and mutual support are the cornerstone of U3A
- U3As are voluntary non-profit organisations which aim to offer older people low cost educational opportunities in a pleasant, supportive social environment
- U3A provides the opportunity for retired or semi-retired people to study a wide range of subjects and engage in physical activities or to learn skills such as sewing
- Members learn at their own pace in a friendly atmosphere, generally without prerequisites and without the pressure of exams
- U3A is a self-help group in which no person receives payment
- Membership of U3A brings many important benefits. These all have an impact on member's health, mental, intellectual and physical.
- U3A provides a structure to the week, the opportunity to become involved in contributing as a volunteer, as a tutor, or doing office administration, tutor assistance and develops skills and strengthens constructive social interaction



- The activities of U3A Hawthorn allow opportunities to contribute to the organisation and wider community
- U3A is a positive role model for younger members of the community
- The curriculum of U3A shall be determined by the needs/preferences of members and according to the resources available to it
- U3A is the main provider of community education for adult learners in many communities including Boroondara
- U3A is highly regarded for the scope and quality of its programs
- U3A Hawthorn is non-sectarian and non-political and will not countenance any activity which impedes the equal opportunity rights of people, this includes racial, religious and sexual vilification and bias.

All of the above quotes, while at times repetitious, have over the years, been used to describe our organisation. So that we continue the tradition of innovation and accommodation of ideas we should take the opportunity to consolidate these aspects and ideas to form a cogent and current description of our U3A. One which will also take us into the future and provide informed information to use especially when talking to members of the community not familiar with our operation.

Your ideas and contributions are welcomed for consideration in this exercise.

Contributions can be left with Reception.

Meg Adams
U3A Hawthorn President



BOOK EXCHANGE

Approximately fifty enthusiastic members came through the door of the North Room for our very first book exchange on 21 June. Many brought pre-loved books to put on the tables and there were smiles on faces as members found treasures to take home.

Although we had some guidelines to begin with, there are no rules, you don't have to bring a book in order to take a book; however, we welcome new books to add to our collection.

The book exchange is held in the North Room on the third Wednesday of the month between 11.30

am and 1.30 pm, books can be dropped off from 9.45 am on the day.

This is a great opportunity to share books you have read and enjoyed and you never know what little gem you may find to take home!

We encourage all members to come along to our next exchange on Wednesday 20 September.

Julie Angus-Kiddle



MUSIC NOTES

How the months race along and find us struggling to keep up! Time for another of these paragraphs to up-date you regarding our U3A music world, but this time there seems little news to report. The Choir has recently presented its mid-year concert, a very pleasant affair with some welcome unfamiliar songs to join the old favourites, and an interesting mix of fresh arrangements.

With good memories of the success of our Celebratory concert in May, the Orchestra is in the middle of rehearsals for its concert in early August and all is going well. I am once again taking part as a player on the electronic keyboard masquerading as a harpist, mercifully for only a couple of short passages in only one item. This experience always serves to remind me of the difference between playing an instrument as a soloist or accompanist against joining in with the united forces of a symphony orchestra. So much more attention required and feeling more like a sensitive cog in a well-oiled machine, hoping to come in at the right place and keep time with everyone else. It's surprisingly challenging! By the time you read this, the concert will have been performed in MLC's excellent auditorium on 5 August, followed a few days later by our usual visit to St Roch's Primary School, always a joyous experience, and I will have thankfully put away my harp music.

Later on in the year the Carnival of Learning will again take place at Federation Square, on Sunday 8 October, and negotiations and practising is underway for a Wind Octet and the String Quintet, both formed from members of the Orchestra, to perform in the Deakin Edge concert hall in the middle of the day. We have been taking part in this annual event for some years now, and it always feels good to perform in this unusual venue, sharing our music with a totally different and enthusiastic audience. Our time slots are 11.20 and 12 noon, and I would urge you to come and represent our U3A with a ramble up and down the river, visiting our tent, and relaxing in the wonderful Deakin Edge concert hall to support our gifted

players – and also hear what other U3A musicians have to offer. A date for the Diary!

