

**2019 General Meeting
Friends of NERAM Inc. 9885144
Held in the Foyer, NERAM
Sunday 26 March 2019 at 4.40pm.**

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting opened: 4.40 pm

1. Chair's Welcome: The Chair, Carol Mackerras welcomed all those attending and declared the meeting open.
2. Present: Carol Mackerras, Kim Taylor, Lucinda Wright, David Hallam, Ro Randall, David Hallam, Sally Hardaker, Moira Lloyd, Peter Lloyd, Lynne Walker, Alison Wright, Robert Clarke, Sarah Johnstone, Phil Bookallil, Ann Clarke, Susie Dunn, Hani Sullivan.
3. Apologies: Ady Hallam, Cam Bastow, Peter Morse, Izabel Suliman, Pam Koebel, Richard Bird, Rose McCarthy, Helen Templeton.
4. Declaration of Proxies: None
5. Minutes of GM of 2018:
No amendments were proposed.
Motion: That the minutes of the 2018 GM be accepted -
Moved: Carol Mackerras Seconded: Moira Lloyd Carried
6. Address by the Chairman of NERAM Ltd, Mr. Bob Clarke

In his address to the meeting the Chair Bob Clarke emphasised that he would like to see NERAM have longer term planning goals over 10 years with the Foundation Funds building fund up to \$10 million. He suggested that we should be considering what NERAM is not doing and whether we should look at funds for Education, Acquisitions and possibly building. Mr Clarke gave an account of NERAM's funding arrangements with the ARC and the looming funding shortage when the Olley Trust funding finishes in 2020. He said FON's financial contribution to NERAM was essential as was its role in developing and encouraging community participation in NERAM activities.
7. Address by the Director of NERAM Ltd – Rachael Parsons
Rachael Parsons said the Chair had already mentioned the FON achievements and contributions over the past year. She mentioned that the Hinton Salon hang had helped grow visitor numbers to over 50,000 a year. The exhibition got very positive feedback and it would be refreshed to maintain interest. The exhibition program aims to be diverse. The Myall Creek exhibition has won 2 awards. the Adopt an Artwork has continued to inspire support and raised \$20,000 over the last year. The High Tea was a great success and raised \$6000.

The number of NERAM volunteers reached 90. Several had been nominated for awards and she thanked them for their astonishing effort.

As part of their financial support FON had sponsored the AeCap exhibition for family visitors and holiday activities. She would be looking for FON support to bring the next generation of High School students into NERAM. Rachael introduced and thanked the NERAM staff and said she looked forward to working with Friends and collaborating with them over the next year.

8. There were Questions and comments from attendees about the future of the Old Teachers College, now that it had been taken over by the Department of Education, the desirability of proceeding with the idea of a cultural precinct encompassing the College, NERAM and the Keeping Place, the need to lobby the Council to ensure that NERAM and the arts should receive greater prominence in the Council's Tourism and Economic Development Plan. It was suggested that estimates of the number of volunteers and their contribution in hours be emphasised. Kim Taylor commented that on her calculations Friends had donated some 7000 hours, worth about \$250, 000 to NERAM.

Lynne Walker suggested that a letter of condolence be sent to Joanna Capon following Edmund's death.

Peter Lloyd thanked Dacre King for his donation of a Print to be raffled for the Foundation

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There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting officially over.
Carol McKerras, Chairman

Accepted with / without amendment on 26 March 2020