

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

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE SUN THEATRE, YARRAVILLE ONSUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024

1. Attendance

- 1.1 The meeting was opened at 9.32am by the President, Royce Harris, with 35 members in attendance.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from: Geoff Gunst, Brian Meir, Pete Smith, Earl Martell, Peter Wolfenden, Ron Hodgetts, Victor Jurkenas, Michael Campi, Kristina Rogos, Rod How.
- 1.3 New members: Jason Boulter (Glen Iris, Vic). Lucy Allardice (Footscray, Vic.)
- 1.4 Deaths: Darrell Norley, Tanunda SA (Date unknown); Brian Collinson, Gladstone Park VIC (15/11/23) and Brian Pearson (Adelaide). A 1-minute silence was held in respect of these three members.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 29 October 2023

- 2.1 It was moved by Barbara Trickett that the Minutes of the General Meeting 29 October 2023 be accepted. Seconded: Keith Gulliver. Carried.
- 2.2 Business arising from the Minutes: Nil.

3. Correspondence

- 3.1 Mike Trickett reported on highlights of inward and outward correspondence since 29 October 2023. Moved that correspondence report be accepted: Keith Gulliver. Seconded: Rod Smith. Carried.

4. Activity Reports

- 4.1 **Finance report:** Treasurer Cameron Hall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period 29 October 2023 – 24 February 2024. Cameron also noted that small cash donations at the morning tea break to off-set costs would be much appreciated. Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted: Ken Bennett. Seconded: Larry James. Carried.
- 4.2 **Committee report:** Nil report, as there has not been a Committee Meeting held since 29 October 2023.
- 4.3 **Archive report:** President Royce Harris presented his report on Archive activities and donations since the previous meeting on 29 October 2023. (Copy attached). Moved that the report be accepted: Royce Harris. Seconded: Tom Vitale. Carried.
- 4.4 **Research Group Report:** Research Group Co-ordinator, Ian Smith, presented a report on the Research Group activities for the period 29 October 2023 – 24 February 2024.

Ian Smith also advised that a cinema tour of Penny Lane Cinema in Moonee Ponds has been arranged for 10.30am on 17 March 2024. Further details will be sent out to members in the near future.

Moved that the Research Group report be accepted: Ian Smith.
Seconded: Alan Winn. Carried.

5. Donations

John Budge - quantity of films to be sold as fund raisers
John Semmens - quantity of 16mm to be sold as fund raisers
These will either be sold in Reel Deals (better prices) or at the Cine Fair.

6. Members' Forum

- 6.1 Mike Trickett asked for volunteers to take on the task of setting for meetings, as replacement for Tony Tibballs who has now relocated to Queensland. This request also extended to volunteers for the Cine Fair and Book Sale events, and for helpers in the Sun Theatre kitchen in connection with morning coffee break.
- 6.2 Mike Trickett advised that CATHS now has EFTPOS facilities available at meetings, the Cine Fair and at the Book Sale. He encouraged members wishing to renew their membership now to come forward during the coffee break.

The business section of the meeting closed at 10.06am.

7. Guest Speaker

Following the business section of the meeting, the President welcomed the Guest Speaker, member Ian McLeod, who spoke on his history in cinema, accompanied by an on-screen presentation of the history and various homes of the Wurlitzer Organ at the Dendy Theatre in Brighton.

8. On-Screen Entertainment

Following the coffee break, members were entertained by an on-screen selection of short films prepared by Mike Trickett.

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon.