

Friends of NERAM Inc (9885114)
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 March 2022 at 3:30pm
at The New England Regional Art Museum

1.0 Welcome

Julia McCosker welcomed members to the meeting and advised that she would be acting as Chairperson for the meeting as Debra Kelliher had been unexpectedly delayed and could not attend the meeting.

Present

Julia McCosker (Acting Chair), Trevor Edgar (Acting Secretary), Merran Pearson, Liz Spring, Tony Spring, Peter Lloyd, Moira Lloyd, Rosemary Randall, Lucinda Wright, Richard Bird, Richard Purssey

In attendance

Rachael Parsons

2.0 Apologies

Kerry Dunne, Bill Dangar, Sarah Johnstone, David & Ady Hallam, Ruth Blanch, Philippa Pearson, Stephen & Jane Gow, Angus & Caroline Nivison, Robyn & Keith Power, Margaret Bain, Jack Bedson, Brian & Priscilla Connor, Pam Koebel, Lynne Walker, Deb McKern, Debra Kelliher, Phillip Bookalil, John & Wendy Wearne, Helen & Graham Wilson, Phillip & Julia Rose, David Rose, Campbell Bastow.

3.0 Declaration of Proxies

There were no proxies declared.

4.0 Confirmation of Minutes

It was moved that the minutes of the Friends Annual General Meeting of 2 May 2021 be confirmed.

Moved: Richard Purssey. Seconded: Merran Pearson. The motion was passed.

5.0 Chairperson's Report

Julia McCosker spoke to the Chairperson's report and in doing so:

- advised that Debra Kelliher had taken on the role of Acting Chairperson in 2021;
- noted Friends' financial commitment to NERAM in 2021;
- acknowledged the personal donation from members Rose and Bruce McCarthy;
- thanked Merran Pearson for her work and commitment as Membership Secretary; and
- acknowledged the efforts of the Fund Raising Committee.

It was moved by the Chair that the report be accepted. Seconded Moria Lloyd. The motion was passed.

6.0 Treasurer's Report – Financial Year ending 31 December 2021

Following brief discussion it was moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Peter Lloyd. Seconded: Richard Purssey. The motion was passed.

7.0 Election of Office Bearers.

Julia McCosker vacated the chair and handed over to Peter Lloyd who declared all positions vacant and proceeded to read out the nominations.

Chairperson – nomination of Debra Kelliher. Nominated by Lynne Walker and David Hallam. There were no other nominations. Debra Kelliher was declared as Chairperson.

Deputy Chairperson – nomination of David Hallam. Nominated by Debra Kelliher and Lynne Walker. There were no other nominations. David Hallam was declared as Deputy Chair.

Treasurer – nomination of Robyn McCarthy. Nominated by Julia McCosker and Trevor Edgar. There were no other nominations. Robyn McCarthy was declared as Treasurer.

Secretary – nomination of Lynne Walker. Nominated by Julia McCosker and David Hallam. There were no other nominations. Lynne Walker was declared as Secretary.

Other Members – five nominations had been received from Trevor Edgar, Merran Pearson, Julia McCosker, Deb McKern and Richard Purssey. There were no other nominations. Declared the five nominations as elected.

With the positions filled Peter Lloyd vacated the chair and handed the meeting back to Julia McCosker.

8.0 Appointment of Patron and Associate Members

Julia McCosker advised that the following had agreed to accept appointments as Patron and Associate Members and moved from the chair that the appointments be accepted. Seconded Moira Lloyd. The motion was passed.

Director of NERAM – Rachael Parsons

Patron – Angus Nivison

Honorary Solicitor – Greg Moin

Honorary Accountant – vacant

9.0 NERAM Director's Report

The chair welcomed Rachael Parsons who in her report:

- thanked NERAM members in light of the impact COVID had in 2020/2021 and reported that early 2022 saw a recovery in patronage;
- thanked Bruce and Rose McCarthy for their donation which saw the refurbishment of the café kitchen;
- noted the positive impact to NERAM of having the café open again and of the support and collaboration of Six Counties Cafe in relation to functions and events;
- thanked the Friends of NERAM for the sponsorship of exhibitions, particularly the sponsorship of the Archibald exhibition;
- noted that next year – 2023 – NERAM turned 40 and that planning was underway for a series of events throughout the year and would be working closely with Friends of NERAM on those events; and

- highlighted the work being undertaken in relation to audience development such as the introduction of the Culture Club as a way of introducing new people to NERAM generating new members.

Julia McCosker thanked Rachael for her report and expressed her thanks and gratitude for Rachael's leadership and creativity.

Julia invited questions for Rachael from the meeting. Richard Purssey asked as to what was included in Culture Club membership. Rachael advised that membership included access to a variety of events targeting working professionals and parents with younger children as a demographic in an attempt to broaden NERAM's audience.

10.0 General Business

There was no other Business.

The meeting closed at 4:04pm.