

Friends of Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre

Management Committee Meeting

Annual General Meeting

5pm on Wednesday 26 October 2022

Mission Statement

'To foster and support the continuing development of the Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre and its programs'.

Minutes

- 1. Welcome** President Penny Hall welcomed Troy Greene, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, Peter Sochacki (Returning Officer) and Friends to the meeting.

- 2. Attendance and Apologies**

ATTENDEES:

Patron: Margot Anthony AM

President: Penny Hall

Vice President: Janice Jones

Secretary: Heather McLachlan

Treasurer: Bronwyn Lewis

Membership Secretary: Karlene Polglase

Committee Members: Martin Sullivan, Makala Schofield

Gallery Director: Susi Muddiman OAM

Friends: Peter Sochacki (Returning Officer), Alan Hann, Judy Budd, Peter Budd, Anthony Edwards, Peter Minck, Peter McLachlan

Troy Greene

APOLOGIES: Gaye Taylor, Peter Taylor, Carol Kemp, Ann Bullen, Warren Polglase OAM, Maureen Meijnem, Shona Charters, Ilze Jaunberzins, Carolyn Hastie, Rose Wilsher

- 3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting on 27 October 2021**

MOTION: *That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2021 are correct.*

Moved: Alan Hann

Seconded: Karlene Polglase

CARRIED

- 4. Business arising from the Minutes:** nil

- 5. Correspondence In and Out:** nil

- 6. President's Report:**

- i. This past year has had many events cancelled due to COVID and then freedom for the second half of the year.
- ii. Friends' events and activities included: drinks service for Openings in November, December, April and July, catering for Meet the Artists events in December and March, a bus trip to local artists' studios organised in conjunction with Gallery staff member Meredith Cusack, a film session at Kingscliff Cinema and a 4-day trip to Canberra for the Cressida Campbell exhibition at the National Gallery, Floriade & other activities.
- iii. New Friends Morning Teas were interrupted by COVID but 2 were held: one small, one very well attended.
- iv. Ken Done AM and David Preston both generously donated artworks to be used as raffle prizes, and both proved very popular.
- v. Friends' stalls were held at the Murwillumbah Showground as part of the Murwillumbah Art Trail and at the Gallery Community Picnic with the aim of boosting memberships and selling raffle tickets.
- vi. The introduction of a \$5 charge for wine and beer at Openings has meant that the quality of drinks has been improved.
- vii. The Friends purchased Margaret Olley's *Hawkesbury Wildflowers* for donation to the Gallery's permanent collection from revenue generated by membership fees and donations, raffle and shop sales, drinks service at Openings.
- viii. An event showcasing recent acquisitions to the Gallery permanent collection was held in conjunction with the Foundation in August.
- ix. Very importantly we completed the \$65,000 purchase of Margaret Olley's *Hawkesbury Wildflowers*. Funds from membership renewals, raffle sales, shop sales, sales of wines and beer and donations combine to enable the Friends to purchase works that Susi sees as essential additions to the Gallery's collection.
- x. Margot Anthony AM has agreed to continue as Patron of the Friends for the next year.
- xi. Thanks to the hardworking and supportive Committee members.
- xii. Thanks to Director Susi and her team for their support throughout the year.

MOTION: *that the President's Report be accepted.*

Moved: Penny Hall

Seconded: Heather McLachlan

CARRIED

7. Treasurer's Report:

- i. The bank balance as at 30 June 2022 was \$56,182.

- ii. The auditor's report for financial year 2021-2022 was tabled. See attached.

MOTION: *That the Treasurer's report be accepted as accurate.*

Moved: Bronwyn Lewis Seconded: Penny Hall

CARRIED

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

- i. The Friends of Tweed Regional Gallery & MOAC Inc. had 46 new members during 2021-22 and 10 more since July 2022.
- ii. New members have been invited to New Friends' Morning Teas, which have been resumed since COVID restrictions have been lifted.
- iii. New email marketing software has enabled an update of the Friends membership as well as more efficient communications with Friends members both for events, news and renewal notification. Friends' email addresses are currently being updated.

MOTION: *That the Membership Report be accepted.*

Moved: Karlene Polglase Seconded: Janice Jones

CARRIED

9. Gallery Director's Report:

Susi Muddiman reflected on this past year.

- i. 2021-2022 has been a better year for programs and activities and a joy to see more visitors in the Gallery, although numbers have of course been down.
- ii. It's been wonderful to have Friends' activities resume, especially the New Friends Morning Teas, which are such a good chance to meet new members and learn about their interests. There was superb feedback from the recent Acquisitions Showcase event.
- iii. There was a record number of entries in the Olive Cotton Award for photographic portraiture. The Gallery is grateful for the financial support of the Friends that facilitates acquisitions of works in this climate of uncertainty and financial constraints.
- iv. The financial assistance of the Friends in funding the Wollumbin Youth Art Award is much appreciated. It provides a wonderful opportunity for young artists to explore their creativity.
- v. Thanks to members of the Committee ... the Friends are never idle.

MOTION: *that the Director's Report be accepted.*

Moved: Penny Hall Seconded: Janice Jones

CARRIED

Penny welcomed Patron Margot Anthony, Peter & Judy Budd to the meeting and thanked Margot for agreeing to continue as Patron of the Friends.

10. Election of Office Bearers 2022-2023:

Returning Officer Peter Sochacki presided and stated that with more than 10 members present, there is a quorum. He read and accepted the proxies and declared all positions on the Committee vacant.

There was only one nomination for each position.

PRESIDENT: Penny Hall

VICE PRESIDENT: Janice Jones

Hon. SECRETARY: Heather McLachlan

Hon. TREASURER: Bronwyn Lewis

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Karlene Polglase

PUBLIC OFFICER: Rose Wilsher

Catering: Peter Taylor

Ordinary Members of Committee: Martin Sullivan, Rose Wilsher, Shona Charters, Ann Bullen, Makala Schofield

The above people were declared elected.

The new Committee continued the meeting.

Penny Hall thanked Peter Sochacki and invited him to continue as our Returning Officer.

11. Nomination of Friends' Committee delegate to the Tweed Regional Gallery Advisory Committee:

MOTION: *that Makala Schofield be nominated as the Friends' Committee delegate to the Tweed Regional Gallery Advisory Committee*

Moved: Penny Hall Seconded: Karlene Polglase CARRIED

12. Appointment of Auditor:

MOTION: *that Mayberry, Meldrum and Anderson be appointed auditors for 2022-2023*

Moved: *Karlene Polglase* Seconded: Bronwyn Lewis CARRIED

Meeting closed at 5.30 pm

Heather McLachlan

Honorary Secretary

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