

CINEMA AND THEATRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC. (CATHS)

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE SUN THEATRE, YARRAVILLE ON 29 OCTOBER 2023

1. Attendance

- 1.1 The meeting was opened at 9.32am by the President, Royce Harris, with 36 members in attendance.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from: Greg Praetz, Earl Martell, Geoff Gunst, Ken Bennett, Ian McLeod, Rod Smith, Graham Hall, Jen Atkinson, Rod How, Richard Twentyman, Brian Mier.
- 1.3 New members: Greg Murphy (Deagon, Qld), Samuel Turner (Huonville, Tas), Paul George (Richmond, Vic).
- 1.4 Deaths: John Levey (24/6/23). Belated advice from Judith Levey.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 27 August 2023

- 2.1 It was moved by Keith Gulliver that the Minutes of the General Meeting 27 August 2023 be accepted.
Seconded: Alan Winn. Carried.
- 2.2 Business arising from the Minutes: Nil.

3. Correspondence

- 3.1 Mike Trickett reported on inward and outward correspondence since 27 August 2023.
The main item being the final report to the PROV on the use of the grant money we received. The report included receipts, photos and a description of the project. A confirmation of acceptance and finalisation of the project was received back from the PROV.
Moved that correspondence report be accepted: Mike Trickett.
Seconded: Victor Jurkenas. Carried.

4. Activity Reports

- 4.1 ***Finance report:*** Treasurer Cameron Hall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period 27 August 2023 – 28 October 2023.
Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted: Cameron Hall.
Seconded: Peter Wolfenden. Carried.
- 4.2 ***Committee report:*** Royce Harris presented the Committee Report for the period 27 August 2023 – 28 October 2023.
Moved that the Committee report be accepted: Peter Wolfenden.
Seconded: Barbara Trickett. Carried.
- 4.3 ***Archive report:*** President Royce Harris presented his report on Archive activities and donations since the previous meeting on 27 August 2023.
Moved that the report be accepted: Royce Harris.
Seconded: Ross Campbell. Carried.
- 4.4 Mike Trickett congratulated CATHS South Australian member, Phil Branford, on being made SA Cinema Pioneer of the year.

5. Research Group Report

Research Group coordinator, Ian Smith gave a short presentation with on-screen pictures, advising members of the outcome of the Group's investigations into -

- 1: Why the name of "Our Theatre" in Camberwell was changed to the Broadway back in 1926, and
- 2: The Group has been looking into the provenance of the large mirror at the Capital Theatre, Bendigo. Basic research revealed that, contrary to what is claimed on the plaque attached to it, it did not come from the Empress Theatre. It actually came from the Grand Theatre, Footscray.

6. Guest Speaker

After the coffee break, the President welcomed the Guest Speaker, Dr. Dean Brandon, who spoke on the extensive research he had carried out for his up-coming book on the history of the Lyceum Theatre in Melbourne.

Following the Guest Speaker, members were entertained by a selection of short films prepared by Mike Trickett.

The meeting closed at 12.04pm.