

Strathnairn Arts Association Annual General Meeting  
8 June 2023  
Meeting opened 6pm

## Minutes

1. Establishment of attendance and quorum

**Attendance:** Dianne Libke, Charani Tanasinghi, Liz Coats, Joanne Searle, Trevor Heldt, Rosemary Brock, Hannah Costello, Vanessa Brettell, Barbie Robinson, Richard Schefer (non member), Roger Hancock, Josie White, Nancy Tingey, Paul Irvine, Shannon Wilson-McClinton, Neil Colbran, Kensuke Todo, Wanda Bridgland, Inge Zeilings, Peter Latona, Therse Rasanen, Juliet Clapham, Trena Langdon, Margaret Gordon, Jill Chingan, Jo Hollier, Sarah Humphrey, Blaide Lallemand

2. **Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Welcome (Trevor Heldt)**
3. **Confirmation of minutes of AGM meeting 22 May 2022**

Moved: Anita McIntyre  
Seconded: Barbie Robinson

4. **Chairs Report (Trevor Heldt)**

Paper available on website prior to the meeting.

Acknowledgement of Tim Bohm past Chair, Nanette Black past Chair, Martin Fitzpatrick, past Treasurer

Moved: Anita McIntyre  
Seconded: Dianne Libke

5. **Directors Report (James Holland)**

Paper available on website prior to the meeting.

Acknowledgment of Peter Haynes, past Director

Moved: Rosemarie Brock  
Seconded: Shannon Wilson-McClinton

6. **Treasures Report (Shannon Wilson-McClinton)**

Paper available on website prior to the meeting.

Shannon provided a summary of the report on behalf of the former Treasurer.

Anita McIntyre asked whether the 5-year funding has been secured? Funding has been secured for 2 years with a further 3 years subject to conditions as per the Deed of Grant. Liz Coats asked about developers (Ginninderry) regarding the plans for the

precinct. A meeting with the Director and Board is scheduled to clarify the relationship.

Vanessa asked regarding the possibility of fundraising and sponsorship.

Moved: Vanessa Brettell

Seconded: Roger Hancock

#### 7. **Election of the Board** (James Holland)

Board nominations were open to all members and closed on 1 June. The following nominations were received:

**President / Chair** Trevor Heldt

**Vice Chair** Joanne Searle

**Secretary** Trena Langdon

**General Member** Shannon Wilson-McClinton

**General Member** Craig Edwards

As one nomination has been received for each position, no election required.

Vacancies for Treasurer and General Board Member will be filled on a casual basis under the Constitution.

Moved: Hannah Costello

Seconded: Paul Irvine

#### 8. **Other business**

**Open day planning** (James Holland) is going ahead later in the year to coincide with Floriade. Roger suggested Strathnairn coincide with the Design Canberra festival in 2024. Members would like to see an art market, food market on open day. Suggestion that studio holders are identified with signage on doors. Date and planning to confirmed as soon as possible.

**Artist in Residence** program. Question: How is the artist in residency program going? Alex Cosmos has been in residence and the program will be advertised. Currently talking applications including from writers.

**New committee proposal** (James Holland). James has put forward a proposal to the Board for the following sub committees to support communication, input to Board decisions and co-ordination of activities. Membership will include a Board member and several members:

- Ceramics
- Foundry
- Community
- Creative

## **Facilities**

- can we get lights in the carpark as quickly as possible?
- a number of trip hazards were identified and people were encouraged to report these to "info" email.
- new signage for the electric vehicles when charging requested.

## **Deed of grant (Trevor Heldt)**

Strathnairn submitted a 5 year funding proposal and received approval for 2 years with a further 3 after meeting criteria. These are delivering the program that was proposed, meeting the 9 measures and some special requirements set by artsACT. The organisation will need to move to a modern management model. The Board has commenced a 4 step process over the next 8 months to ensure Strathnairn is in a good position to continue funding. Engagement with members and artsACT will be iterative. The 4 steps are:

- Understanding the requirements
- Developing options
- Selection of preferred option
- Implementation

The Board will hold a planning meeting in July.

Liz Coats met with artsACT staff member and encouraged her to visit Strathnairn.

Barbie Robinson suggested an inclusion an interview in the contract for exhibiting artists.

## **Licence (James Holland)**

The new licence from artsACT has not been finalised. However, James confirmed we will be able to provide some more certainty shortly. James will be meeting with artists individually over the next four weeks to discuss longer licences.

Anita McIntyre encouraged collaboration with other ACT organisations.

**Studio Question:** How many applications are on the books? There are 7 applications on the waiting list. We would like to capitalise on the breath of artists at Strathnairn as a unique arts organisation.

Neil Cobbran commented that modern management is a new permutation of corporate planning and performance management. Neil has suggested that his skill set could be suitable for a nomination on the board and will follow up with the Board following the meeting.

## **Use of land & development**

Margaret Gordon asked about the building that is to be handed over. James advised the handover was scheduled for 2025.

Liz Coats suggested Strathnairn could be used as a nature reserve.

Meeting closed 7.05pm