



1 June 2020

Dear Friends of NERAM Inc. Member,

Rescheduled Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 28 June 2020

As you will be aware the AGM, originally scheduled for 29 March 2020 was postponed due to the restrictions introduced by the State Government aimed at containing the spread of the virus.

The members of the Friends' committee met last week and agreed to hold the AGM on Sunday 28 June at 4pm, with the Committee members, Museum Director and Chairperson of the Board in attendance at NERAM, but with other members attending via Zoom. This structure would ensure compliance with current State government restrictions on public meetings as well as fulfilling our constitutional obligations.

The General Meeting originally scheduled to be held after the AGM and the AGM item relating to the Friends Service Awards will be postponed to a time when restrictions have been further eased, thus allowing a larger crowd of Friends to assemble, enjoy each other's company and celebrate the service of many of the Friends.

A revised AGM Agenda and Proxy Voting Form for the meeting are attached.

The 2019 Annual Financial Statements, The Chair's Annual Report and Draft minutes of the 2019 AGM are available on the Friends website <https://www.neram.com.au/support/join-neram/> or from the front desk of NERAM. The Committee is satisfied that there are no material changes to the Financial Report for 2019.

The Committee welcomes your participation at the Annual General Meeting, and in order to accommodate this, please ensure you have paid your membership renewal.

We also ask you to confirm your intention to participate in the Zoom meeting by emailing the Secretary at friendsofneram@gmail.com by **Friday 26 June** and nominating your preferred email address for the meeting.

If you have comments or specific queries relating to the business of the AGM, it would be helpful if you could communicate these to the Secretary prior to the meeting as well.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Friends.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Mackerras
Chair

FRIENDS OF NERAM INC. (9885144)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

The Annual General Meeting of Friends of NERAM Inc. will be held at the New England Regional Art Museum, 106 - 114 Kentucky Street, Armidale on Sunday 28 June 2020 commencing at 4:00pm, and via Zoom.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies
3. Declaration of Proxies
4. Minutes of AGM 2019
5. Chairman's Report for 2019
6. Treasurer's Report – Financial Year Ending 31 December 2019
7. Election of Office Bearers
 - Chair - Carol Mackerras (nomination by Julia McCosker withdrawn)
 - Deputy Chair - Vacant (invalid nomination received)
 - Treasurer - Genevieve Noone
 - Secretary - Sarah Johnstone
 - Five (5) Committee members - Merran Pearson (Membership secretary); Julia McCosker; Lucinda Wright; David Hallam; Lynne Walker
8. Appointment of the Patron and Associate Members
 - Patron - Angus Nivison
 - Director of NERAM - Rachael Parsons
 - Honorary Solicitor - To be advised
 - Honorary Accountant - Meagan Playford

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Schedule 2
(Rule 29 (9))

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY – AGM (2020)

I,.....
(full name)

of.....being a financial member of Friends of NERAM Inc., hereby appoint

.....
(full name)

of.....

also being a financial member of Friends of NERAM Inc. as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on *(day and date)* and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorized to vote in favor of or against as he/she sees fit, any resolutions pertaining to the election of a new committee for Friends of NERAM Inc. and any other resolutions that are proposed during the course of the meeting.

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(signature of member appointing proxy)

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(date)

NOTE:

1. *A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a financial member of Friends of NERAM Inc. (Rule 29(7)).*
2. *Completed proxies may be mailed, emailed or delivered to NERAM in person at 106 - 114 Kentucky St Armidale, during office hours. Mail to: The Secretary, Friends of NERAM Inc., PO Box 508 Armidale, NSW, 2350, or email to friendsofneram@gmail.com by **4.00pm on 26 June2020.***
3. *The Secretary must receive completed proxies at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order to be valid (Rule 29(8)). Rule 29(6) states: "All votes must be given personally or by proxy but no member shall hold more than five (5) proxies".*