

# STAG Annual General Meeting August 2024

## Shepparton Theatre Arts Group Incorporated Annual General Meeting August 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 6:30pm

**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. General welcoming comments. Introduce Gemma to explain some “housekeeping” to attendees.*

### 1. Present

*Nicky Pummeroy, Wendy Platt, Gemma Marchant, Bron Prater, Ian Smith, Troy McKindley  
Laura Varapodio, Kathy Skidmore, Clare Rich, Tonina Romeo, John Head, Sharon Geraghty,  
Leigh Johnson, Carol Davidson, Fiona Keenan, John Forster, Dale Roberts, Phil Croke*

*Via Phone: Allyssa Geraghty, Wade Gregory*

### Apologies

*Sue Meeking, Melanie Matthews, Bella Walker (poxy), Sean O'brien, Matt Dowling, John Lewis, Noella Kay and Laurie Hucker*

**Motion: that apologies be noted and accepted.**

Moved Dale Seconded Ian Carried Y

### 2. Previous Minutes: *(distributed online)*

*Previous minutes of the AGM conducted 1 November 2023 have been distributed.*

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

Moved Dale Seconded Troy Carried Y

### 3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

*Missing amendment from Dale Roberts requesting show reports to be attached to Treasurers reports for future AGMs.*

### 4. President's Report:

Hello everyone. I would like to welcome you to the Annual General Meeting of Shepparton Theatre Arts Group for the Year 2024. What a year we have had, and I am so proud of our remarkable and productive year. There has been so much happening behind the scenes and performance wise -where do I start?

#### **The building**

I am sure you will notice that our bakehouse has had some facelifts. Outside we have organised for the exterior to be painted, weather permitting, which will improve the overall look. The attic has been sorted, some of the interior walls have been removed, the flooring is almost finished, it looks amazing and well done to all those who have put so much time and effort in completing this task. If you have the opportunity, go into the

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green room, you will see all the work Noella Kay and Carol Davidson have been doing sorting and collating all our props – thank you so much it looks amazing. Sharon Geraghty has done a wonderful job of sorting all our costumes ensuring everything is at your fingertips. In July Nat Dobbin came in and tagged and tested all our equipment, with the help of Ian Smith.

I would personally like to thank Troy McKindley for all this hard work and all the people who come on a Saturday to help build, clean, sort and generally keep the basehouse and it surrounds looking amazing. You all do a brilliant job and I am very grateful.

### Grants/Sponsorships

Gemma and John have been writing and applying for grants for us. We were lucky enough to have received a \$2000.00 grant from Sam Birrell Member for Nicholls this went towards our new aircons and Greater Shepparton Connected Community Grant – Bendigo bank went towards our new lighting Board. Very exciting and very pretty!! John Head has secured \$2500.00 worth of sponsorships – thank you both. This brings me to our beautiful new chairs. I know we were all sick of sitting on our lovely white fold out chairs well now have some beautiful padded black chairs and I for one can vouch for their comfort. As a member of STAG you are able to sponsor a chair. They are \$150.00 and can be sponsored in many ways for example of behalf of families/life membership etc. A plaque will be displayed once we have sold our chairs. If you are interested, please go to our website and enquire.

### Equipment

As I have mentioned we have a new lighting board. We now have a new sound system for the shed inclusive of some microphones. This will make rehearsing so much easier. Four new air conditioners, so useful on those cold nights or very hot days. The new hot water system in our kitchen. The amazing make-up room. If you do get a chance, please check this out. Mirrors, Mirrors and more mirrors it truly is beautiful

### Shows

Well, what haven't we done this year? 12 Angry Jurors for first time director Troy McKindley. Oh my goodness it had you on the edge of your seats. Our trivia night wow so much fun organised by Ian Smith and Nat Dobbin. I certainly did quite a lot of laughing that night (not that you would have heard me). It Takes Two Volume "The Greatest Duet Hits of all Time" wow it was brilliant – Karen Groves and Nicky Pummeroy organised an extravaganza for us and Dave was unstoppable, he certainly was in the zone and it showed. Kat Bristol and Andrew Nicholls have been short listed to perform at the guilds. Their performance sent a shiver down your spine. The Physicist with our first time STAG director Bella Walker. I hope you had the opportunity to see this it was truly thought provoking. What a year we have had and there is so much more to come. The Victor of Dibley happening in December under the guidance of Gemma Marchant. Make sure you keep this in your diaries, I for one can't wait, "no no no no Yes" and of course Little Shop of Horrors happening in September – GET YOUR TICKETS. Wow the talent and the sets are going to blow you away. If you don't know where – well go onto the Riverlinks website!!!! Some of us had the opportunity to sing with Chocolate Starfish for their Anniversary Concert. Adam Thompson was a member of STAG and wrote a beautiful ballad to his

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mother. We had the honour of performing this with him. For me personally it took me back to my school years with Adam and it was so much fun.

