



Minutes of U3A Nelson Annual General Meeting
At 10.00 a.m. 1 May 2024 Elim Theatrette, Stoke

Chair: Wendy Cornish
Secretary: Zoe MacAlpine
Treasurer: Jenny Pullen

President Wendy Cornish welcomed members to the meeting.
Present: 138 members

Apologies: Alec Waugh, Judith Hunter, Ian MacDougall, Nan Turner, David Turner, Sheila and Stuart Mann, Ann Hindmarsh, Nigel and Margaret Mouat, Steven Shaw, Jane Acheson, Rex and Jacqui Charlesworth, Heather Thomson, Janet Thomas, Virginia Ward, Tim and Cathy Harrington, David Sutherland, Jean Simpson, Frances Taylor, Angela Greig, Carol Suddaby, Rosalie Johnson, Donna Swift, Susie Park, Deborah Fish, Pip and John Grant, Trevor Walton, Sue Gilligan, Ann Childs, Paul Moreham, Lyn Falconer, Max and Allison Robertson

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

Denny Behrens, Judy Heiner, Brian Say, Diane Thomsen, Pam Grant, and others known to you.

Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held 3 May 2023 were posted on the web site along with the 2023 Financial Report for members to view.

And there is an addition that needs to be made to the minutes as follows:

Life memberships were awarded to Bill Brett, Allison Robertson, Paul Lunberg, Nan Turner, and David Turner for their length of service and contributions to U3A.

With this addition, Wendy proposed that the minutes be taken as read and accepted.
Seconded by Andrew Mason. Accepted unanimously.

President's Report

Wendy presented highlights of the past year in her President's report

Thanks to Paul Lunberg, our Speaker Programme organiser.

Special thanks to Steven Shaw for his diligent work with the study groups and conveners.

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

Thanks to the individual Committee members for their support.

A thank you also to Soroptimists for providing our morning teas at General meetings.

And to husband Tony for helping at meetings, behind the scenes and being a good sounding board.

The President moved adoption of the report, seconded by Paul Lunberg and passed unanimously.

The President's report in full is available for viewing on the U3A Nelson web site.

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Financial Report

Treasurer Jenny Pullen presented the Financial Statement for the year ending 31 March 2024, shown on a big screen for members to follow. Income from subscriptions was up.

With the \$4000.00 donation received from SeniorNet & interest of \$933.23 from accumulated interest from the Term Deposit, a larger than normal surplus of \$6237.91 was reported.

Cheque Account \$6,908.43 and Term Deposits of \$20,000.

There were no capital expenses and no liabilities.

The Statement of Position shows Total Assets of \$26,908.43.

The Financial Statement, proposed by Jenny Pullen, seconded by Zoe MacAlpine was accepted unanimously.

The President thanked Andrew Mason for his work as reviewer.

Andrew Mason agreed to stay on as reviewer for next year - Wendy Cornish, seconded Zoe MacAlpine and passed unanimously.

Election of Committee

Eleven members of the committee were available for re-election.

No new nominations were received.

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 Membership Secretary	Vice President (To be appointed from Committee)
Treasurer - Jenny Pullen	Secretary - Zoe MacAlpine

Committee-

Anne White - New Members Co-ordinator	David Wright - IT Co-ordinator 1
- Publicity	Andrew Mason - IT Co-ordinator 2 Financial Reviewer
Trevor Lewis - Newsletter Editor	Steven Shaw - Study Group Co-ordinator
Paul Lunberg - Speaker Programme Organiser & Assets Manager	Hilary Carpenter - Catering Sub Committee Helen Gowland - Catering Sub Committee

Andrew Mason reported on the Sub Committee's findings and recommendations regarding U3A Nelson being an Incorporated Society and a Charitable Trust.

A succinct report with lots of detail and there was input from several "knowledgable members" with stated experience with these issues.

There is no doubt that we need to continue as a registered Incorporated Society. To do so, with the new law recently passed, we will need to draft a new Constitution. It was moved and passed that the Sub Committee of Andrew Mason, Hilary Carpenter & Jenny Pullen would proceed with this process and submit the new Constitution at the 2025 AGM for membership input and approval.

Members will also be kept up to date with information during the process.

Originally, discussion moved in the direction of deregistering as a Charitable Trust, but recommended that the Sub Committee look further into the benefit or otherwise of remaining a Charitable Trust, in the light of not paying tax on any bequest or donations received by U3A.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.38am

Zoe MacAlpine
Secretary