

**U3A Wagga Wagga Inc.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held at Mary Kidson Hall, Macleay Street, Turvey Park 3 March 2023 at 10.30am

**MINUTES**

1.	<p><b>Welcome from the Chair</b> The meeting was opened by Daphne Carswell, the Chair, with a welcome to all and with a special welcome to Mr Denis Simond, President, U3A Network NSW and Mr Greg Brown, Murrumbidgee/Murray Regional Representative of U3A Network, NSW. Judith Foley gave the Acknowledgement of Country.</p>																								
2.	<p><b>Attendance and Apologies</b> The following provided their names as <i>attendees</i> of the meeting: Daphne Carswell, Wendy Taylor, Penny Bull, Nancye Piercy, Drew Porter, Greg Brown, Alan Sharp, Margaret Sutherland, Gordon Hall, Janette Board, Ray Mullins, Colleen Moyes, Helen Brennan, Mark Christison, Judy Grant, Denis Simond, Judith Foley, Robyn Thurston, Ann Brewster and Maureen Donlon.</p> <p><i>Apologies:</i> Geoff Bell, Wayne Maybury, Stewart McGregor, Annie McGregor, Ron Lawler, Cynthia Lawler, Lesley Vennell, Peter Micenko, Jo-Anne Micenko, Sue Hooper, Sandra Metcalfe, Marg McKinley, Philippa Croker, Gail Kimpton, Shirley Sinclair, Ian Sinclair, Anne Brown, Frank Temple Brown, Liz Moss, Marie Richards-Cochrane and Judy Grant.</p>																								
3	<p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes</b> 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 4 March 2022 be accepted: <i>Moved: Gordon Hall    Seconded: Nancye Piercy    Carried</i></p>																								
4	<p><b>Report from the Chair on the activities of the Association since the last AGM</b> As the Chair, Daphne Carswell, presented her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.</p>																								
5	<p><b>Report by the Treasurer on the finances of the Association for the last Financial (calendar) year</b> Wendy Taylor, Secretary, presented the report on behalf of Wayne Maybury, Treasurer. Wendy indicated that the financial statement had been made available prior to the meeting and the Treasurer's report addressed that statement. The following comprises the report.</p> <p>I hereby present this summary of the financial position of U3A Wagga Wagga Inc for the year ending 31 December 2022 for the members' information.</p> <p><b>CASH ASSETS</b> The Association banks with Beyond Bank, Wagga Wagga and has 5 accounts. During the year additional funds were placed on interest bearing deposit, with staggered maturity dates so funds can be accessed if needed on a regular basis.</p> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>2021</th><th>2022</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Community Transaction Acc</td><td>22,596.21</td><td>14,022.24</td></tr><tr><td>Term Deposit A123101681 2.3% matures 9/3/2023</td><td></td><td>15,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Term Deposit A123079277 3.05% matures 21/8/2023</td><td>10,814.44</td><td>10,873.92</td></tr><tr><td>Term Deposit A123103733 4.05% matures 23/11/2023</td><td></td><td>16,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Term Deposit A123103734 3.1% matures 23/5/2023</td><td></td><td>16,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Term Deposit A123095208 0.45% matures 23/22/2022</td><td>30,240.00</td><td></td></tr><tr><td><b>Total Cash Assets</b></td><td><b>63,650.65</b></td><td><b>71,896.16</b></td></tr></tbody></table> <p><b>TOTAL NON-CASH ASSETS</b> <b>14,965</b> <b>5,102#</b> # Non-cash assets are now valued at estimated realisable value rather than purchase cost.</p> <p><b>LIABILITIES</b> There are no outstanding liabilities.</p>		2021	2022	Community Transaction Acc	22,596.21	14,022.24	Term Deposit A123101681 2.3% matures 9/3/2023		15,000.00	Term Deposit A123079277 3.05% matures 21/8/2023	10,814.44	10,873.92	Term Deposit A123103733 4.05% matures 23/11/2023		16,000.00	Term Deposit A123103734 3.1% matures 23/5/2023		16,000.00	Term Deposit A123095208 0.45% matures 23/22/2022	30,240.00		<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b>63,650.65</b>	<b>71,896.16</b>
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	<p><b>Comments</b></p> <p>Thank you to Roslyn Page for the great work she did as U3A Treasurer until June 2022 when I took on the roll.</p> <p>The association remains in a strong financial position while the reported surplus for the year of \$8,245 is down \$1,556 on the previous year it was a solid result. There were a number of costs that impacted the result that were the result of late receipt of invoices or timing issue associated with the 2022 Canberra trip refunds that was cancelled.</p> <p>The return to higher level of activity, unavailability of the Vintage Car Club from mid-2022 and cessation of WWCC rental rebates that occurred during covid increased rental expenses significantly and which were partially offset by increased course income (gold coins).</p> <p>Wayne Maybury Treasurer U3A Wagga 24/02/2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Resolved: That the reports from the Chair and Treasurer be accepted: Moved: Nancye Piercy      Seconded: Drew Porter      Carried</i></p>										
6	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b></p> <p>The conduct of the meeting for the election of officers was handed to Denis Simond as Chair. He declared all positions vacant. He further advised the meeting that nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers and ordinary Committee members had been received for all positions.</p> <p><b>The Chair declared the members nominated duly elected.</b></p> <p>They are as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">President</td> <td>Daphne Carswell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice-President Operations</td> <td>Shirley Sinclair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Wendy Taylor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Wayne Maybury</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Officer</td> <td>Wayne Maybury</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Committee                      Geoff Bell, Penny Bull, Janette Board, Judith Foley, Gordon Hall &amp; Nancye Piercy.</p> <p><i>Conduct of the meeting was handed to the incoming President, Daphne Carswell.</i></p>	President	Daphne Carswell	Vice-President Operations	Shirley Sinclair	Secretary	Wendy Taylor	Treasurer	Wayne Maybury	Public Officer	Wayne Maybury
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7	<p><b>Address by Incoming President</b></p> <p>Daphne Carswell reported that the 2023 year was off to a great start with 50 more new members enrolled in January over the same period last year. U3A Wagga Wagga continues to grow and thrive post Covid.</p> <p>The Duke of Kent Community Centre continued to be a focus of the Committee and Daphne visited the site in February. Henry Collie of Wagga Wagga City Council is the project manager and she reports he seems to be very easy to work with. Monthly meetings will be held throughout the year with Henry and U3A Wagga Wagga as the building progresses. Completion was now likely to be mid to late July. However, Mary Kidson Hall has been booked to the end of the year in case there are building delays. U3A Wagga Wagga will participate in the Wagga Wagga City Council's FRESH program in April at the Library. Daphne wished to thank Ann Brewster and Gordon Hall who will both be presenting classes on behalf of U3A Wagga Wagga as part of Council's program.</p> <p>Daphne thanked all for their work, added that it was an honour to lead this growing organisation and was looking forward to an exciting year ahead.</p>										
8	<p><b>Address by Greg Brown, Murrumbidgee Murray U3A Regional Representative of U3A Network NSW</b></p> <p>Greg congratulated Wagga Wagga on a wonderful 8 years.</p> <p>He also reported that a new U3A was to start up in Temora and Wagga Wagga had been asked to help in their setup</p> <p>Greg advised that his time as Regional Representative is now up. The last 4 years had been tumultuous but was now settling down. He asked if we knew of a replacement for his role as Murrumbidgee Murray representative but said he was staying on as Secretary of U3A Network NSW.</p>										

