**Rotary and University of the Sunshine Coast Community Fund (RUSCCF)**

**To advance tertiary education opportunities**

 **through a partnership between the combined Rotary Clubs of the Sunshine Coast**

 **and the University of the Sunshine Coast**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held 4th August 2017**

**Meeting Commenced: 7.20pm**

**Attendance:**

Ian Barnett (Mooloolaba), Wendy Gilson (Kawana Waters), Ruben Blackwood (S.Coast Rotaract), Merv Paddison (Caloundra), Cath Lyndon (Cooroy), John Gabb (Cooroy), Rod Tunstall (Nambour), Pam Snyman (Caloundra), Win Fowles (Caloundra Pacific), Graham Barnes (Buderim), Angela Griffin (Maleny), Russell Ousley (USC Development Office).

Visitor - Maria Jacobsen (Horsens Rotaract – Denmark)

**Apologies:**

Chris Ross-Smith (Maleny), Graeme Moore (Gympie), Dan Thomasson (Caloundra Pacific), Gary Lynch (Alex Headland), Greg Bradley (SCU).

**Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting (01/07/2016)**

**Accepted as correct**. Moved: John Gabb Seconded Rod Tunstall

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Ian Barnett delivered his annual report. Key points are:

* Support from the Clubs continues to increase.
* This year we received $13,775 – The highest since 2100-12.
* We now have Bronze – 3, Silver – 2, Gold – 6, Platinum – 2.
* Attendance at Annual Joint Meeting was high – 165.
* We must keep the standard of speakers high.
* Particular thanks to you the committee for the success of our annual event.
* I musts also acknowledge the great support of staff at the USC in particular Russell Ousley & Greg Bradley.
* We can all see the vibrancy and energy that USC injects into the community through its staff and students. Vice Chancellor & President Greg Hill indicated in his speech at the last combined dinner that research was vital to the growth of the University, and the engine of research is fuelled by post graduate students. Our postgraduate scholarships help attract research students and so Rotary supports the University which in turn supports our community,. A great example of “Rotary: Making a Difference”.

**Election of office bearers 2017 - 2018**

Chairman Ian declared the positions of Chairman and Secretary vacant, and vacated the chair.

Nominations for chairman were called and John Gabb nominated Ian Barnett. This was seconded by Win Fowles. as there were no further nominations Ian was elected

Pam Snyman nominated Wendy Gilson as Secretary. This was seconded by Rod Tunstall and as there were no further nominations, Wendy was elected.

**No further business**

**Next AGM**

The date of the next AGM is to be the first meeting of the next Rotary year.

**Meeting Closed**: 7.25pm

Wendy Gilson (Secretary) Ian Barnett (Chairman)