

TUGGERAH LAKES U3A INC.  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE ENTRANCE LEAGUES CLUB, BATEAU BAY  
7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017

The meeting opened at 10.15am and the President, Vicki Rollinson, welcomed everyone.

**Present:** 37 members. Mary Baggott, Margaret Barnett, Margaret Blundell, Imelda Bourke, John Collis, Tina Collis, Pat Carlton, Ross Carlton, Allan Crane, Stephanie Christin, Diane Cunningham, Jim Cunningham, Jayne Davis, Leslie Gosling, Karl Hogg, Raylee Jones, Christine Kilner, Dorothy King, Jan Knight, Rhonda MacDiarmid, Tom Marish, Pam McGlinn, Ted McGlinn, Marie Murray, Sonia Oakes, Helen Rawlings, Gwen Richards, Vicki Rollinson, Kath Sewell, Gail Shore, Betty Siegman, Irene Smith, Joan Tanfield-Brockhoff, Tommy Thomas, Gwynn Wakeham, Robin Walker, Fay Wynd.

**Visitors:** Laurene Mulcahy.

**Apologies were received from**

Beth Buckley, Christine Davy, Valda Lambert, Judith Marish, Marjorie Nielsen, Dorothy Rhodes, John and Rita Richards, Margaret Robinson, Barbara Skurr, Margareta Tauni, Polly Thomas, Gloria Watson.

**Minutes** of the previous AGM held at The Entrance Leagues Club, Bateau Bay, on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 (copies of which were provided at each table) were adopted on motion by Karl Hogg and seconded by Diana Cunningham.

**Matters arising from the Minutes** – none.

**President's Report**

Vicki Rollinson presented her President's Report (separate) in which she thanked all those members who work hard to keep Tuggerah Lakes U3A viable. Especially appreciated are those who regularly provide technical expertise, leadership, clerical skills or host classes and meetings in their homes.

**Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement**

Rhonda MacDiarmid presented the Treasurer's Report (separate) *and explained that due to the cost of renting premises the expenditure was still greater than the income. However this had hardly affected the final balance of \$7,585.26 (2017) versa \$7,857.99 (2016).* Moved by Vicki Rollinson and seconded by Gail Shore that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. John Collis praised Rhonda's meticulous financial records and moved a vote of thanks for her work as Treasurer.

**Special Resolution to be put to the Annual General Meeting for approval**

Proposed Rhonda MacDiarmid and seconded Helen Rawlings that Item 9.3 of the Constitution of Tuggerah Lakes U3A Inc. shall be amended by replacing the words

"Office Bearers may hold the same office for only three years" with the following:

'The President and the Vice-President may be re-elected to those positions for not more than 3 consecutive one-year terms, but may re-nominate for those positions after a gap of one year, and may nominate for any other position at any election. All other Committee members may stand for re-election at any time.'

Margaret Blundell explained the reason for the Special Resolution and John Collis provided additional comment. After being moved by Pat Carlton and seconded by Marie Murray, the Special Resolution was put to the members and passed by a show of hands of more than 75% of those present.

### Election of Committee Members

The President vacated the chair and Laurene Mulcahy, the U3A Regional Representative, acted as Returning Officer.

Nominations had been received and seconded for seven positions and, there being only one nomination for each position, Laurene Mulcahy declared the following members elected for 2018:

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| • <b>President</b>         | Pam McGlinn                | <b>Vice President</b> | Helen Rawlings    |
| • <b>Secretary</b>         | Margaret Blundell          | <b>Treasurer</b>      | Rhonda MacDiarmid |
| • <b>Committee Members</b> | Betty Siegman (Newsletter) |                       |                   |
|                            | John Collis (Membership)   | Gail Shore (Welfare)  |                   |

Laurene asked current members to applaud the new committee and Karl Hogg took photographs.

Before handing over to the Incoming President, Laurene urged the members to be creative when considering new ways to publicise Tuggerah Lakes U3A. She suggested that everyone think of something special that helps promote our local area. An example might be to have the Pelican logo flying with a banner listing all the courses hanging from its beak. She told us about an activity the combined Scone, Aberdeen and Muswellbrook U3A (SAM) had organised that involved members of the local community helping to create a Christmas Tree (details coming soon).

Laurene also encouraged interested members to attend the 2018 Regional Forum in Newcastle.

Margaret Blundell then presented Laurene with a 'thank you' gift of a bottle of wine for attending the AGM and officiating during the election of the Committee.

**Address of Incoming President** (separate) Pam McGlinn encouraged members to consider serving on the general committee, which doesn't entail too much time or effort, or give a talk to members. She also mentioned the ongoing difficulty finding rooms in which to hold classes. The demise of the Discussion Group and the drop in attendance of the Readers' Group were also of concern.

### Presentation by 'The Memoirs Writing Group' –

This year we had a presentation by our newest class 'The Memoirs Writing Group' which is run by John Haydon. John was unable to attend today, but Stephanie Christin agreed to lead the group, in his place. There were six separate readings by members as follows:

- 1) Dorothy Rhodes 'Australia Day 1988' (In Hyde Park, Sydney) read by Rhonda MacDairmid.
- 2) Raylee Jones 'A Trip to Bonnie Vale' (A camping trip of yesteryear near Bundeena).
- 3) Fay Wynd 'The Strange Case of the Hairy Footprints' (Incident in an outdoor toilet- 1954).
- 4) Allan Crane 'No Problems' (Being stranded on a roof in Dooralong during a rainstorm).
- 5) Rhonda MacDairmid 'Sewing' (About her mother - a multi-skilled seamstress & 'Santa').
- 6) Stephanie Christin 'Siamese Cats' (about her own cats).

At the conclusion of the presentation, Pam McGlinn thanked all the writers who had shared their stories.

Jan Knight (of the Walkers Group) won the door prize of an annual subscription for 2018.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

A light lunch of finger food (including cherry chocolate balls made by Betty Siegman to accompany the coffee) was then served.