



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Glen Eira U3A on 10 October 2024 commencing at 10.00am.

Members present - 32

APOLOGIES

Lois Best

Marie Leonard

Jessie Hartman

Vreni Stoller

Helen Katz

Graham Ihlein

David Collier

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Boonwurrung/Bunurong and Wurrundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold the Traditional Owner's continuing relationship to the land and waterways.

The President welcomed members and spoke to the Agenda for today's meeting. Agenda has been circulated and is available on the Glen Eira U3A website.

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting held on 20 October 2023 were circulated.

Motion to accept minutes, moved Tony Todd, seconded Joe Pasmanik.
Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

The financial report has been available on the website and copies were available for members at the AGM.

Tony Todd spoke to the report in great detail. He covered the history of the building which is available on the website. The building is owned by Vic Track to whom Glen Eira U3A pays a rental of \$114.40 per year under a 99 year lease. Most of our expenses are driven by the need to need to cover the cost of maintaining the building. Most of the expenditure is not discretionary. The cost of running Glen Eira is around \$70,000 per year.

- Total Income for the year was \$80,615 and expenses were \$73,577 leaving an overall surplus of \$7,038.
- The expenses were split between 4 categories in the financial report; between building, members, office and refurbishment, replacement and renewals.
- Tony mentioned that the cost of \$16,291 to replace the wooden decking which was rotting was expensed in 2024.
- Budgeted income for 2024-2025 is \$92,560, budgeted expenses \$88,387, resulting in a small surplus of \$4,173 for the year.

More work needs to be done on refurbishments and renewals. Tony flagged possible work on the following projects -

Improving the Wifi reception in the purple and pink rooms, tidying the area outside the back gate, improving the audio equipment and the possible replacement of the Zip boiler which has been playing up.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report and increase the fee to \$75.00. Moved by Joe Pasmanik, seconded by Anne-Margaret Healy. Carried unanimously.

Mark Rubinstein expressed thanks to Tony Todd for his hard work on the Committee and his detailed and informative presentation of the financial accounts.

Questions from the floor:

- Do we have any update on the redevelopment of Woolworths and the impact of that on us.
We have recently had that discussion with the Manager of Woolworths and have been advised that there are no plans for redevelopment in the near future
- Question asked regarding if we can install solar panels.
Treasurers' response is that we have solar panels and receive 3 cents per kw hour. They probably need a clean as they were installed when the building was constructed.
- Another question asked if the solar panels can be upgraded and would they be eligible for a Victorian government subsidy. Response was that subsidy is for residential property, not likely to apply to us.

President's Report

The President spoke to the following headings and topics, aided by a slide presentation. (attached)

Selected Highlights of 2024

- Who are we?
- What have we achieved?
- Who runs Glen Eira U3A?
- Volunteering at U3A
- Recognition Awards

Who are we?

- 1143 members 26% male 74% female
- 132 Voluntary tutors
- Year joined, year of birth, country of birth, postcodes,
- 23 Office volunteers

What have we achieved?

- 2024 - 176 courses, 96 long course, 80 short courses
- Replacement of decking.
- Ramp under construction
- Events - Choir Concerts, U3A Open Day.
- Art Exhibition 12-14 July - 93 artists, 223 artworks

Who runs Glen Eira U3A?

- Committee
- OOPs Committee
- Course Co-Ordinator
- Office Volunteers
- Tutors
- 8 Volunteer Teams

Volunteering at U3A

The following volunteer teams need more support - please consider enrolling.

- Marketing Management
- Health Safety and Wellbeing
- Newsletter Management
- Grants Management

- Building Management
- Website Management
- Gardening Group
- Events Team

Other matters

Recognition Awards

- Ancita Beale and Benny Rosen will be presented with Glen Eira volunteer awards
- Valerie Suhr to receive a U3A network Victoria Tutor recognition award

Questions from the Floor to Mark Rubinstein

Are volunteer teams included in course numbers?
Mark advised that they are not included.

Suggestion from floor – Set up a Market Stall
Well received – refer to relevant team to investigate.

Suggestion from floor - run a short course by dietician / naturopath, referred to Course Co-ordinator.

Comment from Floor – Many people entering old age homes are losing digital online identity, U3A needs to do a lot of work on our communication policy. Might impact on U3A numbers.

Mark pointed out that we have a digital education program and a course on scams.

Election of Committee of Management

The following members are not standing for re-election

- David Collier
- Richard Salomon
- Hilary Friedland

Mark Moved a vote of thanks to the retiring members for their work on the Committee. In particular David Collier who as a long serving member has occupied the positions of President, deputy President and Secretary over a number of years.

Mark declared all Committee positions vacant and declared the following nominations were received for the following positions.

Position	Name
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President	Mark Rubinstein
Secretary	Bernadette Pierce
Treasurer	Tony Todd
Ordinary Member	Anne-Margaret Healy
Ordinary Member	Joe Pasmanik
Ordinary Member	Scott Gordon
Ordinary Member	Cheryl Rubinstein
Ordinary Member	Howard Arber
Ordinary Member	Simone Markus
Ordinary Member	Kate Shelton
Ordinary Member	Peter Schonberg
Ordinary Member	Del Wood

Motion to determine number of committee members.

Proposal:

- That there will be 12 committee members on the Committee of Management of Glen Eira U3A in 2024-2025.
- Moved by Tony Todd, Seconded by Cheryl Rubinstein.

There being no nominations greater than the number of vacant positions, the Committee was elected unopposed. Mark Rubinstein declared all members duly elected.

Other Business

A member from the floor expressed thanks to the Committee for their good work during the year.

Meeting closed at 10.59 am. Members then proceeded to morning tea.