

# LAUNCESTON FILM SOCIETY

**MINUTES OF 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Village Cinemas on 24th February, 2025.**

**The meeting opened at 6pm.**

## **WELCOME BY PRESIDENT**

Janez Zagoda opened the meeting and welcomed 168 members present.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2024 AGM**

Copies of the minutes from the meeting held on 26th February 2024 had been available on the website preceding the meeting.

**Moved** Gail Bendall, **seconded** Thomas Gunn, *that the Minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting.* **Carried on the hands.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Janez spoke to his report which was published in the Term 1 Newsreel.

He went on to give an explanation of our reduced membership and the financial need to use the smaller cinemas for our screenings, and confirmed that as a result seating could not be guaranteed.

He also announced that Gill Ireland has not stood for re-election. Gill has been on the Committee for 17 years and during that time has provided extremely valuable service, particularly as Membership Secretary. Together with her husband, Life Member Richard, she has brought the recording, analysis and management of our Membership to a very sophisticated level. He thanked Gill for her service, to which the audience applauded.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

In the absence of Treasurer Ed Beswick, Secretary Gail Bendall presented the audited financial report on his behalf. The report had been available on the website. Hard copies were available at the meeting.

Ed reported that the financials once again reflected a deficit, but this year only a very small deficit of \$1500. He advised that the membership fee had been increased to \$150 in 2024, but as numbers remained lower than previously and our costs increased, a deficit resulted. However, he advised that due to the steps taken by the Committee in stopping the 6.30 screening and providing end-of-term voting functions only twice for the year, the deficit was very small.

He advised that for 2025 there had been a further increase in subs to \$165, but with still lower numbers of members, the Committee has taken steps to screen all our movies in Cinema 2 – a smaller theatre at a lower cost. We have been able to reinstate the 6.30 Wednesday screening which enables a spread of numbers over four screenings per week.

He also gave thanks to Gill Ireland for her many years of invaluable work and wished her well.

Ed advised that if any member had questions regarding the Financials they should contact the Society by email or meet with Committee members at the door prior to screenings.

**Moved** Ed Beswick, **seconded**, Penny Jacobs, *that the Financial report be adopted.*

**Carried on the hands.**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Ed Beswick advised that Ruddicks had conducted the audit, and it had gone very smoothly and no issues had been identified.

**It was moved** Ed Beswick, **seconded** Colin Williams, *that Ruddicks be reappointed as auditor for 2025.*

**Carried on the hands.**

#### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.**

Janez confirmed that as Gill Ireland had resigned her position, there was a vacancy on the Committee. All positions were declared vacant.

There were eight nominations for Committee and all eight were elected unopposed.

President:	Janez Zagoda
Vice President:	Mark Horner
Treasurer:	Ed Beswick
Secretary:	Gail Bendall
Membership Secretary:	Fahad Al-Sohaibani
Ordinary Members:	Anne Green
	Tania Harvey
	Thomas Butler

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Other Business** – There was no other business

#### **CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 6.11pm