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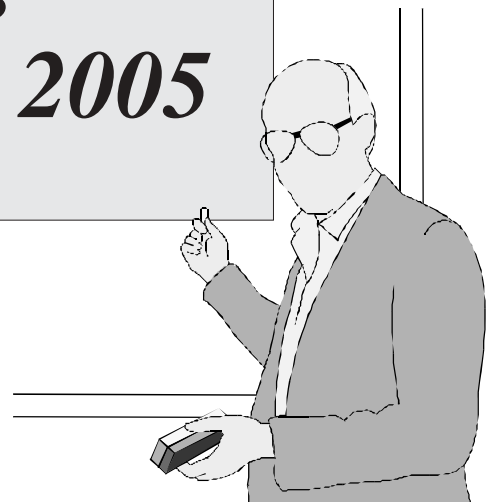
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*Annual  
Reports for  
2005*

*Annual General  
Meeting  
December 7, 2005*



**THIRD AGE LEARNING HOBSONS BAY INC.**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
HELD AT CUSTOMS HOUSE HOTEL, WILLIAMSTOWN  
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2004

MEETING OPENED: 1120

PRESENT: 42 including members and visitors

APOLOGIES: nil

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Read and accepted: (Connie Joel, Anita Oliver)

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Pauline Priestly spoke to her report

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the report which was accepted. (Jack Skinner, Sue Searls)

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Election of officers for 2005.

NO NOMINATION (Pres.), Carole Smith (Treas),

Ralph Humphries (Sec), Lorraine Woodman (Publicity),

Tina Beyer Network Rep) NO NOMINATION (Class Co-ord),

Election of Public Officer: Margaret Dyer was re-elected.

Jean Melzer (Network President) spoke encouragingly, describing Class Co-ordinator's job as seen around the state, giving suggestions and pointers. She indicated that the position could be enjoyable and interesting.

No nominations from the floor

CLOSE: 1140

Speaker: Greg Pond, Principal Bayside Secondary College (Kororoit Creek Road Campus)

Topic: History of his school from the 50's through the early highs, the lows of the late 70's and early 80's.

Revitalised during the later 80's to the present, with expansion by mergers with other school campuses to form the current Bayside Secondary College with 1600 students on three campuses. Education is for life and U3As are part of it. Now 98% of the students go on to tertiary studies. There is a movement to encourage middle school students to keep going and to develop bigger schools to work with years 10 and 11.

Entertainers: Altona Choir

Performed a wide selection of songs for our pleasure, with the gathering joining in at times.

As a member of the executive present at the meeting, I affirm that the Treasurer's books have been audited and approved by the auditor, Alan Thompson.

Signed: ÖÖÖÖÖÖÖÖÖÖÖÖÖÖ Ralph Humphries (Secretary)

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COMMITTEE 2004

President: Pauline Priestly

Secretary: Ralph Humphries

Treasurer: Carole Smith

Past Pres. Bea Smith

Class Co-ordinator: Anne McKay

Members: Tina Beyer

Irene English

Public Officer: Margaret Dyer

## ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2005***

As we have no elected President this year I have been filling in as Immediate Past President. With the help of a hard working Committee, a most dedicated Secretary and Treasurer, Third Age Learning Hobson's Bay has continued to make a significant contribution to further education in our community. I would like to thank the tutors who give up their time each week to lead their classes, Lawrence and Lorraine Woodman who keep our garden looking so nice and Irene English who looks after our refreshments. Also the Groups who attend to the monthly cleaning, as well Jack Skinner who is always ready to lend a hand and installed the handrail to the entrance to our Cottage.

I hope someone will come forward to help with the Committee work, we particularly need a Class Coordinator and of course a President as I am definitely retiring this year.

*Pauline Priestly*

**Enrolment Day 2006**

**Monday, January 30 10:00 am until noon**

**COTTAGE CLEAN-UP FOLLOWS**

**THIRD AGE LEARNING HOBSONS BAY INC.**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held at Altona Bowling Club, Altona**  
**AGENDA DEC. 7, 2005**

1. President welcomes all Guests and Members
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. President's Report
6. Finance Report

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2006

Interim chairman to take the chair and call for nominations.

Nominations:

President: Barbara Woodfine

Secretary: Ralph Humphries

Treasurer: Carole Smith

Committee Members: ..... (Network Delegate)

Lorraine Woodman (Publicity)

..... (Class Co-ord.)

Public Officer: Margaret Dyer

8. **Other Business: Grievance Procedure Motion (see p.8):**

*That the grievance Procedure requested by the Department of Justice, Consumer affairs be appended to the Constitution of Third Age Learning Hobsons Bay Inc.*

CLOSE:

Lunch will then be served

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**Network Report**

This year U3A is 20 years old!!! The U3A Network Executive Committee, all voluntary, have put a great deal of effort into raising the profile of U3A with Governments, Federal, State and Local, so that they may recognise that the years have endowed the mature members of the community with rich life experiences, well-honed skills, knowledge and wisdom, all of which qualities can enrich the communities in which older people live, and that our organization should be supported and encouraged. There are 71 U3A. groups in the Victorian Network and several new ones are being established in Metropolitan and Country areas.. The U3A executive are doing their best for us, but it is up to our members to participate more actively at Committee level to ensure that our group is sustainable. To enrich it we need new members and new ideas as to how to develop friendships and the sharing of knowledge.

