

**Friends of NERAM Inc (9885114)**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**2 May 2021**

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of NERAM was held at 3:00 pm on Sunday 2 May 2021, in the Café courtyard, NERAM, Kentucky Street, Armidale.

### **1.0 Welcome**

Julia McCosker welcomed members.

### **Present:**

Campbell Bastow, Richard Bird, Robert Clarke, Antony Peter Bill Dangar, Trevor Edgar, Maria Hitchcock, Pam Koebel, Glenda Kupczyk-Romanczuk, Moira Lloyd, Julia McCosker, Deborah McKern, Elizabeth Niven, Merran Pearson, Richard Purssey, Rosemary Randall, Juliet Roberts, Lynne Walker, Wendy Wearne, Alison Wright, Lucinda Wright

**In attendance:** Rachael Parsons (Director)

### **2.0 Apologies**

Paul Akon, Margaret Bain, Jack Bedson, Ruth Blanch, Anne Clarke, Lou Conway, Johann Croukamp, Susie Dunn, Kerry Dunne, Pat Elkin, Bar Finch, Ady & David Hallam, Sarah Johnstone, Debra Kelliher, Judith Laffan, Caroline & Angus Nivison, Genevieve Noone, Robyn McCarthy, Philippa Pearson, Martha Saw, Helen & Graham Wilson, Phillip Wright.

### **3.0 Declaration of Proxies**

The Chair, Julia McCosker advised that the following proxies had been received:

Margaret Newsome	appointed	Julia McCosker
Ady Hallam	“	“
David Hallam.	“	“
Debra Kelliher	appointed.	Lynne Walker
Sally Hardaker	“	“
Robyn McCarthy	“	“

### **4.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Friends Annual General meeting of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were confirmed.

**Moved:** Lucinda Wright **Seconded:** Pam Koebel

No business arising.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Julia commented that she would not read her Chairperson's Report in full, as it was online available for some weeks. However, she highlighted the following points:

- it was a difficult year, the lockdown & restrictions on social interactions to combat the Covid 19 pandemic, severely curtailed our activities throughout the year.
- Julia acknowledged the resignations of Genevieve Noone, Carol Mackerras and Sarah Johnstone and thanked them, in particular appreciating the years of commitment from Carol & Sarah
- most fundraising activities were cancelled throughout the year but one At Home with Mahalath Halperin & Jock Coventry was popular as was the commencement of the White Rhino Film Club in February of this year and a bookbinding workshop with Paper Conservator, Julie McCarthy.

- despite the impact of the COVID 19 restrictions on activities the Friends donated \$10,270 in membership fees to NERAM. In addition, Friends donated \$11,270 towards exhibitions and refurbishment of the shop.  
the operating result for the year ended 31 December 2020 was a deficit of (\$7,441) compared with the 2019 deficit of (\$4,648).
- Julia thanked the NERAM team for their professionalism, assistance and good humour throughout a very trying year. Rachael and her staff provided invaluable support to the Friends, from front of office enquiries to financial advice and setting up for a variety of events.
- Julia also acknowledged the support of the Catering Queens, the FON Committee members, particularly Lucinda Wright who is stepping down after 10 years of service, and acknowledging the following Friends for their outstanding voluntary contributions over many years; Helen & Graham Wilson, Moira & Peter Lloyd and Rosemary Randall.

Julia moved that her report be accepted.

**Moved;** Julia McCosker. **Seconded;** Lynne Walker

## 6.0 Ending 31 December 2020

As the Treasurer, Robyn McCarthy was an apology, Julia drew the members' attention to the Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2020 and asked if there were any questions. She then highlighted the following points:

- Because of COVID very few events happened but despite this \$21,450 was given to NERAM
- Membership remained steady

Julia then moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Moved;** Julia McCosker. **Seconded:** Pam Koebel

## 7.0 Election of Office Bearers

The 2020 Committee stood down from their positions, and FON member Pam Koebel agreed to act as Returning Officer. From the unopposed nominations received she declared the following positions:

**Chairperson:** Julia McCosker

**Deputy Chair:** David Hallam

**Treasurer:** Robyn McCarthy

**Secretary:** Lynne Walker

**Committee Members:** Merran Pearson (Membership Secretary), Richard Purssey, Debra Kelliher, and Deborah McKern

There being one committee position vacant, Pam called for nominations from the floor. Trevor Edgar was nominated by Glenda Kupczyk-Romanczuk and seconded by Moira Lloyd. There being no other nominations, Trevor was elected as a committee member.

Pam also moved that the Committee do have the power to co-opt members to the committee during the year as they see fit.

**Moved;** Pam Koebel. **Seconded;** Rosemary Randall

## 8.0 Appointment of Patron and Associate Members

The Committee was advised of the following honorary positions.

**Patron:** Angus Nivision had agreed to continue as Patron

**Honorary Accountant:** Position vacant

**Honorary Solicitor:** Etoline Galbraith agreed to continue  
**Associate Member:** Rachael Parsons, Director of NERAM.

#### **9.0 Other Business – Constitutional Changes to Clause 21**

Lucinda Wright spoke to the proposed changes below and as there were no questions Lucinda moved that the constitution be amended accordingly.

**Moved;** Lucinda Wright **Seconded;** Pam Koebel

Constitutional changes to Clauses 21(5)(a) and Clause 21(5)(b)

*Subject to these Rules, each member of the Committee remains on the Committee until his or her position is declared vacant at the next AGM following their appointment or election. Committee members are eligible for re-election provided that the maximum term for each Committee member shall be 8 consecutive years.*

Clause 21(5)(b)

*Nothing in paragraph (a) shall prevent a person who has previously been a member of the Committee being elected to the Committee for a further term provided that a period of at least 2 years has elapsed since that person last sat on the Committee.*

Julia thanked members for attending and invited them to join the committee for refreshments in the courtyard.

The meeting closed at 3:30 pm

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