



7th Annual General Meeting update

Thank you to all our members who have responded and registered for the upcoming AGM. From the count of meeting registrations and proxy forms received, we are confident of a quorum on the day to progress with the AGM. For your health and well-being, we continue to strongly recommend that you wear a face mask on the day.

Note the AGM is scheduled to commence at **1:30pm on 15th August, 2022** as previously advised.

President's report (Attached)

Ahead of the AGM, the President's report for the year ended 30 June 2022 is attached for your consideration. I will be moving the motion seeking members' agreement to accept the report on the day.

Nominations for Committee 2023

Nominations for the new committee for 2023 closes on **Monday, 8th August**.

If you have not already done so, please send in your nominations as soon as you can. The office bearer positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary are required to be filled in order to continue in operation.

An email from you, copied to the Secunder and Nominee will be accepted as valid nominations. Our email address is U3AWheelershill@gmail.com.

Helping out on the day

Please help out on the day whenever and wherever you can. Chairs and tables are available for our use in the storeroom located adjacent to the large hall; at the very least, bring a chair out for yourself and return it to the storeroom before you leave.

Lucky draw prizes

There are many donations and attractive prizes for the lucky draws. Please be sure you have your members' ID to register on arrival on the day. Registration open at 12 noon, with lunch served immediately on arrival. Your member ID will be used for the lucky draws and prizes. Note that only members who are present in person or by proxy, will be eligible for the lucky draws and prizes.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you on the day!

Ann Findlay
President

President's Report for Year ended 30 June 2022

12 months ago in July, we were still only just cautiously returning to in-person classes under strict COVID-19 restrictions including mask-wearing, social distancing, facilities density limitations and checking for vaccination statuses. Fortunately, at least for the past 6 months, we have not had to manage the constant lockdowns, like we did, 12 months earlier.

In delivering this report to you, our members, I will focus on how, as a committee, we have responded and managed through the dynamics for the past 12 months, provide you a status of our membership, briefly discuss our financial health and provide you with details of our current courses and class offerings.

Managing Change

- We responded to the density limitations by securing larger halls rather than reducing class sizes so to ensure our members were able to continue with their activities when density restrictions were imposed. Now that the density limitations have eased, the larger facilities have again proven to be in our long-term favour as we are able to utilise the larger facilities to increase class enrolments and cater for our members' demands. Many of our classes now have more than 30 members enrolled, some, even up to 50.
- We introduced a new Saturday dance class, which provided membership growth among members who are still in the workforce, therefore unable to join weekday classes.
- We continued to generate interest with new classes. Over the long summer break, we introduced Saturday Karaoke open sessions for members and non-members, we introduced a new Mandarin language class, teaching members to read and write in Chinese; our new cooking class is over-subscribed, as is our new Dance Fitness class.

Memberships

We commenced this AGM year with 295 active members; despite 51 new members since, our membership today stands at 268, showing a net loss of 27 members from last year. Of the 78 members who did not renew their memberships, 32 of them only took up membership last year, which perhaps could be blamed on the pandemic and response behaviour. Overall, the net growth in the past 2 years of 53 members, represents near 10% growth year on year.

Funding

As members will be aware, our revenue sources are largely membership fees, donations and grants. You will hear more in the Treasurer's report but to quickly touch on our expenses, there have been slight increases in hall hire, communications and IT costs, directly resulting from hiring larger halls and facilities for new classes.

We are moving into the third and final year of the Monash Positive Ageing grant, that, for the past 2 years covered most of the cost of facilities. We are hopeful that the Monash sponsorship will continue but, in the event that a new grant is not successful, the cost of facilities would have to be borne by membership funds. To this end, the committee feel it necessary to raise the membership fees by \$5 to cover for such contingencies. The proposed membership fees for next year will be increased to \$60.

Classes

We currently have 26 active classes; the 4 new classes started this year have proven to be very popular and are over-subscribed - Cooking, Dance Fitness, Saturday Line Dancing Improver level class and a Mandarin language class. On the flip side, we sadly lost 3 classes – Gardening and 2 language classes, Intermediate Mandarin and Spanish.

Acknowledgements & Thank you

On behalf of our members, the committee sincerely thank our tutors who continue to voluntarily offer their time and skills for the betterment of our members' physical and mental well-being and to the office team for being there to look after the interests of our membership.

I sincerely thank the retiring committee for their dedication and commitment in steering the organisation and to place us in the position to comfortably hand over the reins to the new in-coming committee.