

Minutes of U3A Nelson Annual General Meeting  
At Elim Christian Centre, Stoke. 10.00 - 3 May 2023

Chair: Wendy Cornish

Secretary: Bill Brett

Treasurer: Allison Robertson

President Wendy Cornish welcomed members to the meeting and the return to the Elim centre. COVID caused a delay in getting back to Elim, but it was timely with the increase in members.

Present: 112 members

### Apologies

Jane Stevens, Susie Park, Judith Hunter, Ian MacDougall, Alec Waugh, Sheila & Stewart Mann Brian and Stella Say, Prue and John Baxter, Steven Shaw, Jane Acheson, Patricia Behrens, Lesley Cameron, Glenys Della Bosca, Michael Roberts, Phillipa Molloy, Ardelle Jeffries, Jocelyn Clark, Anna Vincent, Arthur Jonas.

### Remembering those friends/members who have passed in the last year -

Susie Kirk, Lindsay Vaughan, Diane Thomsen, SNN Pat Fuller, Doug Sarkies, others known to you.

### Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held May 4 2022 were posted on the web site some months previously, for members viewing. It was proposed by Bill Brett / David Turner that they be taken as read and approved. Accepted unanimously.

### Presidents Report

Highlights of the president's report.

The post COVID return to General Members meetings allowed us to be enlightened and informed by some great speakers.

- Gareth Parry, recreational hunting and lead bullets leaching into wild meat, soils and water ways.
- David Melville, yearly godwit migration
- Lucinda Blackley-Jimson, CEO, Nelson Museum update about new building programme to extend the Museum.
- Sandy Stevens from Stoke who has helped the poor in some of the toughest countries
- Assoc Prof Lance Jennings/Virologist- "World Viruses and What now after COVID"

Thanks to Paul Lunberg, our Speaker Programme organiser.

The addition of the "Getting to Know You" segment at each General Meeting has been well received.

The disbanding of SeniorNet Nelson after 30 years, has seen the remaining active members of 3 groups join U3A. This offers more groups for U3A members.

U3A membership increased by 53 over the last year. 35 of these came over from SeniorNet. The President thanked the committee for the hard work and commitment to U3A.

The President thanked our group convenors - the members who facilitate our Study groups, the real substance of U3A.

A thank you also to Soroptimists for providing our teas at general meetings. And to Husband Tony for behind the scenes help and being a good sounding board.

The President moved adoption of the report, seconded by Paul Lunberg and passed unanimously. The report in full is available for viewing on the U3A Nelson web site.

### Financial Report

Treasurer Allison Robertson presented the financial accounts, shown on a big screen for members to follow. Income from subscriptions was up following a year which was down due to a waiver of subscriptions.

Expenses were up due to there being a return to 5 general meetings in the year.

This resulted in a surplus for the year of \$1126.

There were no capital expenses and no liabilities. The Statement of Position shows an increase of \$1126 bringing the bank balance to a total of \$21481 at March 31 2023

The financial statement, proposed Allison Robertson, seconded Jenny Pullen was accepted unanimously.

President thanked Jenny Pullen for her work as reviewer.

Andrew Mason was proposed as reviewer for next year - Wendy Cornish, seconded Bill Brett and passed unanimously.

### Election of Committee

Nine members of the committee were available for re-election. Two new nominations were received - Hilary Carpenter and Helen Gowland.

There being no further nominations, the 11 were duly elected.

This meets the requirements of the constitution 'Four officers with up to a total of 12'.

### Officers

President - Wendy Cornish	Vice President (To be appointed from committee)
Treasurer - Jenny Pullen	Secretary - * Zoe McAlpine (see footnote)

### Committee-

Anne White - New Members coordinator	David Wright - IT Coordinator 1
Judy Pitman -	Andrew Mason - Reviewer
Trevor Lewis - Newsletter	Steve Shaw -Study Group Coordinator
Paul Lunberg - Assets - Speaker Organizer	Hilary Carpenter Helen Gowland

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20am

Bill Brett  
Secretary

### \*Footnote:-

On 23 Aug 2023 Zoe McAlpine was co-opted to the committee to fill the position of secretary.

Bill Brett  
Secretary