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**U3A-ACT INCORPORATED AGM  
WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2025  
Hughes Community Centre, Hughes**

**NOMINATIONS RECEIVED BY 5:00PM, 5 NOVEMBER 2025 FOR  
POSITIONS ON THE U3A 2025-26 COMMITTEE**

Positions	Nominations Received
President	Alex Gosman
Vice President	Kristine Riethmiller
Vice President	Vacant
Treasurer	Graeme Swift
Secretary	Maria Magro
Ordinary Member	Mary Bermingham
Ordinary Member	Gary Davis
Ordinary Member	Paul Minogue
Ordinary Member	Christine King
Ordinary Member	Brian Weir
Ordinary Member	John Anglely
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**Statements By Nominees**

**Alex Gosman** (President)

*I have been a member of U3A Canberra since 2016 and have served in several volunteer roles for the past seven years including leading two courses, planning and organising the Forums, serving as U3A Canberra's representative on the Committee of NSW U3A Network, and for the past three years, occupying the position of Vice President on our Committee. I have also managed the Communications Team for some years.*

**Kristine Riethmiller** (Vice President)

*I joined U3A Canberra in 2019 and have been on the Committee since 2024. My Committee activities include the Policy Review Working Group, Membership Development Working Group, Affiliates Trial Project Facebook Page, and the Governance Review Team.*

**Graeme Swift** (Treasurer)

*If elected, this will be my fourth year on the U3A ACT committee as Treasurer. I consider that I have added value to U3A's operations through the implementation of a financial package (MYOB) for managing finances and reporting, the introduction of an asset management system to control assets (Asset Tiger) and other improvements to the integrity and responsiveness of the financial elements of U3A management. With the assistance of the new assistant Treasurer (Mary McDonald) we propose an examination of banking arrangements to ensure we are receiving value-for-money. We have other ideas to ensure that U3A's finances and system remain fit-for-purpose and relevant.*

**Maria Magro** (Secretary)

*I was nominated to join the U3A Canberra Committee in 2025 as Secretary.*

*Before joining the U3A Canberra Committee I had a long and varied career in the Public Service, I retired in June 2020. During my time in the Public Service, I worked at several departments and agencies, including Services Australia, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Foreign Affairs. The roles I had were varied from working on corporate, programme and communication functions.*

*In December 2020 I was appointed to the Community Service 1 Board as an ordinary member. During my three-year term, I was appointed Deputy Chair, Company Secretary and the Chair, Community Support Services Committee.*

*Now it is time to give back to the community, using the skills, knowledge and experience gained in the public service. I look forward to being a member and Secretary of the U3A Committee.*

*I look forward to continuing to serve as a member of the U3A Canberra Committee.*

**Mary Bermingham** (Ordinary Member)

*I joined the Committee to expand my knowledge of the organisation and to understand the governance and decision-making process of the organisation. I believe I have contributed to the Committee, and in my current role of Membership Secretary, I have provided insights as part of the Committee's deliberations. In terms of my background, I joined U3A in 2022 and in May 2024 I was appointed as Membership Secretary. I'm also an office volunteer at the Hughes and Cook Offices. I have enjoyed being a U3A volunteer in the roles I have undertaken. In terms of previous work experience I bring to the Committee, I retired from the full-time workforce in December 2021, with my last 10 years at Director level in the Department of Defence.*

**Gary Davis** (Ordinary Member)

*I have been on the U3A Committee for a number of years and wish to continue to do so in 2026. U3A Canberra is a great community resource, and I want to work with the rest of the Committee to make it even better into the future.*

**Christine King** (Ordinary Member)

*I have fulfilled the role of Member Liaison Officer since mid-2021 and served on the U3A ACT Committee since 2022. I have many years' experience working with Committees in the public sector and not-for-profit organisations. I am personally committed to lifelong learning.*

**Paul Minogue** (Public Officer)

*I am a retired lawyer. I have been a member of U3A-ACT Inc. since 2017. I am co-leader of the Australian Sporting History Group. I have been U3A's Honorary Legal Advisor since 2021, and a Committee member since 2023. In these roles I have provided advice to, and worked with, the Committee on a number of matters, including changes to U3A's Object and Rules and review of its operational policies and procedures.*

**Brian Weir** (Ordinary Member)

*I am nominating for a position on the U3A ACT Committee for a second year.*

*In my first year I have been a consistent and active participant in the Committee and its work, in particular through:*

- *Assisting the President develop a strategic plan for U3A Canberra*
- *Leading the development of review of U3A structures and governance, and*
- *Representing the ACT organisation on the U3A Australia Board. In this capacity I again have been a consistent and active participant in Board meetings and in particular projects, such as leading stage 1 development of strategic plan for the National body.*

*Beyond these specific contributions, I also believe I add value based on my background, experience and training in adult education, and in policy, business management/development and in not for profits organisations. Prior to working as lecturer in business at UC last December 2024, I worked in the ACT Government in several roles, including training and development. I have post-grad qualifications in management and have completed the Australian Institute of Company Director's course. I have been active at a senior/board level in several not-for-profit organisations in Canberra and the surrounding region.*

**John Angley** (Ordinary Member)

*I joined U3A in mid 2018. My direct involvement has varied as I have been employed full-time at various periods. However, I have participated in a range of U3A activities and courses, including being a guest speaker on several occasions. I am now retired from work and want to actively contribute to U3A which plays an important role in our community. I am a great fan of U3A so I think that joining the ACT committee is a good way to assisting in U3A's success and, hopefully, growth.*