

U3A NETWORK NSW Inc.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at the Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club, on Friday 29th April, 2016 commencing at 9:00 am

1. Welcome from the Chair: The President, Ainslie Lamb, welcomed members.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Non-Voting Committee members in attendance: Jean de Hosson, Sandy Freeman, Liz Imrie, Jim Nichterlein, Margaret Stratton, Lyn Stewart.

Apologies: Lorraine Beukers

Voting Delegates registering their Attendance:

Christine Paterson (ACT), Des Latham (Armidale), Jean Baker (Batemans Bay), Jenny Barnes (Bathurst), Dorothy Andrews (Brunswick Valley), Rowena Simone (Central Coast), Barbara Lucas (Central Illawarra), Lorraine Mallarky (Cessnock City), Betty Irons (Clarence River), Brian Magrath (Dorrigo), Nielsine Oxenford (Eastlakes), Jane Gilmour (Forbes), Sue Buls (Forster-Tuncurry), Pat Spilsbury (Goulburn-Mulwarre), David Abrahams (Grafton), Allan Haggarty (Griffith), Geoff Hatch (Hawkesbury), Frances Tarbox (Kempsey-Macleay Valley), Christine Peel (Lake Macquarie), Ern Hollebhone (Manning Valley), John Thacker (Newcastle), Peter Wolfe (Northern Illawarra), Pat Maclaren-Smith (Northern Rivers), Ross Bell (U3A Online), Bev Holland (Orange), Tony Dawson (Port Macquarie Hastings), Leonie O'Keefe (S.A.M.), Jennifer Johnston (Sapphire Coast), Robin Hodgins (Shellharbour City), (Shoalhaven), Erica Webber (Southern Highlands), Lauren Mulcahy (Southlakes), Beverley Peken (Sydney), John Sharkey (Tamworth Regional), Pamela McGlenn (Tuggerah Lakes), Dianne Dow (Warrumbungle), Aileen Harland (Wollongong)

Non-Voting U3As represented: Maitland, Gloucester District, Singleton and Oberon U3As.

About seventy-five other individual U3A members were also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Ballina/Byron Bay, Coffs Harbour, Corowa Rutherglen, Cowra, Dubbo, Inverell, ISSA, Kiama, Liverpool, Maitland, Norfolk Island, Parkes, Port Macquarie-Watonga, Snowy Mountains and Tweed Coast U3As. Also apologies were received from Lorraine Beukers, Des and Faye Davis (Port Macquarie-Hastings U3A), Peter Gibbs (Northern Illawarra U3A), Nikki McAdoo, Geoff and Maree Byrne (Southern Highlands U3A), Barrie Brennan (Tamworth U3A) and Ross Connell.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on Friday, 1st May 2015 (previously circulated) were confirmed on the motion of Allan Haggarty and Beverley Peken.

4. Reports: reports from the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Regional Representatives, Webmaster and Resource Library, had been previously circulated in a composite document, and also made available on the Network website, were considered.

4.1. The President, Ainslie Lamb, read her report commenting on the following:

- **Celebration of 25th Anniversary:** This year is the 25th of the Network's existence and to celebrate a history of the Network has been prepared by Dr. Ron Browne.
- **Retirement of Committee Members:** Both Des Davis and Shirley Cook retired at the 2015 AGM after the very successful Conference run by U3A Southern Highlands. Des would have liked to continue supporting his region but

was prevented by ill health. He was too ill to attend this year's conference and best wishes were sent to him from all present. Six new committee members indicated their willingness to become part of the committee, which meant that it was refreshed with new inputs and ideas. The committee met four times during the year including a successful experimental electronic meeting, which occurred over five days to provide time for the discussion of various issues.

