

REDLAND MUSEUM INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4 SEPTEMBER 2018
MINUTES



Chair: Tony Spinks

On behalf of Redland Museum, Tony Spinks acknowledged the traditional custodians of this land.

He welcomed all members and guests including the Mayor of Redland City Karen Williams, the Deputy Mayor Lance Hewlett and Councillors Wendy Boglary, Paul Gollé, and Peter Mitchell; He also welcomed Mr. Geoff Moore, President North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah.

Attendance and Apologies: as per roll

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held on 5 September 2017

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the General Meeting on 3rd October 2017.

President's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 2018 Annual Report of the Redland Museum. This fantastic document has been compiled and much of it written by Sylvia McGarry. How lucky are we to have Sylvia as a volunteer and how fortunate for me as President because there is no way I could produce a document like this. My heartfelt thanks to Sylvia. You can enjoy reading this report at your leisure. Although I have noticed that most of you have already begun to read it. Thank you to the sub-committee leaders, photographers, proofreaders and staff who contributed information towards the making of this Annual Report. We can take pride in using this report during the coming year for promotion, grant applications and volunteer recruitment.

I will just précis some aspects contained in the Annual Report.

1. We are a thriving community hub and are well on the way to our vision of being “a dynamic, inclusive social history museum, recognised as the living heart of our community”.
2. The online recording of our collection, the stocktaking, photographing, accessioning and de-accessioning procedures ensure our collection is of high quality.
3. With our participation in the 2018 Quandamooka Festival and our Heritage and Harmony Fiesta, we are demonstrating our commitment to being “inclusive” of all communities.
4. We are maintaining a strong financial position and giving the Redland City Council extremely good value for their investment in the museum.
5. Community awareness of the museum has increased, with positive feedback highlighting the pleasure brought to all involved. In the last financial year, there were approximately 21,740 visitors which is an increase of 9.9% over the previous year. We also had 1,162 school children visit. We are continually amazed at the number of local people who have just discovered the museum. It certainly is a pleasure to speak with visitors from overseas and interstate.

6. Partnerships with local individuals, communities and organisations have been a highlight of the year, leading to the many and varied exhibitions, events, visits and activities. Rick never ceases to amaze us with the variety of exhibitions he organises.

7. There is always something happening in every area of the museum. The librarians are in heaven working in the new Rotary Heritage Library. The millinery display in the Textile area bought visitors from all areas of Brisbane. While the boys in the workshop are never idle, providing us with a constant stream of restored items. Who would have thought our blacksmiths would become movie stars? One week the Event Room is full of children doing a craft, participating in school holiday programmes and the next it is a venue for a musical performance. Or another group has arrived for a Devonshire Tea or a lunch. Technology and the Capstone Programme are the buzz words at the moment. Four final-year Technology students from QUT are working with our tech guru, Russell Dinte. Charlie Worrell is tackling the enormous task of creating the video and audio information for this project. Hopefully, we will enjoy a sample of this at the October General Meeting.

Thank you to all the members of the Management Committee for your support during the year. Our decisions would not have been fulfilled without the support and generous commitment of the staff and the volunteers. An extra thank you to those MC members who not only continue to pursue their field of interest at the museum but also serve on sub-committees, do weekend roster and volunteer at events. Being on the MC isn't just about a meeting once a month. Special thanks to Vice President Peter for your assistance to me before and after events with setting up and pack away. Of course, I must give special thanks to my resident private secretary for all of her expertise.

I would like to move that the Annual Report and my report be accepted. Seconded by Peter Adam - Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Jan Spinks presented the Audited Financial Report for Financial Year 2017-2018

Jan Spinks moved that her report and the auditor's report be accepted. Seconded: Doug Alexander - Carried.

During FY2017-2018 we continued to build on our past success. UHY Haines Norton Chartered Accountants were engaged by the RMI Management Committee to ensure our financial statements met Australian Accounting Standards. Their audit report will give museum members and stakeholders the assurance that the financial affairs of the museum are being maintained to a high standard. The auditors provided their report to the Management Committee on 8 August 2018.

