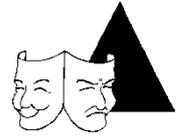


The Mount Players Inc.



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Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Held on Monday 7th of February 2022 at the Mountview Theatre

Chair: Karen Hunt

Minutes: Julia Santamaria

1. Welcome and Meeting Opened at 7:35 pm:

Karen Hunt opened the meeting as the 2021 President.

The Mount Players proudly acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People as the traditional custodians of the land on which the Mountview Theatre is built. We celebrate the rich cultures through our language of theatre and their Dreamtime, the world's oldest form of storytelling. We pay our respects to elders past, present, and emerging.

Ensured a quorum (10% or greater of current Members) was in attendance or had nominated a proxy.

Called for proxies and written nominations to be tabled. A total of 11 nominations received from Karen Hunt, David Runnalls, Bernadette Tonna, Julia Santamaria, Karlana Santamaria, Leo Vandervalk, John Taranto, Yasna Meldrum, Frank Harvey, Craig Lennaine-Smith, Julie Baldwin. No proxies were nominated.

2. Present:

Karen Hunt, David Runnalls, Bernadette Tonna, Julia Santamaria, Karlana Santamaria, Leo Vandervalk, John Taranto, Yasna Meldrum, Frank Harvey, Craig Lennaine-Smith, Julie Baldwin, and others as per the attendance sheet attached.

Life Members present were acknowledged.

Apologies

Ben & Leanne Lawrence, Julie Baldwin, Trevor Hunt, Pauline Garner, Tony & Terri Fox, Neil & Norma Aplin.

3. Minutes of the Previous AGM held Monday 22nd of February 2021:

Moved to accept the presented minutes as a true and accurate representation of the 2021 AGM.

Moved by Bernadette Tonna.

Seconded by Alan Cameron.

Carried.

4. President's Annual Report for 2021:

We managed to put on most of the *Too Many Crooks* season and despite attempts to reschedule, the remaining shows were unable to be staged. We tried our best to put on the *Vortex*, but it proved impossible due to continued postponement and loss of cast availability. *Love Song* is finally going on stage as our first show of 2022. MPYT show went on. We ran three play readings in the times when we were able, and one of those plays read will form part of our 2022 season – *When the Rain Stops Falling*, directed by Vicki Smith.

We did many things with grant money in 2021 while the theatre lay mostly dormant.

Sponsorships from Officebarn in Gisborne, Bradley's Curtains and Blinds in Woodend, Jellis Craig in Woodend, and this year we welcomed Hanging Rock Winery to the list. We thank them for the support and hope to continue these mutually beneficial relationships into the future.

We lost members of our theatre community this year. Richard Whitely, a life member who was instrumental. Arnold Jenkins.

This year we celebrate our 50th anniversary at the Mount Players. We have a diverse season planned, play readings, and hopefully a One Act Play Festival, 'members' evenings', and a revamped youth theatre. The major celebration for the anniversary event will be held on Saturday 14th October, 2022 and will also be the launch of our upcoming history book recording the Mount Players' history and that of its members.

Thank you to the 2021 committee who kept enthusiasm, passion, and dedication for the theatre in such a challenging year. The 2021 committee consisted of Karen Hunt, David Runnalls, Bernadette Tonna, Julia Santamaria, Karlana Santamaria, Craig Lennaine-Smith, Yasna Meldrum, Frank Harvey, Leo Vandervalk, John Taranto, and Julie Baldwin.

Karen called for Members to be active in our theatre community, ensuring the Mount Players and the Mountview will be well loved and cared for and home to a thriving theatre company for many years to come. We hope to see everyone

5. Treasurer's Annual Report & Statement for 2021:

Bernadette Tonna presented the 2021 Annual Report as the 2021 Treasurer. The Mount Players' 2021 financial year began January 1st 2021 and ended December 31st 2021. A challenging year financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic which devastated the entertainment industry. Our total income was \$33,262, and our total expenditure was \$54,639; this resulted in a total deficit of \$21,377. Depreciation was valued at \$22,210.80. Retained earnings stand at \$132,301. The term deposit remained healthy at \$21,577.72 at the closing of our 2021 financial year.

We refunded all 2021 subscriptions (some of which were rolled over from 2020) due to subscribers being unable to fully enjoy their benefits as most shows had to be cancelled. The decision was made not to continue offering Season Subscriptions in 2022 due to ongoing uncertainty.

We have 66 financial members in 2022 so far.
The financials were moved as accepted by John Taranto.

Seconded by Karlana Santamaria.
Carried.

6. Report for the Mount Players Youth Theatre in 2021:

After a slow start to 2021, we opened classes in the second school term of the year. Many MPYT members missed being a part of it in 2020 when we were unable to run at all, and this eagerness and enthusiasm came through in the effort and passion they brought to MPYT in 2022. They worked under strict COVID-19 restrictions for most of the year and managed through small group and Zoom (online) rehearsals to get a full length show on stage – four performances of *Treasure Seekers*. It was a wonderful performance that brought a much-needed injection of life back to the dormant theatre.

In 2022, the Mount Players Youth Theatre will be changing from a weekly workshop format to a school holiday intensive program format, selected due to changing leadership availability and the ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of scheduling certainty, group size, and theatre usage.

The MPYT Leaders won a *Pure Imagination* award, for which they were nominated by MPYT parent Christine Rawlinson. This was accepted by the MPYT Leaders. We offered thanks to Christine for this nomination.

7. Report on the Maintenance of the Mountview Theatre:

John Taranto and Leo Vandervalk presented a maintenance report. We replaced the front doors with new double wooden and glass doors, etched with our logo. Leo painted the gallery, and the cast photographs were rearranged for more space and put in chronological order. The new cabinetry was completed in the bar, and a glass washer installed. We installed new front steps to bring them up to safety standards. We replaced two frayed fly ropes. Our grants relationship with Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Bendigo Bank has been invaluable in a year with such little cash flow. Thank you as well to Ben Lawrence for his continued

8. Resolution for the number of Committee Members to hold office:

It was resolved that the number of Committee Members to hold office would not be restricted prior to declaration of the nominations.

9. Declared that all Committee positions were vacant.

10. Declared that nominations were received for incoming Committee.

Nominations received from Karen Hunt, David Runnalls, Bernadette Tonna, Julia Santamaria, Karlana Santamaria, Leo Vandervalk, John Taranto, Yasna Meldrum, Frank Harvey, Craig Lennaine-Smith, Julie Baldwin.

Nomination forms were read out and all nominees were elected unopposed.

Acceptance of this election moved by Andrew Hamilton.

Seconded by Chris Finch.

Carried.

11. Awarding of Life Memberships to Kath Addicoat and Roger Farley.

12. The Mount Players 2022 AGM was closed at 8:10 pm.