



Nelson Repertory Theatre Society Inc

Annual General Meeting Minutes

5th May 2026

Theatre Royal Nelson

Chaired by Vice President Nick Gastrell who extended a warm welcome to all present.

1. In attendance: Nick Gastrell, Karen Grover, Alli Campbell, Paula Bovey, Paula Baldwin, Florian Schrimpf, Jordan Kerr, Rani Tobin, Naomi Strain, Molly Brealey, Amy Fray, Judene Edgar, Lynley Bradshaw, Betty Ross, Tegan Ure, Patrick Conyers, Robin Ringwood, Michaela Carruthers, Cameron Banner, Christopher Hatfield, Marcus Scott, Sophie Gray, Stuart Yank, Robbie Burns, Graeme Rogers, Hugh Neill.

2. Apologies: Keith Marshall, Breffni O'Rourke, Peter Verstappen, Lester Oaks, Allison Cormack.

3. Minutes of Previous AGM (2025) - Have been available on the website the last six weeks.

4. Matters Arising from Previous AGM (2025) - None.

Other business items were invited at this stage, but none were proposed.

5. President's Report - Read by Nick on behalf of Keith Marshall.

Keith acknowledged all who had volunteered their time and efforts over the past year, and mentioned a few by name; thanking, among others, Karen Grover and Stuart Yank.

This was his final report as President and feels confident that Nelson Repertory Theatre is in the good hands of an enthusiastic and positively inclusive committee.

6. Financial Report - Given by Treasurer Karen Grover.

Audited financial records have been posted on the website. The independent auditor report indicated good accounting and a job well done by our Treasurer, Karen Grover. That sound financial systems were in place, and despite having had no external funding this year, the society is currently on a solid financial footing. Karen was thanked for her sterling work with an enthusiastic round of applause.

A reference copy of a production Profit and Loss sheet was available for those present to read.

Proposal to accept the financial report - Nick Gastrell.

Carried - Unanimously



7. Nelson Historic Theatre Trust - Nick invited Judene Edger, Chair of the Trust - to address the meeting. Judene introduced Cameron Banner who is also a trustee. Judene thanked Rep for staging two productions in the last 12 months which she really enjoyed and, she feels, represents the heart of Nelson Rep. The Theatre Royal will celebrate its 150 years anniversary in 2028 and the Trust acknowledges Nelson Rep is a huge part of the shared story.

Judene thanked Peter Verstappen & Lester Oakes for their contribution as our representative trustees; and acknowledged the input of Keith Marshall in bringing quality connection and understanding between Repertory and the Trust.

8. Election of Officers & Committee:

Address by Nick Gastrell as outgoing Vice President - Nick expressed gratitude to those who have stepped forward to revive our committee.

Nominations for committee and officer roles were received. No officer role had more than one person nominated, so no election was required. All committee positions were filled.

The 2026/27 Committee are announced as:

President: Paula Bovey
Vice President: Sophie Gray
Treasurer: Molly Brealey
Secretary: Alli Campbell
Ex-Officio President: Keith Marshall
Ex-Officio Treasurer: Karen Grover

Committee: Karen Grover, Amy Fray, Robin Ringwood, Nick Gastrell, Rani Tobin, Marcus Scott, Florian Schrimpf, Jordan Kerr, Naomi Strain

Welcomed by a warm round of applause.

We thank outgoing committee members, Patrick Conyers and Stuart Yank. Both have served the committee well and we will miss their valued opinions.

9. General Business:

- a. The Nelson Repertory Theatre's two trustee representatives on the Nelson Historic Theatre Trust to continue: Lester Oakes & Peter Verstappen.**

Confirmed by those present.



b. Ratify Life Members proposed by the committee meeting.

Keith Marshall had been proposed as the next Life member and those present ratified this proposal by loud cheering and applause.

c. The incoming committee will be sent the below paperwork for NBS banking.

Any changes to the committee and signatories:-

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Meeting Closed at 7:25pm