## Volunteers

Our amazing and beautiful Phil Croke was recognised for his service with our company at the Annual Shepparton Volunteer Awards. STAG wouldn't be who we are without all our volunteers – nothing is ever too big or too small.

## Georgy Awards & Guild Award Commendations

Our wonderful Nicky Pummeroy and Helen Janke hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> Awards Ceremony. It ran like clockwork and was so beautifully presented. STAG was lucky enough to win several awards, Marc McIntrye for Tevye for Fiddler on the Roof – Best performance and Singing in a musical, best support went to Megan Scott for Fiddler on the Roof. Our very own Bron Prater won the Ted Malloy Award, and a Judges award went to Bella Walker for Juror 4 in 12 Angry Jurors

Guild Award – Commendations went to Riverlinks for sound for Fiddler on the Roof and a creative design award for Fiddler on the Roof went to Aaron David Palmer.

## Christmas Party

This was held at the Casa. Many people attended and we had a brilliant night.

## Our History

Nicky has been madly collating our historical data and is almost 80% completed. It has been sorted, scanned and collated and placed on our platform – Teams – it is amazing to see all our past. Thank you so much Nicky for all your hard work. What this company has accomplished over the years truly amazing. We are sadly missing a lot of the 1990's and 2000's so if anyone has anything hiding away please let us know. All the minutes and documents from 1975 to 1990 have been scanned by printworks. Show photos and historical photos are being collated.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next and what a year we have in store. A book it set for release in March 2025, thank you to Bron for reading, chasing and capturing our past. Bron has written, spoken and sourced so much it is going to be a gem. It is sure to bring back a lot of memories for a lot of people – thank you Bron. Our gala dinner is planned and will be held at the GV Hotel. We are bringing back 10 in ten and our month of Sundays – but this is only the start there are so many exciting things happening so watch this space.

As another year draws to a close, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who have been a part of the STAG family, whether on stage or behind the scenes. Our dedicated audiences deserve our gratitude thanks for their unwavering support. I encourage you all to stay involved. Finally, to the amazing committee, I would personally like to say a huge thank you for all your support and guidance. This has not been a particularly easy year for me personally and I couldn't have done this without you all. I love you all dearly. We certainly are a team. Shows are not just on stage there is a lot of hard work that goes

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behind the scenes that no one sees and people aren't recognised for – but we do it because we love it.

Now to our future!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Wendy Platt-President 2023/34

After the report Phil Croke addressed the meeting thanking the committee for his nomination in this year's Volunteers Awards held at the Eastbank center. He stated he was very humbled and thought of us all standing on that stage as actors.

**Motion: that the President's Report be accepted.**

Moved: Fiona Seconded: Laura Carried Y

## 5. Treasurer's Report: (Report has been distributed online and at meeting)

### ***TREASURERS REPORT FOR AGM***

Summary of report for the financial year from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

#### ***Shows, Musicals, Play and Concerts***

<i>Name</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Net Profit (Loss)</i>
Fiddler on the Roof (October 2023)	\$88,762.76	\$73,880.69	\$14,882.07
It Takes two (V2) (March 2024)	\$29,621.43	\$14,739.01	\$14,882.42
The Physicists (June 2024)	\$11,304.26	\$ 3,583.87	\$ 7,720.39
<b>Total Profits from Shows</b>	<b>\$129,688.45</b>	<b>\$92,203.57</b>	<b>\$37,484.88</b>

#### ***Memberships for the Year***

Memberships 2023 -2024	\$2327.11
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#### ***Income and Expense for 2023 - 2024***

<i>Period</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Net Profit (Loss)</i>
July 2023 to June 2024	\$145,105.24	\$114,959.41	\$30,145.83

- ❖ The total funds in the GMCU as at the June 2024 totalled \$89,960.66, which includes the term deposit of \$44,047.85
- ❖ The Balance of the Bendigo Bank Development Fund account as at the June 2024 is \$6371.36. This includes a grant which was received in October 2023 for \$4,500 from Connected Community Bendigo Bank Grant.

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- ❖ Another Grant was received for \$2,000 in May 2024 from the Social Services Department for a Volunteer Grant.
- ❖ In February this Year STAG held another Trivia night as a social night and a small fund was raised for STAG. The night raised, once all the expenses were taken out was a total of \$508.09.
- ❖ STAG made a few purchases during the year for the Black Box.

