

University of the Third Age Brisbane
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 10.00 a.m. 12 April 2023 via Zoom.

Meeting opened. The President opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Apologies. Two (2) apologies were received: Nick Bricknell, Mark O'Shea (Auditor).

President's welcome. Members attending (30 participants) were welcomed, and the procedures for speaking and voting via Zoom Poll were explained. Any abstentions would be considered as a "No" vote in the polls.

Minutes of the last meeting. Mary Denver moved that the minutes of the last AGM held 13 April 2022 by Zoom be accepted (previously posted to the U3A Brisbane website). Greg Williamson seconded, and the motion was **passed by 100% of Poll votes**. There was no Business Arising from these minutes.

President's report The President's Report for 2022 at AGM 2023 was presented. (The President's Report will be publicly available after the meeting on the U3A Brisbane website).

The President thanked Joan Mackay, Treasurer and the 2022-23 MC for their support during the post-COVID period, including departing MC members Nick Bricknell and Martin Bridgstock.

The President also thanked U3A Brisbane members and tutors, including online tutors, Marianne Jones and Angela Butler of the Social Events Committee as well as Yvonne McGann and her office volunteers for their support. The President was grateful to Greg Taylor, the ICT Coordinator, Gail Hawkins, Tutor Coordinator, Peter Jones, (retiring) Computers, Mary Calder and all the district coordinators for their important contributions to the smooth operation of U3A Brisbane.

Des Taylor proposed that the report be received by the meeting, and Rob Hill seconded. **Passed unanimously by 100% of Poll votes.**

Treasurer's report The Treasurer Joan Mackay presented the audited and Management-Committee-approved Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2022.

Joan pointed out the new requirement for a General Purpose Financial report with obligatory Notes, to be presented at the AGM, and pointed to Note 3 requiring a statement on the potential remuneration of MC members (in this case, there is no remuneration of MC members).

Joan described the challenging current situation where U3A Brisbane has fewer members post-COVID amid rising expenses, meanwhile also confirming from the Balance Sheet the positive position that U3A Brisbane is debt-free.

The Treasurer thanked everyone from the Committee with particular thanks to Greg and Des Taylor and Yvonne McGann for their support of her work over the 2022 period, in which she was incoming Treasurer.

Joan also tabled the Independent Audit Report (signed by Mark O'Shea, Auditor) already endorsed by the President and approved by the MC.

She then proposed, and Mary-Anne Scott seconded, that the reports be accepted. **Passed unanimously by 100% of Poll votes.**

The Treasurer's Report will now be available on the U3A Brisbane website.

Appointment of Auditor. The Treasurer proposed and Frank Alpert seconded that Mark O'Shea be re-appointed as auditor of the University of the 3rd Age Brisbane Inc for the 2023 year. **Agreed unanimously by 100% of Poll votes.**

Election of Management Committee 2023-2024. The President declared all Management Committee positions vacant.

The Secretary then informed the meeting that one nomination for President had been received: Gabrielle Power West had been nominated by Des Taylor and seconded by Joan Mackay. She therefore declared Gabrielle elected as President.

The newly elected President took the chair, welcoming the new committee and expressing thanks that Des Taylor (retiring as President after 3 years, as required by the Constitution) was staying on as member.

Gabrielle thanked departing members, welcomed the two new members and noted that seven (7) other nominations had been received. She therefore welcomed the new committee, which was:

President	Gabrielle Power West
Vice-President	John Galligan
Secretary	Mary Denver
Treasurer	Joan Mackay
Member	Des Taylor
Member	Mary-Anne Scott
Member	Suzanne Raymond
Member	Janet McKeon

Questions from the Floor.

Q 1: (Greg Williamson): Are there any developments re the Adelaide St lease ending in 2026?

A: (Des Taylor): This may be premature but there will be discussions this year on the lease, depending on our membership and other factors. The terms of the lease do include a five-year option to extend.

Q 2: (Rob Hill): Where is the "deferred rent to be paid" included under Liability in the Treasurer's Report?

A: (Joan Mackay): In the Balance Sheet, "deferred rent" is included in the Right of Use note AND, in the Balance Sheet is incorporated in "rent paid" at about \$6000 monthly.

Q3: (Greg Taylor): What are the Committee's plans to address the critical issue of increasing U3A Brisbane's membership?

A lively discussion followed with suggestions for marketing to increase membership, including:

- distribute U3A Brisbane brochures more broadly
- use of word-of-mouth promotion more effectively
- capitalise on ABC and other local radio (including 4EB) promotion opportunities
- approach councillors and other representatives at local and state govt level
- increase flexibility in approaches and diversity of membership

Other comments:

- increased membership will depend on the quality, availability and relevance of the U3A Brisbane "lifelong learning product" to potential members (Mary Denver, Secretary)

- suggest that a professional, paid approach to marketing of U3A would provide a tremendous return for a small investment (Greg Doolan, Publicity)

Business Arising: Marketing of U3A membership and the benefits it offers, for immediate action by Greg Doolan and the Committee.

The incoming President, Gabrielle, expressed her appreciation of Des Taylor's splendid leadership of U3A Brisbane over the last 3 challenging years, and for the continued unwavering commitment and support of both Des and Greg Taylor for U3A Brisbane. Both offered best wishes to the new President.

Greg Taylor also thanked Lyndall Beattie, Treasurer to 2022, who was in attendance at the Zoom, for her work on eliminating the previous note-holder debt, leaving U3A Brisbane in a healthy financial position.

Thanks were also offered to retiring member Ray Bricknell, former U3A Brisbane President, who initiated the purchase of Creek St and was an early adopter of Zoom as a tutor.

The President thanked the meeting, and brought it to a close at 11.35 a.m.