Income

Our five-year funding agreement with the Redland City Council has been signed, and we have guaranteed operational funding until 2022. For this financial year, the museum received \$229,995 towards operational expenses. All members of the museum are very appreciative of this support from our council. Even though we applied for several grants we were successful with only one application and received a RCC, Councilor's Small Grant of \$2,500 for our Heritage and Harmony Day in March. As a result of many hours of work by us volunteers and

staff, 39.7% of our total income was self-generated. To achieve this excellent result, we have welcomed many visitors through both the front and back doors to enjoy our displays, exhibitions, events and performances. Once inside, visitors support the museum by enjoying our catering, buying raffle tickets and merchandise from the shop and exhibitions, or by giving us a donation. Our Australia Day Play series, in partnership with Mates Theatre Genesis, continues to be very successful. The strong partnerships formed with Event organisers at the showgrounds have continued to grow. During the FY2017-18 we participated in six showground events which gave us the opportunity to showcase all aspects of the museum and also the ability to fundraise during these weekends. Thank you Redland City Council for bringing these events to the showgrounds. One comment we hear regularly is that our pricing is very family friendly. Museum members are extremely grateful to our very generous benefactors both individual and groups. Special thanks to all the Redland's Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Club for their donation towards the restoration and equipping of the Rotary Heritage Library which is completed and fully operational.

Expenditure

An underlying cash surplus earned in FY2017-18, excluding depreciation, was \$45,527. To comply with the accounting standards of the ACNC (The Australian Charities & Not-for-Profit Commission) depreciation of our assets has to be taken into account each year. The Depreciation of assets, as calculated by the auditors, was \$148,262 and is included in Property expenses. The final result was an overall deficit of \$102,735. Using self-generated funds – Capital expenditure was \$48,500 and expenditure over and above the RCC funding was \$62,900. Except when the unexpected occurs sub-committees have worked within their allocated budgets.

Conclusion

The FY2017-18 was another excellent year financially for the museum and gives us a solid base to continue with planned improvements and renovations. It is obvious from this financial success that once again we have been very busy. While we are working / volunteering, we do enjoy ourselves, make new friends, learn new skills and also enjoy plenty of sustenance provided by the catering crew. Thank you, volunteers, who have helped with all aspects of the museum's operation. Thank you also to the museum staff that is the first point of contact for most people when they visit the museum.

Mayor Karen Williams congratulated the Management Committee and members, referring to the museum's contribution to the Community as a great return on the Redland City Council's investment and support. She confirmed the importance of the Council's support of Heritage in the City of Redland.

The President then invited Mayor Karen Williams to chair the meeting for the election of Office Bearers. Before he vacated the chair, he thanked everyone who participated in the election process, either by accepting a nomination or by proposing or seconding a nominee and said to those who are unsuccessful and will not be joining the new Management Committee that we look forward to their continued support at the museum.

Election of Members of the Museum's Management Committee

Mayor Karen Williams declared all positions vacant and presided over the election of members to the Museum's Management Committee. Scrutineers, appointed were Doug Alexander, and Councilors Boglary, Gollé and Mitchell.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea during the counting of votes by the scrutineers.

Election of Office Bearers

The Mayor thanked the scrutineers and announced the results of the election.

President: Tony Spinks

Vice President: Bruce Smith

Honorary Treasurer: Jan Spinks

Honorary Secretary: Liz Blumson

Committee Members:

Deirdre Hargraves

Mauveen McAlloon

Russell Dinte

Rick Thomason

The President Tony Spinks thanked the Mayor and resumed the Chair.

Appointment of Auditors

Tony Spinks proposed a motion that UHY Haines and Norton Accountants be re-appointed as the museum's auditors. Seconded by Sylvia Mc Garry. All in favour. Carried.

Consultants

Tony Spinks acknowledged the continued support of:

Cr Paul Gollé

Peter Robertson

Museum liaison with Redland City Council

Licenced Armourer

Close of meeting

The President thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 10:15 am.

Tony Spinks

President

Redland Museum Inc.