	<p>The Network will hold their AGM via Zoom (64 groups in NSW). The AGM will be in June and will be separate from the Annual Conference.</p> <p>The Annual Conference will be held in Deniliquin on 18-19 April and the program will be up on the website very soon.</p> <p>Daphne thanked Greg for his attendance and his words of praise.</p>
9	<p><b>Address by Mr Denis Simond, President, U3A Network NSW</b></p> <p>Denis thanked Greg for his friendship over many years.</p> <p>He updated the meeting on the upcoming State Conference. The venue for 2024 was still to be confirmed but 2023 was to be held in Deniliquin on 18-19 April. The attendance fee was \$80. Registration will commence at 11am on the 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Denis spoke of the establishment of U3A Australia Ltd later this year. It will replace U3AAA – the Australian Alliance. It is expected to have more success via an incorporated body to advocate at the national level on behalf of seniors in respect to lifelong learning opportunities. As U3A is a state based association, it is unable to access Federal funding or even talk to the Federal Minister about concerns for our ageing cohort.</p> <p>Denis also spoke of the different support made available to U3As from their State governments. In NSW no assistance is given by the government. In Victoria the State government subsidises the association with \$360K for the Network and \$150K from the Adult and Community Further Education Board.</p> <p>With a NSW State election on the horizon, Denis suggested recruiting local MPs as Friends of U3A and asking them “ what are you going to do for us ?” This will be an opportunity to advocate for greater awareness of what U3A provides to the community and the value of that contribution.</p> <p>Denis congratulated U3A Wagga Wagga on its growth and range of courses/activities. U3A Wagga Wagga is very well regarded throughout the U3A family and is held up as an example of what could be achieved.</p> <p>He then addressed the problem of finding volunteers from the younger cohort of members. One idea was to modernise (Zoom sessions ?) to attract this younger cohort.</p> <p>He shared a final thought: Course coordinators are most critical in U3A.</p> <p>Daphne thanked Denis for his attendance and his words of praise.</p>
10	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>Ray Mullins rose to thank the Committee and volunteers for all the good work they do and expressed his appreciation for all that they bring to make Wagga Wagga the very successful U3A it is.</p>
11	<p><b>Closure</b> Daphne Carswell as the Chair thanked Denis Simond and 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 11.30am</p>

