

**Perth u3a 37th Annual General Meeting
Held in St Matthews Church on 1st May 2023**

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the 87 members in attendance.
2. Apologies were received from Gill Boardman, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Pat Brown, Kathleen and David Deards, Stephen and Margaret LeBeau, Moira and J Donald McKerracher, Elizabeth Nicholson, Jill and Jack Orr, Aileen Priestley, Dave and Cindy Smith, Bob Thompson, and Michael Wilson.
3. **Adoption of the Minutes of 36th AGM on 2nd May 2022**

Adoption of the Minutes was **Proposed** by Richard Coles, **Seconded** by Graham Dry and carried unanimously.

4. **Chairman's (Robert Proctor) Report**

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for coming this morning and providing a quorum. If you hadn't, the AGM would be ending now.

I think I can say that the last session has been a good one. Our membership has increased to over 450. We have had a full programme of Open Meetings and the groups, thanks to their tireless leaders, have been in full operation and have increased in numbers.

For the first time in several years we shall begin next session (given your permission) with a full list of office holders. Despite what I said last year, I am intending, Trump-like, to cling on to power. This is in order to give our nominated vice-chair, Graham Dry, time to get fully used to our ways before taking over the chair in 2024. Already he has made an impact by giving a kick-start to our social activities which had largely disappeared due to a combination of Covid and my own troglodyte tendencies. He will also take on the speaker's programme for 2024-5. We have also gained, thank heaven, a nominated Secretary in the person of Yvonne Connell who has already done much to return us to the efficient days of David Combe. Irene Twinn has taken over, apparently seamlessly, as Treasurer, as has Ray Hodgson as Groups co-ordinator. As Accommodation co-ordinator Wilma Coleman has brokered us a great deal over Unit 7. Our Membership Secretary, Dave Smith has been a model of super-efficiency.

Other Committee members have made major contributions in different ways throughout the year. I think I can say in all honesty that no chair could have had better support. Please elect all those standing – and remember that there are two empty spaces itching to be filled.

Unit 7 may not be perfect but it is saving us a lot of money and will continue to do so next session and hopefully beyond. A new laptop will be in place and plans are in place for proper blackout blinds. There might even be a fresh carpet.

St Matthew's has shown itself to be an excellent base for our Open Meetings. I hope that even more members will attend next session. Please remember that these are OPEN meetings. Feel free to bring friends or family (we might even be able to capture one or two!). The overall ambience is warm and welcoming, the technology is ever-improving and the helpfulness and friendliness of the church representatives an example to us all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Paton who has dealt with our technological demands with almost saintly patience and good nature.

I think it appropriate to have as our speaker today Marjorie Clark, who will tell us all about this lovely church after we have finished our business *[edit: unfortunately, Marjorie wasn't able to give her talk due a bout of laryngitis. Robert provided a talk instead about ransom and warfare].*

For the time being that is all from me and I shall hand over to our Treasurer.

5. Treasurer's (Irene Twinn) Report for the Financial Year 2022–2023.

The summary accounts for the year to 31st March 2023 are shown at the end of this document.

David Washington was elected to be the Independent Examiner at last year's AGM and he has been through this year's transactions and given it all a clean bill of health with a signed statement to that effect.

I inherited a healthy bank account with a good balance to deal with and that healthy balance remains after the year's activities.

We had an income of £11,245.00 this year from an increased membership to 450 members. Almost all our income comes from membership fees.

That enabled us to meet all our expenses incurred during the year and gave us a £284.13 surplus over the year.

There are three main payments that normally have to be met. These are affiliation fees to the Third age Trust, external accommodation for groups and rental for Unit 7.

External rental costs are, on average, approximately £12.00 per active hour. As Unit 7 is used for 36 periods out of a possible 40, it works out the least expensive way of providing group accommodation and the cost is slightly less than £8.00 per active hour. Additionally it is available all Summer for any group to use with no further cost involved.

The committee have decided that we will be continuing to rent Unit 7 for the next session as it represents good value for money.

It is likely that Affiliation fees and External Accommodation costs will rise next Session. If that is the case, it is possible if not likely that our income will not meet our expenditure. We are carrying good reserves however, and the Committee have decided to advise that we do not increase the Membership subscription and leave it at £25.00 for the coming year, accepting that we may have to dip into the reserves if costs go up, to enable us to cover all expenses.

The social fund account is kept separate and stands at £497.65. It hasn't been used at all this year but hopefully social activities might change that in the forthcoming year.

6. Appointment of independent examiner

The Committee advised that David Washington be appointed as Perth U3A's Independent Examiner. **Proposer** John Andrews, **Seconder** David Thistlethwaite. The members approved this proposal.

