

REDLAND MUSEUM INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7 SEPTEMBER 2021
MINUTES



Chair: Bruce Smith

The President welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Redland Museum.

He acknowledged the Quandamooka People, the Traditional Owners of the lands, winds and waters we call Redlands. He paid his respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.

On behalf of all members of the Museum he extended a warm welcome to the following official guests:

- State Member of Parliament Kim Richards
- Redland City Deputy Mayor Julie Talty
- Councillors
 - Paul Bishop
 - Wendy Boglary
 - Tracy Huges
- The President of North Stradbroke Island Museum, Stuart Cameron

He reminded everyone to sign the attendance book and include any apologies they have been given.

Attendance and Apologies: as per roll

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held on 1 September 2020

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the General Meeting on 6 October 2019.

President's Report: Bruce Smith

I am pleased to present this Annual Report to Redland Museum Members and to all Museum stakeholders. During the past year, our Museum family have actively engaged with our community to make successful progress in the recovery over the challenges presented by the continuing scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic. This involved operating within our approved COVID-19 Safe Plan and associated restrictions such as reduced visitor numbers, special check-in requirements and mask wearing. Thanks to all involved for compliance with these conditions

We have cautiously welcomed a growing number of visitors into the Museum through a variety of events. Starting with our successful annual Science Day in August 2020, we were then able to follow up with participation in the first major showground event for 2020; the Caravan, Camping and 4X4 Show. Our revenues received a significant boost arising from the sold-out performances of our annual Australia Day Play season during January and February. We then received a great public response to our 2021 Heritage and Harmony Fiesta. It was very clear that people had a thirst to come out and experience special celebratory occasions on offer at Redland Museum.

Under the Redland Museum Constitution, a prominent element of our Vision, Goals and Mission involves Community Engagement. This was clearly on show with our involvement over the two days of the Birkdale Community Precinct Family Fun Days in April, presented by Redland City Council to introduce this exciting facility to the public. Our volunteers had a most enjoyable experience bringing our Museum to the Redland community with Museum objects on display, our Photo Booth being well used and our Devonshire Teas in high demand.

During the past year, the many varied Museum activities covered by our dedicated volunteers and staff have kept on humming like a well-oiled machine. These included collection management and research, exhibitions and displays, workshop activities, textile teamwork, catering, guiding, and library tasks. A very pleasing aspect of our operations has been a significant growth in membership achieved by our membership team, despite the challenges of operating within the pandemic.

The outstanding highlight for the past year has been the embedding of Theatre Redlands as a fully-fledged associated group into the Museum. As a result of their fine theatrical work the group has attracted new members, volunteers and audiences culminating in the recent Queensland Day performances, staged using a theatre restaurant format within our Event Room facility.

On behalf of all Museum members, I say thank you very much Sylvia McGarry who was the instigator, editor in chief and driving force of the Museum's Annual Report in this format. After four years, Sylvia has passed the baton for this important task over to Liz Blumson.

During the past forty-nine years, Redland Museum has evolved into a fully engaged living heart of the Redlands community. Our ongoing success is due to the dedication to our underlying principles by members, volunteers, and staff, as well as the assistance from Redland City Council, benefactors and other supporters. On behalf of the Museum Management Committee, I sincerely thank you all for your efforts and support.

Finally, I wish to thank all members of the Management Committee for their efforts and support. Both Bev Shields and Russell Dinte are standing down from the Committee and thanks should go to both for their dedication to their roles.

The President moved the Annual Report and his report be accepted. Seconded by Alan Ghidella Carried

Treasurer's Report: Doug Alexander

The Treasurer's full report is available in the Annual Report. He commented that the Museum is solvent with the building insured for \$5 million and assets of \$400,000. The performance for the previous year was down as the Museum was closed from March until June. JobKeeper enabled the Museum to retain staff, although they took a reduction in wages. The Museum needs to raise \$90,000 to \$100,000 per year through self-generated funds and this puts an enormous strain on volunteers, so this needs to be managed in the future. The Management Committee has approved a budget for the 2022 financial year which shows a small surplus. The wish list for the capital expenditure budget is over \$100,000 but grants could raise \$50,000 and some funds could come from reserves if members agree.

Cr Bishop's comment that the ability shown by the Museum to adapt to changing circumstances was very well done was greeted with applause.

The Treasurer moved that the Treasurer's and Auditor's reports be adopted Seconded: Kath McNeilly Carried

The President then invited Deputy Mayor Julie Talty to chair the meeting for the election of Office Bearers.

Election of Members of the Museum's Management Committee

Deputy Mayor Julie Talty declared all positions vacant and presided over the election of members to the Museum's Management Committee. She read the nominations as follows:

President: Bruce Smith

Vice President: Jan Spinks

Treasurer: Doug Alexander

Secretary: Liz Blumson

Committee Members:

Shirley Mahon

Suzana Petrovic

Tony Spinks

Rick Thomason

After the voting the Deputy Mayor acknowledged the contribution of all Management Committee members and declared all positions filled.

Councillor Paul Bishop reported overwhelming support demonstrated for the Committee through the vote.

The President, Bruce Smith, took the Chair and thanked the Deputy Mayor and Councillors and all Museum members for taking part in the election.

Appointment of Auditors

The President proposed a motion that UHY Haines and Norton Accountants be re-appointed as the Museum's auditors. Seconded by Shirley Mahon. Carried.

Consultants

The President moved that Peter Robertson be reappointed as Licenced Armourer. Seconded by Ross Bower. Carried.

Paul Bishop confirmed that he will act as Redland City Council representative for the Museum. Adelia Berridge will act as his proxy.

Close of meeting

The President thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced that morning tea will be served followed by the September General Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.15 am.



Bruce Smith
President
Redland Museum Inc.