

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

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE SUN THEATRE, YARRAVILLE ONSUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

1. Attendance

- 1.1 The meeting was opened at 9.30am by the Vice-President, Keith Gulliver, with 43 members in attendance.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from: Royce Harris (President), Earl Martell, Jason Boulter, Victor Jurkenas and Rod How.
- 1.3 New members: Max Raynor (Brighton, Vic) 25/2/24; Brett Enright (Essendon, Vic) 9/3/24; Juliet John (Montrose, Vic) 2/4/24; Bill Stewart (Watanobbi, NSW) 4/4/24.
- 1.4 Deaths: Frank Van Straten (Patron, South Yarra, Vic) 19/4/24; Don McGregor (Rye, Vic) 27/2/24. A formal tribute was made for Frank Van Straten later in the meeting. Mike Trickett acknowledged the generous donation of high quality photographs of a number of theatres over the years by Don. A 1-minute silence was held in respect of these members.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 25 February 2024

- 2.1 It was moved by Ross King that the Minutes of the General Meeting 25 February 2024 be accepted. Seconded: Keith Stevens. Carried.
- 2.2 Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

3. Correspondence

Mike Trickett reported on highlights of inward and outward correspondence since 25 February 2024. Moved that the correspondence report be accepted: Mike Trickett. Seconded: Tom Vitale. Carried.

4. Activity Reports

- 4.1 **Archive report:** Royce Harris' written report on Archive activities, donations and acquisitions since the previous meeting on 25 February 2024 was read to the meeting. (Copy attached). Moved that the report be accepted: Alan Winn. Seconded: Ian Smith. Carried.
- 4.2 **Finance report:** Treasurer Cameron Hall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period 26 February – 27 April 2024. (Copy attached). Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted: Cameron Hall. Seconded: Roderick Smith. Carried.
- 4.3 **Committee report:** A Committee Meeting was held on Thursday 11 April at the CATHS Archive. The only item on the agenda was to consider the current membership fee structure and make a recommendation to this meeting as required under Section 12(1) of the Rules. (Copy attached).

Mike Trickett reported that the most recent fee increase was 10 years ago, and that, as a result of new postal charges which came into being on April 1 2024, it is now inevitable that membership fees must increase to cover the additional costs of mailing notices to non-email members as well as the extra cost of mailing CinemaRecord to all members.

As a result, it was recommended that the annual membership fees be increased for the 2024/2025 CATHS year and beyond, as follows:-

Members accepting notices by email: \$55 pa.

Members requiring notices to be mailed: \$65 pa.

Overseas members: \$70 pa.

Moved: Mike Trickett

Seconded: Ken Bennett. Carried.

4.4 ***Events report:***

Mike Trickett reported on the Collectors' Fair at the Seddon Scout Hall on 18 April 2024, and the Book Sale at PMI Prahara on 16 March 2024.

5. **General Business from the floor**

Nil.

6. **Tributes to Frank Van Straten**

Oral tributes to our late Patron, Frank Van Straten, were delivered by Jim White (Member and interviewer of Frank for the article which appeared in CinemaRecord Editions 107, 108 & 109) and from our other Patron, Pete Smith.

7. **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 11.56 am.