

University of the Third Age Brisbane
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 10.00 a.m. 14 April 2021 via Zoom.

Meeting opened. The President opened the meeting at 10 a.m.

President's welcome. Members attending (26 out of 35 registrants) were welcomed, and the procedures for speaking and voting via Zoom poll were explained.

Apologies. Five apologies had been received: Zelda and Doug Lawrie; Pamela and Doug Shepherd; Jan McMillan.

Minutes of the last meeting. Martin Bridgstock moved that the minutes of the last AGM held 15 April 2020 by Zoom, previously posted to the U3A Brisbane website, be accepted. Simon Wood seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

President's report. The report for 2020-21 was presented. (The report is to be made publicly available after the meeting). Deslyn Taylor proposed that the report be accepted, and Rob Hill seconded. .Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurer Lyndall Beattie summarised the dramatic developments of the last year and their financial impact. She then proposed and Rob Hill seconded that the report be accepted. Passed unanimously. The detailed report would be uploaded to the U3A website following close of meeting.

Contingency Fund. Lyndall Beattie outlined the history of the contingency fund. She argued that since the noteholder arrangement no longer existed the fund was redundant. There was support for this argument from the floor. Lyndall Beattie then proposed that the fund be abolished, and Greg Doolan seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor. The Treasurer and Mark O'Shea, the current Auditor, both spoke about their work for the Association in the last year. Then Lyndall Beattie proposed and Neil Brown seconded that Mark O'Shea be reappointed as Auditor the year 2021-2022. Agreed unanimously.

In response to a question from the floor it was noted that the Auditor retains independence from proceedings as he is not a member of U3A with voting rights.

Election of Management Committee 2021-2022. The President declared all Management Committee positions vacant. Martin Bridgstock then informed the meeting that one nomination for President had been received: Deslyn Taylor had been nominated by Marilyn Wagland and seconded by Lyndall Beattie. He therefore declared Deslyn elected as President.

Deslyn Taylor resumed the chair and noted that eight other nominations had been received. She therefore welcomed the new committee, which was:

President	Deslyn Taylor
Vice-President	Gabrielle Power-West
Secretary	Mary Denver
Treasurer	Lyndall Beattie
Member	Peter O'Loughlin
Member	Mary-Anne Scott
Member	Chris Waller
Member	Neil Brown
Member	Martin Bridgstock

The President especially welcomed the two new members, Chris Waller and Mary-Anne Scott and thanked the two retiring members, Jim Ancliffe and Marilyn Wagland.

The Future. The President mentioned the future prospects for U3A Brisbane and thanked members for their continuing support, which would be vital for the continued success of U3A Brisbane. The organisation had embraced remote learning (eg Zoom delivery) as a way forward, demonstrating the adaptability required to continue into the future at both Adelaide and Creek Streets. In general, the U3A was in good shape, according to the President.

Questions from the Floor. There were questions about the limits which COVID had placed on classes, the geographical limits placed on membership and the issue of Zoom payments, currently voluntary, becoming obligatory.

The President thanked the meeting, and brought it to a close at 11.25 a.m.