

U3A Castlemaine Inc
MINUTES OF THE 28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE UNITING CHURCH HALL
FRIDAY, 7th OCTOBER 2016 at 10.00am

1. Welcome:

Acting President Dick Mack opened the meeting at 10.00 am with an Acknowledgment of Country, and welcomed U3A members, guests Barbara Ritchie (U3A Bendigo), Jill McArthur (President, U3A Bendigo) and Rob Hardy (Programme Coordinator, U3A Kyneton).

2. Guest speaker:

Dick Mack then introduced Mary McPherson, Principal, Castlemaine Secondary College, who spoke on various issues relating to the conversion of the ETTY Street School into a Community Hub. This was followed by an extended question and answer session.

3. Attendance:

Dick Mack, Acting President, Chair,

Committee: Rob Murdoch, Bev Orgill, Joe Scoglio, Carol Dorman, Hilary Beckett, Win Jodell, and ?
U3A Castlemaine members as entered in the attendance book.

4. Apologies:

Robyn Yeoman, Peter Batten, Diane Vits.

plus guests: Elsie Mutton (President U3A Network), Mayor Henderson MASC, Maree Edwards MLA, Lisa Chester MHR, Darren Fuzzard CEO MASC.

Plus ? members as entered in the attendance book.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM held on Friday 2nd October 2015

Motion: That the Minutes be accepted. **Moved:** Max Clarke, **Seconded:** Anne van Gemert, **CARRIED.**

6. President's Annual Report

Dick Mack tabled and spoke to the written Annual Report. He drew attention to:

- the statistics in the Report which place U3A Castlemaine in an enviable position compared to other U3A's in the breadth and variety of courses offered during 2016.
- the successful introduction of the MyU3A information management system,
- the successful completion of the ETTY Street negotiations which will provide excellent, permanent accommodation for U3A from the beginning of 2017 in what will be known as The Campus.

He extended thanks to the members who supported the courses in the prospectus; to the Committee of Management and their support groups; course leaders, events organisers, and the numerous volunteers who contributed to the smooth running of the organization during 2016. He also outlined various challenges which 2017 would bring, particularly in regard to settling in to the new premises at The Campus.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted **Moved:** Dick Mack. **Seconded :** Rob Murdoch. **CARRIED**

7. Financial Report and Auditor's Report:

In the absence of Peter Batten (the outgoing Treasurer), Dick Mack tabled the U3A Castlemaine Inc. Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016 together with Schedule 1, Regulation 15 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and spoke briefly on the sound financial basis that U3A Castlemaine has acquired.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report for 2016 be accepted. **Moved:** Anne Lodge. **Seconded:** Max Clarke. **CARRIED.**

Appointment of Auditor:

Dick Mack advised the meeting that the Committee of Management, after considering the financial requirements laid down for Associations such as U3A Castlemaine Inc., recommends that an Auditor be not appointed until the financial position of U3A Castlemaine reaches the threshold where an Auditor is required – such a situation being unlikely in the foreseeable future.

Motion: That an Auditor be not appointed for the 2017 financial year. **Moved:** Dick Mack. **Seconded:** Bev Orgill. **CARRIED.**

8. Annual Subscription:

In view of the sound financial position of U3A Castlemaine, and the prospect of reduced outgoings following the move to the Campus in 2017, no increase in the Annual subscription was warranted.

Motion: That annual subscriptions remain at the 2016 level for 2017. **Moved:** Rosemary Nicholas. **Seconded:** Sue Turner. **CARRIED.**

9. Life Memberships:

No life memberships were proposed.

10. Election of office bearers for 2016 -17:

Sally Kaptein took the chair to conduct the election of office bearers. The list of nominees was read and all were elected unopposed:

- President Win Jodell Nominated by Peter Turner and Rosemary Turner
- Vice President Sue Tomkinson Nominated by Win Jodell and Dick Mack
- Secretary Monique Thomson Nominated by Dick Mack and Pamela Harris
- Treasurer Joanne Thompson Nominated by Anet McDonald and Peter Battern
- Past President Max Clarke

Ordinary Committee Members:

- Course Coordinator John Waldie Nominated by Dick Mack and Rosalie Young
- Office Coordinator Hilary Beckett Nominated by George Foster and Dick Mack
- Newsletter Editor Robyn Yeoman Nominated by Rosemary Nicholas and Pamela Harris
- Russell Annear Nominated by Robyn Yeoman and John Waldie
- Elizabeth Brown Nominated by Dick Mack and Rob Murdoch
- Sue Albert Nominated by Eva Haarbarger and Noreen Boord

11. Introduction of In-coming Committee of Management members:

Win Jodell took the chair and introduced the new committee members and thanked the outgoing members.

12. Other business:

Questions from the floor included a request for more short courses and a request for an 'open day' at the Campus to allow members to view the new accommodation.

13. Closure of Annual General Meeting:

The meeting was declared closed at 11.22 am.

Win Jodell
President
7th October 2016

