



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**DATE:** Sunday 30th October, 2011  
**TIME:** 7.15 pm in Tower Cinema One

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting (attached)
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. President's Report for 2011 (attached)
5. Treasurer's Report for 2011 (attached)
6. Election of office-bearers for 2012
  - President:** Frank Murri
  - Vice-President:** Paul Harrison
  - Secretary:** Monica Byrnes
  - Treasurer:** Paul Harrison
  - Committee:** Gail Crawford; Sophie De Vitis;  
Rieteka Geursen; 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 February next year,

### **PLEASE NOTIFY US VIA:**

**MAIL:** PO Box 128, Newcastle 2300  
**EMAIL:** [newcastlefilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:newcastlefilmsociety@gmail.com)  
**WEBSITE:** [www.newcastlefilmsociety.com](http://www.newcastlefilmsociety.com)

### **2012 FILM SUGGESTIONS:**

If you would like to suggest film titles to be screened in 2012, please visit our website which contains catalogues from our distributors, listing all the 35mm films which can be screened at the Tower Cinema.

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 2011 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 2012 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 let us know or ask them to contact us.

### **CORRESPONDENCE VIA EMAIL.**

Next year's 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 INC

PO Box 128, Newcastle 2300

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 2010

Cinema 1, Tower Cinemas, 17th October, 2010  
President Frank Murri opened the meeting at 7.15pm

1. **Apologies:** Nil
2. **Minutes of the 2009 AGM:** Accepted as a complete and true record.
3. **Business arising from the minutes:**

Question was asked from a member in relation to the upgrade to the seating in the cinema.  
President mentioned that management indicated that they were in the process of upgrading the seating in a piecemeal fashion, hopefully to be completed by the end of 2010.
4. **President's report:** Accepted
5. **Treasurer's report:** Accepted.
6. **Election of Office-Bearers for 2011**

**President :** Frank Murri  
**Vice President :** Rhett Morson  
**Secretary :** -  
**Treasurer:** -  
**Committee:** Gail Crawford, Sophie De Vitis, Rieteka Geursen, Paul Harrison, Jenny Herbertson, Frances Munt, Jane Shadbolt.

The President mentioned that the position of Treasurer was to be filled by Paul Harrison. The position of Secretary was to be filled at the following Committee meeting in early November

7. The President paid tribute to two committee members who are not seeking re-election: Lynette Howell who was on the committee for 14 years, and Mark Zaki who was on the committee for 4 years. This was met with applause.
8. **Any other business:**
  - President informed members that since the inception of the Newcastle Film Society webpage this year, there have been 2,500 visits from 16 different countries. A true world-wide web!
  - Members were thanked for their comments on the films this year, and were encouraged to keep visiting the website after the conclusion of the season, as the committee would be maintaining the site with upcoming festivals and events.
  - Members were also thanked for the hundreds of film suggestions received via the webpage and email, and indicated that suggestions would be received until the end of October as the Committee would be meeting in early November to establish next year's program.
  - The president informed members that due to the Society's healthy financial state, the membership fee for 2011 would remain at \$60.
  - Members were also informed by the president that the society's banking arrangements would change in 2011, to provide a greater return of income from interest. This interest would be used to fund the new "Newcastle Film Society Scholarship/Prizes Fund" in collaboration with the University of Newcastle, to award and nurture top filmmaking students at the University with three awards of \$500 each. This was greeted with applause.
  - The president thanked The Greater Union Tower Cinema for providing the facilities of the cinema, and for the repairs being undertaken on the seating.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm

## Newcastle Film Society - 2011 President's Report

This has been another successful year for the Newcastle Film Society, with a diverse program of films from different countries and across a variety of genres – from classics, experimental and contemporary films.

Firstly, I wish to extend my gratitude to the Committee. Their dedication & enthusiasm has made the running of the film society a pure joy. My thanks & appreciation goes out to them all.

### **Website:**

Our website: [www.newcastlefilmsociety.com](http://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:**

This year, we also introduced a monthly *e-Newsletter*. This 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.

### **2012 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 35mm 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.

Please note that we are only able to screen 35mm films in Cinema One, which has precluded us from showing certain recent releases that are now being released in different formats.

### **Membership:**

This year, we have 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.

We have accumulated a substantial reserve list of potential members for 2012, so please make sure, when you receive your application form next year, ensure you get your membership in asap to avoid disappointment.

### **Scholarship/Prize Fund:**

Our financial situation is again brimming with health. With quite a substantial reserve fund for a non-profit organisation, the committee established in 2011, the 'Newcastle Film Society Scholarship/Prize Fund' 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: Kristen Lee, Kimberly Marshall, Ross McSpedden and Madeline Stevens, and hope that the small contribution has aided in their future filmmaking.

We will continue to sponsor the University Fund in 2012, and we will also look into establishing a similar Fund with students undertaking the Hunter TAFE Film studies.

We would like to thank the staff of the Tower Cinema for their co-operation and goodwill.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their continuing support of the Newcastle Film Society, and look forward to seeing you next year.

Kind regards, **Frank Murri**

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**Newcastle Film Society Inc –  
Income and Expenditure Statement  
01/01/2011 – 31/12/2011**

<b>Income:</b>	
Membership Subscriptions	\$ 50,918.00
Interest Income	\$ 1,341.18
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 52,259.18</b>

<b>Less Expenses:</b>	
Building Society fees	\$ 265.80
Cinema Hire	\$ 28,750.00
Film Hire	\$ 5,932.00
Freight on Films	\$ 1,316.35
Postage	\$ 478.40
Printing ( Program/Membership cards)	\$ 1,060.40
Stationery	\$ 197.86
Scholarship	\$ 1,500.00
Web site management	\$ 243.66
Wine & Cheese Tasting	\$ 233.61
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 39,978.08</b>
<b>Net Profit/Loss:</b>	<b>\$ 12,281.10</b>

<b>Less Accrued Expenses &amp; Provisions:</b>	
Cinema Hire	\$ 8,750.00
Film Hire (10 Films)	\$ 3,000.00
Freight on Films (10 Films)	\$ 550.00
Annual General Meeting Costs	\$ 200.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 12,500.00</b>

<b>Accrued Income On term investment to 10/11/2011:</b>	<b>\$ 229.94</b>
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<b>Adjusted Net Profit for the Year :</b>	<b>\$11.04</b>
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<b>Assets: - Cash at Building Society as at 1st October 2011</b>	
Building Society Term Share	\$ 22,244.53
Building Society Cash Management	\$ 10,390.48
Building Society Business Account	\$ 1.74
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 32,636.75</b>