

FRIENDS OF THE ACADEMY INCORPORATED
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

WAAPA, 2 Bradford Street, Mt. Lawley, W.A. 6050

Academy of Performing Arts Lecture Theatre 3.101

Sunday 10 March 2019 at 3.30 pm

1. **Welcome:** The AGM Meeting was declared open by the Chair, Kevin Button, at 3.30 pm.
2. **Attendance:** Fifty-one (51) Members attended as per the attendance list.
3. **Apologies:** One hundred and twenty-seven (127) Members sent apologies.
4. **Proxy Votes:** Nil.

Chair's vote of thanks to the Committee: Susie Lim, Judy Lukowiak, Saxon Neate, and Members who assisted at the ECU open day BBQ. In addition thanks were extended to the students who performed prior to the AGM - **Aidan Bridges** 3rd Year, BA Music Education (Piano), **Keaton Staszewski-Hose** 3rd Year, BA Music (Voice), **Stella Everett** Acting, **Timothy Ogborne** Acting, **Tom Lerk** Music Theatre, **Zoe Crisp** Music Theatre.

5. **Election of individual Office Bearers was conducted by** Diane Brennan.

It was resolved that the following office bearers be re-elected:

Kevin Button, Chair

Angela Bromfield, Secretary

Carol Schembri, Treasurer

All the above were elected unopposed and individually by a unanimous show of hands.

It was resolved that the following Committee members be re-elected:

Lynette Cuthbert, Rosalind Jennings, Donna McFetridge (Absent), Tanya Tsirigotis (Absent). All general Committee members were unanimously elected by a show of hands.

6. **Acceptance of the Minutes** of the AGM for 2018:
Moved by Bernard Mearns, Seconded John Farrington. Carried by a show of hands.
7. **Business Arising:** There was no business arising from the Minutes.
8. **Special Resolution: To amend the Rules of the Friends of the Academy as per R 18, Membership Categories, and Insert after R 5.2 (b) (vii) –**
(viii) Young Adult: A non-concessional adult member aged between 18 and 30 years old with a current annual subscription. Such members shall be entitled to one ticket to WAAPA performances held at the Academy at the Association's concessional rates.

Moved by Sandra Higgins, Seconded Jill Clarke. Carried by a show of hands.
9. **Life Membership to Peter Cowan:** Peter has worked at WAAPA for 34 years, initially contracted as lighting supervisor. The FOA would like to honour him for the service he has given to WAAPA and in particular the FOA by presenting him with a **Life Membership to the Friends of the Academy**. Recently he has been conducting the Tours of the Academy, and in retirement plans on writing a book about WAAPA. Peter will attend 4 times a year leading the Tours of the Academy.

10. **Treasurer's Report:**

That the Financial Reports be accepted.

Moved, Lesley Gilmour. Seconded, Rudy Zomer. Carried by a show of hands.

11. **Chair's Report:**

What did the committee do?:

- The Committee met **12** times during the year
- Distributed **123** student grants – value **\$62,800**
- Including a **\$3,200** grant to Aboriginal Production and a **\$7,200** grant to Link Dance Co
- Provided supper and drinks at **6** functions
- **BBQ** at ECU Open Day (raised approx. \$3,000)
- Hosted **4** Tours of the Academy (raised \$3,793)

Friends Events:

- Complimentary Supper and drinks are provided after each Friends Event
- Student video interviews are conducted at each function
- Opportunity to meet the performers and mingle with other Friends of the Academy

Academy Tours:

- Accommodates 25 people per Tour
- Raised \$3,793 in 2018
- Morning tea included
- Free Parking (on Mt Lawley Campus)

Website:

<http://www.friendsoftheacademy.org.au/>

- Carries latest FOA and WAAPA news and videos
- Membership renewal forms and online renewal
- Booking for WAAPA performances
- Student thank you page
- Contact us by Email (*To let us know what you think of WAAPA performances*)
- Last minute changes to WAAPA program

Facebook & Instagram:

- Will be updated regularly, as time allows
- Carries latest FOA and WAAPA news and videos
- WAAPA Graduate news
- Last minute changes to WAAPA program
- Upcoming Friends Events

What is the Committee planning?:

- 2019 will see the implementation of :
 - Credit Card electronic membership payments
 - Refinement of Electronic membership form
 - PLEASE NOTE: Hard copy forms will be available for members without a computer.

12. Q+A The Chair took questions from the Membership:

- Jill Clarke: What has been done about the Distribution of WAAPA programs ?
 - A. Early publication this year so distributed at the Fringe Festival, and Festival

of Perth. Twenty-five thousand copies were distributed in 2018 and to date 18 thousand have been distributed.

Jill Clarke requested that a drop be made to the Inglewood Swimming Pool.

Robin Campbell, a Member volunteered to do so.

- Photographer: Chris McCappin - Re Music Theatre Students. Stated he had been to many off campus productions where the students raise funds, but don't seem to get a lot of publicity through the Friends.
- A. If the students require publicity then advise the Friends so advertising on their behalf can be done. Contact the Chair.

13. **Appointment of Auditors** for 2019. Shreeve & Carslake have reduced their fee due to the FOA making electronic submissions.

Moved by Carol Schembri. Seconded by Heather Rodgers.

Carol Schembri proposed a vote of thanks to Kevin for the work and time he invests in the Friends

14. There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.59 pm

15. Next AGM will be in March 2020. The date to be advised.

Signature: Date: