U3A Golden Bay Mohua
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 10.30 am Friday 19 February 2021 at Senior Citizens Hall, Takaka

Welcome: 48 members were welcomed by the Chair, Paul Taylor.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Angela Pack, Chris Bennett, Christine Mead, Charles Naylor, Pam Pruden, Sheila Climpson, Kevin Durkan, Helen Kingston, Jenny Maclaren, John Lee, Gordon Mathers, Cathy Klein.

Moved Mike Delceg/Liz Thomas: That the apologies be accepted. Carried. Piers Maclaren recorded his objection to recording of apologies.

Minutes of the previous AGM:

Moved Marian Vlaar /Jocelyn Tracey: That the minutes of the previous AGM held on 22 February 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Carried.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

Chairperson's Report: The Chairperson, Paul Taylor, presented his Annual Report.

> Reflecting on what has happened this past year for our U3A and its members, the pandemic looms large, with the cancellation of some of our public talks and study group meetings, and of course the challenges of study groups trying to meet virtually with "Zoom". Even looking forward to this new year, it is possible that our meetings will be interrupted again by the need to socially distance in response to possible cases of COVID-19 in the New Zealand community.
> Despite the challenges that we have faced with the pandemic, our U3A has managed to grow slightly in membership this past year, from 120 to 125 members. We have provided three public talks in 2020, and virtually all study groups have met for at least most of the year. Public talks included:
> Jenny Pollock on 26 June, 2020, on the "weird moons of our solar system".
> Chris Bennett on 9 October, 2020, on projects he has led at the World Bank.
> Oke Blakie on 20 November, 2020, on his experiences as a district court judge.
> The U3A organising committee is now attempting to incorporate into this coming year's programme those public talks that we had planned for last year and missed.
> At this time last year, we sought ideas for new study groups, with a particular interest in making room for new members to participate in the study group aspect of our continuing education. In response, five new study groups were formed in 2020, bringing the number of active study groups to a total of 17 for the year.
> The organising committee continues to function well, with all members for 2020 willing to continue serving on the committee into 2021. The committee submitted two small grant proposals this past year – one to the Tasman District Council (TDC), for financial support in bringing one or more nationally-recognised speakers to our public talks in Golden Bay, and another to the Golden Bay

Lions Club for the purchase of a replacement projection screen, which was superseded when the Friendship Society shared their new screen with us. The TDC proposal was successful, and we are delighted that, with a portion of these funds, we will be able to bring Dr. Nikki Turner, Director of the NZ Immunisation Advisory Centre, down to us in April to speak with us about the new COVID 19 vaccine. We withdrew our proposal to the Lions Club, when the Friendship Club, from whom we have been borrowing a projection screen, purchased a suitable replacement which they continue to let us use for our meetings at the Senior Citizens' Hall.

On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank our committee members for their work this past year, which has continued to maintain our vibrant U3A chapter.

Moved Karen Brookes /Jim Mackie: That the Chairperson's report be accepted. Carried.

Financial Report: Jocelyn Tracey presented the 2020 Financial Report. Jocelyn advised that Christine Pullar CA (retired) has audited and approved the annual accounts.

Income: With the increase in membership fee the income from subscriptions increased to $2469.00. We also received a TDC Community Grant to go towards bringing speakers from outside our region.

With fewer Friday general meetings due to Covid donations were down at $43.10. Overall income was $1006.04 higher than in 2019.

Expenditure: Expenses were less for Friday meetings for a number of reasons. Fewer meetings being held because of Covid, we no longer need to hire a sound system as we purchased our own in 2019, and speakers were locally based and so did not require travel expenses. Group expenses were down as there was no Gardening Group this year and Book Groups are no longer subsidised. The $70 group expense was for hall hire for the TED Talk Group which is open to all members.

Bank Balance: This year was an overall profit of $1950.58 compared with a loss of $1400.73 in 2019. The bank balance has increased to $3367.40. This year there was an overall profit of $1950.58 (including the TDC grant) compared with a loss of $1400.73 in 2019. The bank balance has increased to $3367.40.

Moved Jocelyn Tracey/Dilyse Roberts: That the 2020 Financial Report be accepted. Carried.

