



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday 28th October, 2012
TIME: 7.15 pm in Tower Cinema One

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2011 Annual General Meeting (attached)
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. President's Report for 2012 (attached)
5. Treasurer's Report for 2012 (attached)
6. Election of office-bearers for 2013
 - President:** Paul Harrison
 - Vice-President:** Monica Byrnes
 - Secretary:** Monica Byrnes
 - Treasurer:** Sophie De Vitis
 - Committee:** Nick Cesta; Kerryl Collard; Gail Crawford;
Jenni Herbertson; Fran Munt;
Jane Shadbolt; Paul Warwick.
7. Any other business

IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

If you have recently changed your address or will change it before the beginning of February next year,

PLEASE NOTIFY US VIA:

MAIL: PO Box 128, Newcastle 2300
EMAIL: newcastlefilmsociety@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.newcastlefilmsociety.com

2013 FILM SUGGESTIONS:

If you would like to suggest film titles to be screened in 2013, please visit our website which contains catalogues from our distributors.

Film suggestions can be left on our website, or you can mail or email them to the Newcastle Film Society.

Please send in your suggestions before the end of the 2012 Newcastle Film Society season.

MEMBERSHIP PROTOCOL:

Please remember that current members receive next year's brochures a week before names on the waiting list.

To retain your membership, we advise that when application forms are sent out next year, you return your membership form **promptly with a STAMPED addressed envelope and ONE name per Membership form.** (We aim to give priority to current members.)

IMPORTANT: If you will **NOT** be applying for membership in 2013 but wish to remain on the mailing list, **please notify us, otherwise your name will be removed from the mailing list.** If you have friends who would like to join the Film Society next year, please ask them to fill out the membership request on our website.

CORRESPONDENCE VIA EMAIL.

The membership form will include an option for you to receive the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any other Film Society related information via email.

Therefore please tick the box and write your email address clearly if you wish to receive correspondence by email.

Please remember that as an Incorporated Organization, tickets are issued in your name and are **not** transferable.

Thank you



NEWCASTLE FILM SOCIETY AGM 2011



Date: 30 October 2011	Time: 7.25 p.m.	Venue: Tower Cinema 1 King Street Newcastle City	Chair: Monica Byrnes	Scribe:
Apologies:	Frank Murri , Rieteka Geursen			
Attendees:	Frances Munt , Gail Crawford , Monica Byrnes, Paul Warwick, Sophie De Vitis			

Meeting Minutes – 2011 AGM

Meeting opened at 7.25 p.m. with apology from President Frank Murri delivered to the meeting.

Minutes of 2010 AGM were read to the meeting for the benefit of those who advised they were not received.

Minutes were unanimously passed and accepted as a true and correct record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: (//2010)

Questions were raised regarding theatre and seating upgrades – general consensus among the members present that little improvements have been made to venue and seating. Meeting was advised that Committee would continue to look into it and discuss with theatre management.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **President's Report** – Report prepared by Frank Murri was read to the meeting and met with applause and congratulations to Frank and the committee. The full report was passed and accepted by the meeting
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Report was read in précis and accepted and passed by the meeting
3. **Office Bearers for 2012**– All positions have been accepted and filled for continuance by the existing committee and current committee stands – President Frank Murri extends his thanks to the Standing committee
4. **General Business** –
 - (a) **Website** – Meeting was advised that website is being utilised more with over 3,800 visits from over 20 countries. Members were reminded that website also advertises upcoming film events such as the “Silent Film Festival” to be screened 12 and 13 November 2011. It is also expected that the website will feature an advertisement for “Six Summer Flicks” once the program is known.
 - (b) **Film suggestions** – the meeting was advised that film suggestions have been coming in by the hundreds and a thank you was extended to the members who had taken time to comment on films and submit their suggestions for 2012 year. Members were reminded that 4 November is cut off for all program suggestions for 2012.
 - (c) **Films Selected** - a member in the gallery stood to make a complaint regarding some of the films selected and the chair person advised that the committee review all suggestions and endeavour to cater for all so that not everyone is going to like everything that is on offer – Several other members agreed and another stood to address the chair and to congratulate Frank and the committee on the work done to co-ordinate the program and the films on offer. The gallery applauded this comment and the chair thanked them for their positive feedback.
 - (d) **NFS Scholarships** – Members were advised that the society continues to be financially healthy and has elected to therefore continue with the University of Newcastle Scholarship Prize Fund and will also be looking at a further similar prize fund with Newcastle TAFE film students.
5. **Other Business**–
 - (a) **E-Mail / Mail** – several members raised problems with e-mail delivery and others advised no e-mail facility - many asked that mail be continued. Meeting advised that 2012 program would be featured on the website but that a mail out of tickets and the full program to members would continue. The chair apologised to those who did not receive the 2011 AGM meeting notice and reports through e-mail difficulties.
 - (b) **Payments** – A member addressed the chair seeking information regarding preferred payment methods for membership fees. Members were advised that the committee were still looking at options and members would be advised if a direct payment facility is enabled.
 - (c) The chair thanked the Tower Cinemas on behalf of the members for provision of the facility