Ruth Muir
Music Manager



CHOIR NOTES

We can't all travel the world in person. But the enthusiastic response to the choir's concert on 25 June suggests the audience much enjoyed our musical voyaging together. We were delighted to present traditional songs and modern classics from Finland, Italy, England, Wales and the United States. And having mastered such pieces as *Lullaby of Broadway* and *Steppin' Out*, the choir can now confidently say 'we've got rhythm'.

We warmly thank Megan Austin, our new Musical Director and Conductor, for her skill, patience and perseverance in taking us to new heights. And of course, that could not have happened without the expert support of Judy Chipman, chief accompanist and former conductor.

Saturday 25 November at 2.30 am is the date and time of our end-of-year concert, to be held at Habitat Church, corner of Burke and Mont Albert Rds. The program will include excerpts from a modern musical, a few sacred seasonal pieces, a couple of carols you may never have heard and.... Well, you will just have to be there.

Finally, have you thought of joining the choir? It includes people of varying levels of ability and experience. We would especially welcome tenors and basses. The U3A office can put you in touch with the Director.

Bev Rangott,
Choir Manager



COURSES & TUTORS FOR 2018

We are working over the next few months to put together the courses which will be offered in 2018. We depend on the generosity of our volunteer tutors to offer year-long courses, short courses and single events, lectures and activities.

Each year there is demand for beginner courses in languages (French, Italian and German) and we also have requests for more exercise classes including gentle cycling, pilates, yoga etc. However, our call for tutors is definitely not limited to these fields.

If you are interested in offering a course or activity for 2018 we would love the opportunity to discuss

this with you. The diversity of our course offerings is important to provide for people of varying interests. Courses do not have to attract large numbers, often the smaller classes which allow discussion and exchange of ideas and expertise are the most rewarding.

Please email us courses@u3ahawthorn.org.au, or phone or drop in to Reception and leave a message for us to contact you. Courses for the start of the year need to be finalised by early October so that they can be advertised in November.

Carol Lancashire & Linda Baynham
Course Coordinators



THE READMAN SERIES

Since its inception in 2014, the Readman lecture series has continued to flourish. In September of that year, former Chief Justice of the Family Court, the Hon. Alastair Nicholson presented the very first Readman lecture. He was followed in succeeding years by a range of outstanding speakers on a great range of topics.

The 2017 program began with an address by our Patron Professor Linda Kristjanson, Vice Chancellor of Swinburne University who spoke about developments at Swinburne and the future of universities. In April, Assoc. Professor Amanda Richdale enlightened us on the engrossing subject of autism and we were pleased to welcome Professor Michael Buxton in May. His topic 'Can Melbourne remain the world's most liveable city?' generated much interest and many questions. In June, the Hon. David Habersberger, former judge in the Supreme Court of Victoria, intrigued and entertained us with fascinating legal cases drawn from his long judicial experience. The August Readman saw Adam Muir speak about 'Victoria's sustainable future'.

The 2017 program will close with a delightful musical presentation by our own Sam Alfreds and his niece Shimona Rose on September 21. It would be wise to register early as this promises to be a popular event.

If you have not already attended any Readman lectures, please keep an eye out for them and come along. They are always great occasions with an opportunity to meet and socialise with speakers and other members at refreshments afterwards.

Terry Hastings
Readman Series Coordinator



SPRING EXCURSIONS

For bookings please go to the website
www.u3ahawthorn.org.au
and use the online membership system to enrol and pay (if required).
If you are unable to use the online system, please visit Reception to complete
your enrolment using the Blue form.

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.

Wednesday, 13 September **TOUR OF JUSTIN ART HOUSE MUSEUM (17EXC007)**

Cost: \$25 including refreshments

Time: 10.30 am at the gallery

Location: 2 Lumley Crt, Prahran – a short walk along Williams Rd from High St, Prahran

Melway ref: 58 F8 **Limit:** 25 participants

Keen art collectors, Charles and Leah Justin, wish to share their enthusiasm for art with you and to guide you through their purpose built gallery/house. An exhibition of selected works collected by Canberra couple, Peter Jones and Susan Russell is also showing and demonstrates their journey as collectors of art of the last twenty years. At the conclusion of the tour you will be invited to have refreshments with Charles and Leah in their home.

Monday, 16 October **TOUR OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE (17EXC008)**

Cost: free

Time: 2.30pm - 3:30pm

Location: Government House Drive, Melbourne, adjacent to the Royal Botanic Gardens and close to the Shrine of Remembrance.

