Maitland Regional Art Gallery Members
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday 20 October 2016 at 6.00pm
Venue: Maitland Regional Art Gallery

MINUTES

Opening and Welcome: The Chairperson, Dr J. Noble AM opened the meeting acknowledging the Wonnarua People, who are the traditional custodians of the land, and welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

Item 1: **Present**: Jan Noble, Sui-Linn White, Sue Groom, Andrea Pugh, Catherine Kingsmill, Brigette Uren, Loretta Baker, Cheryl Farrell, Holly Fisher-Bidwell, Kattie Bugeja, Kim Blunt, Cr R. Geoghegan.

Apologies: Jenny Aitchison MP, Mayor Peter Blackmore, Lizzie McLaughlin, Alasdair Smart

Item 2: **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting Thursday 23 October 2015**
The Chairperson presented the minutes of the previous AGM and they were accepted.
Moved: S-L. White Seconded L. Baker

Item 3: **Business Arising from Previous Minutes** - None

Item 4: **Presentation of the Annual Report and Chairpersons Address**
The Chairperson presented the Annual Report 2015 – 2016 (attached) highlighting the MRAGM progress towards incorporation, Membership, Events and Fundraising, the ARTEL Magazine and significant Financial Matters. On behalf of the committee a note of thanks was given to the many people who have supported the committee and Committee events. Particular appreciation was conveyed to the art gallery staff and volunteers for their generous cooperation and assistance throughout the year.

It was moved that the Chairperson's Report be accepted
Moved: L. Baker Seconded: S-L. White

Item 5: **Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements**
In the absence of A. Smart (Treasurer), J. Noble read the Treasurer's Report for the year ending 30 June 2016 and the Final Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 (attached). The carry over balance at year end for MRAGM is $82,531.

It was moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
Moved: R. Geoghegan Seconded: A. Pugh

R. Geoghegan highlighted a point regarding MRAGM funds currently held by Maitland City Council namely how these funds will be retained by MRAGM following the proposed council merger. The chairperson responded stating the Committee's views on the issue and how the Committee believed it should be addressed.

Item 6: **Election of New Executive**

All positions declared vacant. No positions contested, all nominees were elected unopposed.

Chairperson – Jan Noble
Vice Chairperson – Sui-Linn White
Secretary – Sue Groom
Treasurer – Alasdair Smart
Magazine Secretary – Catherine Kingsmill
Events Coordinator – Andrea Pugh
Ordinary Committee Member – Holly Fisher-Bidwell

Item 7: **Note of thanks to Outgoing Committee Member.**

Lizzie McLaughlin did not nominate for re-election owing to her current work commitments. However, she will continue her association with the Committee as a consultant on constitutional and other legal matters. J. Noble acknowledged Lizzie's valuable contribution to the Committee.
Moved Sui-Linn White Seconded A. Pugh

Item 8: **Welcome to New Committee Member** – Holly Fisher-Bidwell.

Item 9: **General Business** - None

Item 10: **Guest Speaker** - Carolyn McKay

Carolyn McKay presented and exceptional biography of her artistic endeavours including photos of her art works.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairperson thanked Ms McKay and invited her to join the Committee members for dinner as their guest.

Item 11: **Meeting closed at:** 7.30pm