

U3A WELLINGTON CITY INC

MINIUTES OF U3A WELLINGTON 25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 10.00 AM 14 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT EMBASSY THEATRE, WELLINGTON

PRESENT

The President, Peter Hatfield, welcomed 124 members who had scanned their attendance and 4 visitors.

APOLOGIES

Received from Jocelyn Brandon, Mary and Michael Munro, Helen Thomson, Sheila Williams and Joan Wolland.

Moved Peter Hatfield, seconded Alan Wright that the apologies be accepted.

Carried

MINUTES

Peter moved, seconded Doug Helps, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 15 September 2017 and posted on the website be received and approved as a true record.

Carried

Matters Arising There were no matters arising.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Peter noted his report was on the U3A website and highlighted the following points. Currently there are over 1,100 members registered in June. Most members renewed their membership using PayPal or credit cards which gladdens the heart of Membership Secretary Gwen Levick. The green membership cards are now permanent for the duration of the membership. Peter thanked Aidan Kay for training a team to run the scanner and also Linda Beckett for assisting with the scanning.

Lecture Programme

The lecture programme has been a huge success over the past year. Thank you Robin Halliday, Bruce Medcalf and Doug Helps for a wonderful programme that involves many hours of work. Doug Helps' interview of Gareth Farr was a different format from our usual lecture and was very good. In November lectures will be arranged for 2019; we need your input and suggestions before finalising next year's programme. To Roger Chapman, many thanks for our weekly email detailing the following weeks' lectures. Thanks also to Jim Thomson for organising the front of house volunteers; there will be an opportunity at the remaining meetings this year to sign up for volunteering next year.

The Embassy

We have a two-year contract with the Embassy. Caleb Button, the manager, has made us very welcome. The cost to U3A is only a little more than we were paying at the Paramount. We value the services of Darryl Burnand, the Embassy technician who sets up the sound and projection facilities for us. It has been very helpful to have Alan Wright and Ian Goodwin assisting the Tuesday speakers in their setup and Bruce Medcalf and Anthony Fletcher doing the same for the Friday speakers. Thank you Ian for finally finding a good microphone for the speakers.

Special Interest Groups

The coordinators, Margaret and Ian Garrett, arranged for each of the SIGs to do a short

presentation at a lecture session which was well received. Last year U3A met the venue hire costs, ancillary charges and some operating expenses and this is working well.

Visits and Events

Aidan was thanked for organising a very successful mid-winter lunch at the James Cook where Sharon Crosbie was the guest speaker. We have had good experiences at the James Cook and we hope to use it again. The end-of-year function will again be at the Victoria Bridge Club on Thursday, 25 October. Stonehenge visits are always popular and another is planned next year. Visits to NIWA and NZ School of Dance have taken place and visits to Walk Wellington, Nga Taonga Film Archive and the Marine Education Centre are planned.

Newsletter

Heather Nelson, our U3A newsletter editor has produced three excellent newsletters this year containing useful information.

Victoria University Award

The U3A Victoria University award was won by Amanda Moore. Amanda completed a Masters of Educational Psychology in 2017 and the award has enabled her to undertake this year the Postgraduate Diploma of Educational Psychology Practice in Wellington. She will speak to us on 18 September 2018.

Website

The website is a much used source of information. Rodger Sparks is happy to continue running the site but thinks we are vulnerable in having just one person with this knowledge. We would like a member to volunteer to learn about the website and back-up Rodger. If you can help, please contact Rodger or a committee member. Thank you, Rodger.

Alteration to U3A Rules

On 24 August 2018 members voted on a proposal to amend the society rules. The reasons were to bring the Constitution into line with the Charities Act and to amend the rules so that the secretary is no longer an officer of the society. The amendments were passed unanimously. Thank you again, Roger Chapman, for drafting these alterations.

Statement of Accounts

Tony Thomson, our treasurer, has a telling eye for detail and has maintained our finances in a very healthy state. This year we posted a small deficit which we have sufficient reserves to support. Part of this deficit is a consequence of our subscription renewal season straddling the end of our financial year. We have decided to live with this rather than change the dates of our financial year. Subs remain at \$35 and \$5 visitor fee. Debbie Mickell has reviewed our accounts and given us a pass mark.

Peter moved on behalf of Tony Thomson, seconded Jim Thomson, that the Statement of Accounts be accepted. Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jim Thomson and Bruce Medcalf are retiring from the committee. Jim has used his organisational skills and charm to run front of house programme. Bruce has been very effective in running the Friday lecture series. Peter's five years are up and he is therefore

required to retire. He has much enjoyed being the President and working with a wonderful committee in a stimulating environment. The remaining members, Barbara, Tony, Gwen, Heather, Robin, Doug, Margaret and Ian Garrett and Aidan Kay have agreed to remain on the committee. We have three nominations for the committee to replace the three retiring members – Keri Logan, Rae Julian and Glynn Woodbury.

Peter moved, seconded Tony Thomson, that the 12 nominations be accepted. Carried

Peter thanked Barbara for being such a wonderful much-loved secretary and announced that she had agreed to become U3A President.

The 2018/2019 Committee is:

President	Barbara Crump
Secretary	Keri Logan
Treasurer	Tony Thomson
Membership Secretary	Gwen Levick
Newsletter Editor	Heather Nelson
Programme Coordinators	Robin Halliday, Doug Helps and Rae Julian
Volunteer coordinator	Glynn Woodbury
Special interest Groups Coordinators	Margaret and Ian Garrett
Visits and Events Coordinator	Aidan Kay

Peter thanked all the hard working committee members and recognised the work and enthusiasm they put into their roles.

Barbara thanked Peter for his capable, empathetic and successful stewardship during his term as President. He had negotiated a period of unrest in terms of our venues when we had to move from the BP theatre subsequent to Wellington's significant earthquake, then to the Paramount until last year when we again moved to our current venue, the Embassy. He has been a very popular President and we will miss his wise counsel. We wish Peter well.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Peter thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10.20 am. This was followed by the lecture on superconductivity.

That this be a true and correct record of the meeting of the AGM 2018.

Confirmed

Date