University of the Third Age Brisbane
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 10.00 a.m. 13 April 2022 via Zoom.

Meeting opened. The President opened the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Apologies. Three (3) apologies were received: Nick Bricknell, Mark O'Shea, Danny Masterton.

President's welcome. Members attending (31 participants) were welcomed, and the procedures for speaking and voting via Zoom Poll were explained.

Minutes of the last meeting. Mary Denver moved that the minutes of the last AGM held 14 April 2021 by Zoom be accepted (previously posted to the U3A Brisbane website). Des Taylor seconded, and the motion was **passed by 95% of Poll votes**. There was no Business Arising from these minutes.

President's report The President's Report for 2021-22 was presented. (The report slides are now publicly available after the meeting on the U3A Brisbane website).

The President thanked U3A Brisbane members and tutors, as well as Yvonne McGann and her office volunteers for their support during a challenging year. The President also thanked Greg Taylor, the ICT Coordinator, Gail Hawkins, Tutor Coordinator, Peter Jones, Computers and Mary Calder, District Coordinator.

Des extended her thanks in particular to the departing Treasurer, Lyndall Beattie, for her invaluable contribution to the current viable financial position of U3A Brisbane.

Des Taylor proposed that the report be accepted, and Julia Fielding seconded. **Passed unanimously by 100% of Poll votes.**

Treasurer's report The Treasurer Lyndall Beattie presented the audited and Management-Committee-approved Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2021.

Lyndall pointed out the value of the debt-free position that U3A Brisbane now enjoys, while commenting in detail on the impact of the pandemic restrictions on profit, due to falls in membership enrolments and attendance in face-to-face classes. The importance of the inclusion of Zoom (online) classes, however, was not to be underestimated.

Lyndall thanked the U3A office volunteers for their valued support in the implementation of the changing requirements necessitated by the pandemic. She then proposed and Rob Hill seconded that the report be accepted. **Passed unanimously by 100% of Poll votes.**

The Treasurer's detailed report is now available on the U3A Brisbane website.

Appointment of Auditor. The Treasurer proposed and Helen Davis seconded that Mark O'Shea be re-appointed as auditor of the University of the 3rd Age Brisbane Inc for the 2022 year. **Agreed unanimously by 100% of Poll votes.**

Membership fee increase Des Taylor proposed, and Mary Denver seconded the following motion: *That this meeting approves the Management Committee's resolution of 4 February 2022 to increase the annual subscription for membership to $45 commencing from the 2023 membership year*

Passed by Poll votes: 97% For/3% Against.

Special Resolution: adoption of new U3A Brisbane Constitution The following motion was proposed by the Management Committee

That the document headed "Constitution of The University of the Third Age Brisbane Inc. 2022" which is available for members to read on the Association's website and now tabled in hard copy and initialled by the Chair of the meeting for identification, be adopted as the Constitution of the Association in place of the existing constitution and to be effective from the date upon which it is approved by the Chief Executive of the Office of Fair Trading.

Proposed: Des Taylor, Seconded: Rob Hill. **Passed unanimously by 100% of Poll votes.**

The President explained that the aim of the revision was to modernise U3A Brisbane's committee practices, including provision for the use of communications technology and to allow for statutory changes coming into effect in 2022.

In answer to a question from the floor on potential restrictions to membership due to age or geographical location, it was clarified that there are no such restrictions in the Constitution.

Comments were offered from the floor by Rob Hill, to whom a heartfelt vote of thanks was to be given for his expert work on the revision. Thanks also to Jean Smith, who undertook the proofreading of the revised version.

Thanks were also offered from the floor to all involved with the revision of the Constitution, including the useful Comparison document available at https://www.u3abrisbane.org.au/documents/constitution/U3A_Brisbane_Constitution_Changes2022_v6.pdf.

Election of Management Committee 2022-2023. The President declared all Management Committee positions vacant.

The Secretary then informed the meeting that one nomination for President had been received: Deslyn Taylor had been nominated by Gabrielle Power-West and seconded by Lyndall Beattie. She therefore declared Deslyn elected as President.

Deslyn Taylor resumed the chair and noted that seven (7) 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	Joan Mackay
Member	Nick Bricknell
Member	Martin Bridgstock
Member	John Galligan
Member	Mary-Anne Scott

The President welcomed the new Treasurer, Joan Mackay, and new members, John Galligan and Nick Bricknell, and thanked the two retiring members, Lyndall Beattie and Peter O'Loughlin, whose contribution in setting up the Adelaide St premises is greatly valued.

Questions from the Floor. There were questions about the disappointing drop in membership due to COVID and an offer from Roger Scott to explore opportunities for alliances with the tertiary sector.

Other comments included the forthcoming U3A Network Qld Pine Rivers State Conference 8-9 June 2022 as an opportunity for dialogue. The positive contribution of Zoom classes to members' mental health during COVID isolation restrictions was also mentioned.

Rob Hill and Alison Scott asked that thanks from the AGM be recorded in the minutes for the "splendid leadership" afforded by the President and Committee, supported by all U3A volunteers through a difficult past year.

The President thanked the meeting, and brought it to a close at 11.16 a.m.