



**MINUTES OF**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MANNINGHAM U3A Inc.**  
**HELD ON 21 MARCH 2019**

The Twenty-Eighth Annual General Meeting of Manningham U3A Inc. was held in the Pines Function Room of the Pines Learning and Activity Centre at 11.00am on Thursday, 21 March 2019.

The meeting was opened by the President, Geoff Sheldon, who welcomed all members present and thanked them for their attendance. He then welcomed the invited guests: Elsie Mutton OAM (representing U3A Network) and Valerie Donlon, President of U3A Nunawading. Mayor Paula Piccinini, Cr Anna Chen and The Hon. Kevin Andrews, MHR were welcomed individually on their arrival during the meeting. Geoff then invited all members present to sign the attendance register.

The President requested that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 14 March 2018, which were distributed, be accepted.

**Moved / Seconded:**                      **Doug Wallace/Terry Smith**                      **Carried Unanimously**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Nil

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The President noted that in its 28<sup>th</sup> year U3AM had 1712 members – 1671 of whom were full time members, 11 Life Members and 30 Honorary Members. We continue to meet the needs of retired members of our community and neighbouring communities in terms of lifelong learning, physical and intellectual activities and social contact. He admitted that we could not do this without the support and contribution of numerous bodies and individuals.

Firstly, he acknowledged the support that we continue to receive from Manningham City Council in the provision of the splendid facilities at the Pines Learning and Activity Centre which are leased to us. He hoped that the collaborative relationship that we enjoy with Council will continue far into the future.

He also acknowledged the extremely profitable collaborative relationship that we enjoy with Pines Learning in the sharing of many areas of common usage and responsibility.

Geoff referred to the amount of changes and modifications that U3AM has introduced over the last twelve months through MyU3A to support the constantly evolving needs of our organisation. Members are kept informed and up to date by receiving important notices by email as well as through the website which is regularly updated and kept relevant. The delivery of the newsletter has, as a result, become more efficiently managed.

A number of reforms were introduced to make enrolment for new members for 2019 more successful: limiting the number of course choices per member to five and reserving 10% of places in the most popular courses for new members. This has resulted in an increase of approximately 9% in our intake of new members.

In 2017 we registered an uncomfortable deficit due to the increase in rents for the large number of external venues (as well as the PFR) that we used, having outgrown the confines of the Pines Building. This led to the imposition of a \$15 levy on those courses which required external venues or the Pines Function Room.

Jillian Gange, our Communications Manager, was nominated by the Committee of Management for a Menzies Award which was presented *in absentia* by The Hon Kevin Andrews MHR on Australia Day.

Geoff thanked the many dedicated volunteers: the Committee of Management, office staff, tutors and activity leaders, class reps, the catering volunteers and the many and varied sub-groups. Thanks were also extended to the Manningham City Council for their ongoing strong support for our U3A.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer, John Liew, presented the financial report for 2018 which showed a profit of \$6,272. He advised that the audit had been undertaken twice as a result of an impasse with our current auditors who were using a different procedure of auditing (Accrual system) to the Cash system utilized by U3AM. The new auditors are a professional firm whose services have been utilized by other U3As - including Nunawading and Network – thus providing an objective view of the accounts.

The President asked that the Reports of the President and Treasurer be accepted.

**Moved / Seconded: Doug Wallace/Graeme Martin Carried Unanimously**

### **RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

The President reported that he would be stepping down from his current role having completed 4 years in the role. The Treasurer, John Liew, would also not be contesting the elections.

### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT POSITIONS FOR 2019**

A ballot was held for the position of Treasurer between Michael Howard and Ian Gorman. **Ian Gorman** received a majority of votes thus being elected the new **Treasurer** of U3A.

The Secretary then read the names of nominees to the other positions on the Committee of Management for 2019. The nominations were:

President:	David Jenz
Vice-President:	David McNamara
Secretary:	Alita Mossop
Office Manager:	Robyn Buttling
Curriculum Manager:	Milly Ching
Publications Manager:	Jillian Gange
Equipments Manager:	Terry Smith
Enrolments Manager:	Warwick Wright

The Secretary read out the section of the Constitution relevant to the election of the office bearers. As the number of nominations for these positions was equal to the number of vacant positions, there was no need for an election and therefore all committee positions were declared to be filled.

Geoff then thanked the Secretary and all those responsible for organising the AGM – Graeme Martin and his band of helpers, and Elaine Campbell and the Catering Team.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 12.30pm followed by a light luncheon.

ALITA MOSSOP  
Secretary