



Kyneton Inc.

Special General Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Friday, 8 June 2018
at Kyneton Community & Learning Centre. Meeting opened 2pm

1. Attendance:

- a) Present: Margaret Badminton, Leigh Baker, Len Baker, Judy Brady, Geoff Brookes, Bill Caddaye, Judy Caddaye, Stephen Carisbrooke, Sunny Chandra, David Cheal, Beverly Daffy, Rhonda Ekberg, Jennifer Francis, Ken Galbraith, Ken Hants, Mayzie Hants, Christine Hardy, Robert Hardy, Amanda Harland, Linda Johnson, Peter Johnson, Valerie Kipp, Sandra McCullough, Andrew Mc Dowall, Helen Metcalfe, Alan Moor, Gary Perkins, Dawn Rasmus, Paul Reid, Jenny Shaw, John Shaw, Alan Stone, Andrea Strack, Lydia Taylor, David Wauchope.
- b) Proxy votes assigned by: Richard Byrne, Margaret Chandra, Colin Fiford, Pam Galbraith, Lynette Godfrey, David Hansford, Suzanne Harding, Megan Heymann, Glennis Leary, Jill Linton, Gail McGregor, Robert McGregor, Graeme Midgley, Sheila Moss, Christine Riddall, John Taubman, Veronica Taubman, Paul Taylor, Stephen West, Jacky Willis.

2. The President welcomed everyone and read the motion to be voted on:-

This Special General Meeting supports the amalgamation of U3A Kyneton and Macedon Ranges U3A on 1 July 2018 and adopts the name of U3A Macedon Ranges, under a new constitution based on the Model Constitution; and that all efforts be taken to ensure that all financial, legal and administrative measures be taken to ensure this amalgamation takes place.

The President spoke in favour of the motion, pointing out that nothing would change except more opportunities to expand our program, with more members, more expertise available. Our influence in the Shire would increase, leading possibly to access to more resources.

Some queried whether 21 days' notice had been given. All members were notified either by email or letter. Letters to those living in the town of Kyneton were delivered by hand, the rest were posted priority and receipted on the 11th of May. It is possible that some of these letters did not reach the addressee 21 days before the meeting.

3. Summary of arguments against the motion.

Changing the name from U3A Kyneton to U3A Macedon Ranges means a loss of identity. Other U3A's may start up in the Shire, in the future, rendering "U3A Macedon Ranges" meaningless. Merging with Gisborne would mean diluting our lobbying ability with Shire Council. There will be pressure to move activities to Gisborne.

4. Summary of arguments for the motion

As stated above by the President.

Gisborne members are keen to join us as their numbers are very low.

5. The motion was put to the vote.

Results:

For: 37 (71% of voters) Against: 15 Abstained: 3 Total: 55

As the motion needed to be supported by 75% of voters, the motion was unsuccessful.