Melbourne Area Derby u3a

Trustee's Annual Report

April 1st 2025 – March 31st 2026

Charity Contact Information

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Charity Trustees

The following named Trustees are the initial trustees and were in post for all of the reporting period unless indicated otherwise.

Geoffrey Dowell

David Hyde

Robert Anderson

Diana Wilkinson

Margaret Whitehead

Lyn Hackett

Jackie Lane

Dominic Clarke

Susan Kerr

Angela Fields [Co-opted March 2026]

Ian Phillskirk [Co-opted March 2026]

Objectives and activities.

This is the first Annual Report of the Melbourne Area Derby u3a, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), created on April 1st 2025. It is the successor to the unregistered charity of the same name dissolved on March 31st 2025, receiving all assets.

Melbourne Area Derby u3a is affiliated to the Third Age Trust (TAT), uses its services and guidance and subscribes to its objectives.

The object of the CIO is the advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those people who are not in full time work, by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.

Our activities continue the focus of the old u3a in serving the people in Melbourne and the surrounding area, and working in collaboration with adjacent u3as.

As an organisation operated by its members for the benefit of its members our activities are demand driven. We offer self-managed and self-funded "Interest groups" as well as monthly member meetings offering talks and presentations and the opportunity for an exchange of information and social activities.

We communicate and interact with members collectively through our website and individually by regular personalised email and activity updates.

Governance and Management

Melbourne Area Derby u3a has a constitution as its governing document. This is based on model documents offered by TAT and the Charity Commission.

The constitution provides for the election of a Management Committee by members at the AGM. Only current members are eligible to vote at an AGM or serve as Trustees.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment.

This year, being the first year, all members of the executive committee appointed to establish the CIO are required to stand down, offering the membership the opportunity to elect a new executive body.

In subsequent years one third of the elected committee are required to stand down on the basis of rotation according to length of service, forcing a churn of executive members and giving lay members a chance to elect new executives.

The constitution does not require election to specific offices. Officers are elected by the executive committee and roles appointed to make best use of experience and expertise.

Operational Management.

Whilst the monthly executive committee meetings remain the decision making body, operational work areas are identified as below. Some work is devolved to trustee led sub-

committees that report back with ideas and recommendations, other work to individual trustees.

Work Areas

- Officers: Strategy / Budgets / External interface
- Membership: All matters membership
- Events: Planning & Organising activities
- Groups: Facilitation of groups & leaders
- Media: External promotion
- Technology: Data management / tech support

Achievements & Performance.

Although this initial year has been one of consolidation, there has been measurable improvement in recruiting new members, promoting our services and offering a greater variety of events and group activities.

On-line membership application and renewal has been successfully implemented and a commercial integrated email and data storage platform is in the process of implementation.

Financial Review

Statement of charity's policy on reserves.

Melbourne Area Derby u3a aims to keep a level of reserves to cover 12 months of operating costs. The committee considers this a reasonable level for this type of charity. Social account activities are excluded from this figure as these activities are inflated by high-cost activities such as theatre visits and days out and are entirely self-financing.

Melbourne Area Derby u3a at the start of the financial year produces a budget based on known costs for the current year which is agreed by the committee. This amount is still retained within the overall bank account but shown separately on the Balance Sheet. This reserve is in line with the estimated subscription income and therefore funds should not be accumulated.

Finances

Annual operating income is almost entirely generated from subscriptions but during the year we have received compensation from NatWest Bank Plc and commission from a member taking a holiday through a nominated TAT travel agent.

The committee are looking at the accumulated cash reserves in excess of known requirements and have amended some of the subscription rates for 2026/2027. Some of the accumulation of money was generated by the old Melbourne Area Derby u3a and was a result of underspending during the years over the amount budgeted.
Social events are excluded from these figures as they are self financing to breakeven but any profit generated are included. During the year a Melbourne Area Derby u3a event was held which was open to non members and the gross revenue and costs are included in the figures.

Details of any deficit

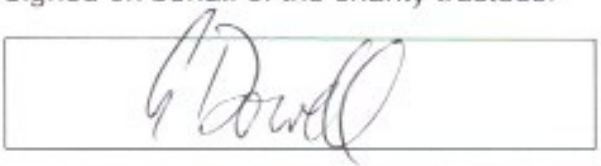
Small deficits were incurred on the group activities at times but as these groups are self financing then the amount charged to the group members are adjusted to reverse the situation. There were two groups in deficit at the year end and both were due to timing differences with money reversing the deficit was received in the current financial year.

Future Plans

The primary emphasis of a member organisation has to be recruitment of new members and retention of existing members. The challenge has to be the encouragement of those members to take responsibility for governance and renewal.
Recruitment to the executive committee and group leaders is recognised as a potential threat to sustainability.
As local organisations seek to diversify their offerings, we have to respond by varying the services we provide to fit the demographic of our changing membership.
A local pressure is the reduction of available accommodation and the consequent increase in cost, affecting the viability of groups.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees: Date:



21/05/26

Name: Geoffrey Dowell.

Role: Trustee Chair

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Receipts and payments accounts

1st April 2025 | 31st March 2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Group funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts					
Membership fees	4,199	-	-	4,199	3,742
Group income	-	-	7,198	7,198	4,851
Refreshment and entry fees	263	-	-	263	419
Event income	826	-	-	826	12
Bank compensation	450	-	-	450	300
Donations	868	-	-	868	1,336
	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,606	-	7,198	13,804	10,660
Payments					
Third Age Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Capitation fees	960			960	940
Beacon	249			249	245
Magazine	302			302	327
CLA Licence	69			69	67
Meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Room Hire and refreshments	665	-	-	665	789
Speakers	575	-	-	575	445
Group costs	-	-	7,080	7,080	4,609
Event costs	579	-	-	579	-
New group subsidy	-	52	-	52	70
Marketing postage and stationery	195			195	212
Bank charges	14			14	6
Other costs	130			130	139
Sub total	3,738	52	7,080	10,870	7,749
Assets purchased	286	-	-	286	83
Total payments	4,023	52	7,080	11,155	7,832
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,583	- 52	118	2,649	2,828
Transfers between funds	- 100	113	- 13	-	-
Cash funds last year end	8,360	968	1,177	10,505	7,677
Cash funds this year end	10,843	1,029	1,282	13,154	10,505

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Group funds to nearest £
Cash book balance brought forward		8,360	968	1,177
Net movement of funds		2,483	61	105
Cash book balances at year end		10,843	1,029 #	1,282
Cash funds	Cash at Bank Current account	10,628	1,029	813
	Cash at bank Number 2 account	-	-	
	PayPal	166		
	Cash in hand	49	-	469
	Total cash funds	10,843	1,029	1,282
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	G Dowell	G Dowell	21/05/26
	R H Anderson	R H Anderson	21/5/26

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Melbourne Area Derby U3A

I report on the accounts of the organisation for the year ended 31st March 2026

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts based on the information supplied to me and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the instructions given to me, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 & 2. I have not had access to underlying records so I haven't been able to perform additional procedures beyond checking the numerical validity of the figures (including agreeing opening balances to prior year accounts) and performing a reasonableness check based on my knowledge of organisations of your size and type.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts appear reasonable and are consistent with prior years.

J Heldreich

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Date: 31st May 2026