

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the
U3A Dunedin Charitable Trust held at the
Otago Golf Club on Thursday 9 February 2023 at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Ann Barsby, John Barsby, Carole Bezett, Jenny Bunce, Graham Corbett, Tree Cocks, David Crook, Ken Drew, Phyll Esplin, Denise Harger, Matt Harger, Heather Hay, Richard Higham, Doug Holborow, Gerard Kenny, Dorothy Kerrin, Linda Kinniburgh, Neill Kinniburgh, Gretchen Kivell, Graham Mason, Jane Malthus, Jackie O'Rourke, Barrie Peake, Carol Quinn, Annette Riley, Andre Smith, Suzanne Smith, Stuart Strachan, Joan Taylor, Ruth Taylor, Alison Wadsworth, Shan White, Elizabeth Wilson

Apologies: Robyn Aitken, Carolyn Burns, John Burton, Joan Carter, Bruce Cathro, Sue Cathro, Gill Chaters, Ramona Clark, Pam Fenton, Prue Harwood, Barbara Holborow, Alan Jackson, Lynda Jackson, Wallace Keown, Rob Lawson, Jeanette Leigh, Averil McLean, Myrtle O'Callahan, Philomena O'Connell-Cooper, Rona Potiki, Betty Rawlings, Norma Restieaux

Moved: That the apologies be accepted Linda Kinniburgh/Heather Hay **Carried**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 12 May 2022:

There were two corrections:

1. Under 'Presentation by Rob Lawson' the word 'bas' should be 'bus'
2. Under 'Meeting was closed' the word 'close' should be 'closed'

Moved: That the Minutes be confirmed, Linda Kinniburgh/Tree Cocks **Carried**

Matters arising from the Minutes:

The recommendation in Rob Lawson's presentation, that U3A purchase carbon credits from Rarakau Forest Park did not eventuate because an attempt to get in touch had met with no response. Instead, the Board had agreed the money would go to Tumai Beach Restoration Native Planting in East Otago.

Presentation of the Annual Report from the Chair:

A moment of silence was observed to remember members and friends who have left us since the 2022 AGM.

The Chair extended a warm welcome to new members attending for the first time, and she congratulated Richard Higham who was awarded the Queen's Service Medal in the 2023 New Year's Honours.

2022, the third year of Covid disruption, meant the postponement of Series one courses, but Series 2 and 3 went ahead successfully. The Interest Groups are continuing to grow in number and to thrive.

Linda thanked the five members of the Board retiring at this AGM, and outlined the many ways members continue to be involved in the administration, courses, and attendance at courses and Interest Groups, giving thanks to all.

She indicated U3A Dunedin is in good health and looked forward to the coming year.

Moved: That the report be accepted Linda Kinniburgh/Phyll Esplin **Carried**

Presentation of the Financial Report for the Treasurer:

Evan Taylor spoke to his Financial Summary.

U3A Dunedin has made a loss of just over \$11,000 this financial year. He noted the surplus in the previous two years had been of similar amounts. The Board has decided to return the subscription from \$15 (over Covid) to \$30 pa. This will put the organisation into a positive, or at least breakeven, situation for the coming year.

The figures are draft and subject to review. Chris Saxton has taken over from Sandra Goodchild as Reviewer. His report will go to the Board, after which members will be advised of the outcome of his report. Evan thanked Sandra Goodchild for her excellent work.

The course fees will go up from \$45 to \$50 to meet the rising catering costs at both venues.

While U3A Dunedin has made a loss for the first time, and a significant one, we have substantial cash reserves. As Treasurer, given the above changes, there is no concern.

Moved: That the report be accepted Evan Taylor/Richard Higham
Carried

Election of the U3A Board

Further nominations from the floor:

Graham Corbett supported by Ann Wood and Carole Bezett

Jane Malthus supported by Barrie Peake and Stuart Strachan

Moved: that all Board nominations be accepted Linda Kinniburgh/Annette Riley **Carried**

Nomination of Life Members

Linda read nominations for three new Life Members:

Evan Taylor: Board member and Treasurer since 2017 ‘a steady hand on all financial matters and decisions’, ‘all done with unfailing cheerfulness’.

Barrie Peake: Barrie has had nine years’ service with U3A, as University Representative, Board member, Chair for 2 years and continues as member of the Programme Committee. ‘Barrie leads from the front’, he has been pro-active in all of these roles.

Clare Robertson: A member of the Programme Committee for 10 years, producing all U3A brochures over that time. ‘Appreciated and appreciative, and unfailingly supportive’, ‘known for her patience and extremely high standards’.

Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Otago

Barrie Peake spoke to this document, signed on 1 February 2023.

He highlighted three new aspects of this updated memorandum:

1. It allows researchers access to membership, under clear guidelines
2. There will be an annual ‘University of Otago Dunedin U3A lecture’ by a senior member of the university staff, hosted by the university and exclusively for U3A members.
3. The University Representative on the Board will have full voting rights

General Business: There was no General Business.

Presentation by Sharon Van Turnout, Chief Financial Officer, University of Otago

Sharon presented a well-illustrated overview of the University’s finances, pointing out many of its resources are severely constrained. Nevertheless it remains responsible for all its expenditure, activities, and development. The University borrowed for the first time ever, for two weeks in December 2022, which illustrates long-term excellence in financial management.

Phyll Esplin proposed a **vote of thanks to Linda Kinniburgh**, both as Chair of the Board for the last two years and as Co-Chair of the Programme Committee.

Carried by acclamation

The meeting was closed at 11.56 am.

A light lunch of finger food, tea and coffee was provided.