

**TUGGERAH LAKES U3A Inc**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**held at the RSL Hall, Killarney Vale on 14 December 2006**

The meeting was declared open at 10am, with the President, Barbara Skurr, in the chair. The President welcomed members and guests; there were 56 members present and 5 guests. Apologies were received from Rhonda Byrne, Regional Co-Ordinator – Central (NSW); John Clinch, Norma Cowley, Charles Proctor, Hazel Chaplin, Judy Writer, Vivienne Donnelly, Jenny McLean, Tom and Judith Marish, Phyllis and Frank Marriner, Polly and Tommy Thomas, Pam and Ted McGlenn

**President's Report:** The President thanked all the members of the committee for their hard work, and also non-committee members who contributed to the successful year by their input. Barbara made special mention of Tommy Thomas for his workshops on Notebooks and CD/DVD generation, and also of Jenny McLean, who has accepted responsibility for managing our equipment, including the manifest. Storage and insurance of our equipment has been a problem this year, but now that we are moving to 'Diggers at The Entrance', that should be solved.

Jenny and Tommy's contributions have meant that our presentations are now on Powerpoint, which has proven popular with speakers for Engineering, Travellers' Tales and Monday Miscellaneous Talks.

Jenny has also taken responsibility for managing our website, originally set up by Tommy Thomas. Joyce Clinch attended the Regional Conference in Merimbula in March, coming home enthused with the importance of networking and spreading the U3A word to schools and the public in general.

The latest Newsletter from U3A Central Coast suggests setting up a Resource Library which would be available for us to access. We have some misgivings about possible copyright problems, both in this context and with our own archives, but if we call ourselves an educational institution, which we do, this may not be an issue.

The minutes of the previous AGM were read by the secretary, and it was moved by Denise Davidson, seconded by Jayne Davis, that they be accepted.

**Business arising:** Eric Greenwood has passed away since the last AGM, and David Reed is still ill, having had one leg amputated.

There was no correspondence.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Megan Targett reported that there was a credit balance at the end of September of \$2,798.64. It was moved by Megan Targett, seconded by Eva Seale, that the report be accepted.

**Venue Co-Ordinator:** Denise Davidson reported that there had been some problems with venues being double-booked this year, and that some members were finding the stairs at Wyong RSL too difficult. As a result of many meetings she has been able to secure rooms at "Diggers at The Entrance" for most of our classes. We need a permanent home so that we can insure our equipment; this is a short-term solution so we should still be looking for permanent premises. This arrangement allows for us to purchase our supplies, (tea/coffee/biscuits) at club prices and then on-sell it to recover costs. (There would be a possibility that we would be able to reduce the \$2.50 charge currently paid at clubs/venues for tea/coffee/biscuits.) There is a cupboard which we can use for storage, but should that prove unsuitable for all of our equipment, then we should be able to buy one of our own.

At this stage the classes to be held there are:

Mondays – lectures and Book Club

Tuesday – lectures, Playreading, Cards

Wednesday – Cryptic Crosswords

Friday – lectures, Discussion Group

It was moved by Denise Davidson, seconded by Dorothy Rhodes that the report be accepted.

**Course Co-Ordinator:** Eva Seale thanked, on behalf of the sub-committee of herself, Amelia Fielden and Joyce Clinch, all those who had helped with courses over the last year – those who had given talks, those who had sought out or suggested speakers, those who had acted as course secretaries, or technicians, and those who had shown their support by attending courses. She also thanked the secretaries, Midge Simpson and Rita Richards, who had sent out letters of confirmation and thanks to all the speakers. She called for a round of applause for those who had undertaken the task of researching, preparing and giving the 90 minute talks.

Eva thanked Denise Davidson for her efforts in finding us more suitable venues for next year, and all the meetings that that entailed.

Eva has been finalising the programme on the assumption that we can start at 'Diggers' on 5 February. Newsletters with the new programme will be sent out late in January. Eva made mention of one new course, 'Afternoon in Italy', to be run by Evelyn Bradshaw, who lived in Italy for 40 years. This will be held at Buff Point each Monday afternoon at 2pm, and will encompass language, culture, music, customs and food.

A bus trip has been planned for Friday 30 March. It will follow 2 talks by a local historian and we will be visiting places in Wyong Shire, commencing with morning tea at Alison House, the local museum.

