

# U3A P.E. Chairman's Annual Report

## Annual General Meeting 2025/2026

It gives me great pleasure to report that our committee is now fully staffed, with seven dedicated members who have all agreed to continue serving in the coming year.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Marjorie Malkin**, who stepped down last year after eight years as Chairman. Her commitment and leadership have been invaluable, and we wish her a well-deserved rest.

As always, **Lynda Connellan** has excelled in keeping members informed through our monthly newsletter and in organizing stimulating and enjoyable outings, ably assisted by **Rhoda Robinson**.

After many years of service as Speaker Liaison Officer, **Pamela Lewis** resigned in August due to ill health and has since relocated to Grahamstown. We thank Pamela sincerely for her significant contributions and wish her improved health and happiness.

We are delighted to welcome **Nolene van der Riet**, who has already arranged an excellent lineup of speakers for the year ahead.

**Sandra Roberts** has taken on the role of Minute Secretary and has proven to be an exceptional asset, ensuring our discussions are clearly recorded and applying her valuable computer skills to support the committee's work.

**Clair Ward**, our new Membership Officer, has been diligently maintaining records and assisting members with subscriptions and updates to personal details.

We are also fortunate to have **Hazel Nienaber** as our Treasurer. Hazel brings strong qualifications to the role and has successfully transitioned our banking to ABSA, enabling us to use internet banking. Our Nedbank account has been closed, and the new details are available in the newsletter and on our website.

We have long been saving towards a new projector, and we are grateful to **Kevin Kelly of Xtreme Projects** for his generous donation of R2000. Despite this, our current funds remain insufficient, and we continue to rely on the efforts of **Clarence Hearn**, who manages our sound system and our aging projector with great skill.

Special thanks go to our volunteers: **Claire Blain**, who manages the visitors' table, and **Dave Thompson** and **Alan Roberts** who provides ongoing assistance at our general meetings.

Over the past year, our program has been both diverse and enriching. Highlights included visits to a taxidermist and a leather demonstration, talks on flood disaster management, the wishes of terminally ill children, bushmen and San tracking skills, and their struggle for survival. We also enjoyed a talk and visit to *Animals in Wonderland*, as well as a fascinating presentation by a paleontologist on South Africa's prehistory. As tradition dictates, we

concluded the year with a November slideshow by a member of the P.E. Camera Club, followed by our December Christmas lunch.

We are deeply grateful to **Tig Lacey**, who referred us to the Old Grey Club. They have generously offered the use of their hall for our monthly meetings at no charge. The venue also features a public restaurant, which we encourage members to support, particularly after meetings, as an opportunity to socialize. Parking is secure and plentiful.

Our final meeting at the E.P. Children's Home will take place in March, and from April onward, meetings will be held at the Old Grey Club, 2 Lenox Road, Glendenningvale. Please note that our first meeting there will be on **Tuesday, 28 April**.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm that **Lynda Connellan** will continue in her role as Liaison Officer.

On this positive note, I extend my sincere thanks to all committee members for their dedication and support throughout the past year.

**Sheila Forrest.**  
Chairlady.