

Shepparton Theatre Arts Group Incorporated Annual General Meeting 2022

Held at the Bakehouse Black Box Theatre 17th day of August 2022 at 7pm.

Welcome: *President to open the meeting: I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Yorta Yorta and Bangerang, I pay my respects to their Elders past and present and to their emerging Leaders.*

Present

Gemma Marchant, Laura Varapodio, Kathy Skidmore, Nicky Pummeroy, Wendy Platt, John Head, Troy McKindley, Sharon Geraghty, Dale Roberts, Phil Croke, Carol Davidson, Yvette Knight, Casey Fogarty,

by phone Ian Smith

Apologies

Matt Dowling, Bron Prater, Robyn Black, Liz Zito, Jamie Lea, Joyce Baker-Dawber, Karen Groves, Noella Kay, John Lewis

Motion: that apologies be noted and accepted.

Moved _____ Troy_McKindley _____ Seconded _____ Dale_Roberts _____ Carried
_____ Y _____

2. **Previous Minutes:** *(Report uploaded to STAG website prior to meeting and distributed at meeting)*

Previous minutes of the AGM conducted 6 October 2021 have been uploaded to STAG Website

Motion: that the minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Moved _____ Laura Varapodia _____ Seconded _____ John Head _____ Carried
_____ Y _____

3. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes:** None

4. **President's Report:** *(Report uploaded to STAG website prior to meeting and distributed at meeting)*

This is my first term as president commencing in 2021 and it has been a quite a busy time for us all. Unfortunately, due to COVID and all the restrictions placed on us, we have not been able to present as many performances as we would have liked. As a company, we have missed bringing our shows to life for our community and I am sure our community has missed "live" performances. In these hard times we are very grateful to Brendan for applying for the \$20,000.00 Business Grant on our behalf and winning it. It gave us the opportunity to have some coppers in our accounts and the ability to then produce some shows. We started with the amazing "The Drowsy Chaperone" in March. It was performed over two weeks at Riverlinks Westside. This was a spectacular show. The cast and crew did an amazing job. You were taken on a roller coaster of emotions ranging from happiness, to tears then back to joy. The production team and cast took the audience on a heart stopping ride. It was a great show to start back. With COVID, our audience was lower than normal and unfortunately, we did sustain a \$20,000.00 loss - those who attended loved the experience. I for one thought it was brilliant. From there we went onto performing in our very own Blackbox – Blackbox Jazz – STAG sings Gershwin Songbook. We had to adapt to these COVID times, and all auditions were online and worked very well. This was an intimate experience for all those who attended. The live musicians and wonderful singers had everyone in the audience gasping. It truly shows our community is wanting live performances to

come back. Behind the scenes COVID hasn't slowed us down. The committee has been busy with procedure manuals, our memory board displaying our beloved past members is now up in our foyer. We named our wardrobe area after our wonderful Joyce Baker and presented "Dick's" corner for our beloved Dick Hutchinson. The Blackbox is still undergoing upgrades. Flooring has been replaced and the Green Room and Make up Room is almost complete. A huge change for all. It is down to the hard work of many members volunteering their times on weekends etc. It does show what a great community we have. We have purchased a new computer system which allows us to process tickets, food and drinks online. Making the entire process a lot smoother for all. Thank you to Ian for researching this for us. Congratulations to Stefania Panella won a Georgy for best performance in a Cabaret/Concert at the 2021 Georgy Awards. The Christmas Party was held at the Varapodio Orchard – people brought food platters and enjoyed each other's company. We even sang some song – which isn't really unusual for STAG performers is it?? Troy was awarded a commendation for this work with STAG at the GV Volunteer Awards. He was so surprised and humbled by the nomination. The committee has been learning "Teams" as this will be the new way, we communicate during a production to ensure we capture all documentation of our performances. We have had numerous working bees to clean up and sort out our props - thank you especially Noella and Carol who have spent many hours sorting this out and Sharon who has cleaning and culled our costumes, thank you to everyone who have attended these working bees to assist in preparation for our next production in the Blackbox – Steel Magnolias. We will be revisiting our strategic plan shortly. Forward planning is what keeps us going. We will be able to "plan" and grow. Don't worry we have many exciting things planned to move forward but that is something you will have to wait for. I wish to thank each and every one on the committee for supporting me in my role as President in the past year. STAG is such a wonderful family and I look forward to being with it for many more years – for me personally 39 years so far just isn't enough. Thank you, Wendy Platt

Motion: that the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: _____ Carol Davidson _____ Seconded: _____ Casey Fogarty _____ Carried _____ Y _____

5. **Treasurer's Report:** (*Report uploaded to STAG website prior to meeting and distributed at meeting*)

Summary of report for the financial year from 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

• **Shows, Musicals, Plays and Concerts**

Name	Net Profit
1. Drowsy Chaperone	-\$15000 (loss)
2. Gershwin	\$2000 (profit)
Total Profit from Shows	-\$13,000

• **Memberships :**

Membership (2022)	\$1386
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• **Income and Expense**

Period	Income	Expenditure	Net Profit/(Loss)
July 2021 to June 2022	\$62,870.76 (2021-\$15,570)	\$49,445.15 (2021 - \$18,248)	\$13,425.16 (2021 \$2,678)

- Again we have lived through and witnessed a very different year due to Covid. Tentative steps is one apt way to describe it but we forged ahead and were able to welcome back live performances again which was fantastic. We welcomed 2 shows. Drowsy Chaperone performed at Westside and Gershwin performed at the Blackbox.