Meet: Gatehouse, Government House Drive at 2.20pm

Limit: Minimum 15; maximum 35 participants. Members only, no guests.

The Government House Education Tour consists of a 30 minute tour of the State Apartments followed by a 30 min Q&A session. 1 hour total time. The Tour will usually be led by the Governor's husband, Mr Anthony Howard QC. Participants will learn about Government House and the role of the Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC.

Visitors using public transport can alight at tram stop 17 (Police Memorial Stop) on St Kilda Road, or walk from Flinders Street Station.

Friday, 10 November
MELBOURNE TRAM MUSEUM (HAWTHORN) (17EXC009)

Cost: \$4, payable on enrolment

Time: 10.30 am

Location: 8 Wallen Road, Hawthorn (tram stop 29 on route 70 and 75)

Limit: Minimum 20 participants to operate (ask a friend)

Since 1885 Melbourne has been one of the world's great tramway cities. Visit the most authentic tramway in Australia namely the heritage listed Hawthorn Tram Depot, home of 21 fully restored trams. See the 1906 toast-rack tram and take a walk down memory lane at this highly regarded museum.

Readman Series #16 Thursday 21 September 2017, 2pm

Enjoying Opera!

Thursday 21 September 2017, 2pm

Presented by **Sam Alfreds** and with live operatic performance by **Shimona Rose**.

Sam is a retired accountant, finally being able to indulge in his passion for opera. He is currently a tutor at U3A Hawthorn, sharing his enjoyment of opera with others, and is also a presenter of an opera program at 3 MBS, Fine Music Melbourne, a community broadcast radio station.



Sam Alfreds



Shimona Rose

*Please register your intention to attend
by enrolling online in 17LEC007 or
by calling the Office on **9821 0282***

Shimona is currently completing a Bachelor of Music at the University of Melbourne and has participated in various competitions this year, attaining two 1st prizes at the 2017 Boroondara Eisteddfod for the Open Oratorio/Cantata and Art Song/Lieder sections, and 4th place at the 36th Annual National Liederfest.

Shimona is also a 2017 Opera Scholar and the 2017 Award winner of the Robert Salzer Vocal Championship. She sang the role of Pamina in a 2016 workshop production of excerpts from Mozart's The Magic Flute with Austrian director and writer, Beverly Blankenship. She is set to work with Beverly again later this year in another two Mozart operas, performing as The Countess in The Marriage of Figaro, and Fiordiligi in Cosi fan tutte.

Shimona began her musical studies with the piano at the age of 5, culminating in an ABRSM Diploma in Music Performance in 2014. Although piano was her first instrument, voice became a significant aspect of her musical life. Shimona has extensive experience with choral music, having been the Student Conductor as well as Choir Captain of high school choirs in both Singapore and Ballarat. However, her passion lies in opera and she is determined to pursue her dream.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS
SEPTEMBER 2017 – FEBRUARY 2018

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| Wednesday 13 September | Excursion - Tour of Justin Art House Museum, 2 Lumley Court, Prahran, 10.30am |
| Wednesday 20 September | Book Exchange, 11.30 – 1.30 |
| Thursday 21 September | Readman Lecture – Sam Alfreds and Shimona Rose – Enjoying Opera, 2pm |
| Friday 29 September | <i>AFL Grand Final Public Holiday – no classes</i> |
| 23 September – 8 October | <i>State School holidays - some classes may not operate</i> |
| Sunday 8 October | Seniors' Week in Federation Square |
| Monday 16 October | Excursion - Tour of Government House, 2.30 – 3.30pm |
| Wednesday 18 October | Book Exchange, 11.30 – 1.30 |
| Tuesday 7 November | <i>Cup Day Public Holiday – no classes</i> |
| Wednesday 8 November | Membership payments for 2018 and Enrolments in courses in 2018 commence The 2018 Curriculum and the Summer School program will be published on this date. |
| Friday 10 November | Excursion - Tour of the Melbourne Tram Museum, 10.30am |
| Wednesday 15 November | Book Exchange, 11.30 – 1.30 |
| Saturday 18 November | Orchestral concert with Gyula Cseszkó at St John's Anglican Church, Burke Rd, Camberwell, 2.30 pm |
| Saturday 25 November | U3A Hawthorn Choir End of Year Concert 2.30 pm, Habitat Church, Cnr Mont Albert Road and Burke Road |
| Friday 1 December | Last day of classes |
| Friday 8 December | Last day of the year for Reception. Reception will be closed from Monday 11 December, reopening Wednesday 3 January 2018. Reception will operate on restricted hours in January. |
| Wednesday 3 January – Thursday 25 January 2018 | Summer School |
| Monday 12 February 2018 | Classes will commence on or after this date. |

