

U3A Wagga Wagga Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at WWWVMA (Motor Club), 4 March 2022 at 10.30am

MINUTES

1.	<p>Welcome from the Chair The meeting was opened by Daphne Carswell, the Chair, with a welcome to all and with a special welcome to Mr Greg Brown of Leeton U3A, the Murrumbidgee Murray Regional Representative of U3A Network, NSW. Judith Foley gave the Acknowledgement of Country.</p>
2.	<p>Attendance and Apologies The following provided their names as <i>attendees</i> of the meeting: Gerry Shilling, Colleen O'Rourke, Helen Mullins, Ray Mullins, Philippa Croker, Gordon Hall, Marg McKinley, Marie Richards-Cochrane, Janeen Cocks, Carolyn Conde, Ian Sinclair, Shirley Sinclair, Judith Foley, Bryan Field, Daphne Carswell, Geoff Bell, Nancye Piercy, Penny Bull, Roslyn Page, Allan Sharp, Greg Brown, Alison Hine, Wendy Taylor, Margaret Sutherland, Ann Brewster & Helen Brennan</p> <p><i>Apologies:</i> Heather Allen, Chriss Buchan, Gail Crozier, Peter Crozier, Maureen Donlon, Janice Gemmell, Deirdre Hayes, Sue Hooper, Anne McGregor, Stewart McGregor, Patricia Martin, Sandra Maybury, Wayne Maybury, Frank Molloy, Ann Montgomery, Lou O'Brien, Drew Porter, Jenny Powell, Rhonda Reedy, Kerry White, Janet Wild, June Brayne, Ann Brown, Sandra Hall & Michele Bentley</p>
3	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes The minutes of the last AGM were provided electronically to members prior to the meeting. <i>Resolved</i> That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 12 March 2021 be accepted: <i>Moved: Nancye Piercy Seconded: Philippa Croker Carried</i></p>
4	<p>Report from the Chair on the activities of the Association since the last AGM As the Chair, Daphne Carswell, presented her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.</p>
5	<p>Report by the Treasurer on the finances of the Association for the last Financial (calendar) year Ros Page indicated that the financial statement had been made available prior to the meeting and the Treasurer's report addressed that statement. The statement is attached and the following comprises the report. "Good morning, everyone I present a summary of the financial situation of our association at 31 December 2021 for your consideration. I have included in the report last year's figures for comparative information. Cash Assets All our cash assets are held with Beyond Bank, Wagga Wagga. We have a community transaction account which at 31 December 2021 had a balance of \$22 596. We also have two Term Deposits. Our oldest deposit now has a balance of \$10 814. This was rolled over in August (2021) for a further 12 months @ .55%. It matures on the 21 August 2022. The second one for \$30 240, has a maturity date of 23 November 2022. It is for 12 months @ .45% The significant items of income and expenditure for the accounting period were: <i>Income</i> from memberships \$13 968 and Course income \$10 340. On the <i>expenditure</i> side there was rent of \$6706, Insurance of \$1524, Computer Expendables of \$1807 and capital purchases of \$4042. The capital purchases included two computers, five Mah Jong tables and fifteen music stands. We also had significant income and expenditure for the Canberra Trip however as the show was postponed until June 2023 all moneys have been refunded. Non-Cash Assets: our non-cash assets are currently valued at \$14965. There are no liabilities outstanding for the period. The increase in total cash assets of \$9801 is made up of a decrease in the opening of \$8625, an increase in income of \$993, a decrease in expenditure of \$17 082 plus interest on the term deposits of \$352. This brings the total of our cash assets to \$63 650 compared with \$53 849 last year, an increase of \$9801. Thank you."</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the reports from the Chair and Treasurer be accepted:</i> <i>Moved: Bryan Field Seconded: Geoff Bell Carried</i></p>

