

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the  
U3A Dunedin Charitable Trust held at the  
Otago Golf Club on Thursday 12 May 2022 at 11 a.m.

**Present:** Geoff Adams, Ann Barsby, John Barsby, Trish Brooking, John Burton, Joan Carter, Ramona Clark, Jane Cloete, Tree Cocks, David Crooke, Phyll Esplin, Denise Harger, Matt Harger, Richard Higham, Heather Hay, Doug Holborow, Anna Holmes, John Holmes, Trish Irvine, Alan Jackson, Lynda Jackson, Linda Kinniburgh, Neill Kinniburgh, Gretchen Kivell, Rob Lawson, Jeanette Leigh, Marie Lloyd, Graham Mason, Claire Matthewson, Betty Maultby, Barrie Peake, Carol Quinn, Annette Riley, Charmian Smith, Lloyd Smith, Stuart Strachan, Evan Taylor, Ruth Taylor, Shirley Ungemuth, Alison Wadworth, Nola Walker, Shan White, Ann Wood

**Apologies:** Helen Adams, Jane Anderson, Christine Burton, Caz Brigham, Sue Cathro, Bruce Cathro, Louise Croot, Ken Drew, Wendy Fallon, Pam Fenton, Jenny Green, Rosemary Hudson, Barbara Holborow, Dorothy Kerin, Jane Malthus, Kathy Mayo, Sarah Mitchell, Kate Paterson, Maggie Peake, Norma Restieaux, Jane Russell, Andre Smith, Jean Strachan, Moira Styles, Brenda Sutherland, Wayne Sutherland, Helen Thew, Russell Thew, Liz Walsh, Ailsa Williams

**Moved:** Apologies be accepted Linda Kinniburgh/ Alan Jackson **Carried**

**Confirmation of the Minutes:** The Minutes of the AGM 11 February 2021 held at Salmond College were confirmed as an accurate record with two corrections noted by Heather Hay  
A redundant 'the' in the sentence beginning 'Alan thanked all the people ...'  
The Financial Position was at Dec. 2020

**Moved:** Linda Kinniburgh/Denise Harger **Carried**

**Matters arising:**  
There were no matters arising.

**Presentation of the Annual Report from the Chair:**

A moment of silence was observed to remember members and friends who have left us at U3A Dunedin since the 2021 AGM. The Chair particularly noted the death of Marion Potter, Board Secretary for many years and also member of the Board. Marion made a significant contribution to U3A Dunedin.

The Chair extended a warm welcome to new members attending for the first time.

She noted her report had been written for the Thursday 10 February AGM, which had been postponed until today by the Omicron wave of Covid-19. U3A has been very affected by Covid-19 in many ways, and she thanked the Board and the Programme Committee for all the extra work they put into a range of alternatives for Series 3 last year and the first Series this year.



The Chair noted U3A is a large and complex organisation of over 900 members. The Board itself is looking for assistance. She welcomed enquiries from members as to how they might provide help and support.

The representative of the University on the Board is under discussion and should be finalised shortly.

### **Nomination of a Life Member**

**Linda Kinniburgh moved the motion:** U3A Dunedin wishes to nominate Alan Jackson as an Honorary Life Member of U3A Dunedin in recognition of the outstanding contribution Alan has made, particularly over his three years as Chair of the Board, in fact the only person who has held this position for three years. He moved the organisation from paper-based to web-based, until now we have the most sophisticated U3A site in New Zealand. In addition, Alan led the Board through the first year of Covid, the time when no-one understood what was happening and the organisation had to be very flexible and fast on its feet.

Seconded by Geoff Adams **Carried**

### **Presentation By Rob Lawson: U3A Dunedin's approach to Sustainability**

Rob Lawson talked about the requirement from the Board that they address sustainability, which for U3A Dunedin meant addressing the issue of addressing carbon credits for members' travel. At an average of 4 km per trip, this turned out to be \$400 in 2020, and again in 2021. This amount has been sent to purchase carbon credits at Ekoss Forest Carbon Project in Southland.

Rob pointed out that even at today's price of \$75/tonne, the cost of travel is less than \$1 per member per year, ie not sufficient to promote a change in behaviour (car → bus → walking, etc).

In answer to a question, Rob explained Rarakau Forest Park was a covenanted Maori Trust, a native forest and registered for carbon credits.

In answer to a question about timing of buses to each venue, vs timing of the courses, it was agreed that U3A could consider this in the future.

### **General Business**

In response to a query, the Chair noted Series 2 enrolments are about 20% down, possibly indicating this demographic is more cautious about attending functions right now. However, enrolments are well sufficient to run the Series 2 courses.

The Board is actively looking at technologies which are cost effective as an alternative way for members to participate in U3A activities.

It was noted Dunedin members had not participated in the Wellington U3A lectures by zoom to nearly the same extent as Wellington members. While some suggestions were put forward, it is not clear why this was the case.

**The meeting was close at 12.08 pm.**

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