

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE MELBOURNE CITY INC. (A0045765E)
THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 10.30 AM
THE MULTICULTURAL HUB, 506 ELIZABETH STREET, MELBOURNE

MINUTES

1 ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Chair: Jill Thompson
- 1.2 Present: Pamela Davies; Ann Johns; Jane Blaxland; Graham Hawley; Ruth Hawley; Bill Jeffries; Max Warlond, 74 members and 16 proxies.
- 1.3 Apologies: Andrew Freadman; Shirley Arbutnott; Fran Sciarretta; Helena Ling; Flora Anderson; Jeanette Bosisto; Blair Cramer; Angela Moodie;

2 WELCOME

The Chairperson, Jill Thompson, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests to the 31st Annual General Meeting.

Jill told the meeting she was standing down as President and had not renominated for the Committee.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting held on 20th November, 2014 be confirmed as an accurate record.

Move: J. Waldie, seconded G. Hawley, Carried

4 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

The President asked for any question on the financial statement. None were received. Ann Johns thanked the members who had helped her during the year.

RESOLVED that the 2015 Financial Report be received and adopted,

Moved: A. Johns, seconded M. Warlond, Carried.

5 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairperson presented the annual report. Jill had enjoyed being President through the year celebrating 30 years of the organisation. She has received positive feedback on how much the organisation is appreciated by members. She spoke of the volunteers highlighted in her President's report for their contribution. Tony Miles was also acknowledged for his assistance with all promotions.

RESOLVED that the 2015 Annual Report be received and adopted.

Moved J.Nankervis, seconded A. Hewett, Carried.

6 MOTIONS

A motion allowing the committee to increase membership fees for 2017 was put to the membership for discussion.

It was queried why this is needed and it was explained that accommodation costs, the major expense, are continually increasing, along with many other non negotiable areas of expenditure. In discussion members recommended that stronger engagement be initiated with Melbourne City Council. It was also recommended that more work be done to encourage current and potential members of the patrons programme to contribute. Mention was also made of the need for all class room spaces to be able to be used by any members with disabilities.

The President said that the Committee would welcome written suggestions about ways the organisation could gain additional funds, or about any other matters that members thought should be considered.

RESOLVED That the Committee of Management be authorised, at its discretion and at the appropriate time, to raise the 2017 annual membership and associate membership fee by \$5 each from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017

Moved: A. Johns Seconded: R. Hawley Carried

A motion that the committee of management in future comprise four Executive members and four additional committee members was not put to the meeting.

A motion changing the Rule 44 (e) of the Rules of Association to reduce the number of ordinary committee members to five was also tabled.

Discussion centred on how the committee was aiming to gain a closer understanding between their work and the membership. The 5 non-Executive members of the committee would each have an area of responsibility; Funding/Development; Course/ Programme development; PR and communications; Social activities; Policy development/management

RESOLVED:

That Rule 44 (e) of the Rules of Association be amended to read “five or more ordinary members elected under Rule 53” as follows

44. Composition of Committee

(1)The Committee consists of_

(a) President; and

(b) a Vice- President; and

(c) a Secretary; and

(d) a Treasurer ; and

(e) five or more ordinary members elected under Rule 53.

Moved: M. Warlond; Seconded: J. Holling Carried

7 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership was awarded to *Betty Caldwell* for more than ten years in her role leading the Wednesday Writers group. The President read out her citation.

A Certificate of Recognition was awarded to *Shinei Sakai* for leading the Japanese course for over ten years. The President read out his citation.

The awards were acknowledged by acclamation from the members present.

8 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President Secretary and Treasurer and for five Committee Members had been received by the closing date. All persons were financial members of U3A Melbourne City Inc.

The following members have been nominated to form the Committee of Management for 2016

Given that the number of nominations is the number required these persons are duly elected.

Office Bearers:	President	Pamela Davies
	Vice-President	Jenny Holling
	Secretary	Shirley Arbuthnott
	Treasurer	Ann Johns
Committee Members:	Jane Blaxland	
	Andrew Freadman	
	Helena Ling	
	Anne Patterson	
	Margaret Smith	

9 ADDRESS BY INCOMING PRESIDENT

Pamela Davies addressed the meeting, emphasising the strength of the organisation and the need to plan for the future.

Currently the membership exceeds 1500 and there are over 200 volunteers. However the organisation will only continue to thrive if people continue to become involved and offer their time and expertise.

For 2016 of the priorities include

- Accessing additional accommodation (at an affordable cost) to allow for the growth of classes
- Ensuring information to members and to external community is timely and appropriate
- Reviewing the strategic plan.
- Ensuring there are adequate volunteers to do the tasks

11 PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Committee and all the members Pamela Davies made a presentation to Jill Thompson, thanking her for her strong commitment to the organisation and acknowledging her long and continuing contribution.

12 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11.30 am

After the meeting there was a talk by Sam Thornton, from Ross House, on the history of Ross House and the long term relationship with U3A. This was followed by a demonstration of "My U3a" by Kai Simpson.