*Tina Beyer*

# GROUP REPORTS 2005

## *ITALIAN GROUP*

*Tutor: Ralph Humphries*

There has been a good sized class this year, but with some inconsistencies in attendance which were due to various family commitments on the part of participants including the tutor. We still entertain a couple of people from Werribee (or perhaps we should say that they entertain us: it is really reciprocal.) who contribute to the dynamics of the group.

Following on from the popular song phase last year, this year we have broached the task of understanding normal speed conversation. When approached with caution and calm, one finds that one can understand much more than originally thought. However, it does take some constant listening at home.

Translation into Italian of well-known stories, such as *Rapunzel* and *The Wizard of Oz*, has augmented vocabulary somewhat as well as provided "exercise for the brain".

A further innovation is the introduction of "street" Italian which has provided us with interesting phrases.

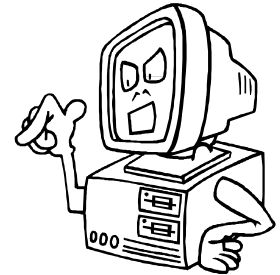


## *COMPUTER CLASS*

*Tutors: Ralph Humphries & Harry Acaster*

Harry Acaster's contribution to our computer "education" has been most appreciated again this year and despite some attrition in each of the classes (Monday's and Thursday's) owing to the usual other commitments experienced by participants, a lot of progress has been made. Of particular interest to the classes has been learning to access the Internet and coming to grips with the world of "computer speak", a task which seems to present difficulties to those of us of maturer years ñ unlike our grandchildren!

Ralph has decided not to continue teaching the Monday class in 2006. This decision replaces an earlier one of giving up the secretaryship. Hence there is a vacancy for a willing person to step into the breach. Any takers? There is also a possibility that this class could move to Thursday afternoon with Harry and a different format.



## *CREATIVE WRITING*

*Leader: Helene Richards*

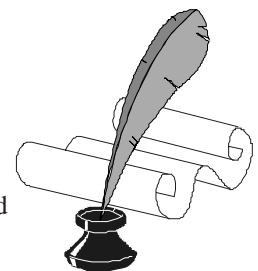
We began the year mourning the deaths of two valued members, Gavan Casey and Lorraine Potts, and the mood of the class was unusually sombre for a few months.

However, we welcomed several new and very talented writers, who have fitted in well, and are anticipating the return of Margaret Wright and Pauline Priestly in 2006.

Attendance has fluctuated, as usual, because of illness, holidays and other commitments, and there is a waiting list of three people.

We have produced our third anthology, which should be available by the end of November, and received funding from the Committee to enable a copy to be given to every enrolled member of the Hobsons Bay Third Age Learning.

All members are active participants in class discussions and have produced excellent written work throughout the year.



# ***ART FOR PLEASURE***

*Leader: Pauline Priestly*

We have completed another happy and productive year together, covering watercolour, drawing and pastel.

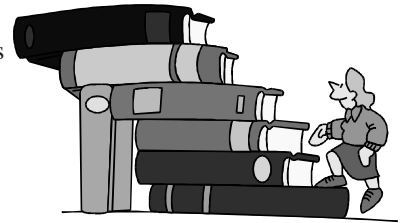
Painting outdoors is always a pleasure (depending on the weather). The members of the group always like to show off their work at the End of Term Luncheons and are encouraged by the positive comments. We even attempted some portraits this year, a real challenge which uncovered some exceptional talent. I look forward to another year in 2006 with my enthusiastic group.



# ***BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP***

*Secretary: Pauline Priestly*

We have had another interesting year again in 2005. A variety of books by an assortment of authors. Everyone looks forward to the monthly discussions, when members have differing opinions on the books under discussion. Alexander McCall Smith's "No 1 Ladies Detective Agency" sent everyone to the library for more of his books and "The Watcher on the Cast Iron Balcony" brought back memories of the locals. Since the current secretary is no longer able to continue and nobody has indicated willingness to take it on as yet, the CAE will be advised on Dec. 8 that this group will be discontinued.



# ***MAH JONG***

*Leader: Chris Honeycombe*

What a dedicated lot we are! Through all types of crises we manage to return ñ just "for an hour or so" or definitely "next week"!

Well done ladies! Your support is heart-warming, to say nothing of the laughs, the jokes, the camaraderie and of course ñ any excuse for a celebration (and special nibbles for afternoon tea!) And, yes, we DO play Mah Jong. Some interesting hands have been attempted and won but the enjoyment is the key. Thank you all.



# ***BRIDGE***

*Leader: Irene English*

The Bridge Class continues as usual: another pleasant year.

We have four beginners, all doing well, and importantly, enjoying the sessions. All have expressed how pleased they to have taken up the challenge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who help with setting up, Janet for distributing boards and my loyal gate attendants.



# ***CRAFT***

On behalf of the Craft Group I wish to report another year of activities and creations. Without a co-coordinator and few members, we manage to keep busy and cheerful, sharing our ideas and helping one another.

Any new members would be most welcome.

Looking forward to bigger and better things next year.

*Mavis Frost*



**TEXT OF THE MOTION RE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

***Disputes and mediation***

- (1) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these Rules between
  - (a) a member and another member; or
  - (b) a member and the Association.
- (2) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
- (3) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
- (4) The mediator must be
  - (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
  - (b) in the absence of agreement
    - (i) in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the committee of the Association; or
    - (ii) in the case of a dispute between a member and the Association, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).
- (5) A member of the Association can be a mediator.
- (6) The mediator cannot be a member, who is a party to the dispute.
- (7) The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- (8) The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must
  - (a) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
  - (b) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
  - (c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
- (9) The mediator must not determine the dispute.
- (10) If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.