

**U3A Castlemaine Inc**  
**MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE UNITING CHURCH HALL**  
**FRIDAY, 2nd OCTOBER 2015 at 10.00am**

**Welcome:**

President Dick Mack opened the meeting at 10.05 am and welcomed U3A members, and guests Barbara Ritchie (U3A Bendigo), Jill McArthur (President, U3A Bendigo) and Margaret Chandra (Vice President U3A Kyneton).

**Attendance:**

Dick Mack, President, Chair,

Committee: Max Clarke, Peter Batten, Rob Murdoch, Bev Orgill, Colleen Smith, Joe Scoglio, Diane Vits

Guests: .... Barbara Ritchie, Jill McArthur, Margaret Chandra.

Plus 68 U3A Castlemaine members as entered in the attendance book.

**Apologies:**

Sue Tomkinson, Robyn Yeoman, Win Jodell, Julie Roberts,

plus 9 guests: Elsie Mutton (President U3A Network), Vicki Mason (Director Sustainable Development Mt Alexander Shire), Mayor Henderson MASC, Maree Edwards MLA, Lisa Chester MHR, July Allen (President U3A Hepburn), Phil Rowlands CEO MASC, Liz Marsh CEO Castlemaine District Community Health.

Plus 12 members as entered in the attendance book.

**1. Minutes of previous annual general meeting held on 3rd October 2014**

**Motion:** That the Minutes be accepted. **Moved:** Peter Stephens, **Seconded:** Brian Richardson, **Carried**

**2. President's Report**

Dick Mack tabled and spoke to the written Annual Report. He referred to a quotation from the U3A Conference in NSW and discussed how U3A contributes to the positive ageing and maintenance of physical, mental and emotional health of ageing citizens. He outlined the 70 courses run by 55 course leaders this year, the trial of Coursera, and highlights of the year – the U3A survey which has gone to the Minister and been taken up by other organisations, introduction of MyU3A information management system, the ETTY Street negotiations for availability next year, and the newsletter. He extended thanks to Veronica Hurley, the 25% of members who become involved in regular activities, the Committee of Management, the working groups introduced over the past few years which have streamlined committee meetings, course leaders, events organisers, volunteers – particularly Verhonica Hurley, Deirdre McDonald, Judy and David Sime, Bruce Carruthers, Colleen and Alan Smith, Bronwen and Peter Stephens, Brenda Envall, organisers of the photography and art displays, cake raffle and trading table, and the caterer.

**Motion:** That the President's Report be accepted **Moved:** Peter Batten **Seconded :** Sue Turner **CARRIED**

**3. Financial Report:**

Peter Batten requested an announcement from the floor and announced that written copies of the Financial Report and Financial Statements were available and that he would be available to answer queries.

**4. Appointment of Auditor:**

**Motion:** That Brenda Envall be reappointed as auditor **Moved:** Beryl Leavesley **Seconded:** Sue Turner **Carried**

## 5. Annual Subscriptions:

**Motion:** That annual subscriptions remain at the same level, **Moved:** Peter Stephens **Seconded:** Joe Scoglio **Carried**

## 6. Election of Office Bearers:

Peter Stephens took the chair to conduct the election of office bearers.

The list of nominees was read and all were elected unopposed.

<b>President:</b>	Max Clarke	Nominated by Robyn Yeoman	Seconded Bev Orgill
<b>Vice-President</b>	vacant		
<b>Secretary:</b>	Rob Murdoch	Nominated by Max Clarke	Seconded by Joe Scoglio
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Peter Batten	Nominated by Joe Scoglio	Seconded Max Clarke
<b>Past President:</b>	Dick Mack		

### Ordinary Committee Members:

Bev Orgill	Nominated by Alan Smith	Seconded Phil Orgill
Colleen Smith	Nominated by Alan Smith	Seconded Phil Orgill..
Joe Scoglio	Nominated by Colleen Smith	Seconded Max Clarke.....
Hilary Beckett	Nominated by Bev Orgill	Seconded Max Clarke
Diane Vits	Nominated by Rob Murdoch	Seconded Bev Orgill.

The incoming Committee members were introduced.

## 7. Recognition of out-going office bearers:

Dick Mack thanked the members for the support given during the year, and called on Peter Stephens to welcome the incoming President. Max Clarke thanked the out-going office bearers and welcomed the new Committee members. He thanked members for electing him as President, gave a general background to himself and invited ongoing feedback from all members. He then presented gifts in appreciation to Peter and Bronwen Stephens, Judy and David Sime, Veronica Hurley via Kevin in her absence, Brenda Envall, and Dick Mack.

## 8. Life Memberships

Two people were nominated for Life Memberships, but as they were not present at the meeting their presentations will be held over to the next Coffee Morning.

## 9. Other Business

- Sunnymeade on 29 October – only 20 are enrolled, 25 are required. Members are asked to sign up today.
- New courses – nominations were requested for new courses for 2016.
- Christmas hamper – contributions are requested for next month's Coffee Morning.
- Exhibition – Barbara Bunton announced an exhibition of WW1 Montage to be unveiled by senior Army personnel in November.

## 10. Close of meeting

The meeting was declared closed at 11.00 am

**Max Clarke**

**President**

2nd October 2015