7. Group Coordinator's (Ray Hodgson) report

The 2022-23 session was marked by a return to 'business as usual' with all covid restrictions lifted thus allowing groups to resume with full face-face meetings. Perhaps coincidentally Perth u3a has prospered with membership up and more interest groups in being, and we finish this session with 66 active groups – a welcome increase on last year. On behalf of the committee I warmly thank all group leaders who continue to nurture their groups and offer the community an extensive and broad range of interests. The leadership role, informal as it is, does nonetheless make demands on

leaders' time and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. Equally deserving of thanks are the leaders of groups who have had to close up shop for various reasons, in some cases after many years of activity. While the growth in interest groups is reassuring it has been offset by some losses and the future of a few others is uncertain.

New groups for 2022-23

The session began with the formation of 2 wholly new groups – Canasta and the Inch Walkers. The Chess for Fun group sought to revive a previously-used approach to this ancient game, while Genealogy 2, History 3 and Scrabble 2 formed by sweeping up waiting lists sufficiently long to justify forming a new group. Late in the session the Upland Explorers group formed to offer a more challenging walking experience but it has yet to meet.

Lost groups for 2022-23

The first group casualty was My Life Story which fell victim to unsustainably low membership. Chess for Fun ultimately failed to attract sufficient membership, and combined with the leader's ill health, the group was declared inactive in late March 2023.

Uncertain groups at the end of the session

Poor health forced the leader of the Mindfulness, Watching Ballet and Inch Walkers groups to retire but caretaker leaders stepped forward to see all 3 groups through to the end of this session at least. The leader of the Crafts group wishes to retire but the group may re-emerge in a slightly different form next session.

8. Election of Vice Chair, Secretary, and 7 committee members.

Post	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair	Robert Proctor	Jill Pontin	David Washington
Vice Chair	Graham Dry	Yvonne Connell	Peter Trant
Secretary	Yvonne Connell	Dave Smith	Joan Fraser
Committee 1	Joan Fraser	Chris Mackreth	Sue Hendry
Committee 2	Sue Hendry	Florence Proctor	Yvonne Connell
Committee 3	Ray Hodgson	Anne Trant	Peter Trant
Committee 4	Wilma Coleman	Robert Proctor	Irene Twinn
Committee 5	Bill Younger	Sue Hendry	Florence Proctor
Committee 6	Bob Thomson	Percy Shelley	Ian Ross
Committee 7	Trevor Abell	John Andrews	Peter Trant

The above nominations were **Proposed** by David Washington and **Seconded** by Jill Pontin and approved unanimously.

9. Any Other Business.

There being no other business the Annual General Meeting was closed by the Chairman.

.....Chairman

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END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2022-23

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PERTH U3A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March 2023

Receipts	2022-3 £	2021-2022 £
Operating Funds		
Membership	11270.00	8,900.00
Donations	350.31	33.76
Miscellaneous	0.00	194.00
Interest	0.00	0.81
Trading Profit from Diaries	2.74	
Total Income (operating)	11623.05	9,128.57
Social Fund Total Income	0.00	389.50
TOTAL INCOME	11623.05	9518.07
Payments		
Operating Funds	£	£
Rentals -External Accommodation	3009.00	1,605.00
Rentals- lease of Unit 7	4460.00	2,645.00
Affiliation Fees and Annual Dues	3038.60	2,561.63
Open Meeting Speakers	0.00	120.00
Paypal Commission	139.10	125.60
Expenses -General	578.07	530.33
Capital Expenditure	86.58	85.99
U3A National Day	0.00	136.90
Videoconferencing	0.00	335.88
Miscellaneous	147.82	58.55
Total expenditure (operating)	11459.17	8204.88
Social Fund Total Expenditure (social fund)	0.00	393.5
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11,459.17	8598.38
Gain/Loss	163.88	919.69

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

At 31st March 2022

Current Account	14,908.32
Paypal Account	300.00
Social Fund	497.65

TOTAL £ 15,705.97

At 31st March 2023

Current Account	15,358.30
Paypal Account	13.90
Social Fund	497.65

TOTAL £ 15,869.85

CHANGE DURING THE YEAR (gain) £ 163.88

David A. W. Calderwood

Independent Examiner's Statement

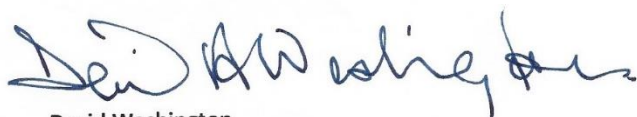
Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination of the U3A Perth Finance records for the year 2022-2023, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

....have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Washington

Financial Examiner

10April 2023

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