

**Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of U3A Takapuna,  
held at the Northcote Citizens Hall,  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016, Chaired by President Graham Alcock.**

The President welcomed about 130 members, including one new member and a visitor.

**Apologies:** Hilary and Boyd Miller, Fraser Campbell, Diana Wallis.

**Minutes of the 2015 AGM:** These were distributed around the hall, and were posted on the U3A Takapuna website. President Alcock moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the 2015 AGM. Seconded / Fay Hobday. Passed

**President's Report:** (Appended)

Graham reported that we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in style, at no cost to members, thanks to excellent planning by the sub-committee of Past Presidents Judy Hanna, Tony Lewis, Norman Lodge and John Wilmott. Posters made by study groups promoted a great deal of interest. With the high cost of printing and posting our Newsletter we tried making it available electronically but few members opted for this, so we will continue to print and post to all. Study and Interest Groups remain the foundation of our branch, with 34 currently available. The newest group, Latin, starts this month. It is our policy that every member belongs to at least one group but 40 of us belong to none despite there being many vacancies. I have visited, and enjoyed, most of the groups during the year – thank you to all conveners. The monthly General Meetings have continued to be interesting and entertaining with some of our own members contributing talks. Extra events during the year included the catered Xmas Function, Pancake Day (revived by David Johnston, Tony Lewis and Bob Baird), and a New Members' Meeting. The latter two events were poorly attended, with only about half of those who said they would come actually doing so. I remind you that we have a very good web site with information for current and prospective members. Please draw this to the attention of friends or potential members. I would like to thank the many non-committee members who contribute to the smooth running of our U3A – Murray Pearson (editor of Newsletter), John and Judy Hanna (distribution of Newsletter), Garry Dimmock and Barry Hartley (sound), Chris Dentith and John White (visuals), Boyd Miller, Phil and Pauline Silver (hall set-up) and all other helpers.

Motion: Graham moved that his report be received/ Seconded by Tony Lewis, Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Appended)

Graham Alcock presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Hilary Miller:

This year has seen a number of one-off expenses including the Silver Jubilee, a new computer, headset microphone, an urn and a carpet sweeper. Also we refreshed our Owl Logo and refurbished the lectern. Pancake Day ran at a loss. Subscriptions in advance are down a little, but coming in well now. Membership has declined a little to 273.

Depreciation has increased with the purchase of new equipment. Interest on our term deposit has increased with compounding quarterly interest and last year's interest was for a part-year only. On July 10 our 1-year term deposit of \$11,000 matured and was reinvested, with the interest to be paid into our Accelerator account. Postage will increase this year. We have \$13 473 in the bank, which is \$2763 less than last year, but I am pleased to report that U3A Takapuna remains in a strong financial position.

Motion: Hilary moved that the accounts be adopted, seconded Graeme Leaming, Passed

**Appointment of Honorary Auditor:**

Our auditor, Martin Lees, has agreed to continue in this role for the coming financial year.

Motion: We re-appoint Martin Lees as auditor for 2016/17.

Graham Alcock / John Wilmott. Passed with acclamation and a gift.

**Election of Officers:** Six members of the committee are continuing – Graham Alcock, Hilary Miller, Liz Milne, Stuart Kendon, Helen Ritson and Elizabeth Lind-Mitchell. Four committee members are retiring from office, Bob Baird, Frances Hansen, Tony Lewis, and Ian Stephenson. Graham thanked all four for their contribution to the smooth running of the committee over the last year, and presented each with a suitable gift. He explained that Michael Moynihan had regretfully resigned from the committee during the year because of ill health. Three members are standing for the committee to bring the number up to nine again. These are Sue Pearson, Marcia Roberts and Ron Wilson. There were no further nominations from the floor. Graham especially thanked Tony Lewis for his support and advice throughout the year, as Immediate Past President, then pointed out that we have a vacancy for a Vice President and asked for members to consider this.

As no election was necessary the new committee is:

President: Graham Alcock

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Liz Milne

Treasurer: Hilary Miller

Catering: Marcia Roberts

Reception: Sue Pearson

Speakers: Stuart Kendon

Membership: Helen Ritson

Network: Ron Wilson

Study Groups: Elizabeth Lind-Mitchell

**Honorary Life Membership:** The committee proposed that Norman Lodge should be accorded the status of Honorary Life Membership for his long-standing efforts on behalf of U3A Takapuna. He has served as a committee member, Vice-President, President, MC of Christmas and other social functions, and as a member of the Silver Jubilee sub-committee. He also obtained funding from the Lions Club for computer equipment some ten years ago, and more recently negotiated the re-design of our owl logo.

Norman was presented with his up-graded name badge to great applause.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:22am.

Liz Milne,

Secretary.