- Whilst our Major Production lost money we were able to make a profit of 13,425.16. This is significantly higher than the Covid affected 2021.

- The Profit is largely due to the \$20,000 grant we received at the start of the financial year.

- The cash balances have increased by around 20% at the end of the financial year. However, at the time of the reporting (30/6) we had yet to receive some significant bills for production expenses. i.e MTI for Drowsy Chaperone.

- Our position is healthy and as we hopefully come out of Covid we will continue heading in a positive direction. The company currently has approximately \$88000 cash on hand as at 30 June 2022, most of which is held by Goulburn Murray Credit Union with approx. \$1800 being held by Bendigo Bank.

- Work has continued during the year on renovating the Bakehouse with approx. \$5000 being spent on it over the last 12 months, although the actual value would be significantly more considering the amount of time and effort volunteers have put into it. The new tiling and entire green room looks amazing.

- Some notes about the Financial Statements

- With minimal shows there are less members than in previous financial years and the membership profit remained similar to last year.

- Insurance continues to increase over the 12 months, with most business feeling the effects of this due to not only Covid but the prior natural disasters such as the bushfires and drought.

- **Some good news** – The installation of the Solar Panels last financial year has continued to see the electricity drop from approx. \$1000 at the end of last financial year to less than \$100 this year, with most of our bills continuing to show a credit (nothing payable), which is being carried forward to be used in the future.

Thank you
Sean O'Brien
Treasurer

Motion: that the financial report of Shepparton Theatre Arts Group Inc for 2021/22 be accepted.

Moved: Yvette Knight Seconded: ___Phil
Croke_____ Carried ___Y_____

6. Election of Office Bearers/Committee

Election of executive: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

a. President

1 nomination for President received from: Wendy Platt

Gemma declared that Wendy Platt be elected as President for 2022/23

b. Vice President

1 nomination for Vice President received from: Gemma Marchant.

Wendy declared that Gemma Marchant be elected as Vice President for 2022/23.

c. Treasurer

1 nomination received from: Sean O'Brien

Wendy declared that Sean O'Brien be elected as Treasurer for 2022/23.

d. Secretary

1 nomination received from: Nicky Pummeroy

Wendy declared that Nicky Pummeroy be elected as Secretary for 2022/23.

e. Ordinary Members (up to eight)

Nominations for ordinary committee members have been received from:

John Head, Troy McKindley, Bron Prater, Ian Smith, Laura Varapodio, Kathy Skidmore

Wendy Declared nominees elected as ordinary members of the committee for 2022/23.

7. Membership fee subscriptions: amount and date payable.

Membership fees for 2020/21 were: Adult: \$55, Concession: \$30, Family: \$80, Patron - \$30.

Proposed fees for 2022/2023

Adult: \$55

Concession: \$30

Family: \$80

Social: \$30

Patron: \$30

Moved: ___Troy McKindley_____ Seconded: ___John
Head_____ Carried: ___Y_____

Date for payment of membership fees for this financial year. 30/09/2022

Moved: ___Fiona Keenan_____ Seconded: ___Phil Croke_____ Carried:
___Y___

General Business:

8. Sub-committees for 2022/23 and nominations for sub-committees

*Comment: these are not formal committees required by the rules but rather sub-committees which operate to make recommendations to the STAG committee
Call for sub-committees for 2022/23 their new titles.*

Motion: that the sub-committees for 2022/23 and members of the sub-committees be as follows:

- **Bakehouse Building/Development:**
- **Reading:**
- **Artistic:**
- **Future Planning:**
- **Fundraising:**
- **Social:**
- **Technical:**

Moved: _____ Sharon Geraghty _____ Seconded: __ Ian
Smith _____ Carried: __ Y _____

9. Affiliations

Motion: that Shepparton Theatre Arts Group Incorporated retain its affiliations with:

Victoria Drama League and Music Theatre Guild of Victoria

Moved: _____ Gemma Marchant _____ Seconded: _____ Kath
Skidmore _____ Carried: _____ Y _____

10. Other Items of General Business:

Code of Conduct update **Moved:** Troy McKindley **Second:** Yvette Knight **Carried:** Y

Declare Meeting Closed – time 7:38pm