



**Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Lorraine Crellin, Kerry Andison, Gaynor Matthew, Linda Vaccaro, Sally Fisher, Margot Ingwersen, Peter Leonard, Jill Rendle, Maureen Sheehan, Sheila Broydell, Dot Fletcher, Georgina Rea, Robin Herry, Elaine Mudge, Anne Bell, Alice Oddie, Lesley Turner, John Munro, Ruth Maxwell, Maureen Hatt, Geoffrey Treanor, Rosalie Treanor, Christine Sonego, Azuria Serjeant, Peter Headland, Arie J de Ridder, Richard Bonatesta, Janet Watson, Anne Bittner, Vivienne Edwardes, Hilary Timma, Maureen Phillips, Bert Huber, Ruth Prentice, Janet Ludeman, Fiona Clarke, Erica Pike, Anne Guest, Anne Gillard, Jenny Shearer, Sally Haynes, Bob Haynes, Scilla Taylor, Lorna Ford, Ilena Young (guest speaker), Amy Bett (CSU visitor), Joyce Widdows, John Widdows, Helen Twitt, June Thomas, Nola Howe, Irene Knox, Beryl Beatty, Annette Stariha, Pat Richardson, Janet Kelly, John van Riet.

Apologies:

Wendie Wilkie, Kate Murray, Sue McAllister, Elaine Brown-Graham, Kathleen Woodward, Ann Lindsey, Eileen Hoffman, Sandy Bishop, Jacquie Schwind, Peter Mudge, Val Kennedy, Deanne Curtis, Adrian Twitt.

Welcome

President Lorraine Crellin acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and their Elders past and present, and welcomed all, with a special welcome to new members of U3A.

Minutes of the 2019 AGM:

Motion: Confirmation that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 30th January 2019 are a true and accurate record.

Moved: Anne Bittner **Seconded:** Kerry Andison

President's report (attached) presented by Lorraine Crellin.

The President made mention of those who have been affected by the fires and thanked fire fighters who are doing their best to protect us all.

We have had a very successful year, mainly due to the efforts of our facilitators and they were thanked for their time and professionalism. The President also thanked course representatives, and the many helpers, in particular Cheryl Hoysted, Joyce Widdows and Maree McCudden for their work as Be Connected mentors, and those who assisted with the Rotary LitFest.

Retiring committee members Kerry Andison, Janet Ludeman, Gaynor Matthew, Linda Vaccaro and Alice Oddie received special thanks.

Our focus in 2019 has been on ensuring our activities are as risk free as possible. Grants have been received from Good Things Foundation, Rural City of Wangaratta, Bendigo Bank, Wangaratta Rotary Club and earnings from our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, permitting us to fund a SmartTV and a Defibrillator.

Motion called that the President's report be accepted.

Moved: Azuria Serjeant **Seconded:** Richard Bonatesta

Treasurer's Report: (attached) presented by Kerry Andison.

Enrolment fees will be paid into the Commonwealth Bank of Australia but after enrolments all payments will go into our Bendigo Bank account.

Although our bank balance has benefited from grants received last year, the Treasurer said requests from members for such items as a lapel microphone, floor heater and new meeting room chairs will need to be paid for. We have also changed our Optus mobile phone and WiFi plan to give us cheaper phone calls and larger broadband capacity, and we may need to replace our airconditioner.

Treasurer's report tabled.

Motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Kerry Andison **Seconded:** Helen Twitt

General Business:

Election of office bearers and general committee members for the current year 2020

Facilitator: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Dave Fuller from the Rural City of Wangaratta.

All positions on the Committee of Management were declared vacant.

Nominations were called for, and received for the following positions:

President:	Lorraine Crellin
First Vice President:	Fiona Clarke
Second Vice President:	Georgina Rea
Treasurer:	Peter Leonard
Secretary:	Anne Bittner
General Members:	Sandy Bishop , Dot Fletcher, Margot Inwersen, Joyce Widdows, Kathleen Woodward, Erica Pike.

All nominations were accepted and election documentation tabled. A motion was put to the floor for those in favour of accepting the new committee. A show of hands indicated that all were in favour and Councillor Fuller declared the motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER: Ms Ilena Young, Centre Manager of the Charles Sturt University Wangaratta Regional Study Centre said that educational trends in North East Victoria are below average for Year 10 completion and university entrance, but above average for TAFE qualification rates. Many students are not able to access digital skills opportunities and the challenge for educators and students is to adapt to a world where unskilled jobs are declining in number. Transferable skills are needed by employers in the areas of digital abilities, critical thinking, and creativity and a person will have on average five to seven careers in a lifetime. The way we perform jobs is also changing, requiring schools to focus on skills and capabilities such as problem-solving, critical thinking, maths, science, and to be smart doers and thinkers. U3A members can help young people to see the value in building skills and knowledge. The commitment to education and knowledge is at the core of U3A and CSU alike and we can together look for opportunities to benefit students and our members in sharing our knowledge and resources.

NEW BUSINESS

Anne Bittner asked if a show of support could be made from the meeting to authorise the committee to support a U3A organisation that has been badly affected by the bushfires. Kerry Andison and Lorraine Crellin responded, saying the committee had considered this at its last meeting but had decided to leave it up to individual members to donate to this cause and that it was more appropriate for our organisation to create an educational scholarship for local students. Open discussion ensued. Anne Bittner moved the motion, seconded by Erica Pike, to seek the approval of this meeting to authorise the committee to support another U3A organisation that has been affected by bushfires. A show of hands to indicate support for the motion was requested. Approximately half of the attendees were in favour.

Meeting closed at 10.45 am