



Annual General Meeting 2025

Tuesday 19th August 11.30am
At Jack Dyer Community Room

Minutes

Members attending: refer to appended list

Apologies: Viv Blanksby, Lyn Watson, John Dover, Andy Hansen, Nina Hansen, Christine Harrison, Patsy Brown, Nancy O'Toole, Helen Nankervis, Julian Ophel

Proxies received:

Viv Blanksby – Mary Whelan

Lyn Watson – Maria Hudson

John Dover – Elizabeth Way

Protocols

Peter Moore, U3A Yarra City President, welcomed members to the AGM. He explained that voting on questions raised would be by full members, tutor members and life members of the organisation. Other visitors, including associate members, are ineligible to vote.

Agenda Items

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 2024 Annual General meeting, 29th Oct 2024

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 29th October 2024, were made available to members.

Acceptance of the 2024 AGM minutes was moved by Chris Friday and seconded by Maureen Arch. The Minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

2. President's Annual Report 2025

Peter Moore spoke to the President's annual report. Key points made were:

- **Our membership numbers** are now 530, the highest ever.
- **Trends in membership illustrated by graphs:**
 - The average age of members is increasing about 6 months per year (74 in 2025).
 - Our membership is predominantly female – about 74%, down from 78% in 2017.
- **Member Management System** MWiz went live on July 1st 2025, with special thanks to Frank Moore for his dedication to ensuring a smooth transition occurred. Barry Giddings also played a big part with the change over as well as redevelopment of the website.

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- The number of **Tutors** is currently 51 with 18 venues where activities are held. Special thanks to some of our long-term Tutors who have been leading classes for many years. Their enthusiasm for their chosen fields can be seen as the essence of retirement. The chance to do what you love and share your passion with others.
- **Acknowledgment and thanks to U3A volunteers**
 - ***The Committee members for 2024*** have worked in their various portfolios while contributing across a range of additional U3A concerns.
 - Sadly our committee colleague Jan Tinetti passed away in June after a long battle with cancer. Jan continued in her committee duties as long as she was able and her contribution is missed.
 - ***Our newsletter committee*** – ably lead by Tina Hocking, have continued to produce excellent records of the life of our U3A. Two committee members retired this year – Susannah Dax and Ly Morgan. We thank them for their dedication to ensuring the Newsletter was edited, laid out and proofread before printing, thank you Susannah and Lyn.
 - ***The U3A Office volunteers*** – Elizabeth Way is our Office Manager, and she ensures that we have volunteers to look after the U3A office two half days each week.
 - ***The Forums*** are ably coordinated by Lynell McCluggage and Richard Laing providing a wide range of topics for all to come and listen to and epitomises the U3A concept – the opportunity to meet and make friends while learning.
- **Acknowledgement of external organisations who provide support**
 - ***Yarra City Council and Yarra Libraries*** – Thanks to the staff for their assistance and support of U3A on a regular basis
- **Volunteers**

There is always an opportunity for all to become involved in your U3A. We are looking for people with various skills – such as assistance with the Newsletter (printed quarterly); assistance with the Forums including ensuring everyone has a cuppa whilst listening and chatting. Please talk to a committee member if you feel you can assist – even with a small task!

The President's Report was accepted unanimously.

3. Annual Financial Report

Treasurer, Hugh Parkes spoke to the Financial Report.

- The balance of \$49,000 is in the bank with the Term deposit due in mid September.

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- Hugh informed all that there is a double authorization in place for expenses – with the major expenses being the hire of the venues within Yarra City, however they are still reasonably priced.
- A question was raised as to what to do with the reserve funds. Hugh asked that any good ideas be brought forward.

Acceptance of the Finance Report for 2024 -25 was moved Hugh Parkes seconded Peter J Moore.
The Annual Financial Report for 2023-2024 was accepted unanimously.

Motion: that for 2025 membership fees will be \$50 for full members and \$25 for associates.
(moved Hugh Parkes seconded Mary Whelan). **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Program Coordinator's Report

These programs give a variety of classes for members, with special thanks to the Tutors. Some classes can get overbooked; hence we are needing more tutors!

The Program Coordinator's Report was accepted unanimously.

5. Nomination of Honorary Life Members

Peter spoke about the one new life member nominated this year:

- **David Lee**

David was predecessor to Peter as president and served four years; he has been a mentor to Peter. David is also a long-term cycling class Tutor.

It is a well deserved nomination.

6. Election of Committee of Management members

Peter pointed out that the Rules indicate that up to nine members may be on the committee. The AGM elects the Committee members, but office bearers are decided by the new committee at their first meeting. There is also the ability to co-opt members at other times.

Nominations from members in attendance were called for but there were none.

There being only nine nominations there was no need for an election. The following nominated members were declared elected.

- Peter J Moore (Clifton Hill)
- Frank Moore
- Barry Giddings
- Maria Hudson
- Mary Whelan
- Hugh Parkes.
- Elizabeth Way
- Dei Williamson
- Catherine Hutton

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Bob Palmer retired from the committee, and we thank him for his contribution over the past twelve months.

The first meeting of the new committee will be held on Wednesday 10th September, 2025.

Meeting closed at 12.45 pm

Attendees			
Peter J Moore	Kieran Daly	Robin Gregory	Glenda Simpson
Angela Munro	Maureen Arch	Susan Hatfield	Ruth Gough
Linda Wong	Myra Moore	Peter Moore	Mary Dickens
Elizabeth Way	Pamela Thomson	Pamela McLure	Rebecca Dallwitz
Frank Moore	Leonie Ellis	Tina Hocking	Barry Giddings
Pam Knight	Judy Graves	Judy MacWilliams	Jennifer Gilbert
Elizabeth Bodkin-Moore	Ann Rizio	Judy Collett	Joy Vandoske
Dei Williamson	John Davey	Hugh Parkes	Jan Lawson
Maria Hudson	John Meagher	Vanessa Clarke	David Lee
Lynell McCluggage	Elizabeth Farquhar	Sonia Tito	Marian Cook
Vicky Fenton	Philip McIntyre	Susannah Dax	Mary Walker
John Barrett	Paul Chooi	Michael Oxer	Faye Diamond
Yasmin Moore	Margaret Quinlan	Diana Gilbert	Peter Hern
Denyse Strantzen	Mark Milaszewicz	Richard Laing	Helena Rosman
Gwyneth Anderton	Anne Halliwell	Bob Palmer	Jan Parkes
Chris Friday	Jonno Morris	Barry Dyson	Lorraine Chessells
Margaret Buschmann	Margaret Gibson	Wendy Hall	Richard Liang
Marie Bolduc	Jennifer Morgan	Robert Hocking	Kerry Ophel
Mary Whelan	Cecelia Winkelman	Catherine Hutton	