

**Maitland Regional Art Gallery Members
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: Thursday 19 October 2017 at 6.00pm

Venue: Maitland Regional Art Gallery

MINUTES

Item 1: **Present:** J. Noble, S-L White, A. Smart, S. Groom, A. Pugh, C. Kingsmill, H. Fisher-Bidwell, B. Uren, Mayor L. Baker, Cr B. Whiting, C. Farrell, K. Bugeja, K. Blunt, M. Skene, V. Evans, M. Maartensz, P. Van Lubeck, F. Winnips, G. Johnston, F. Oakes, G. Fallavollita, D. Baker, S. Troy, S. Denmead, L. Chapman, O. Sophia.

Apologies: J. Aitchison MP (Patron), D. Evans.

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: S-L. White

Seconded: G. Johnston

Item 2: **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting Thursday 20 October 2016**

The Chairperson presented the minutes of the previous AGM.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted.

Moved: L. Baker

Seconded: A. Pugh

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

Item 4: **Presentation of the Annual Report and Chairpersons Address by J. Noble.**

The Chairperson presented the Annual Report 2016 – 2017 highlighting the MRAGM Committee decision to remain an s355 Committee of Council, 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.

Motion: That the Chairperson's Annual Report be accepted

Moved: L. Baker

Seconded: S-L. White

Item 5: **Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements**

Presented by A. Smart.

The treasurer's report summarised income and expenditure for the financial period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. The carry-over balance at year-end of \$66,412.

The report also included an adjusted statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: C. Kingsmill.

Seconded: H. Fisher-Bidwell

Item 6: Election of New Executive
The Cultural Director declared all positions vacant and proceeded to announce nominations. No positions were contested with the following nominees elected:

Chairperson: Sui-Linn White
Vice Chairperson: Leeroy Chapman
Secretary: Olivia Sophia
Treasurer: A. Smart
Magazine Secretary: Sally Denmead
Events Coordinator: Andrea Pugh
Ordinary Committee Member: Holly Fisher-Bidwell

Item 7: **Note of thanks to Outgoing Executive**
B. Uren acknowledged the contribution of J. Noble to MRAGMC and to C. Kingsmill for her contribution to the ARTEL Magazine. All Committee members were also acknowledged for their continued support of the Gallery and in particular the Educational Program.

Item 8: **Welcome to New Executive Members**
S-L. White welcomed new members to the Committee and invited each person to introduce himself or herself.

Item 9: **General Business**
S-L. White outlined the following:
The review of membership categories and fees has demonstrated the need to simplify the categories and make a modest increase in fees payable.

Accordingly it is moved that:

- a) A modest increase to membership fees be implemented.
- b) The 'couple' membership category be removed.

Notes: This would adversely affect members in the concession and non-concession couples categories, of which there are currently 173. For existing couple members, we would offer an opportunity to sign up for the three year membership (ie 'price freeze') at the current rate, after which the category will no longer be offered.

- c) A Business category be added as a strategy to meet costs of Artel distribution that is currently provided as good will; to reach out to the business community; and create a funnel for potential corporate partnerships. Suggested benefits include Artel, an 'Art After dark' event for up to 5 employees, an opportunity to advertise in Artel (at a competitive rate).

Category	1 year	3 year
Individual	\$30	\$75
Concession (child or pensioner)	\$25	\$60
Family	\$50	\$120
Business	\$80	\$195

Moved: S-L. White Seconded: A. Smart
All were in favour of this motion.

Item 10: **Guest Speaker**

J. Noble introduced Catherine Croll, Cultural Partnerships Australia.

Catherine presented an interesting outline of a cross-cultural art program that she has carried out. The program included facilitating connections between curators in China and indigenous Australian artists with great success.

Catherine was presented with flowers in gratitude for her very informative presentation.

Item 11: **Any other business**

L. Baker made a presentation of flowers to J. Noble in recognition of her enormous contribution to MRAGMC as Chairperson. Loretta specifically noted Jan's focus on providing a high standard of governance to the organisation and her leadership in mentoring committee members.

Item 12: Meeting closed at 7.30pm