6	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>The conduct of the meeting for the election of officers was handed to Greg Brown as Chair, He declared all positions vacant and the election commenced.</p> <p><i>6.1 President</i></p> <p>The Chair advised that one nomination had been received for the position, namely Daphne Carswell, and that she had consented to the nomination. The Chair called for other nominations. There being none, Daphne Carswell was declared elected.</p> <p><i>6.2 Vice-President Operations</i></p> <p>The Chair advised that one nomination had been received for the position, namely Shirley Sinclair, and that she had consented to the nomination. The Chair called for other nominations. There being none, Shirley Sinclair was declared elected.</p> <p><i>6.3 Treasurer</i></p> <p>The Chair advised that one nomination had been received for the position, namely Roslyn Page, and that she had consented to the nomination. The Chair called for other nominations. There being none, Roslyn Page was declared elected.</p> <p><i>6.4 Secretary</i></p> <p>The Chair advised that one nomination had been received for the position, namely Wendy Taylor, and that she had consented to the nomination. The Chair called for other nominations. There being none, Wendy Taylor was declared elected.</p> <p><i>6.5 Public Officer</i></p> <p>The Chair advised that one nomination had been received for the position, namely Wayne Maybury, and that he had consented to the nomination. The Chair called for other nominations. There being none, Wayne Maybury was declared elected.</p> <p><i>6.6 The Committee</i></p> <p>The Chair advised that nominations for Committee Membership had been received from the following, each of whom has consented to the nomination: <i>Geoff Bell, Penny Bull, Janette Board, Judith Foley, Gordon Hall & Nancye Piercy.</i> The Chair called for further nominations. There being none, the six people listed above were declared elected.</p> <p>The Chair then declared all positions duly elected. <i>Conduct of the meeting was handed to the incoming President, Daphne Carswell.</i></p>
7	<p>Address by Incoming President</p> <p>Daphne Carswell welcomed the new members of the Committee and farewelled those who were leaving, acknowledging the contribution of all and the harmony in which the Committee had worked. She reiterated that she and the Vice-President Operations, Shirley Sinclair, sought to ensure that the entire and growing membership of U3A Wagga Wagga was kept informed about matters such as the core business of course presentation as well as matters of day-to-day governance. She further acknowledged Committee members generally played a significant role in fundamental communication but cited that Gordon Hall as Publicity Officer and Geoff Bell as Webmaster would continue to play most significant roles in the organisation’s communication strategy as it developed with the move to the new accommodation. She further acknowledged the organisational stress implicit in the COVID crisis and the most difficult decisions that had been required in that time adding that the <i>necessity of reduced class sizes</i> played havoc throughout the organisation, among other such matters.</p>

	Daphne again thanked all for their work, added that it was an honour to lead this growing organisation and wished for the organisation and all members of U3A Wagga a successful year ahead, free of the crises that have accompanied 2020 and 2021.
8	<p>Address by Greg Brown, Murrumbidgee Murray U3A Regional Representative of U3A Network NSW</p> <p>Greg was effusive in his praise of Wagga Wagga U3A in its steady and careful growth over recent years. He praised the management and the awe which he felt as the subcommittee set about hosting the major Network conference held in Wagga Wagga in 2021. He publicly asserted his pride in Wagga's position with its growth to a most significant organisation in the U3A family and particularly in the Murrumbidgee Murray Region for which he has a responsibility. He summarised by saying that the Wagga Wagga branch had created a feeling "that good things are happening" in terms of development and growth.</p> <p>He also clearly explained his position in the NSW Network and the particular challenges that faced this organisation as it sought to resettle itself in order to provide the requisite support of all U3As across the regions, towns and cities of NSW.</p> <p>He invited all members to consider offering their services to the Network stating that all organisations need a constant flow of people to reinfuse energy regularly providing accordingly a wider vision for the future.</p> <p>Daphne thanked Greg for his attendance and his words of praise.</p>
9	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Ray Mullins rose to enthusiastically thank the outgoing executive, congratulate the incoming Committee and acknowledged that the organisation relied solely on volunteers, helpers and the cooperation of members in this socially beneficial U3A organisation.</p>
10.	<p>Closure Daphne Carswell as the Chair thanked Greg Brown, all the members of U3A Wagga Wagga, the Committee members and all volunteers for their contribution to the organisation and management of U3A Wagga.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 11.17am</p>

Signed as a true record

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Chair / /2023

The Reports of the outgoing President & Treasurer follow.

U3A WAGGA WAGGA INCORPORATED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen, Greg Brown Representative for Murrumbidgee/Murray Group

I welcome you to U3A's 2022 AGM and offer my report on what has been another challenging year with the continuation of the World Covid 19 Pandemic. Throughout the past year, although we experienced continuing Government restrictions and a period of lockdown, U3A Wagga has managed to operate successfully, providing our members a great selection of classes/activities during 2021.

As mentioned in my report last year we had been nominated by the NSW Network to host the 2021 Annual Conference. The U3A Wagga conference subcommittee made a positive approach to work toward holding the conference in early April 2021 with the venue of choice being the Wagga RSL Club and also the adjoining motel as the preferred accommodation.

