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**UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE ACT INC.
MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2025
Hughes Community Centre, Hughes**

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm.

1. Opening and Welcome from the President

The President, Alex Gosman, welcomed members and thanked them for attending.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed with 111 members in attendance (16 virtually).

4. Apologies

David Middleton, Margaret Gosling, Julia Rymer, Gwen Pauletto, Dorothy Zenz, Heiki Elvers, Maureen Blackmore, Ray Blackmore, Pam Mackay, Susan Wood, Andrea Hope, Brigitta Wimmer, Joan Ross, Janene Broere, Ria Van de Zant, and Gael Williams.

No proxy notices were received.

5. Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting held on 19 November 2024

Minutes of the 2024 AGM were tabled at the meeting.

There were no changes to the 2024 Minutes. Brian Weir moved they be accepted. The motion was seconded by Louise Morauta.

The motion was carried by a show of hands.

6. President's Report on behalf of the Committee under Rule 31(2)(b)

The President spoke briefly to his written report. He noted 2025 had seen U3A Canberra enjoy a strong bounce-back in membership, the number of courses held, and overall participation. This success has been underpinned by a healthy financial position, the support of many dedicated volunteers, and the work of a very active and committed Committee focused on preparing U3A Canberra for the future and addressing emerging challenges. He particularly thanked the Treasurer, Graeme Swift and his team for all their hard work over the year.

The President highlighted that with over 4,000 members and more than 200 courses each year, U3A Canberra relies heavily on volunteers. Like many community organisations, we face challenges as volunteer participation across society declines.

The President explained that a major activity for the Committee in 2025 had been reviewing and refreshing the existing Strategic Plan. A key focus was the long-term risks posed by an ageing membership, reliance on a small group of volunteers, and the challenge of attracting members in the 50–60 age group who will become the next wave of leaders and tutors.

In conclusion, the President referred to the continuing strong partnerships we enjoy with organisations such as the ANU School of Music, National Film and Sound Archive of Australia, and the University of Canberra.

7. Treasurer's Report, including the Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report Under Rule 31(2)(d)

The audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025 were tabled and considered at the meeting.

The Treasurer, Graeme Swift, spoke to the Audited Statement of Accounts and the Auditor's report.

In particular, the Treasurer noted that U3A Canberra continues to operate with a healthy financial position, with the financial year resulting in a net surplus of \$50,704. This was slightly lower than last year due to a full accrual this year and a new management system. He advised that current liabilities were lower due to fewer guided tours taking place and a one off depreciation charge. The Net Assets had increased to \$208,359.

The Treasurer proposed the accounts be accepted, and this was seconded by Lindsay Rae and passed by a show of hands.

8. Appointment of Auditor Under Rule 31(2)(e)

The Treasurer explained that we had changed auditors this year and Findex had completed the audit satisfactorily and in a timely manner. The Treasurer proposed that Findex be appointed as auditor for U3A-ACT Inc for the 2025-26 financial year.

The motion was seconded by Brian Weir and passed by a show of hands.

9. Statutory Report from the Committee Under Rule 31(2) (d)

The statutory report for the period 12 November 2025 was tabled. Its acceptance was moved by Paul Minogue and seconded by Lindsay Rae. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

10. Election of Office Holders and Ordinary Committee Members under Rule 18

Nominations for Executive and Ordinary Committee Member positions had been received by the due date. These included one nomination for four of the five office holder positions, and six of the eight nominations for Ordinary Member positions.

President	Alex Gosman
Vice-president	Kristine Riethmiller
Vice-president	Vacant
Treasurer	Graeme Swift
Secretary	Maria Magro
Ordinary Members	Mary Bermingham
	Gary Davis
	Christine King
	Paul Minogue
	Brian Weir
	John Anglely
	David Needham
	Louise Oldman

With the Treasurer role, Graeme Swift nominated for a fourth time, if he hadn't the role would have been vacant. According to the rules (18.9) "...an office bearer is eligible for election for the same office for a fourth time in succession if the office would otherwise become vacant."

Two nominations for Ordinary Member were received from the floor from David Needham and Louise Oldman

Out-going members were Lindsay Rae, Andrea Hope, Peter Sheldrake, and Tom Flynn. The President thanked them and the meeting showed its appreciation by a round of applause.

11. Presentation of Outstanding Service Awards and Volunteer Long Service Recognition Awards

The President presented Outstanding Service Awards for 2025 to:

Pam Behncke
Mariluz Gonzalez
Joy McInerney
Joan Ross

The President also announced the Volunteer Long Service Recognition Awards. These included:

Ten Year Long Service Awards:

Janene Broere
Margaret Gosling
Graham McLennan
Yvon-Pierre Patron
Gwen Pauletto

Inez Florez
John McKinlay
Abu Bakar Mudin
Mary Pedersen
Jacqueline Pinkava

Steve Reynolds
Julia Rymer
Brad Smith
Tracy Webb
Ria Van de Zant

Joan Ross
Kathlene Sinclair
Judy Tier
Gael Williams
Dorothy Zenz

Fifteen Year Long Service Awards:

Heiki Elvers
Kathy Hedger
Joy McInerney
Alyson Robinson

Twenty Year Long Service Awards

Sue Gavin
Ros Greenwood

Three members were recognised by the President for their continuous and long service.

Garth Setchell
Margaret Wright
Fabia de Borzatti

12. Close

The President in his closing remarks acknowledged the dedication and service of long-term volunteer and committee member, Simone Clark.

There was a vote of appreciation for the outgoing committee, and in particular for the retiring members.

The President was thanked from the floor by acclamation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.53 pm.

Signed as agreed by members

Alex Gosman
President, U3A-ACT Inc
November 2026