

TUGGERAH LAKES U3A INC

16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT DIGGERS @THE ENTRANCE

8th December, 2014

Meeting opened at 10.35am and President, Pam McGlinn welcomed everyone.

Present: 58 members and 1 guest, including the following: Borge Andreassen, Robyn Ashpole, Mary Baggott, Imelda Bourke, Joan Brockhoff, Pat Carlton, Ross Carlton, John Collis, Tina Collis, Jim Cunningham, Dianne Cunningham, Wendy Dalton, Jayne Davis, Sandy Freeman, Peter Gloss, Sue Gloss, Aron Hidru, Karl Hogg, Trevor Kruger, Valda Lambert, Tom Marish, Judith Marish, Deanna Martin, Rhonda MacDiarmid, Ted McGlinn, Pam McGlinn, Doreen Morley, Marjorie Nilsson, Charlie Proctor, Dorothy Rhodes, Gwen Richards, Rita Richards, John Richards, Sigrid Rollinson, Vicki Rollinson, Ruhi Sarooshi, Eva Seale, Gail Shore, Betty Siegman, Barbara Skurr, Cathy Smithson, Sheila Sweetman, Margareta Tauni, Tommy Thomas, Polly Thomas, Tony Thomson, Henriette Vanchope, Gwynne Wakeham, Gloria Watson, Fay Wynd, Ros Young,

Apologies were received from: Elaine & Jim Alvin, Robyn Ashpole, Margaret Barnett, Margaret Blundell, Beth Buckley, Bev Budnichenko, Monica Frankcom, Jack Lord, Marie Pappas, Graham & Shirley Peak, Helen Rawlings, Cathy & Ted Town, Paul & Robin Walker.

Minutes of previous AGM held at "diggers@ The Entrance" on 11th December, 2013 were partly read and adopted on motion by Pam McGlinn and seconded by Jayne Davis.

President's report

We have now come to the end of my first year as your President, and I can hardly believe that it is 12 months since I stood here and accepted your nomination.

It has been an eventful year, with many upheavals and much shifting around in the past few weeks as we sought alternative accommodation when Diggers suddenly announced that our usual rooms were not available to us. Thanks to a tremendous effort from many people we found alternative rooms and managed to hold most of our classes. Many thanks to all of the leaders who carried on despite the problems. Hopefully, next year, these rooms will be once again available to us.

I would like to also thank all the leaders of the various regular classes. Most of our classes have held their numbers steady, and in the case of the writing group have increased. I would especially like to thank Betty for the reminders she has sent out about each of our talks which made a dramatic difference to the attendance numbers. It appears a lot of people like to have their memory jogged and it certainly helped tremendously. A big thank-you to Tom Marish who has attended almost all of the talks to give us the technical back-up, without which they would be far less interesting.

And lastly, thanks to all of the people who researched and presented topics of interest to us throughout the year. I would also like to remind all that NSW U3A has a marvellous resource library on any topic you care to think about. Available for us to use is written work and also power point presentations which certainly simplifies the work that goes into the giving of a talk. I know, because I have used it myself and intend to do so again in the future. Please if you have a topic which is of interest to you, enquire of any of the committee and we will point you in the right direction with regard to the information available.

In regard to the newsletter we now have an email distribution list of some 80-90 members, and this method of distributing the newsletter is working quite well and also saving us printing and postage costs. I do hope most members make the effort to read it thoroughly, as answers to many questions asked can be found in the Newsletter.

Our membership this year has remained static as it has done so for the past several years - we lost 27 members during the year and gained 27 new ones. This gives us a total of 143 members altogether. Unfortunately, we still do not have a publicity officer and I'm sure the appointment of such would make a huge difference to the enquiries we are receiving.

Our welfare officer, Doreen Morley has done an excellent job during the year in regard to sending cards to members who have been unwell. Unfortunately, Doreen's own health precludes her from continuing in this position, and I do thank her sincerely for the effort she has put in during the past three years.

I thank each of my colleagues on the Committee over the past year for their constructive attitude which has allowed us to make decisions in a co-operative and friendly manner.

Treasurer's report

Peter Gloss presented his treasurer's report. with the aid of a powerpoint presentation. Report attached.

Moved Betty Siegman and seconded John Richards that Treasurer's report be accepted.

Notices of Motion:

- ❖ Moved Tom Marish and seconded by Valda Lambert that Betty Siegman be made a Life Member of Tuggerah Lakes U3A Inc. Betty has been a member since 1999 and has been a Committee member almost continuously since then. She has been presenter for cryptic crosswords, musical appreciation and conversations as well as Newsletter editor for some years. Agreed by all. Sandy Freeman presented Betty with her award. Betty thanked everyone.

- ❖ Moved Dorothy Rhodes and seconded by Ros Young that Pam McGlinn be made a Life Member of Tuggerah Lakes U3A Inc. Pam has been a member since 1999. She has served on the Committee for many years, organised tours and speakers, presented talks on a variety of topics including early Australian history, art and literature as well as running the Mah Jong course. All agreed. Sandy Freeman presented Pam with her award. Pam thanked everyone.

Election of Committee Members

The President vacated the chair and Sandy Freeman, U3A Regional Representative, took the chair and acted as Returning Officer.

Nominations had been received and seconded for ten positions, and, there being only one nomination for each position, Sandy declared the following members elected for 2015:

President: Pam McGlinn
Secretary: Gail Shore

Vice President: Gloria Watson
Treasurer: Rhonda MacDiarmid

Committee Members:

John Collis
Doreen Morley

James Cunningham
Betty Siegman

Marjorie Nilsson
Margareta Tauni

Address by incoming President

Thank you all for re-electing me as President once again. As I have earlier spoken at some length, I will make this a short speech. I am looking forward to working with the new committee and would like once again to sincerely thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work over the previous years.

This coming year we have all of our usual classes continuing as all the current leaders have agreed to carry on. I have not yet had confirmation from Diggers as regards to the rooms being available, but we will know about that by early January, long before we put the newsletter out.

Once again I do urge any of you who would like to do so, to please think about giving a talk yourself. I have done so many times, and one of the best things about it, is doing the research. You gain confidence with each talk you give.

You have on the table in front of you, a sheet of paper about a proposed bus trip for next year. As I have explained on the sheet, this trip is organised by the bus company so we have no control over the pick-up points and times. If I get enough people who appear to be interested, I will ask the bus company to hold a block of 20 seats for us. All of this will be in your January newsletter.

Address Sandy Freeman

Sandy is Regional Representative for the **Central Coast-Cumberland** Region. The Regional boundaries have recently been changed and will no longer include Cumberland. Our Region will go north from Gosford to Lake Macquarie, Newcastle and up to Scone.

Sandy remarked about what a happy group we all were as she was listening to the talk outside before people were admitted and she said looking around at the tables at the animated conversations she could see that we were a very friendly group. Perhaps that's one of the main advantages of being a small group; all the regulars know each other.

Lucky Door Prize (\$20 membership 2014) was won by Tina Collis (Member no. 299)

The meeting closed at 12 noon followed by some comedic Youtube videos and Buffet luncheon

Signed.....President