A suggestion had been made for 2 new courses from speakers highly recommended. They are Philosophy and Psychoanalysis. Before going ahead with these, Eva would need to know how many people would be likely to attend these courses. She asked if those interested could please give her their names before the end of lunch. The courses would be held at 'Diggers', probably on a Friday, for 4 sessions each.

It was moved by Eva Seale, seconded by Pat Catley, that the report be accepted.

**Publicity Officer:** Dorothy reported that in her 2 years as Publicity Officer the most important innovation has been the setting-up of the website, thanks to the expertise of Tommy Thomas. Jenny McLean has now taken over the management of this.

During the current year Dorothy has sent out approximately 100 syllabuses to people who have inquired about U3A, either via the website or local free-paper publicity, brochures or posters in libraries, or word of mouth. From these inquiries about 32 new members have joined, but as we also lost about 20 members, our membership has grown only by 12, making our current membership 153. It is obvious that we all need to be evangelical about U3A, spreading the word, so that we can grow and prosper, finding younger members to replace those who are less active in the organisation.

Dorothy wished the incoming Publicity Officer well, declaring that it had been rewarding to contribute to the good work of Tuggerah Lakes U3A, and she certainly would be renewing her membership.

It was moved by Dorothy Rhodes, seconded by Barbara Skurr, that the report be accepted.

There was no report from the Newsletter Editor as she was absent.

**Public Officer:** Peter Wood told the members that it was his job to report to the Dept of Fair Trading, to make sure that our organisation was running according to the rules set down. We are a non-profit organisation, therefore we pay no taxes, but we still have guidelines which we must follow. We are currently doing everything right, and as there have been no changes to the laws relating to us, then there should be no problems in the foreseeable future.

It was moved by Peter Wood, seconded by Joyce Clinch, that the report be accepted.

**Welfare Officer:** Jayne Davis had very recently been in a car accident, and so her report was brief. She had sent out many cards to ill members throughout the year, and made follow-up phone calls. Last week she sent flowers to David and Sylvia Reed.

It was moved by Jayne Davis, seconded by Dorothy Rhodes, that the report be accepted.

At this point the President vacated the chair, and Michael Porter, as Returning Officer, presided over the meeting.

Nominations for all except one of the committee positions had been received and seconded. There was only one nomination for each of the positions, and so, according to the rules of the TLU3A, the following people were elected for 2007.

**President: Tom Marish**  
**Vice-President: Betty Siegman**  
**Secretary: Rita Richards**  
**Treasurer: Joyce Clinch**  
**Course Co-Ordinator: Eva Seale**  
**Venue Co-Ordinator : position still vacant**  
**Publicity Officer: Judy Writer**  
**Public Officer: Peter Wood**  
**Welfare Officer: Kath Sewell**  
**Newsletter Editor: Jayne Davis**

In the absence of Tom Marish, Vice-President Betty Siegman took the chair and read an acceptance letter from him. Tom thanked the members for their confidence in him, and congratulated the new committee on their elections. On behalf of all members, present and absent, he congratulated the outgoing committee on another successful year, and thanked them for their dedication, hard work and time spent on U3A business. He also thanked those who had presented talks and presentations, as well as those who had led the events.

Tom also made note of the successful introduction of presentations using the computer and DVD projector, noting that it was comforting to know that we had the funds to purchase the equipment. As one of the founding members of TLU3A, he was pleased to see the membership grow, but noted that attendance at some courses was disappointing. He hoped that we would increase our membership even more and see better attendances. As an increasing number of seniors become more computer-literate, it seems appropriate that we should place more emphasis on our website to reach out to those who may be interested in joining our group.

Tom said he was particularly pleased that Eva Seale and Joyce Clinch, two very experienced committee members, have again accepted nominations to the committee. We can, therefore, be confident that 2007 will be equally, if not more, successful.

**General Business:**

1. Venues for next year. This had been covered in various reports.
2. Course/membership fees. The question was raised regarding the possible reduction in charges for tea/coffee/biscuits as mentioned in the Venue Co-Ordinator's report. A short discussion followed. It was suggested that the attending members give the committee approval to adjust the charges if they see fit. This was carried by a show of hands.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.02am.

Signed.....  
President