**Signed as a true record**

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Chair / /2024

*The Reports of the outgoing President & Treasurer follow.*

# U3A WAGGA WAGGA INCORPORATED

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

**Ladies and Gentlemen, Denis Simond President U3A Network NSW Inc. Greg Brown Representative for Murrumbidgee/Murray Group**

I welcome you to U3A's 2023 AGM and offer my report on what has been an outstanding year.

What a successful year for U3A Wagga's seventh full year of operation. During the year we welcomed 117 new members with a total of 437 members at year end. It is great to see our membership numbers returning to the pre pandemic number. The committee is to be congratulated in working together to achieve the growth of members and the continued offer of diverse courses for members.

I thank the continued support from our many presenters and coordinators as we have been able to offer an average of 50 courses and activities throughout the four terms in 2022. We have seen the continuation of many favourite courses/activities from the following categories, arts and crafts, exercise, lifestyle, writing, current affairs, hobbies and games and social events. Over the year we have introduced many new courses in all these categories. All courses have proved popular and have been well supported. I will mention the new My Life series as the course allows an opportunity for our members to share some of their life history. Many of our members have been willing to participate in the series and I believe we have many more for the series in 2023.

At the end of term one, due to the sale of our main venue, the Wagga Wagga Veteran and Vintage Car Club (WWVCC). WWCC offered us the lease of the Mary Kidson Hall in the Botanic Gardens, with the times available suiting our needs, we moved many of our courses to the Mary Kidson Hall. The hall has proven a suitable venue with its ample parking, office, kitchen, storage room and appropriate seating for our members. Arrangements with the Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) booking office staff have been made to continue the leasing of the Mary Kidson Hall as needed until end of term 2 2023, however this will be reviewed as the building of the proposed Duke of Kent Community building is monitored. In addition we continue to lease North Wagga Hall for our activities. We thank both Baptistcare Watermark and the Australian Rules Club for allowing us the use of their rooms for appropriate courses at their premises.

During 2022 we received warnings of impending floods at North Wagga, which meant cancelling courses at the hall. We thank Robyn Dawson President of the North Wagga Association for her assistance with up to date information regarding the flood situation and our usage of the North Wagga Hall during this difficult period. Due to Robyn's assistance we experienced very little disruption to our courses.

Discussions with the Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) regarding U3A's use of the new Duke of Kent Community Building in Shaw Street on its completion in 2023 have been ongoing. During term 4 the WWCC invited two members of our executive to meet

with Henry Collie Project Manager – Civil Infrastructure Projects and Ben Creighton Strategic Asset Planner (Parks and Recreation) WWCC to update the progress of the building and to discuss U3A needs for conducting their courses/activities and the needs for the office being provided for U3A's use in the building. Further meetings will be held with Henry Collie monthly until the buildings completion. As advised at the meeting with Ben and Henry, the slab for the building was laid mid December with building to commence January 2023 after the Christmas break with a completion date of June 2023. Both the President and Vice President met with Henry Collie in December and will continue to meet monthly, reporting back details to the meetings of the committee.

In June our treasurer Ros Page resigned from the committee for personal reasons. We thank Ros for her assistance and commitment to the role. Wayne Maybury was happy to take on the treasurer's role until the AGM in March 2023.

I acknowledge the hard work of our committee, "shadow" committee members, office staff and the members who assist with the setting up and putting away of equipment at the venue they attend and the many members who help out whenever needed. The presenters, coordinators for their willingness to present courses each term throughout the year and the many presenters and coordinators, due to the long wait lists their courses attract, willing to either increase numbers for their course or present a further course so members will not be disappointed with their course choices. A big thank you to all, in working together, this allows U3A Wagga be the successful organisation it continues to be.

Our 2022 year concluded in December 2022 with a Christmas party held at the function centre Botanic Gardens. A great way to end our U3A year, getting together with our fellow members, enjoying good food and conversation, most of all being entertained by our group of the happy tap dancers and singing Christmas carols accompanied by members of our ukulele group.

In conclusion I thank the members of the committee for their loyalty, support and more importantly the teamwork necessary to achieve the good results in the administration of U3A Wagga. I have found my role as your president both rewarding and a pleasure.