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NOOSA ARTS THEATRE INC
MINUTES OF THE 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT NOOSA ARTS THEATRE ON FRIDAY 14TH MARCH, 2025

Meeting declared open at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Committee Members: * Sue Clapham (chair), Sue Sewell, Judy Hawksford, Diana Thomson, Jann Tuxford, Ian Glew, Ximena Merino, Jane Rivers, Nicola Wilson, Margaret Courtney, plus 42 members, as listed.

*In January 2025 Susan Dearnley, President, passed away. Sue Clapham remained Acting President until this AGM.

APOLOGIES Tim Murfin, Sam Saunders, Liza Park, Rainee Skinner, Virgo Nash

MINUTES: The Secretary read the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held 5th April, 2024

MOTION: - "That the minutes be accepted as a correct record"

Moved: Sue Sewell, seconded Jane Rivers CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sue Clapham read her report as acting President. She thanked the Office Manager, the Sponsors and Secret Mens Business for their untiring support of the theatre.

A presentation of 2024's productions was screened: Puss in Boots, Aria, Shorts on Stage, One Act Plays, Home I'm Darling, Ladies in Black.

Retiring committee members Julie Massie, Deb Noyek, Jack Scandrett, Cristina McRitchie and AJ Wildey were acknowledged and thanked for their contributions.

MOTION: - "That the President's Report be received." Moved Sue Clapham, seconded Margaret Courtney CARRIED.

Sue Clapham called for the Treasurer, Judy Hawksford to give her report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Hawksford presented a verbal report with a presentation. The Financial Statements were circulated to the meeting. Judy thanked Ximena for her work and effort; she explained that as we have fewer productions in 2025 because of impending renovations, there is a projected loss of \$40,000 +/-

Judy thanked Front of House, Secret Mens Business, actors, directors, Diana and Melissa for their contributions to the theatre.

MOTION : That the Treasurer's Report and financial statements as audited, be adopted.
Moved Judy Hawksford, seconded Jannine Ritchie. CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

MOTION: That Coolum Auditors be appointed as Auditors for 24/25.
Moved Judy Hawksford, seconded Paul Ritchie. CARRIED

Question from the floor:

What Grants are being sought for the renovations?

Jann replied: with the timing of the Grants the work couldn't start until next January, so no grants were available. However, Bendigo Bank are open to discussion and Damien Davidson (Builder) is waiving his costs.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The Acting President, Sue Clapham, vacated the chair and asked former President, Paul Ritchie, to commence the elections.

Jane Rivers thanked Sue Clapham for taking over the position of President and presented her with flowers.

Paul confirmed with the Secretary that all nominations for the positions of Executive and Management Committee had been received within the rules of the Constitution.

Paul announced **Tania Nash** as President as hers was the only nomination received.

Tania acknowledged the work done by Sue Clapham and Susan Dearnley.

She then made a presentation of herself and her plans for the future of Noosa Arts.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tania announced one nomination for each for the Executive Committee:

Senior Vice-President – Nicola Wilson	Nominated Frank Wilkie, seconded Jenni McCaul
Jnr Vice President – Dixie Walters	Nominated Jann Tuxford, seconded Sue Sewell
Treasurer – Judy Hawksford	Nominated Sue Clapham, seconded Frank Wilkie
Secretary – Sue Sewell	Nominated Jane Rivers, seconded Sue Clapham

ELECTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: as 11 nominations were received for 10 positions a secret ballot was held. Each nominee introduced themselves:

Sue Clapham
Mark Deal
Glen Miller
Jenni McCaul
Virgo Nash (remotely)
Jane Rivers
Sam Saunders (remotely)
Leanne Sparks
Diana Thomson
Jann Tuxford

James Webb

APPEALS COMMITTEE –(decided while votes were counted.)

	Nominated	Seconded
Margaret Courtney	Jane Rivers	Sue Sewell
Jannine Ritchie	Tania Nash	Sue Clapham
Elle Bergland	Tania Nash	Leanne Sparks
Jo Hendrie	Jenni McCaul	Deb Noyek
Carole Dacey	Jenni McCaul	Jane Rivers

MOTION that the above members be appointed to the Appeals Committee for 2025.
Moved Tania Nash, seconded Sue Sewell CARRIED.

BALLOT RESULTS FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The votes for Management Committee members were counted by Paul Ritchie and Margaret Courtney. Tania announced the new Management Committee for 2025 as follows:

Sue Clapham, Mark Deal, Glen Miller, Jenni McCaul, Virgo Nash, Sam Saunders, Leanne Sparks, Diana Thomson, Jann Tuxford, James Webb.

MOTION That the above members be accepted onto the Management Committee.
Moved Tania Nash, seconded Margaret Courtney. CARRIED

Tania thanked Jane Rivers for her nomination and her contribution to the theatre over the years.

Russell Krause congratulated all the committee nominees.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Questions from the floor:

Stephen Moore: during the renovations, is the theatre rebuilding the whole auditorium, relocating workshops, bio box?

Diana: builders have reported that if the whole building is knocked down and rebuilt it would cost \$2 million.

Frank: NA recently wanted to expand the ground area, but Football Club would not agree.

Jane: we can improve the facilities we have, air conditioning, bio box, the wings.

Mel: the builder thinks if it fit for purpose, we should be making it the best of what we have.

Bridie: the front of the theatre is not welcoming as a theatre, even though the interior is fine.

Jane: we could apply to Council for a new block of land and rebuild.

Elle: we should pressure wash the whole of the front of the theatre to improve its appearance..

APPOINTMENT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Sole candidate **Frank Wilkie** was presented with Life Membership, nominated and presented by Jo Hendrie.

Frank responded with thanks.

Meeting closed at 8.36 pm