

September 6th, 2016

RE: the U3A DUNEDIN CHARITABLE TRUST.

**Notice of a Special General Meeting,
to be held at 10am on Oct. 3rd, 2016 at the Otago Golf Club.**

This meeting has been called by the required 10 members of the Trust, all of whom are members of the Board of U3A, and whose names follow:

Jane Higham, Geoff Adams, Gil Barbezat, Doug Holborow, Gretchen Kivell, Bill McKinlay, Barrie Peake, Marion Potter, Evan Taylor, and Alistair Wright.

The purpose and only business of the meeting is to alter two clauses of the Deed of Trust which are causing major problems in the management and administration of the Trust.

1: Clause 15.2 which now reads: Resignation deemed. Any member who fails to pay the annual subscription on or before the expiration of twelve months after it has become due shall be deemed to have resigned their membership.

It will be moved and seconded [Higham/McKinlay] that clause 15.2 be changed by deleting the word “twelve” and replacing it with the word “three”

The reasons for this change are: the present clause stipulates that members who fail to pay their subscription on the date on which it is due [currently December 31st of the preceding financial year] cannot be deemed to have resigned until 12 months later. This means we are carrying non-financial members whose intentions are unknown, which severely restricts our ability to manage membership and the waiting list.

This change means that from the issue of subscription invoices [this year on November 7th] members have seven weeks until December 31st, when payment is due. A reminder will be posted to all non payers on February 1st, 2017, pointing out that non-payment will result in their deemed resignation on March 31st, 2017. This gives members a total of five months less one week to pay their subscription. All invoices will include the message that only financial members can attend Series lectures.

2: Clause 17.1 which now reads: Time and place of meeting. The Annual General Meeting of the Trust shall be held no earlier than 1st July nor later than 31st July in each year at such place, date and time as the Board shall determine.

It will be moved and seconded [Higham/McKinlay] **that Clause 17.1 be changed to read:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust shall be held no later than July 31st at such a place, date and time as the Board shall determine.

The reason for this change is that the current clause requiring the AGM to be held between July 1st – July 31st is unnecessarily late and unfair to members, who are entitled to sight the annual report and accounts as soon as they are conveniently available, following the end of the financial year.

Those members present at the Board meeting of Sept 5th unanimously recommended to members that both these changes be implemented.