



GAWLER, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Gawler U3A held on 14th February, 2024

Meeting opened. 10am

1. **Welcome & Report** Chairperson, Marie Wilson welcomed 34 members present

Thank you for coming and supporting U3A Gawler.

Firstly, many thanks to the leaders past and present as without them there would be no U3A anywhere. You are much valued, and we all appreciate your time and effort given. We have new groups started this year. We also have very stable groups with large numbers. We must be doing something right.

Many thanks to the committee for a great job done this past year, Stuart keeping our accounts up to speed, Jill for keeping the ship moving forward in a very organised way and the committee support team for just that support which is very important. Jan who has been our editor for the fabulous newsletter is resigning due to family commitments. It has been a pleasure to read all the articles beautifully presented. Many thanks Jan. Fortunately, Jan is handing on the job to someone who is no stranger to the newsletter. So we are ok for our term letter.

Last year was a very successful year and once again I thank everyone for all the support you gave your committee and one another.

2. Present: Marie Wilson, Jill Richard, Pauline Barton, Diane McGough, Stuart Dunk, Kim Rainsford, Maureen Aplin, Richard Bailey, Jan Stokes, Sue Stanner, Jo Riley, Lyn Hill, Libby Clift, Angie Barefield, Margaret Raggatt, Berlinda Swyghuizen, Ali Hood, Di Shepley, Bev Manning, Julie Jackson, Jenny Dorsett, Jan Abel, Freda Baron, Robyn Gibbes, Julie Marshall, Ann Weiss, Bart O'Donovan, Lesley Moore, Noreen Hodgson, Lorraine Patterson, Barry Patterson, Josie Ireland, Kathy Warbuton, Annie Buckoke

Apologies: Fran Mason, Graham Mason, Jill Talbot, Sam Michali, Linda Johnston, Lesley Carnogursky

3. **Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting held on 15th February 2023**

That the minutes be accepted as true and correct

Proposed: Margaret Raggatt; Seconded: Stuart Dunk. Accepted

4. **Secretary's Report – Jill**

I find the role of Secretary for Gawler U3A a busy but very rewarding one. It is a pleasure to see the members enjoying each other's company and the courses that we offer.

Our group leaders over the past 12 months have been generous with their leadership in the various classes offered, the time and wisdom they share with us is invaluable.

The generous support we are afforded by the Corporation of the Town of Gawler and their staff also ensures that we continue to exist and prosper. Thank you each and every one of you.

Special mention to the leaders who have served us for many years and are now taking a step back to enjoy the fruits of their labour and being able to participate having mentored others to take on the role of leader. Thankyou Maggie Cope & Joyce Fox and John Wallace (Beginner Tai Chi) &

Margaret Wallace and Marie Wilson (Bells). We welcomed a new leader in Brian Donaldson - Learn to Play Guitar in 2023 and that course has proved quite popular with new people joining to participate.

Thanks to Kim Rainsford for his website management and proactive reminder sent to all members in December. Enrolment day in January saw 99 in person and a further 138 on line enrolments, with 33 new members and a total 237 at last count. As the year goes on, history tells us that some return from holidays and rejoin and new people find our gem and sign up.

Current class numbers: Art 18, Bells 11, Daytime book club 8, Book club with a Twist 11, Chair Dancing 43, Beginner Tai Chi 32, Craft Circle 11, Creative Writing 11 (Full), Discussion Group 12 (Full), Friday Craft 4 - looking for new members, Fun Games 11, Harmonica 5, Improver Line Dancing 9, Intermediate Line Dancing 15, Intermediate Tai Chi 19, Italian Conversation 10, Jam Along 13, Learn To Play Guitar 8, Mah Jong 26, Mens Group 5, Puzzle Power 4, Ramblers 35, Scrabble 12, Shibashi Tai Chi 21, Sjoelen 9, Ukles 22. Womens Group - trial 10 & will continue on a monthly basis - next get together is Monday 4th March 1pm @ Café Nova.

Thankyou.

6. Treasurer's Report – Stuart Dunk.

TREASURERS REPORT (financial statements were distributed to members present)

Financial Year 01 Jan 2023 – 31 Dec 2023 was a far more 'standard' year for U3A Gawler compared to the challenges caused in previous years following the COVID epidemic. As usual our greatest annual expense is Rental of the rooms at the Gawler Council Recreation Centre where we conduct our classes, which cost reached a total of \$4,346.12 for 2023. Our membership numbers increased by 23 up to 280 people in 2023 which was crucial in keeping our accounts 'in the black'. U3A Gawler began the year with a small carried forward Net Profit of \$861.16 from 2022, but we have ended 2023 with an even smaller Net Profit of \$491.95. Also, during 2023 there has been ongoing media discussions about cost of living increases. Consequently our committee agreed to my recommendation to increase our membership fees for 2024. Despite this increase Gawler U3A remains less expensive for 2024 than other nearby metropolitan U3A branches, but slightly above country U3A branches - using the standard annual membership fee for comparison, see below:

Gawler U3A \$40/each Inner North U3A (Enfield) \$50/each

Tea Tree Gully U3A \$60/each

Kapunda U3A \$25/each

I wish to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Town of Gawler whereby U3A Gawler receives a substantial discount on the cost of renting the rooms at the Recreation Centre which we use for our classes/groups. Without this support our membership fees would need to increase substantially. Also I acknowledge the cheerful support of the Council staff at the Recreation Centre who assist whenever asked.

I would thank the office and staff of Mr Tony Piccolo, our local MP, with printing of our reports, etc.

Copies of the '2023 Balance Sheet' and the '2023 Profit & Loss Statement' have been made available for members perusal.

Stuart Dunk

Honorary Treasurer

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR: -Nixon's Christmas lunch - was it cost neutral. Yes

That report be accepted. Moved: Stuart Dunk; Seconded: Libby Clift Approved

7. Election of Management Committee for 2024

Marie Wilson declared all positions vacant

1. Chairperson: Marie Wilson
2. Secretary: Jill Richard
3. Treasurer: Stuart Dunk
4. Committee (maximum of 7)
 - a. Committee (1) – Fran Mason.
 - b. Committee (2) – Libby Clift.
 - c. Committee (3) – Kim Rainsford.
 - d. Committee (4) – Margaret Raggatt.
 - e. Committee (5) – Kathryn Warburton.
 - f. Committee (6) – Lyn Hill.
 - g. Committee (7) – nominations from the floor called for - no nomination received.

That all nominees be elected unopposed.

8. Nomination of Honorary Auditor - there is no legal requirement for a formal audit as our income is less than \$500,000 per annum. Extract from Consumer & Business Services website included to support this.

“Accounts

All incorporated associations must record and explain the transactions of the association and their financial position. Prescribed associations have additional requirements.

Prescribed associations

Incorporated associations that are prescribed - ie have gross receipts of more than \$500,000 per year - need to lodge annual financial statements. If the incorporated association is not a registered charity, lodge with Consumer and Business Services (CBS).

Incorporated associations that are also registered charities need to lodge an [annual information statement](#) with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC).”

9. Any other business

- (i) **Public Officer appointment.** Jill Richard continuing from 2023

Meeting closed. 10.16 am