- **Three Year Plan –**

Several Objectives were met during the year:

- Revision of Promotional Materials
 - Establishment of new U3As: Southlakes, Wagga Wagga and Broken Hill were established this year. Southlakes arose as a result of local initiatives. The other two were the result of a strategy of investigation and invitation of expressions of interest from local community resources. It was initiated by the Network and undertaken personally by the president. It is hoped this strategy will continue this year when Young, Lithgow, Narrandera-Leeton and Glenn Inness will be targeted. These objectives have been funded by Grant Funds previously received from the Office of Ageing known as FACS.
- **Meeting with Hon Len Evans** – the objective was to seek his advocacy to seek his support for continuing funding from the Minister for Ageing. These and other efforts were unsuccessful.
 - **IRT Grant** to produce a 'Brain Games Project', to supplement the very successful Balance'n'Bones exercise program.
 - **Application for DGR Status**
After consultation with Hon Stephen Jones, application has been made to have health promotion added to our charity status. This is necessary in order to apply for Donor Gift Recipient Status.
 - **Aged Alliance**
The Network has joined the NSW Ageing Alliance, a group of 26 organisations that operates in NSW providing benefit to people aged 50 and over, and co-ordinated by COTA.
 - **Thanks** were given to numerous members of U3A and all committee members who have contributed in many ways during the past twelve months.

The President stated that all reports would be accepted *in globo* later in the meeting.

4.2 The Treasurer, Geoff Hatch, presented his Report and the Annual Financial Statements for 1st January to 31st December 2015. At the close of the year there were \$33,836.81 in the General account, \$30,600.26 in the Grant Account and fixed deposits of \$11,133.87

The treasurer asked if there were any questions about financial matters. The web master, Bert de Hosson, asked whether all fees for web sites were being paid. Geoff stated that he is aware that there *are* U3As, which are not members of the Network, who have websites and he is not sure of the number. He will need to follow this up.

A question was asked whether the operating surplus was such that the Network can operate when Grant Funds are no longer available. Geoff replied that he is quite frugal and that, yes, he believes that the finances are currently healthy.

Geoff asked that his report be accepted – seconded by Sandy Freeman. *Carried*

4.3 Other Reports

All “other” reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Reports from the President, Secretary, Regional Representatives, Webmaster, and Resource Library Manager were adopted *in globo* on the motion of Pat Spilsbury (Goulburn-Mulwaree U3A) and David Abrahams (Grafton U3A)

5. Election of Office-bearers and Committee (2015-16)

The Returning Officer, Geoff Byrne, reported as follows: All members nominating as office-bearers or committee members were eligible for election. The following persons were declared elected for 2015-2016

<i>President</i>	Ainslie Lamb (Northern Illawarra U3A)
<i>Vice-President</i>	Ian Robertson (Sapphire Coast U3A)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Geoff Hatch (Hawkesbury U3A)

Regional Representative – Committee Members:

<i>Central Coast –Hunter Region:</i>	Sandy Freeman (Eastlakes U3A)
<i>Metropolitan Region:</i>	Beverley Peken (Sydney U3A)
<i>North West Region:</i>	John Sharkey (Tamworth U3A)
<i>North Coast Region:</i>	Liz Imrie (Clarence River)
<i>South Coast Region:</i>	Margaret Stratton (Northern Illawarra U3A)
<i>South-western-ACT Region:</i>	Jim Nichterlein (U3A ACT)

<i>General Committee Members:</i> Allan Haggarty (Griffith U3A)	Lyn Stewart (Gloucester District U3A)
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A further nomination from Alison Aspden had been received *after* the close of nominations and it was expected that she would be co-opted to the committee at a meeting to be held at the conclusion of the morning’s proceedings.

The President thanked the Returning Officer for his work in conducting the election.

6. Votes of thanks: Given by Ainslie Lamb President 2016-17:

Several votes of thanks were given as follows:

Retiring Committee Members: Jean de Hosson, Christine Parker, Lorraine Beukers are retiring and were thanked by acclamation.

Special Thanks and Award: Mel Davies has served the Network for 20 years in various roles including President and manager of the Resource Library. Ern Hollebhone spent eight years as Secretary and eight as web master. For this outstanding service they were awarded a special memorial plaque and thanked most sincerely for their wonderful contribution. Both Mel and Ern responded and reiterated their affection for the friends they have made through their service to the Network and their belief in the movement.

The meeting closed at 9:33 a.m.