

# U3A FRANKSTON, INC.

## Minutes of 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday 26th March 2024

### In Room 2 at Karingal Place

- 1. Welcome by President:** The President, Don Fergusson, acknowledged the Bunurong People, traditional owners of the land we are on, and leaders, past, present & emerging. He then welcomed everyone to the 37th Annual General Meeting of U3A Frankston. He thanked participants and our distinguished guests, Nathan Conroy, Frankston City Council Mayor and Natalie Alford & Kylie Gray (and later Jo Varghese) from Frankston City Council for their attendance.

We have a membership of 610. Altogether, with 36 members present and 77 proxy votes, we are deemed to meet the requirement for a quorum for the AGM to proceed.

(Rule 36.2) Moved: Heather Wallis                      Seconded: Don Fergusson

- 2. Attendance:** 36 members in attendance & 77 proxy forms— a total of 113 members represented. See lists filed (with a copy of these minutes and all other attachments) in the Office.

- 3. Apologies:** There were 5 received – filed with the complete minutes in the Office.

- 4. Confirmation of minutes of 36th AGM** held on Tuesday 28nd March 2023

These minutes have been on public display and the website and available as required and are accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Robin Fergusson                      Seconded: Terry Morrison-Story

- 5. President's Report:** This is available in full on the U3A Frankston website and a copy is filed with these minutes.

The President focused on a few points.

- The AGM marks one year for him as President The transition has been helped by the committee and office personnel. Special thanks were given to Mary, Heather & Graham who all stayed on for an extra year to assist. Their knowledge and expertise have been invaluable.
- We are in a good financial position, and consequently, our membership fees can be held at current levels for 2025. Fees for 2026 will need to be reviewed during the coming year. These are dependent on member numbers and grants received to offset operating costs and equipment upgrades. However, as our numbers increase, so does the need for more space which is an ongoing issue. We will be applying for more grants this year.
- We are looking forward to another successful year for **your** U3A with the continued help and support of our members.

Moved: Peter Stirling                      Seconded: Ellen Sluijs

**6. Treasurer's Report:** This is available in full on the U3A Frankston website and a copy is filed with these minutes. It is an audited financial report for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The treasurer acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land and extended respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today.

We have made a nett profit of \$14,295 which compares favourably with the previous year as the current accounting method now uses the preferred arrangement whereby prepaid fees for 2024 are included in 2024 income not 2023. The committee has been careful with money and Andrea applied for grants where appropriate. Don will continue to apply for grants, but it should be noted that these need to be acquitted and many are for specific purposes and not for operational costs so can be of limited help.

Our main expense is rent for which we have had a grant from FCC to help offset this. (It is noted that the FCC grant is indexed at 3% while the rent is indexed at 6%.) The ongoing funding and subsidy from FCC needs to be renegotiated in 2024.

Our colour photocopier was replaced in 2023 under a lease agreement which was determined to be the most efficient way of financing it. 2 laptops will be needed this year (for the treasurer and course coordinator) at a cost of about \$1500 each.

The treasurer thanked everyone for working hard in 2023, in particular, the committee, tutors and volunteers, reminding everyone that at U3A we are all volunteers. There are no paid roles.

Moved: Robyn Gould

Seconded: Robin Fergusson

## **7. Election of office bearers**

6 current committee members who re-nominated were duly re-elected.

6 have retired. New committee members are Faye Flowerday, Ellen Sluijs, Gerry Velnoweth, Michele Beech, Marilyn Pelman & Shelley Ryan.

(No voting was needed.)

### FRANKSTON U3A COMMITTEE (as of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

<b><u>President:</u></b>	Don Fergusson	<b><u>General Committee Members:</u></b>
<b><u>Vice President:</u></b>	To be appointed	Mary Martin, Ann Williams, Michele Beech,
<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	Ellen Sluijs	Terry Morrison-Story, Leonie Price, Shelley Ryan,
<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	Faye Flowerday	Robin Fergusson, Gerry Velnoweth, Marilyn Pelman

## **8. Other matters:**

**Retiring Committee Members:** Derek Hewitt, Christine Bitomsky, Robyn Andrews, Andrea McCall, Graham Wallis & Heather Wallis were all thanked for their hard work and contributions over many years.

## **Life Members**

There were 2 members proposed for the honour of life membership and accepted as life members:

**Peter Stirling** has been a member for about 14 years. He has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, setting up and looking after AV equipment & other technology. His most significant contribution has been in setting up and maintaining our administrative software, UMAS, keeping it up-to-date, assisting users with problem-solving and monitoring its use.

**Manfred Jung** has been a member for about 8 years, being a valued & long-standing tutor, committee member & general helper. He has been invaluable as a communicator between the committee and our art groups. He has facilitated many activities such as art shows and displays at different venues and has been a much appreciated contributor to committee meetings.

Manfred and Peter were then presented with certificates, letters and gifts by the mayor, Nathan Conroy.

The mayor stated that he will continue to support the great work of U3AF. He mentioned that Frankston is popular as there are many other groups who are also vying for rooms and facilities in Frankston. He said that he loves attending AGMs and having the opportunity to thank volunteers. He thanked everyone in the room for coming and supporting U3A and for all the work that is being done which is improving our community.

Robyn Gould then thanked the committee, especially those retiring, and also thanked the new committee & new volunteers.

Meeting concluded with thanks to all tutors for their efforts, skills & patience throughout the year. Thanks also to many people for their support, donations and help to U3A this year.

Meeting closed at 1:28 pm.