

BRIGHT U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Bright Bowls Club
Friday 28 January 2022

Meeting opened at 10.30 am.

Present: 55 as per sign on sheets.

Apologies: F Walsh, T Filicin, L Connors, C Harris, R Wood, R Gregory, B Lambert.

Minutes of last AGM: Available for perusal. Moved H Brecknell seconded R Milne. Accepted.

REPORTS:

President: Memberships had been between 178 and 200 during Roy's term. Very difficult 2 years but most activities have managed to keep going. Have lost two convenors B Hamilton and I Cheyne. As outgoing President, thanked all those who had served on the Committee over the period. Biggest change has been with computing and sorting out UMAS and Zoom. Membership secretary position has gone and Helen and Robyn are now looking after this. Wished the best to the incoming Committee.

Treasurer: Balance \$21780.13. Income \$13902.40 Expenditure \$8319.20. Grant of \$2.500 (Be Connected) to be used for training in digital skills for older Australians. \$5000 received from Bright Historical Society for publication as reimbursement.

Membership: 136 financial members with more still to join. Fees due by end of January, after which non financial members will be removed from the database as per constitution, but can rejoin afterwards. Members will then have 4 weeks to pay fees. On Monday morning 31 January, Helen will be at U3A to help with members joining. Vaccination rules still apply; members need to be double vaxxed for attending activities. Moved R Cirulis seconded M Dredge. Carried.

Convenor Coordinator: Thanked convenors for adapting to difficult situation. Coordinator job has been made easier thanks to cooperation. C Eldred not continuing with Casual Walking – new convenor called for. J Ford and Deckers need new convenor. Neither role is difficult and fulfil important function. Thanks to both these retiring convenors. Checking vaccination certificates is an impost on convenors but it is the law and for our own protection. When attending activity for first time, please show convenor your vaccination certificate. Thanked convenors for following up on that. UMAS is the way of the future and Helen and Marianne have worked individually with convenors and when used, it becomes easier. Convenors should communicate with members via email on UMAS. Please feel free to ask for help.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:

Returning officer Peter Lukey took the chair. Thanked the committee during the year.

President: Marianne Dredge nominated by L Hayes seconded by H Kelly. Accepted.
Vice Pres: Michael Roberts nominated by H Kelly seconded by L Hayes. Accepted.
Secretary: Kim Robinson nominated by H Kelly seconded by M Roberts. Accepted.
Treasurer: Robyn Cirulis nominated by K Robinson seconded by K Hancock. Accepted.
Committee: Roy Ward nominated by K Robinson seconded by M Dredge. Accepted.
Heather Kelly nominated by H Brecknell seconded by M Dredge. Accepted.
Kevin Hancock nominated by R Cirulis seconded by M Dredge. Accepted.
Helen Brecknell nominated by H Kelly seconded by M Roberts. Accepted.
Linda Hayes nominated by M Dredge seconded by H Kelly. Accepted.

Ron Milne nominated by K Robinson seconded by M Dredge. Accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Dennis Lambert has offered to run courses. **March 26 Saturday field day** 9-3.30 pm– funding has become available for Community Carbon Neutral session, showing how to become more energy resilient, e.g when power goes down. Solar panels don't work with an outage. Working towards micro-grids e.g. Yackandandah. Ausnet is behind this initiative. There is a Community Energy group locally and Dennis can run courses. Looking for ideas and suggestions. Bring along anyone thinking of building a home.

Update of Constitution. U3A in Bright started in 2002, using recommended set of rules. A change was made in 2012 and this is no longer fit for purpose. Subcommittee has rewritten it in today's language. Next step will be to send it to Consumer Affairs, Moved M Roberts, seconded K Hancock. Carried.

Meeting closed at 11 am.