



U3A WELLINGTON CITY INC

MINUTES OF THE 26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF U3A WELLINGTON CITY INC HELD AT 10.00 am 13 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE EMBASSY THEATRE, KENT TERRACE, WELLINGTON

Present

The President, Barbara Crump, welcomed 151 members, who had scanned their attendance, and visitors.

Apologies

Received from Anthony Fletcher, Colin Sarten, Jill and Malcolm Wheeler, Creena and Michael Gibbons, Maureen Newbold, Mary Munro, Carol Stigley, Maria Falck, and Tom and Kay Farrar.

Moved Barbara Crump, seconded Doug Helps that the apologies be accepted.

Carried

Minutes of 25th Annual General Meeting held 14 September 2018

Moved Tony Thomson, seconded Don Crump, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 14 September 2018 and posted on the website be received and approved as a true record.

President's Annual Report

The President, Barbara Crump, noted her report was on the U3A website and noted that 46 new members had joined for the new financial year and 730 members had renewed their membership.

Finance

Tony Thomson, Treasurer, had provided the Committee with excellent, regular financial reports and maintained the finances in a healthy state. (See Statement of Accounts for further information on Finance.)

Fees

The annual membership fee of \$35 and \$5 visitor fee for lectures to remain unchanged for the coming financial year.

Lecture Programme

Many members had been complimentary on the choice of presenters and topics over the last year. The Committee plans to add two extra lectures at the beginning and end of next year on a trial basis. Some lectures had already been arranged for 2020 but further suggestions are welcome. Please contact Rae, Doug, Robin, or any other Committee member with ideas.

Visits and Events

Thanks are extended to Aidan Kay for keeping U3A informed of upcoming holiday events. He organised another very successful mid-winter lunch at the James Cook

where Tom Frewin was the guest speaker. U3A volunteers were celebrated at an end of year social function.

Newsletter

Thanks to Heather Nelson, U3A Newsletter Editor, for her excellent work in producing three informative newsletters over the course of the year.

Victoria University U3A Award

Paul Durham won the \$2,000 U3A Award for 2019 which will support his study for a Doctor of Philosophy in Music. He will give a presentation on his work later in the year.

Website

The U3A website is undergoing a major upgrade which will facilitate efficiency and time-saving, particularly for the work of Membership Secretary, Gwen Levick, who has a major workload with subscription renewals and ensuring the database is accurate and up to date. The upgrade will also facilitate the work of Aidan Kay, Events Coordinator.

Roger Sparks relinquished the Web Administrator's role earlier this year after 14 years of service. Roger has had many roles in the organisation and was thanked for his excellent work. Two new Web Administrators, Alison Dixie and George Sutton, were appointed.

Survey

All members will be contacted shortly with a brief survey inviting their feedback on U3A activities.

Statement of Accounts

The U3A accounts for the year ending 30 June 2019 had been posted on the website. Tony Thomson, Treasurer, reported that there was a small surplus after two years of small losses.

The main income came from subscriptions, which varies considerably due to the subscription "renewal season" straddling the end of the financial year. This year's subscriptions were high and the number of visitors also increased.

Total expenditure increased, chiefly because this year a full year's rental for the Embassy was paid, whereas part of the previous financial year had included the lower Paramount rental. There was \$76,130 held in U3A bank accounts and cash at balance date. \$46,833 of this was categorised as long term reserves. The accounts have been reviewed and signed off by U3A's reviewer, Debbie Mickell, a qualified accountant.

Tony moved that the Statement of Accounts be accepted.
Seconded Aidan Kay

Carried

Subscriptions

At the last Committee meeting a motion was passed unanimously to increase subscriptions from \$35 pa to \$40 pa from July next year, 2020. All other conditions currently remain the same. The issue of an increase was considered at two Committee

meetings and it was agreed that an increase in income was needed to match the current and projected expenditure.

Election of Committee

Ian and Margaret Garret, and Glynn Woodbury, retired from the Committee, and were thanked for their excellent work as Special Interest Groups Coordinators, and as Volunteer Coordinator, respectively.

The remaining members – Barbara, Tony, Gwen, Heather, Robin, Doug, Aidan and Keri agreed to remain on the Committee. There were two nominations to replace the retiring members – Dougal Congalton as Volunteer Coordinator and Alan Wright as Special Interest Groups Coordinator.

Barbara moved that the two nominations be accepted.
Seconded Doug Helps

Carried

The 2019/20 Committee is:

President	Barbara Crump
Secretary	Keri Logan
Treasurer	Tony Thomson
Membership Secretary	Gwen Levick
Newsletter Editor	Heather Nelson
Programme Coordinators	Robin Halliday, Rae Julian, & Doug Helps (also Vice President)
Volunteer Coordinator	Dougal Congalton
Special Interest Groups	Alan Wright
Events Coordinator	Aidan Kay

Barbara thanked the Committee members for the time, enthusiasm and hard work they put into their roles.

General Business

Alison Cattanach thanked the Committee members on behalf of U3A members.

Heather Nelson moved that the President's Annual Report should be accepted.
Seconded Ian Garrett.

Carried

Barbara thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10.30.

That this be a true and correct record of the meeting of the AGM 2019.

Confirmed

President
Date