There being no other business – the Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Newcastle Film Society - 2012 President's Report

This has been an eventful year which will mark the end of my position on the committee and as President, and that too of my wife Rieteka Geursen as Membership Officer. Since the birth of our daughter this year, we have decided to dedicate ourselves to our society of three!

I've been overjoyed that in my 3 years as President, the committee has initiated and established quite a number of projects, namely, our Website and monthly e-Newsletter, a scholarship/prizes fund to award top film-making students at the University of Newcastle and Hunter TAFE, providing film catalogues from our distributors for members to suggest their preferred films and establishing a direct deposit facility for membership payment.

I wish to extend my gratitude to the Committee. They have been a wonderful group of people to work with who have become good friends, and I wish them all the best for the future. A warm welcome goes out to our two new committee members, Kerryl and Nick.

Website:

Our website: www.newcastlefilmsociety.com has again been utilised well this year to provide a resource of information to our members. From program information and links to the movies screened, information on current film festivals, a point of reference for archived material, and has allowed a forum for our members to comment on our films.

e-Newsletter:

Our monthly *e-Newsletter* has been distributed to all members who undertook to receive information via email. Feedback to this communication has been very favourable, as it's provided a regular source of information to our members.

2013 Film Selection:

In order to facilitate our members contributing to next year's program, we have again placed on our website, the catalogues of all the distributors we utilise to source our films. Everyone will have a chance to select the films they would like to see next year. The more votes a film receives, the greater chance it will be screened.

Membership:

This year, we have again had a record number of members, being 860. We have oversubscribed our membership (cinema has seating for 700), in order to satisfy the demand of interest. Please note that the Film Society's policy, for seating each week, is based on a first-in, first-served basis, which will continue next year.

Scholarship/Prize Funds:

With quite a substantial reserve fund for a non-profit organisation, the committee has continued funding the 'Newcastle Film Society Scholarship/Prize Fund' of \$1,500 with the **University of Newcastle**, to award and nurture top filmmaking students at the University with two awards of \$750 each. We congratulate all the winners: Ellen French, Patrick Ng, Grant Waldron, and Ryan Cox.

This year we also established a similar Scholarship/Prize Fund of \$1,500 with **Hunter TAFE**, and wish to congratulate the following student winners: Samuel Koller and Julian Otway. We hope that the small contribution has aided in the future filmmaking of these talented University and Hunter TAFE students.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their continuing support of the Newcastle Film Society.

Kind regards & farewell,
Frank Murri

**Newcastle Film Society Inc –
Income and Expenditure Statement
01/01/2012 – 31/12/2012**

Income:	
Membership Subscriptions	\$ 55,055.00
Interest Income	\$ 1,596.25
Total Income:	\$56,651.25

Less Expenses:	
Building Society fees	\$ nil
Film Hire	\$ 5,412.00
Freight on Films	\$ 1,282.05
Insurance	\$ 678.35
Postage	\$ 642.00
Printing (Program/Membership cards)	\$ 839.30
Stationery	\$ 98.19
Scholarship	\$ 3,000.00
Web site management	\$ 159.00
Wine & Cheese Tasting	\$ 499.31
Total Expenses:	\$ 12,610.20
Net Profit/Loss:	\$ 44,041.05

Less Accrued Expenses & Provisions:	
Cinema Hire	\$ 37,500.00
Film Hire (10 Films)	\$ 4,499.00
Freight on Films (10 Films)	\$ 528.00
Annual General Meeting Costs	\$ 90.00
Total:	\$ 42,617.00

Accrued Income On term investment to 31/12/2012:	\$ 133.00
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Adjusted Net Profit for the Year :	\$ 1,557.05
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Assets: - Est' Cash at Building Society as at 31st December 2012	
Building Society Term Share	\$ 19,913.11
Building Society Cash Management	\$ nil
Building Society Business Account	\$ nil
Total:	\$ 19,913.11