

**Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting of U3A Takapuna,
held at the Northcote Citizens Hall,
on 2nd August, 2017, Chaired by President Graham Alcock.**

The President welcomed about 120 members, including one new member and nine visitors.

Apologies: Elizabeth Lind-Miller, Stuart Kendon, Rosemary Saunders, Patricia Campbell, Diana Wallis.

Minutes of the 2016 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 2016 AGM. Seconded / Tony Lewis. Passed

President's Report: (Appended)

Graham reported that our membership has increased slightly to 284 and about half come to each monthly meeting.

We have bought some audio equipment so we can record our monthly talks, which are available on our web site. Thanks to Ron Wilson for that innovation.

Study and Interest Groups remain the heart of our organisation. We currently have 36, including three new ones started this year.

Monthly General Meetings continue to include educational, interesting and thought-provoking talks, including some from our own members.

Special Events included the Christmas function which continued the tradition of home-made entertainment, and a New Members' meeting in May. The latter provided new members with information about our Study Groups and gave us feedback on improving the running of our branch, plus some ideas for new Groups.

Graham drew attention to our excellent web site with good information for existing and prospective members.

Graham thanked non-committee helpers who have made valuable contributions to the smooth running of our U3A – Murray Pearson for editing our Newsletter, Judy and John Hanna for distributing the Newsletter, audio technicians Garry Dimmock and Barry Hartley, visual technicians Chris Dentith and John C B White, and Boyd Miller, Phil and Pauline Silver for setting up the hall each month.

On stage are some of your committee for 2016/17. I thank all of you for your support and effort in managing the affairs of U3A Takapuna in the past year. To those continuing next year, thank you so much for your contribution: Stuart Kendon, Elizabeth Lind-Mitchell, Helen Ritson, Sue Pearson, Marcia Roberts and Ron Wilson. To those leaving, many thanks for your work over the last few years: Liz Milne, Secretary, and Hilary Miller – our Treasurer, who has also contributed in many other ways.

This is my last meeting as your President. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last two years, especially visiting most of the Study Groups.

I move that my report be received. Seconded by Hilary Miller / Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Following the presentation by Sistema Aotearoa in November, members donated \$184 towards the work of the organisation.

Interest on our Term Deposit in the previous financial year included a full year's interest to July, plus three quarterly interest payments when we changed to interest compounded