Fortunately, Covid restrictions at that time allowed us to hold a successful annual conference. At the Conference most NSW U3A groups were well represented as well as interstate guests, Glen Wall (Chair U3AAA) Gail Bonsor (President U3A Queensland) and Susan Webster (President U3A Victoria). Many of the Conference guests took advantage of the organised walks and the visits to interesting sites of Wagga. Visiting U3A members were appreciative of this service. We thank the members concerned for the time and effort in organising the events. One of the highlights of the conference was the conference dinner. At the dinner Aunty Isabel Reid presented the Welcome to country and David Gilbey was our Keynote Speaker, David enlivened the audience with his highly entertaining topic "what lies beyond the yellow submarine" which encouraged us to escape from our cocoons and learn new things. A very appropriate topic! During the two-day event we heard from topic "what many interesting speakers, however at the invitation of the Network President Laurene Mulcahy, Dr Gordon Murray (U3A Wagga member and presenter) gave an interesting presentation" Curiosity sparked by investigating DNA".

U3A Wagga was congratulated considering that the organisation of the conference was performed during what was considered difficult times due to Covid 19. The U3A Network and many of the guests considered the Conference successful and in fine style, therefore we thank and appreciate all our members who volunteered their time with the many tasks necessary to achieve this result. We also appreciated the assistance we were given by the staff of the RSL and the adjoining Motel.

In July we were saddened with the passing of our secretary Ailsa Stephenson. Ailsa was an integral member of our committee in her roles of public officer and secretary and a gifted letter writer all of which she carried out in her efficient manner. Apart from Ailsa's commitment to the U3A committee, Ailsa was an avid participant in many of our activities and courses. Ailsa joined U3A soon after arriving in Wagga and made many friendships with other members. We remember her fondly.

During December we were hopeful that we may experience an easing of Government restrictions for the beginning of 2022. With that in mind the Committee and behind the scenes volunteers looked forward with enthusiasm to the new year. Preparations to provide a selection of over 50 courses/activities for our first term was completed during December and early January 2021. We thank these members and are very appreciative of their working through the Christmas break to meet the necessary deadlines to meet enrolment requirements, resulting an overwhelming number of members praise on the selection of courses available. We are also thankful to all our Presenters and course leaders who make the number, as well as the diversity of courses possible.

We continue to welcome new members, 33 since December, as well as the steady increase in of over 100 more enrolled places in classes than this time last year. We continue to be hopeful

that as restrictions are lifted, we can increase the size of our classes and resume our efforts in publicising U3A Wagga.

At the end of term 1 2022 we say good bye to our main venue, the WWVCC. We have been informed by Rob Le Lievre, Car Club relocation officer, that 8 May is the date advised for both the Car Club and U3A to have vacated the building. U3A Wagga will vacate at the end of term 1 2022. Wagga City Council representative Ben Creighton has made separate appointments to meet with the Car Club and U3A Wagga to look at alternative temporary venues as our usage needs are deemed different. In recent times we have been able to increase our use of the Mary Kidson Hall. This will assist however we will need to negotiate use of further temporary venues as well as a suitable secure office space to both store our equipment and open each week for our general inquiries. As our first meeting with Ben Creighton will be today, we are hopeful that we will have positive news to commence temporary relocation arrangements at our first Operations meeting next week. A busy time ahead!!

Designs are being finalised for the new community hall to be built at 26 Shaw Street, the former site of the Women's Bowling Club. It will become the new home of both the WWVCC and U3A Wagga. Rob Le Lievre advised that the expected move to the new building will be in September.

Committee Members Ann Brewster and Colleen O'Rourke are both retiring as committee members, however, have offered their assistance as behind the scenes volunteers. Both Ann and Colleen have been valued members of our committee and we thank them for their valuable contribution over the past years. I mentioned previously in my report of the passing of our Secretary Ailsa Stephenson, at that time Ian Sinclair kindly offered to assist the committee by acting in the role as secretary until the AGM. We thank Ian for both his willingness to relieve in this important role and for a job well done!

I acknowledge all the members who assist by giving their time to offer the retired and semi-retired members of our community an organisation that provides exercise, enjoyment, learning and friendship.

In conclusion I thank my committee for their help and loyalty during another challenging year. I would also like to say it is both a pleasure and rewarding to preside over U3A Wagga.

Daph Carswell