

**U3A MANNINGHAM INC**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT 12.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023**

**1 WELCOME**

Following the Welcome to Country, President David McNamara welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Guests welcomed were – Councillor Anna Chen and MCC Acting Coordinator of Venues, Mark Chang.

**2 APOLOGIES**

Matthew Guy was a late apology as he was required at a meeting in Canberra. He sent his best regards and plans to attend the ArtsFEST later in the year.

Cr Deidre Diamente, Mayor of Manningham. She is to visit us on 31 March.

Anne Greig, U3A Network President. She will visit later this term. (As our AGM clashed with a Network meeting, other U3As were not represented.)

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2022 AGM**

Moved Terry Smith, seconded Quintin Coutinho. Carried.

**4 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

David McNamara spoke to his report. He commended the membership on their resilience throughout the challenges of COVID, and observed that the membership was still strong and forward looking. He thanked members for their ongoing commitment.

U3A is a volunteer organisation, and in total, more than 900 members volunteer at our U3A. David particularly thanked those who assisted with the AGM – the setting up and catering teams, led by Graeme Martin, and those who assisted in creating certificates.

David expressed his sincerest thanks to his fellow Committee of Management members, for their ongoing commitment to action for the betterment of members.

Manningham City Council continues to support us and David expressed his appreciation of this. We have a new lease with MCC, which now includes the availability of the Function Room for three and a half days per week, which will reduce our venue costs. Also, a letter received today from MCC indicated that the trial Community Transport Service had been deemed a success, and it is expected that a provider will be appointed by July 2023. This will benefit our members, and Councillor Chen was asked to take our thanks back to Council.

Our financial situation is very sound and the COM plans to systematically upgrade our equipment and facilities. It is not anticipated that there will be a fee increase for 2024.

Moved Noel Wright, seconded Paul O'Connor 'that the Annual Report be accepted'. Carried.

## **5 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Before introducing Ron Wilson, outgoing treasurer, David thanked him for the enormous amount of work he had put in prior to his resignation at the end of 2022, and welcomed Bryce Normoyle to the role.

Ron spoke to his report. He mentioned the successful grant application which had facilitated the purchase of several fast computers for use during Zoom classes, and that in the enrolment period to 31 December 2022, 1254 members had enrolled. Tax Point had been appointed as auditors and had reported that our records complied with all requirements.

Ron also thanked the Treasury Team of Deputy Treasurer, Johnny Van Rensburg, Associate Treasurer, Rick Ng and Banking Officer, Ken Smith. Ron reported that Rick was an apology for medical reasons, and Johnny had professional commitments.

Ron asked if there were any questions. A member asked about the discrepancy between lease payments between 2021 and 2022, and Ron explained that payments had been waived by MCC because of COVID lockdowns and the fact that we were not able to use the facilities.

It was then moved by Ron Wilson and seconded by Bryce Normoyle 'that the audited accounts be passed as a true and full account of our financial situation'. Carried.

## **6 AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

David paid a particular tribute to the Newsletter Team of Liew Staras, Gillian Gange and Fran Langdon, for ensuring that the Newsletter continued throughout, and to our Webmaster Neville Cook, who was instrumental in getting the new look Newsletter up and running.

David then presented three Life Memberships to –

Noel Wright – who has made significant contributions as a tutor in dancing, as a member of the set-up team, as treasurer and auditor, and as a particularly committed member of U3A. Noel responded that he thoroughly enjoys his U3A involvement.

Geoff Sheldon – who when President took the U3A into the electronic world, and who continues as a Tutor in French, and who has made a huge contribution through his broad support across U3A. Geoff responded that he accepts the award on behalf of the entire COM of his presidency, and thanked the current President and COM.

Tanya Gogorosis – who has made significant contributions since 2006, often behind the scenes, as Curriculum Coordinator, member of the Curriculum Team, of great assistance to Milly Ching and as a co-opted member of the COM. Tanya responded, thanking the Curriculum Team for their support, and her appreciation that there was a succession plan, so that Milly stepped smoothly into the role.

David commented that there are just thirteen Life Members and that these awards are not made lightly.

## **7 ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR 2023/2024**

Prior to spilling all positions, David explained the situation:

Section 44 of the Constitution outlines the structure of the COM as consisting of an Executive of 4 and 7 Ordinary Members.

Section 53 of the Constitution states that the AGM must by resolution decide how many, if any, Ordinary Members it wishes to serve on the COM.

David then proposed the motion 'that the 2023/2024 Committee of Management include 8 Ordinary Members'. Moved David Jenz, seconded Graeme Martin. Carried.

All COM positions were then spilled and David Jensz took over the meeting as Returning Officer.

David Jensz thanked all outgoing COM members and then declared that all Executive and Ordinary Member positions were filled unopposed, as per the Nomination List. It was noted that there were two new COM members, Neville Cook and Quintin Coutinho, who would bring welcome 'new blood' and skills to the COM.

### **Membership of the incoming Committee of Management**

#### Executive

President	David McNamara
Vice-President	Shirley Fung
Secretary	Lyn Davies
Treasurer	Bryce Normayle

#### Ordinary Members

Robyn Buttling  
Milly Ching  
Neville Cook  
Quintin Coutinho  
Ruth Foxwell  
Terry Smith  
Doug Wallace  
Warwick Wright

The meeting then reverted to David McNamara, as in-coming President.

## **8 The President - Closing Comments**

David McNamara indicated that he did not intend to stand for election as President in 2024, and encouraged all members, particularly newer members, to take on responsibilities.

David then thanked the MCC Councillor, Anna Chen and Officer, Mark Chang for their attendance.

The meeting was then closed and members adjourned for lunch.

The Meeting closed at 1.15pm.

