



Minutes of the Nillumbik U3A Annual General Meeting No.14

Held on 26th April 2023, 2- 5 pm at Eltham Central Pavilion
18 Panther Place, Eltham 3095

- 1. Welcome to members:** Guy Palmer acknowledged the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of this land and welcomed members to the 14th Annual General Meeting of Nillumbik U3A.

Attendance and apologies were recorded.

- 2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting No 13** had been emailed to all those who registered to attend and hard copies were available on the day. The Minutes of the meeting were accepted and carried

Moved: Rob Glanvill

Seconded: Henry Hazler

3. Annual Reports

President's Report presented by Guy Palmer

Our membership continues to grow (802) as do our classes (88).

We have two Eltham 'homes': Eltham Central Pavilion offers a proper office and large classroom and the Old Eltham Courthouse gives us some security of tenure at a low cost.

Our finances are stable. Our fees have stayed the same since 2018 except when we offered a reduction during Covid.

The fortnightly Gibber Gabber newsletters continue to keep the membership informed of new classes, guest speakers, events, etc.

Some changes in the past year:

We have moved from Bridges Restaurant as a venue to Allwood House.

We have introduced some new physically active classes.

We now offer lots of events ie. Christmas dinner, mini Expo, morning teas, tutor meetings, trivia, Eltham Little Theatre and sausage sizzles.

Future challenges:

1. To find new ways of engaging with Eltham Council.
2. To continue to attract new tutors.
3. To revitalise our activities in Northern Nillumbik, including securing one or more 'homes'.

Guy thanked the many volunteers and known contributors (307) including the tutors, office, kitchen volunteers and committee, with special thanks to Judy Vizzari (creative), Sue Lloyd (welfare) and Tony Lee (IT).

Eve Scopes and Bill Naim were each awarded a Life Membership to Nillumbik U3A .

Questions and comments: John Crichton drew attention to the monthly Jazz events and associated activities organised by the Jazz class.

There was a lively discussion about risking becoming ever more Eltham Centric or putting more energies into expanding our classes etc to northern Nillumbik and/or East Banyule. It was universally agreed that it was important to have a substantive and lively presence across the whole of Nillumbik.

The report by the President was received and accepted

Moved: Bill Naim

Seconded: Sue Bailey

Treasurer's Report presented by Paul Siostrom

The report from the Treasurer was received and accepted

Moved: Gerard Vander

Seconded: Brian Jones

Leanne Ipsen then thanked Guy for his years of service as President and presented a variety of portraits of him painted by her Art Class.

4. Election of the committee 2023– 2024

The office bearers and members of the Committee 2022–2023 stood down and the nominations for the office bearers and ordinary committee members 2023–2024 were received by Stuart Winstanley (Acting Chairperson).

There being no other candidates the new committee was elected:

President: Dianne Parslow

Vice President: Karen Redrup

Vice President: Rob Glanvill

Treasurer: Margaret Schooneveldt

Secretary: Cath Bauman

Committee Members:

Pam Griffith, Brian Jones, Carole Meade, Dennis Smith, Julie Smith, Milena Gojanovic, David Chambers

In Dianne Parslow's absence, Karen Redrup welcomed the new members to the committee and chaired the remainder of the meeting

5. Annual subscriptions:

It was proposed to increase the membership fees to \$55 and the associate membership to \$30 annually effective January 2024.

The annual subscription fees were accepted.

Moved: Val Osborne

Seconded: Eve Scopes

6. Paul Siostrom nominated as Auditor for the year ending 31st December 2023

Moved: Gerard Vander

Seconded: Jan Aitken

7. Provisional date for the 15th AGM will be either the 24th or 26th April 2024

The meeting closed at 3.45pm

Social time until 5pm