PROCEDURES FOR **RENEWING** MEMBERSHIP AND **ENROLLING** IN COURSES FOR 2018

ADVANCE NOTICE

Towards the end of each year members are invited to **RENEW MEMBERSHIP** of U3A Hawthorn for the following year by paying the Annual Membership fee. For 2018 this will be an individual Annual Membership of \$50, which enables members to enrol in courses, excursions, summer school and events during the year. (There will no longer be a couples membership category – only the individual membership).

Membership renewal is required before you can enrol in courses.

How to RENEW your membership

Renewal can occur from Wednesday 8 November 2017. There are 3 options for your renewal:

1. Online through the Membership system

- a. Go to the U3A Hawthorn website (www.u3ahawthorn.org.au) and click on the link to the Membership system on the home page
- b. Login using your Membership ID and password.
- c. Select **Pay Membership** from the menu
- d. From the Subscription 'drop down list' select **Annual subscription for 2018**
- e. Click on **Pay/View Invoice**
- f. Select **View Member Details** from the left menu
- g. Go to the bottom of the screen and click on **Pay Invoice**
- h. Follow the prompts to pay online with Paypal – either with your Paypal account or by your credit card

2. Use your own internet banking facility to make a bank transfer

- a. Follow the steps above to login to the Membership system
- b. When you get to step e you should either print the Invoice or, whilst viewing it on the screen, write down the BSB and bank account details for U3A Hawthorn
- c. Login to your personal internet banking facility and make a bank transfer to the U3A Hawthorn account ensuring your Member ID and surname is added to the note or comment field
- d. send an email to database@u3ahawthorn.org.au informing us you have paid and include your membership number and name so that the database volunteers can update your payment in the UMAS Membership system.

3. Pay at Reception in the Office at Sinclair Avenue

- a. Please bring your Membership Badge with you
- b. Pay with your credit card, cash or cheque
- c. You will receive a receipt for your payment
- d. The receipt copy will go to the database volunteers who will update your payment to the UMAS Membership system.

How to ENROL IN COURSES for 2018

Enrolment in courses can occur from **Wednesday 8 November**. On that date the 2018 courses will become available in the Membership system. The Curriculum for 2018 and the Summer School program will have been published in the Newsletter and on the website.

As has always been the case, you must enrol each year for the courses of your choice. Even if you have been enrolled in a course in 2017, you must put in an enrolment for that course for 2018 if you wish to continue to attend.

Some popular courses (with waitlists this year) will have a priority enrolment for those enrolled in the course in 2017. This will be explained to you in each of these classes. The priority enrolment period will be from **Wednesday 8 November until Wednesday 29 November 2017**. After this date the course will be open to the whole U3A Hawthorn membership and you will no longer be given priority.

However most courses will not have priority enrolment and, as usual, enrolments will be accepted in order of receipt until the maximum number is achieved and further enrolments will be waitlisted.

Options for enrolments in courses:

1. Online via the Membership system

- a. Go to the U3A Hawthorn website (www.u3ahawthorn.org.au) and click on the link to the Membership system on the home page
- b. Login using your Membership ID and password.
- c. Click on **View Courses** in the menu at left of the screen
- d. Click in the small box at the left of each course in which you wish to enrol
- e. Once you have selected all your courses, click on the green button to **Confirm Selections**
- f. On the new screen check the list is correct and then click on the green button to **Finalise Courses**

2. In person at Sinclair Avenue

- a. Come into Reception at Sinclair Avenue to have an *Assisted Enrolment*.
- b. Ensure you bring your Membership badge
- c. A database volunteer will assist you to make your selections using the Membership system
- d. There will be nominated times when *Assisted Enrolments* are available to spread the volunteer workload and to try to minimise waiting.
- e. The times for *Assisted Enrolments* will be published later.

