

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE MELBOURNE CITY INC. (A0045765E)

THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 15 November 2017

10.30am at the Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Chair: Pamela Davies
- 1.2 Present: Shirley Arbuthnott, Lesley Bright, Jenny Holling, Ann Johns, Marilyn Harris, Helga Kuhse, Anne Patterson, Margaret Smith, 90 members in attendance and 24 proxies
- 1.3 Apologies: Jeannette Bosisto, Jill Thompson, Max Warlond, Ruth Hawley, Margaret Ledley, Carol Wright, Fran Sciarretta

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 17 November 2016.

Motion: That the minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting, held on the 17 November 2016, be approved.

Moved: Helga Kuhse

Seconded: Anne Patterson

Following a show of hands all were in favour.

2. Receive and consider the Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the preceding financial year.

Motion: That the 2017 Financial Report be received and adopted.

Moved: Lesley Bright

Seconded: Jenny Holling

3. Vote on the following motions:

- (a) ***Motion: That the Committee be authorised, at its discretion and at the appropriate time, to raise the 2019 annual membership fee and associate membership fee by a minimum of \$20 each from 1 October 2018 until 30 September 2019.***

Moved: Ann Johns

Seconded: Lesley Bright

The Treasurer addressed the motion, stating that office rent had risen substantially following the office move. U3A's Strategic Plan specifically addressed the requirement for a multi-functional space which could also be used for meetings to offset increased costs. The cost of classroom hire in Melbourne CBD continued to rise each year, including those at Ross House. All classes would eventually be moved from Ross House due to occupational health and safety concerns. The budget showed a surplus of \$8,000 for the year and it would be preferable to be less reliant on grants and the generosity of patrons. The \$5 annual fee increase requested annually in the past would be insufficient to meet U3A's expenses in order for the organisation to remain economically viable and sustainable in the future.

Following discussion on the motion, the following amendment was moved:

- (a) ***Motion: That the Committee be authorised, at its discretion and at the appropriate time, to raise the 2019 annual membership fee and associate membership fee by a maximum of \$20 each from 1 October 2018 until 30 September 2019.***

The amended motion was passed following a show of hands. One member abstained from voting.

- (b) ***Motion: That the Committee be authorised to introduce a joining fee of \$20 for new full members, in addition to the membership fee, effective immediately following the Annual General Meeting on 15 November, 2017. The fee will apply only to new members who join after 15 November 2017.***

Moved: Ann Johns

Seconded: Lesley Bright

The Treasurer addressed the motion, explaining that although motion 3(a) above would increase funds for 2019, motion 3(b) was required to increase funds for 2018. The amount of \$20 had been

based on an estimate of 400 new members generating an income of \$8,000 for 2018. The joining fee would be a one-off fee applicable only to new members who had **never previously been a member of any U3A**. The fee **would not** be applicable to lapsed members, associate members, associate members who wished to become full members or life members.

The motion was passed following a show of hands.

4. Life Memberships.

Life Membership was awarded to *John Waldie* and *Rom Jagielski* for their contribution to U3A over ten years in their roles as tutors. The President read out their citations.

5. Election of Officer Bearers and Committee Members

The Returning Officer declared all positions vacant.

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

The following members were nominated to form the Committee of Management for 2018.

Given that the number of nominations was the number required these persons were duly elected.

Office Bearers:	President	Jenny Holling
	Vice President	Russell Huntington
	Secretary	Margaret Smith
	Treasurer	Ann Johns
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Committee Members:	Lesley Bright	
	Merilyn Harris	
	Michael Hoyer	
	Helga Kuhse	
	Patrick Miles	
	Steve Milton	
	Anne Patterson	
	Elizabeth Way	

Pam Davies, outgoing President, welcomed the incoming President, Jenny Holling and thanked her for her support as Vice President. The President also thanked the outgoing Secretary, Shirley Arbuthnott, for her work in supporting the organisation.

6. New President's address

The President thanked the outgoing President and Secretary for their contributions to the organisation.

7. Other Business

The President addressed the following questions from members:

Shirley Mason questioned the increase in rent for the U3A office following the move in premises.

The Treasurer reported that the Committee had made an informed decision to move the U3A office citing a variety of issues including the impact of the Metro Tunnel construction and OH&S issues at Ross House. Although the move had incurred an increase in rent, the new office would be a multi-purpose space which would be used for meetings and therefore offset other charges. It was difficult to anticipate the cost of classroom hire in advance and the budget may need to be manipulated in the future.

Carol Pelham Thornton (not present) raised the issue of support for tutors.

The President confirmed that tutors were U3A's core focus and that they were given every opportunity to contact Committee. Tutor meetings had been organised during the year and it was each tutor's responsibility to attend. A meeting of foreign language tutors had recently been held to address any issues relating to collective languages.

How can the new generation be integrated with the older generation?

U3A has been running successfully for 33 years and membership continues to rise.

How can U3A's profile be raised in the community....

The status and diversity of our tutors and the knowledge that they bring to us speaks for itself.

Margaret Jungwirth submitted a written question regarding the possibility of a 'user pays' model for our U3A fee structure. At the meeting, she stated that she enjoyed and valued her involvement with U3A Melbourne City.

The President responded that the 'user pays' system has been considered and presents a number of complexities. We will do further analysis of the options as we strive to keep our finances sustainable and costs to our members in check.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.