

DARWIN FILM SOCIETY 2021 AGM MEETING MINUTES

Date: Saturday 14 May 2022
 Time: 5.00pm
 Location: Deckchair Cinema – Jervois Rd Darwin

1. Welcome and Apologies	
Attendees:	See attached Attendees List.
Apologies	Jeff Coulter, Lex Silvester
Quorum confirmed	Yes
2. Previous Minutes	
2020 Minutes	<p>Minutes were tabled by the A/Chair Di Koser. The A/Chair proposed that the 2020 AGM Minutes be accepted.</p> <p>Proposed: Kitty Khan Seconded: Phil Hickey</p>
3. Business Arising from 2020 Annual General Meeting	
Action Arising	There were no actions from the previous AGM minutes.
4. Darwin Film Society Committee Chair's Report for 2021 (January to December) including Annual Committee Report	
Chair Report	<p>A/Chair commenced by thanking the management team, James and Damien for ensuring the success of the cinema in 2021, despite the challenges of COVID-19. In 2021 the DFS largely through the Deckchair Cinema:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held 320 screenings, with a total attendance of 53,446 people, a new record. • Returned more than \$66,906 to fundraising organisations from ticket sales at their fundraising movie nights, not including other fundraising efforts such as meals and raffles. • Screened 36 Australian films. • Held Flix In The Wet, for the first time at DEC. • Held the 11th annual Darwin International Film Festival (DIFF), screening 18 films attracting a total attendance of 1827. DIFF made a loss of \$22,644.09. Reviews have taken place to alleviate this and ensure it does not happen again. • Developed and maintained strong relationships with: Travelling Film Festival (Syd), Screen Territory, Darwin Festival, National film distributors and our neighbours including Darwin Waterfront and Darwin City Council. • Supported local film industry through screening locally made short films during the Deckchair Cinema regular program. • Undertook improvements around the venue's resources including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ artificial turf to replace the woodchip – following 17 years of annual replacement of the woodchip we received an immediate works grant from NTG which facilitated the upgrade to recycled artificial turf. ○ Painted the steel structure of the building to prevent rust and maintain the structure ○ A range of general maintenance including painting and landscaping. A big thank you to John Schier who's continued weekly contribution is obvious.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintained strong membership base of over 1,500 with excellent volunteer turnout at working bees, market stalls, special events and more. • Produced a glossy publication called The Darwin Film Society – Annual Review 2021, that was handed out at the meeting. <p>Proposed: Peter Waggitt Seconded: Ian Lee</p>
5. Audit Financial Records, Auditor's Report, and Treasurer's report	
Financial Records Report And Auditor's Report	<p>Tom Pearse, Treasurer, reported on Year end 31 December 2021. Overall profit for 2021 was \$20,588. DFS's cash balances at the end of the year were \$547,018. DFS's income for 2021 was \$1,084,930 which was down on the previous year when we got \$216,000 in COVID-19 support, which was not continued in 2021. Key areas of income were admission sales; membership sales and kiosk sales. The cinema operated during the whole of the 2021 season, except for a short shut-down in the middle of the year. Total trading income is higher than in any previous year. Excluding the 2020 COVID-19 support, the DFS received \$185,206 more income in 2021 than 2020. Staff wages and superannuation were again the largest expenditure in 2021 being \$349,943. Other key areas of expenditure include kiosk stock purchases and film hire. New assets during 2021 include upgrades to audio technology, security systems, air-conditioning and fencing.</p> <p>The auditor's report has been received and is available to members. The auditor's opinion is that the financial report is a fair representation of Darwin Film Society's financial position as at 31 December 2021 and the financial performance of the DFS for the whole of 2021.</p> <p>Proposed: John Schier Seconded: Rosemary Harbridge</p>
6. Nomination of New Committee	
Committee Members	Nine nominations were received for nine committee member positions – Jeff Coulter; Phillip Hickey; Lee Upton; John Schier; Di Koser; Felicity Watt; Lex Silvester, Tom Pearse, and Elizabeth Keith. All were accepted.
7. Appointment of Auditor for next AGM	
Auditor	<p>The Treasurer moved a motion to accept Brian Tucker Audit as the Auditor for 2022.</p> <p>Proposed: Peter Waggitt Seconded: John Schier</p>
8. Question Time	
Members	
Committee	The Chair thanked Deckchair Cinema staff, volunteers, and committee members for their tireless work in 2021.
9. Close	
Meeting Closed	5.20pm

DFS AGM Registration

25/5/2021

5:30pm

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Register - James R