

MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was held in THE IRIS CINEMA
13 Morphett Street, Adelaide
6:25pm Thursday 30th May, 2019.

- 1. PRESENT:**
- Board Members:** Tony Keenan (Chair), Claire Harris, Alison Wotherspoon
- General Members:** Carolyn Corkindale, Gena Ashwell, Robert Crowther, Gail Fuller, Lucy Gale, Nicholas Godfrey, Wayne Hardy, Tom Hardy, Adam Lemmey, Daniel Thorsland, Emma Hough Hobbs
- Proxy votes:** Tony Keenan for Kirsty Stark

- 2. APOLOGIES:** Kirsty Stark, Maddy Parry, Mark Stevens, Mark Knight

After quorum wasn't reached on the planned meeting date and time of 23 May 2019 at 6pm, the AGM was reconvened on the above time and date. It was noted that a quorum had been reached and the meeting commenced.

3. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER & SCRUTINEERS

Robyn Jones is nominated as the returning officer and Anthony Frith as scrutineer.

Moved: Claire Harris

Seconded: Alison Wotherspoon

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE 2018 AGM MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of the 2018 Media Resource Centre (MRC) AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record of meeting proceedings.

Moved: Alison Wotherspoon

Seconded: Claire Harris

CARRIED

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Tony Keenan referred to his *Chair's Report* in the *2018 Annual Report*, copies of which were distributed to meeting attendees.

Tony spoke of the Media Resource Centre (MRC) maintaining the same mission and focus as it always has; that of production and development initiatives, with the Iris and Mercury cinemas being spaces that form an integral part of the business.

The South Australian Screen Awards (SASA) and Screen Makers Conference continue to be highlights of the film industry calendar and are recognised as such by State and Federal governments.

Since the last AGM it has become clear that the State government elected in 2018 have different expectations than the previous. Their focus is on funding to support growing the industry. Also, Peter Hanlon (chair of the SAFC board) has been quite actively engaged with the MRC in the last year. Consequently, we have recognised the need to rebrand to this changing environment and we're looking to vote in a board around this, who are also able to help staff and management in the day to day running of the business.

In 2018 a Strategic Plan was developed with a look to make the MRC more agile, strong and commercially focused in the current film landscape, with governance being of particular interest.

Tony commended the staff and board of the MRC. He expressed his understanding of the great work they do with limited resources.

Tony invited Daniel Thorsland to speak about the Industry Review that is currently underway. He said that the aim is to preserve, protect and grow the industry in South Australia, and that the MRC's important role in this has been recognised. The MRC has been well represented in the industry reference groups and seen as an asset. He talked of the industry reference groups having 'robust' conversations. A strategy document had been sent to the Department for Innovation and Skills with a timeline for release to the public in July. Daniel suggested that given the quick consultation there may be more of a consultative process before final decisions are made. He said

the focus is about: audience diversity, SA being a 'go to' place for film production and industry development.

Motion: That the Chair's Report be accepted.

Moved: Claire Harris

Seconded: Alison Wotherspoon

CARRIED

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tony Keenan noted the organisation's strong reliance on State government support given the limited Federal funding in recent years. The MRC has also tried to exploit its physical assets, the Mercury and Iris cinema's, to generate income.

Tony acknowledged that staff are stretched so the review would hopefully result in sharing resources across organisations to free up MRC staff to do more day to day work. Efficiencies with management systems and staff practices would then improve too, with any luck.

Highlights

- Sponsorship income has grown (some external help may be necessary to lift it to East Coast and Corporate Philanthropic levels)
- Gail has been successful in securing special project funding, however, this requires additional expenditure. A challenge that requires some juggling
- The MRC maintains healthy reserves

Tony again recognised the efforts of staff trying to navigate the changing conditions. Special mention was made to Mark Knight (outgoing board member) for his work with the finance subcommittee, who meet regularly to discuss the MRC finances.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Claire Harris

Seconded: Alison Wotherspoon

CARRIED

7. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR'S REPORT

Motion: That the Auditor Report be accepted.

Moved: Claire Harris

Seconded: Alison Wotherspoon

CARRIED

8. ELECTION OF MRC BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The constitution allows not less than six and not more than seven positions. Terms are for two years and there were 2 vacant positions.

Term's were up for: Mark Knight and Mark Stevens. Maddy Parry also resigned from her position. The following were nominated: Daniel Thorsland, Gena Ashwell and Rajeev Kamineni

A secret ballot was taken, in which members were instructed to vote for 2 or less nominees. Robyn Jones tallied the votes, while Anthony Frith scrutinised.

The two successful nominees were: Gena Ashwell and Daniel Thorsland

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Tony recommends that RSM Bird Cameron be reappointed as external auditors. He noted that they've been very helpful and we're happy with their engagement over the past 4 years. They're also relatively inexpensive.

Motion: That RSM Bird Cameron be re-engaged as the MRC Auditor for 2018.

Moved: Gena Ashwell

Seconded: Daniel Thorsland

CARRIED

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tony thanked everyone for attending. No attendees raised any other business.

The meeting closed at 6:55pm.