New Dimmer Rack & Lighten console	\$8,671.30
New Stage extensions	\$2,046.00
Hot water Unit for the Kitchen	\$ 969.99
4 New Split Systems	\$5,181.00
Yamaha MGIZUX mixer	\$ 649.00
Speaker	\$2,400.00

- ❖ STAG also Purchase 80 new black Spire chairs for the Blackbox to replace the white chairs. (Total \$9284.00)

The committee has invited the STAG family to sponsor a chair for \$150. Sponsor's names will appear on a plaque in the Blackbox. This initiative aims to help us recoup some of the costs of the chairs and will leave a legacy honouring the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

- ❖ Also, the makeup room has had a face lift where there are new mirrors and lights, and the room has been painted.
- ❖ It has been good to see that the Theatre has come back to life during the year. With nearly all the shows sold out. All shows have turned a profit this year. We hope this will continue to happen as we move into the new season.

Thankyou

Tonina Romeo – Treasurer.

**Motion: that the financial report of Shepparton Theatre Arts Group Inc for 2023/24 be accepted.**

Moved: Clare Seconded: Bron Carried Y

### 6. Election of Office Bearers/Committee

All positions on the committee were declared vacant.

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

a) **President Gemma thanks ed Wendy for all her work**

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Wendy vacated the chair. Gemma took take chair for election of President. Gemma thanked Wendy for all her work during the year which was appreciated by all at the meeting.

## **Gemma announced one nomination for President received from: Wendy Platt**

There were no other nominations and Gemma declared that **Wendy Platt was elected as President for 2024/25.**

Gemma vacated the chair Wendy took up chair.

## **b) Vice President**

### **Wendy announced one nomination for Vice President received from Gemma Marchant.**

There was no other nominations and Wendy declared that **Gemma Marchant was elected as Vice President for 2024/25.**

## **c) Treasurer**

### **Wendy announced one nomination for Treasurer received from Tonina Romeo.**

There was no other nominations and Wendy declared that **Tonina was elected as Treasurer for 2024/25.**

## **d) Secretary**

### **Wendy announced one nomination for Secretary received from Nicky Pummeroy**

There was no other nominations and Wendy declared that **Nicky Pummeroy be elected as Secretary for 2024/25.**

## **e) Ordinary Members (up to eight)**

Wendy announced that all positions were declared vacant. John Head is stepping down this year. Wendy thanked him for his 10 years on Committee. He is a valued member and contributor to the group. He was presented with chocolates, wine and a card. John thanked everyone and the committee for the last 10-11 years

Nominations for committee ordinary members have been received from:

**Troy McKindley, Bron Prater, Ian Smith, Laura Varapodio, Kathy Skidmore, Clare Rich and Bella Walker**

**Wendy declared that all the nominees are elected as ordinary members of the committee for 2024/25.**

## **7. Membership fee subscriptions: amount and date payable.**

Membership fees for 2024/25 were: Adult: \$55, Concession: \$30, Family: \$80

**Adult: \$55**

**Concession: \$30**

**Family: \$80**

**Social: \$30**

Moved: Sharon Seconded: Troy Carried: Y

It is also necessary to set a date for payment of membership fees for this financial year. 1<sup>st</sup> of July-June 30th

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Moved Clare Seconded Carol Carried: Y

## General Business:

### 8. Sub-committees for 2024/25 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*

**Motion: that the sub-committees for 2024/25 and members of the sub-committees be as follows:**

- **Bakehouse Building/Development:**

Troy McKindley Phil Croke

- **Reading:**

Bron Prater Dale Roberts Fiona Keenan Mel Matthews Casey Fogarty Laura Varapodio  
Troy McKindley

- **Artistic:**

Nicky Pummeroy Gemma Marchant Troy McKindley Sean O'brien Laura Varapodio  
Clare Rich

- **Fundraising:** Sponsorship/Grant writing

John Head John Foster Gemma Marchant

- **Social:**

Carol Davidson Wendy Platt Gemma Marchant

- **Technical:**

Ian Smith Troy McKindley Mitchell Street Laura Varapodio Clare Rich

Moved: Troy Seconded: John Foster Carried: Y

### 9. Affiliations

**Motion: that Shepparton Theatre Arts Group Incorporated retain its affiliations with:  
Music Theatre Guild of Victoria, Georgy Awards**

It was discussed not to affiliate with the VDLs as their prices have increase significantly

Moved Ian Seconded Gemma Carried: Y

### 10. Other Items of General Business:

*Call for any other items of general business.*

>Sponsorship for new Theatre Chairs was discussed and explained how the sponsorship works

>New STAG uniform form available

>Save the Date 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 at the GV Hotel

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Declare Meeting Closed: 7:12pm