

# TUGGERAH LAKES U3A INC

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**HELD AT THE ENTRANCE LEAGUES CLUB, BATEAU BAY**

**6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

The meeting opened at 11.20am. The President, Helen Rawlings, welcomed all in attendance.

**Present** 28 members: Jenny Blair, Imelda Bourke, Ross Carlton, Stephanie Christin, Allan Crane, Betty Dircks, Alan Harrington, John Haydon, Karl Hogg, Colleen Hughes, Raylee Jones, Steve Latham, Jackie Loughran, Rhonda MacDiarmid, Pam McGlinn, Ted McGlinn, Sonya Oakes, Kerry Philipou, Brenda Pimlott, Helen Rawlings, John Richards, Gail Shore, Betty Siegman, Shirley Sutherland, Joan Tanfield – Brockhoff, Sue Taylor, Lorna Wales, Fay Wynd.

**Apologies were received from:** Dorothy Rhodes, Rita Richards, Kath Sewell

**Minutes** of the previous AGM held at The Entrance Leagues Club, Bateau Bay, on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 (copies of which were provided at each table) were adopted on motion by Sonya Oakes and agreed by all.

**Matters arising from the minutes:** nil

**Our President, Helen Rawlings, presented her report (as follows)**

2021 has been a very difficult year for everybody; the lockdown especially hard on those whose families and friends were unable to visit.

We still have to be vigilant but with the availability of vaccines, I hope the worst is over

Special thanks to Rhonda who with the help of the computer was able to continue Marbles on Zoom and Betty who was able to continue Cryptic Crosswords via email.

We can only hope that next year life will return to normal and we can continue as usual.

As this is my last year as president, I would like to thank you all for your friendship and support.

I now call on treasurer Rhonda for her financial report

### **Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement**

Rhonda MacDiarmid presented the Treasurer's Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to 30th September 2021. Our total income for this period was \$4,104.64 and total expenses \$3,803.37. The final balance for 2021, including value of equipment was \$7,433.07.

Moved by Treasurer, Rhonda MacDiarmid and seconded by Sonya Oakes that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Approved

Helen then went on to add "we have a small item of business that is not on the agenda. The committee has decided to award Rhonda MacDiarmid life membership of Tuggerah Lakes U3A. I would like to tell you why:-

Rhonda joined Tuggerah Lakes U3A on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010. She has been a highly committed member ever since joining, that is for almost 12 years, and is still completely involved in the running of our club.

Her years of service include the following:

Secretary for 3 years: 2012, 2013 and 2014; she then took on the job of Treasurer in 2015, a position she has held ever since

She holds the position of Public Officer and is responsible for reporting our numbers to NSW U3A Network and also the NSW Government.

She is also our Membership Officer, and prints and distributes our newsletter to members who have no email. She updates our membership database annually with information on all our members.

In 2014, Rhonda commenced a new class "Keep the Marbles Rolling" which she has run continuously for 7 years, since its beginning, in various locations.

When in 2017 it was no longer possible to hold our Mah Jong classes at Diggers, as they were a small group, she offered her own home so that they could continue to meet regularly. At this stage she also took on the running of this class and it has been continuing in her home on Friday afternoons ever since."

Helen then presented Rhonda with the Certificate of Life Membership

## **Election of Committee Members**

The president vacated the chair and Alan Harrington acted as Returning Officer ---Nominations had been received and seconded for 8 positions and, there being only 1 nomination for each position, Alan Harrington declared the following members elected for 2022:

**President** – Pam McGlinn

**Vice President** – Helen Rawlings

**Secretary** – Sonya Oakes

**Treasurer** –Rhonda MacDiarmid

**Committee Members** – Betty Siegman ( Newsletter) Gail Shore ( Welfare)  
Brenda Pimlott; John Haydon

Alan asked members in attendance for a round of applause for the new committee.

Pam McGlinn gave her speech as the incoming President :-

“ Good morning everyone, just a few words from me as your incoming President and then we can get on with our lunch.

So, once again, Helen and myself are swapping around our positions . It is not our desire to monopolise these 2 positions, but as we are unable to attract anyone else to take them, we feel that we have no other option if we are to continue to have a viable club. We have tried to stress on people the importance of having new faces on our committee, but it seems we are preaching to deaf ears and so your committee carries on much the same as we have done in previous years.

One thing I am really happy to endorse, is the promotion of Rhonda to Life Member. It is a well – deserved honour as she has done outstanding work for our club for many years now and continues to do so. We are very lucky to have her. Congratulations, Rhonda.

Our overall numbers are lower and have been decimated by the ongoing Covid crisis. Our classes have been wrecked and during the past 2 years we have, quite literally, not known what we will be doing from one week to the next. We do hope that all of this is behind us and we can continue with our normal program as from February next year. We are still working on finding venues but will have it all sorted by the start of 2022. I have yet to line up speakers for our talks class but all of the ones I cancelled from this year have promised to become available as soon as we are able to resume our normal routine, so hopefully all will be well. We have already had 3 Talks’ sessions and our numbers are

certainly down, so please come next year as our speakers put a tremendous amount of work into their presentations and are always interesting.

I would like to thank the incoming committee for their previous hard work. Each and every one of them puts a lot into their efforts and most of us are doing multiple jobs.

Finally, we, the committee would like to wish all of you all the best for Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year, with an emphasis strongly on the healthy. And, please tell your friends, tell your neighbours about us, each one of you can become a recruitment officer and bring in more members for our club. Tell everyone what a happy vibrant group we are!”

**Announcements** – Kerry Philipou won the door prize of the annual subscription for 2022

The meeting closed at 11.35am. A sit – down lunch was served to individual tables; in line with Covid 19 restrictions for all members being asked to remain seated, and not to mingle.