

CANBERRA REPERTORY SOCIETY

Minutes of 73rd Annual General meeting, Canberra REP Theatre, Monday 5 May 2025

The meeting opened 7:34pm – Chaired by Antonia Kitzel (President)

In Attendance:

Ron Abrahams, David Bennett, Jeanette Brown OAM, Russell Brown OAM, Mandy Brown, Cate Clelland, Judi Crane Wilkins, Liz de Totth, Victoria Dixon, Rosemary Gibbons, John Gieroszynski, David Goodbody, Elizabeth Goodbody, Michelle Gordon, Wolfgang Hecker, Malcolm Houston, Andrew Kay, Antonia Kitzel, John Klingberg, Rowan McMurray, Oliver Raymond OAM, Nathan Sciberras, John Stead, Mal Tompkins, Anne Turner, Rosanne Walker, Peter S Wilkins,

Proxys supplied: (1) Chris McMurray

Attending: Helen Drum (Business Manager)

Observers: Geoff Winter

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed all attendees.

1. Apologies received:

Neil McRitchie, Anne Gallen, Joan White, Chris McMurray, John Drum, Suzanne Hecker, Trevor Drover, Ian Hart, Ros Engledow, Bruce Hardie, Helen Raymond, Trixie Makay

The president introduced the report to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 6 May 2024

A MOTION was moved to receive the minutes from the previous meeting. CARRIED.

It was moved seconded and accepted to pass the minutes as presented. CARRIED.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

4. Receipt and adoption of the Report of Council for 2024

A MOTION was moved to receive the Report of Council for 2024. CARRIED.

It was moved and seconded to pass the report. CARRIED.

5. Business arising from the Report of Council

Nil.

6. Receipt and adoption of the Income and Expenditure statement for the year ended 31 December 2024 and the Report of the Auditors for 2024.

A MOTION was moved to receive the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024. CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to pass the Report. CARRIED.

7. Business arising from the Accounts.

It was NOTED from the meeting that there was difficulty in deciphering the written language within Note 20 of the Financial statement.

The Treasurer responded that she would look into the language used and seek clarification if required.

She also offered a summation of the past year financially and the success of increased financial support through donations and the GALA event. Recognising the contribution of volunteers with thanks to all involved, the strong Council support and stewardship as REP moves forward.

8. Appointment of AccountAbility ACT as new Auditor and removal of Hardwickes as Auditor for Canberra Repertory Society.

A MOTION was moved to remove Hardwickes as the Auditor for Canberra Repertory Society. CARRIED.

It was moved and seconded to accept the removal. CARRIED.

A MOTION was moved appoint AccountAbility ACT as Auditors for Canberra Repertory Society. CARRIED.

It was moved and seconded to appoint AccountAbility ACT as auditor for Canberra Repertory Society. CARRIED.

9. Appointment of the Council of the Society for the ensuing term/s

a) 1 x Treasurer – two year term

b) 1 x Vice President – two year term

c) 3 x Members of Council – two year terms

d) 1 x member of Council – one year term

It was NOTED that there was no election this year, as there were equal nominees for positions vacant.

Appointed to the incoming Council are:

Trixie Makay (Treasurer – 2 Years)

Elizabeth Goodbody (Vice President – 2 years)

Bruce Hardie (Member – 2 years)

Ann-Maree Padarin (Member – 2 years)

John Stead (Member – 1 year)

Wolfgang Hecker (Member – 2 years)

The Council members were introduced to the meeting.

It was NOTED that they would be joining the current Council members not up for re-election:

Antonia Kitzel – President

Victoria Dixon – Vice President

Mandy Brown

A MOTION was moved to thank all those who served on the Council last year and are coming on board now. CARRIED.

It was moved and seconded to thank the Council members. CARRIED.

10. Special resolutions.

Nomination of Judi Crane Wilkins for Life Membership of the Canberra Repertory Society.

P Wilkins spoke to Judi's nomination for life membership, providing more details on her theatrical journey and involvement with REP.

Accepted and approved by the meeting by general acclaim.

Nomination of Michael Sparks OAM for Life membership of the Canberra Repertory Society.

A Kitzel spoke to Michael's nomination.

Accepted and approved by the meeting by general acclaim.

11. General Business.

From the floor, D Bennett commended Council for all the work done towards the building

financial strength of the company as reflected in the report.

Discussion was held on the frequency of GALA and fundraising activities moving forward. It was NOTED that it was planned that large activities would be biennial activities with smaller activities planned for other times.

Discussion held on the importance of succession planning for technical areas such as set building, volunteers into the future. Noting that there has been an increase in interest to participate/help – especially in younger people.

Discussion held on possible options for reaching people, with the suggestion of consolidating email lists for the whole company rather than area specific.

Those in attendance were encouraged to spread the word to as many people as possible.

Working collectively to provide support and growth.

The meeting closed at 8:17pm