Annual Subscription: Given the healthy bank balance and the grant from TDC it is proposed that the Annual Subscription stay at $20 per annum per person.
Moved Jocelyn Tracey / Karen Brookes: That the Annual Subscription be $20. Carried.

Election of Officers: The following committee members indicated their willingness to stand again for the committee: Keith Ballard, Jenny Maclaren, Piers Maclaren, Margaret Maloney, Geoff Rennison, Paul Taylor, Jocelyn Tracey, and Marian Vlaar. Hazel Taylor served as ex officio Secretary for the past year and has indicated her willingness to stand for the committee.
Moved Jim Mackie/Mike Delceg: That Hazel Taylor be nominated for the committee. Carried.
Moved Mike Delceg/Don Mead: That those members listed above be elected to the committee. Carried.

General business:

1. Current Study Group Reports:

Subject	Convenor	Report	Vacancies?
The Classics	Marian Vlaar.	Finished reading the Odyssey, moving onto the Aeneid by Virgil.	Yes, 3
Music Appreciation	Sheila Climpson and Charles Naylor	Meeting every month, hosted by Sheila. Charles leads the analysis.	None
Films	John Pemberton.	Meet 2nd Monday of the month. Have viewed a variety of movies.	None
New Democracy	Peter Riley and Pat Ballard	Meet Friday mornings, once a month. Topics ranged from Water to Elections. Focus for 2021 is What is democracy. Mike Scott takes over as convenor.	None
Prehistoric mysteries	Piers Maclaren	A variety of discussions examined prehistoric mysteries around the world.	None
Art history: Early 20th C Architecture	Jocelyn Tracey and Margaret Maloney	Looked at Dutch Masters and early 20th century architecture.	None
Art history: Early Renaissance to Impressionism	Rosamund Arthur and Don Mead.	Looked at Early Renaissance, including women artists of that time. This year will move onto Dutch art, then Romantic era.	Yes, 1
Book Discussion Group 1	Liz Lee.	Meet monthly. Choose a list of books once a year and read a wide range of books.	None
Book Discussion Group 2	Peter Riley.	Meet monthly. Choose a list of books once a year and read a wide range of books.	None
Saints and Sinners	Robin Riley.	Looked at women in NZ history and memoirs.	None
TED Talks	Richard English.	Eclectic mix of topics, with wide ranging discussions.	Unlimited
Astronomy	Paul Taylor	Covered a range of cosmological topic and have had a public speaker as well. Euan Mason did lectures on Zoom during COVID and has indefinitely loaned a large telescope to the group.	None
Early NZ History	Christine Pullar	Looking primarily at 1830 to 1900 time-span, examining facets of society through that period.	Yes, 2-3
Collecting in Western Culture	Diane Dacre.	Covered facets of origins of collection, questions of power and conquest relating to the taking and repatriation of relics.	Yes
Sustainable Development	Chris Bennett	Review of various development projects that Chris has worked on. Group will not continue as Chris is working on low-income housing in Golden Bay.	None
Musicals and Operas	Paul Taylor	Viewing various musicals and operas chosen by the group.	None

2. Possible New Study Groups:

Subject	Convenor	Topic	Vacancies?
What Does the Science Say?	Jocelyn Tracey and Paul Taylor	Investigating various scientific controversies and what is the **scientific** evidence about these issues, relying on peer reviewed publications. First meeting March 15 at St John Rooms.	Yes
Poetry Appreciation	Lewis Martin	Share poems that are read aloud by members of the group.	Yes
Life and Times of Shakespeare	Adrian Maloney	Will start later in the year, reviewing Elizabethan times, and perhaps some of the plays.	Yes
Book Discussion of Bill Gates (2021) How to avoid a Climate Disaster	Paul Taylor	Discussion over 3 months of this book, which must be purchased and read by group members to support the discussion of the contents. Meetings start in April.	Yes

3. Morning tea duties: Pat Ballard was thanked for her efforts over several years, managing the provision of morning teas at the AGM and Guest Speaker meetings. A volunteer was requested to take over the role of coordinating morning teas for these meetings. John Pemberton, Peter Riley, Liz Lee, Fill and Albie Burgers, and Anna Mathers volunteered. Peter Riley will coordinate.

4. Any other business. None.

The Chairperson thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 11.35 am.