Please note there will be no paper forms for enrolments. You can either do it yourself online or have an assisted enrolment at the office.

Further information will be provided in the 2018 Curriculum when it is released in November but you may like to retain this information to remind you of the process.

U3A HAWTHORN COURSES FOR 2017

The Full Curriculum for 2017 is available
on the website u3ahawthorn.org.au/members
Please enrol for the classes below online or complete the blue form at Reception.
You must be enrolled to attend any courses or events.

ADDITIONAL COURSES which have not yet commenced for SEMESTER 2, 2017

- 17HUM021: BUDAPEST** **11.30 - 1.00** **WEDNESDAY**
Venue: SINCLAIR AVENUE HALL
Tutor: Joe Hadju *weekly 11 - 25 October (3 sessions)*
A study of the splendid city of Budapest looking at its history and culture, its architecture and its present day ambience.
1. Budapest and the Hungarians
2. The Grandeur of Budapest
3. Arts and Entertainment in Budapest
- 17HUM024: MORE GENEALOGY** **1.30 - 3.00** **MONDAY**
Venue: SINCLAIR AVENUE SOUTH ROOM
Tutor: Ellen Stoddart *weekly 28 August & 4 September (2 sessions)*
Week 1: Genealogy: Back to Charlemagne.
Week 2: Genealogy: Tips & Traps. Looking at useful free genealogy websites (including ancestry.com), some to avoid, other good internet sources and family tree software (Family Tree Maker).
- 17LIT013: POETRY FROM WORLD WAR 1** **1.30 - 3.00** **THURSDAY**
Venue: SINCLAIR AVENUE SOUTH ROOM
Tutor: Jennifer Strauss *weekly 9 & 16 November (2 sessions)*
The course will look at a selection of the poetry written by British, Australian and one American poet that can loosely be called "anti-war" poetry in that it reflects the increasing horror experienced by soldier poets and a growing disillusionment with ideas of glory and with the imperial politics of war by these soldier poets and by some on the "home front". Handouts of the poems will be provided.
- 17LIT030: ACTING AND PLAYREADING** **3.00 - 5.00** **Tuesday**
Venue: SINCLAIR AVENUE HALL
Tutor: Janice Paull *weekly 3 October - 28 November (8 sessions)*
This practical introductory course is designed to provide participants with a wide range of acting/play reading experiences without the necessity of learning lines.
At each session excerpts from a variety of plays for individual or group read-throughs will be provided. Long scenes, monologues, dialogues and complete plays will also be available. A chance to brush up your Shakespeare or find your inner comic.
- 17TRA001 - 005** **THE ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES** **1.30 - 3.30** **THURSDAY**
Venue: SINCLAIR AVENUE HALL
Convenor: Daryl Wayland *monthly commencing 27 July*
This monthly series of lectures by different presenters aims to transport us to interesting realms, perhaps unknown through personal experience,
Presenters will explore their experiences visually and verbally and allow discussion afterwards.
Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

You need to enrol in each session you wish to attend.

17TRA003: ANTARCTICA AND THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

1.30 - 3.30 THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Venue: SINCLAIR AVENUE HALL

Presenter: Zvi Civins will find interesting ways to link these two natural wonders in an exciting journey of discovery.

17TRA004: BEIJING TO PARIS BY BICYCLE

1.30- 3.30

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER

Venue: SINCLAIR AVENUE HALL

Presenter: Heather Burge

You will be grateful for your armchair for this one. Heather is a retired secondary Maths and Science teacher, grandmother of six and a ridiculously addicted cyclist. In 2014 she completed a partly solo journey, which took her by bicycle from Beijing to Paris. Through China, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Iran, Turkey and Eastern Europe - this is the story of the countries, the people, the kindness and the joys of cycling in unknown places beyond your comfort zone.

17TRA005: DIPLOMATIC TRAVELS

1.30 - 3.30

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Venue: SINCLAIR AVENUE HALL

Presenter: Donal Denham

Donal Denham is a retired Irish Ambassador (and a current member of U3A Hawthorn) who will talk about his life as a diplomat in many countries of the world.

Additional courses may be advertised in Gateway - the eNewsletter.

OCCASIONAL LECTURES / SPECIAL EVENTS

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