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U3A SAPPHIRE COAST

# Annual General Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> February 2016, Club Sapphire, Merimbula

## MINUTES



**Meeting opened** at 1300 chaired by Vice President Margaret Evans.

### Acknowledgement to Country

**Apologies:** as per apologies list

**Confirmation of 2015 AGM minutes:** (available for perusal on the U3ASC website)

**Motion:** That the minutes for the Annual General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be confirmed.

Moved: Trish Hamilton      Seconded: Judith Reid      CARRIED

### Reports from the Vice President and Treasurer.

The Vice President, Margaret Evans presented a comprehensive report of U3ASC events during the year.

The Treasurer, Jennie Smith presented a financial report and auditor's report.  
Ian Robertson

**Motion:** That the reports of the Vice President and Treasurer be accepted,  
moved: Ian Robertson      seconded: Trish Hamilton      CARRIED

**Committee positions declared vacant:** All committee positions were declared vacant and the meeting handed over to the Returning Officer.

**Election of Office Bearers:** Trish Hamilton acted as returning officer, declaring that the following nominations were received by the Secretary by the closing for nominations on 13th February 2016, and are therefore elected unopposed:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
President	Ian Robertson	Patricia Hamilton	Patricia McKay
Vice President	Margaret Evans	Irene Vaughan	Jennifer Dessens
Secretary	Patricia McKay	Patricia Hamilton	Margaret Evans
Membership Secretary	Jenny Johnston	Pat McKay	Patricia Goodwin
Treasurer	Chris Bembrick	Ian Robertson	Rose Lyons

No nominations have been received for the positions of Program Coordinator, Publicity Officer or any General Committee Positions. The Returning Officer called for nominations for these positions from those present at the meeting.

No nominations were received for these remaining committee positions, so they will be considered to be casual vacancies, which can be later filled by appointment.

Ian Robertson, the previous Program Coordinator, commented that there are 9 persons currently on the Program Sub-committee, and they will be able to carry on without a designated Coordinator for the time being.

Meeting resumed 1320

The new President, Ian Robertson gave a vote of thanks to those members the outgoing committee who are not continuing in a new position, and also thanked those joining the committee at this time.

## **Special Resolutions**

Special Resolutions re changes to the constitution have been distributed to all members with the required 21 days notice. Copies of the proposed amendments with background and comments have also been displayed at the U3A SC Centre, and a copy is available at the AGM.

Ian Robertson summarised the arguments for these Constitution changes. With the advent of myU3A, there has been a significant change in the duties of the Membership Registrar position, and it was felt that the opportunity should be taken to rectify an anomaly about committee positions at this time.

Noted that voting will require a 75% approval for the motion to be passed.

All the Special Resolutions are moved by the Vice-President (Margaret Evans) and seconded by the Program Coordinator (Ian Robertson)

### **Special Resolution 1**

**“That the current Clause 17(1) of the Constitution be deleted and be replaced with the following new Clause 17(1):**

17. Composition and membership of the Committee

*(1) (a) The Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and not less than three, nor more than five, other general positions, each of which is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association.*

*(b) The Committee shall determine the number of general positions referred to in Clause 17(1)(a) and may define specific titles and/or roles for any or all of these positions prior to each Annual General Meeting. The number of general positions determined and any titles and/or roles defined must be notified to the membership at the time that notice is given of the Annual General Meeting or at the time that nominations are called for the election of members of the Committee, whichever occurs earlier.”*

Moved: Margaret Evans

Seconded: Ian Robertson

CARRIED

### **Special Resolution 2**

**“That Clause 18(1)(b) of the Constitution be amended by replacing the numeral “21” with the word “seven””**

Moved: Margaret Evans

Seconded: Ian Robertson

CARRIED

### **Special Resolution 3**

**“That the current Clause 18(2) of the Constitution be deleted and replaced with the following new Clause 18(2):**

18. Election of members of the Committee

*(2) (a) Nominations of candidates for election as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and any general Committee positions where the Committee has, prior to the Annual General Meeting, defined a role, must state which position is being nominated for on the form of nomination.*

*(b) Nominations may also be made for any general Committee position(s) not defined by the Committee under Clause 17(1)(b), should any be available. Any nomination received where no position is stated will be considered to be a nomination for any such position (if available).*

*(c) A member may be nominated for more than one position but cannot hold more than one position on the Committee. Should a member be nominated for more than one position, once elected to a position nominations for any other position(s) will become invalid.”*

Moved: Margaret Evans

Seconded: Ian Robertson

CARRIED

**Special Resolution 4**

“That Clause 24(5) of the Constitution be amended by replacing the word “five” with the word “four””

Moved: Margaret Evans      Seconded: Ian Robertson      CARRIED

**Special Resolution 5**

“That Object (b) of the Association under the Constitution be amended to read as follows:  
*(b) Provide benefits and enjoyment to the members of the Association in furtherance of object (a)”*

Moved: Margaret Evans      Seconded: Ian Robertson      CARRIED

**Special Resolution 6**

“That the current Clause 41(1) the Constitution be deleted and replaced with the following new Clause 41(1):  
*41(1) The assets and income of the organisation shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above – mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Association except as bona-fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.”*

Moved: Margaret Evans      Seconded: Ian Robertson      CARRIED

**Special Resolution 7**

“That the current Clause 3(3) of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words “Membership Registrar” and substituting the word “Committee””

Moved: Margaret Evans      Seconded: Ian Robertson      CARRIED

**Special Resolution 8**

“That the current Clause 5(2) of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words “Membership Registrar must update” and substituting the words “Committee must update or cause to be updated””

Moved: Margaret Evans      Seconded: Ian Robertson      CARRIED

**Special Resolution 9**

“That the current Clause 8(1) of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words “Membership Registrar” and substituting the word “Committee””

Moved: Margaret Evans      Seconded: Ian Robertson      CARRIED

**Meeting Closed: 1343**

Pat McKay

Ian Robertson

Secretary

President

Members of the newly elected committee stayed on for an initial meeting.