

Minutes AGM

Held 31st August 2018

at U3A Centre, 129 Mulgrave Road, Cairns

Welcome:

President Ron Powell opened the meeting at 2:00p.m. and welcomed committee members, club members and guests.

Members Present: 34 Members present – see attached Attendance Sheet.

Apologies – 3 Apologies received – see attached Apology Sheet.

Minutes of Previous AGM

All attending had been provided with a copy of Minutes from AGM held on 30th August 2017

Minute Secretary asked that these Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of Meeting held on 30th August 2017. **Seconded:** Max Harper - All in Favour **Carried**

Matters Arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Presidents Report

President Ron Powell said we had finished the year with 665 members with 53 new members joining since July and many new courses had been introduced this year. In May we received a grant allowing us to start a Chimes Group.

Ron mentioned the success of Seniors Week activities, Open Day, Connecting Seniors with Technology Workshop and Stall at Positive Ageing Fair and thanked all those who worked so hard to make these days so successful. There were several resignations from the committee during the year and Ron thanked them all for their work and dedication during their time on the committee. He expressed special thanks to Bronwyn Pedler for her tireless work as Treasurer, Grants Officer and Membership Officer. He also thanked all committee members for their work.

Ron also reminded the meeting that all committee members, tutors, convenors and receptionists and those organising various activities are volunteers and thanked them all for their time and efforts. He also urged everyone to seriously think about volunteering in some capacity, there is always plenty to do. (Complete copy of report attached)

Accepted: Gretchen Dickins

Treasurer's Report:

Bronwyn Pedler presented her report for the year ending July 2018 and the Auditors Report for the same period, both showed we are in a healthy financial position, Bronwyn moved that both reports be accepted. **Seconded:** Nancy Hunter All in favour **Carried**

Copies of reports available on Website.

Presentation of Award:

For outstanding and meritorious work in her position of Treasurer, Grants Officer and Membership Officer and the endless hours she puts into keeping the financial affairs of U3A Cairns in order, as well as the numerous other tasks she fulfils, Bronwyn Pedler was awarded Honorary Membership and presented with a framed certificate and badge. This was a very popular award as shown by the applause that followed. Bronwyn was also presented with a floral arrangement.

Committee for 2018/19

President Ron Powell thanked the outgoing committee, which was then stood down. Guest Chairperson Helga Biro then took the chair and asked the meeting if there were any objections to Rosa Powell continuing to minute the meeting until a new committee was formed. No objection from the floor.

Nominations for 2018/19 Committee:

The following nominations were received.

POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATOR	SECONDER
President	Ron Powell	Bronwyn Pedler	Denise Collyer
Secretary	Lyn Pellet	Rosa Powell	Bronwyn Pedler
Treasurer	Bronwyn Pedler	Denise Collyer	Ron Powell
Minutes Secretary	Rosa Powell	Denise Collyer	Bronwyn Pedler
Office Manager	Ron Powell	Bronwyn Pedler	Denise Collyer
Webmaster	Peta Herbert	Catherine Burrow	Ursula Hoppe
Course Co-ordinator	Gretchen Dickins	Denise Collyer	Rosa Powell
Committee Member	Clair Robb	Ron Powell	Valerie Todd
Committee Member	Ligita Mezulis	Rosa Powell	Chris Payze

All positions were accepted, and positions filled. Helga congratulated the new committee and handed the chair to President Ron Powell.

Appointments;

Honorary Auditor for year 2018/19 Mr. Robert Barry.

Moved: Bronwyn Pedler

Seconded: Gretchen Dickins

Carried

Honorary Solicitor for year 2018/19 Mr. Dylan Carey, O'Connor LAW

Moved: Chris Payze

Seconded: Nancy Hunter

Carried

Max Harper moved a vote of thanks to Ron Powell for his work during the past year.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Jan Wegner, Lecturer in History at JCU gave a very interesting, entertaining and informative talk of "Living in the Tropics" highlighting how our early settlers adapted and coped with the changes from living in cold countries to living in the tropics.

Jan and Helga were presented with tokens of our appreciation for their time and assistance with our meeting.

Meeting Closed: Meeting closed at 3:05p.m. before breaking for afternoon tea. All asked to reconvene for a short General Meeting.

Ron Powell
(President)

Rosa Powell
(Minute Secretary)