

FRIENDS OF THE ARTS (A.C.N. 009-844-231)

Trading as FRIENDS OF THE ARTS FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has pleasure in submitting its Report for the Financial Year 2021/22.

Directors appointed to fill casual vacancies and one third of the remaining directors must retire each year and are eligible for renomination. Four Directors were appointed to the Board of Directors at the 2021 Annual General Meeting:

- Louise Carroll
- Marilyn Strauss
- Rhonda White
- Chris Mathew

joining the three that were not required to retire in 2021:

- Ian Kennedy
- Rebecca Paranthoieni
- Robyn Clark

A list of the names of Directors and attendances at Board meetings from July 2021 to June 2022 appears on the last page of this Annual Report. The Directors do not receive any remuneration for Board services nor is anyone paid an honorarium. All Board work undertaken is completely voluntarily, and without recompense.

At the meeting of the board on 22 November 2021, the following Directors were elected to executive positions:

President	Ian Kennedy
Vice President/Secretary	Rebecca Paranthoieni
Treasurer	Chris Mathew

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021-22

This year saw more events proceeding than the previous financial year and that has meant that our sponsorship support has been able to go ahead across a broader range of the arts than we have ever supported previously. This has included youth categories in Film, Theatre, Music, Eisteddfod and our annual round of youth scholarships.

We have continued to provide opportunities for our members to socialise and enjoy the arts and support the Friends at numerous popular (often premiere) movie nights, luncheons, and a bus trip to QCA in Brisbane.

We continue to remain committed as an organisation to ensure we do all we can to meet our purposes set out in our Constitution of promoting and encouraging public interest in and participation in artistic and cultural pursuits across the Gold Coast and in particular granting scholarships to students to pursue their studies in the arts or cultural pursuits.

Events

On 21st July 2021 we hosted Lunch on the Broadwater. We met the young people who have benefited from grants made available through the Friends of the Arts Foundation and Gift Fund and enjoy guest speakers from Griffith University. Award Winners were Ashley Llambus and Lucy Ferguson

On 10th September 2021 we enjoyed a bus trip to Experience a day of Art at the Queensland College of Art, Griffith University.

Film opening night at HOTA 21st October 2021 -The Last Duel

Film opening night at HOTA 13th January 2022 - King Richard

Film opening night at HOTA 28th April 2022 - Downton Abbey

On 29th April 2022 we hosted High Tea at Royal Pines with guest speaker Kate Peters

Film opening night at HOTA 12th May 2022 -Operation Mincemeat

Film opening night at HOTA 23rd June 2022- Elvis

Come from Away 10th July 2022 - The Tony® and Olivier Award winning musical Come From Away told the remarkable true story of thousands of stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland, Canada that welcomed them all.

Film opening night at HOTA 15th September - Ticket to Paradise

Future events and Fundraising

On Wednesday 23 November 2021 at 11.30am we round off the years events with our annual Friends of the Arts Christmas Lunch at the Southport Yacht Club for a Christmas lunch to support young talented artists across the Gold Coast. During the lunch, we will be treated to entertainment by popular duo Street Café and also Violinist, Ingram Fan. There will be multiple raffles drawn and prizes to be won, including Best Dressed Lady and Best Dressed Gentleman.

B. MEMBERSHIPS

Member type:	
Social membership: Website/social Subscriber	1,110
VIP	114
Life Members [Online & Post]:	Double Membership: 116 (232 individual members) Single Membership: 106 Total Life Members: 338
Total members all categories	1562

Our membership categories

We continue to provide two membership categories being:

- **Social Membership** which is free for anyone to remain on our database and to continue to receive electronic newsletters and updates and invitations to events; and
- **\$20 VIP Membership (Voting, Involved and Priority)**, meaning that you become a voting member of the Friends, become more involved in the direction of the Friends as a charitable organisation and that, where possible, VIP and Life Members are offered a priority opportunity to purchase tickets to shows which are being pre-purchased by the Friends.

HOTA continues to honour Friends Life Members' HOTA benefits.

VIP Members and Life Members remain voting members of the Friends and anyone else is welcome to become or remain a social member and receive our monthly electronic newsletters at no charge.

I would encourage Social members to take up our VIP membership option so you don't miss our priority and exclusive offers and so that you contribute to the funding of our organisation as it pursues its charitable purposes for the good of the Arts on the Gold Coast.

C. ADMINISTRATION AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board have been ably supported with administrative and meeting assistance by Ella Graham and most recently Marilyn Strauss.

ACNC records are kept up to date and the six-monthly Register of Cultural Organisations Statistical Returns of Donations have been completed. We have submitted the required annual return to the Office of Fair Trading in relation to our fundraising permission.

GIFT FUND

The Gift Fund is administered by a management committee appointed by the board of the Friends. The committee was chaired by Ian Kennedy LLB, Friends President, and includes Chris Mathew CA, Friends Treasurer, and Rebecca Paranthoiene, Friends Board member and Vice-President.

The increased amount in the Gift Fund has enabled the Gift Fund Management Committee, as ratified by the Board of the Friends of the Arts Foundation, to provide financial support by way of sponsorship and awards to:

1. Gold Coast Eisteddfod 2022 – Friends of the Arts Foundation Artistic Development Grant awarded to:
 - a. Charlotte White - winner
 - b. Annabelle Freeman – first runner up
 - c. Alexander Anderson, Evie Kennedy, Isla Martin and Maydson Cloherty - runners up.
2. Gold Coast Music Awards 2022 – paid in 2021/22 awarded in 2022/23
 - a. Gold Coast Music Prize - Girl & Girl
3. Gold Palm Theatre Awards 2021
 - a. Beverly and Jock McIlwain Special Encouragement Award - Gold Coast Little Theatre METAMORPHOSES DERITO DA COSTA
4. Gold Coast Film Festival 20th April -1st May 2022

a. Presented 3 Emerge Awards

5. Friends of the Arts Foundation Youth Scholarships – these were recently awarded for the 2022/23 financial year as follows:

a.	Robert	Smith	Violinist	h	Mel	Kirkwood	Ballerina
b	Sara	Donnelly	Opera	i	Ingram	Fan	Violinist
c	Kadelle	Smith	Ballerina	j	Nina	Fan	Pianist
d	Eden	Yelland	Ballerina	k	Mia	Beame	Dancer
e	Baylies	Smith	Ballerina	l	Finn	Armstrong	Dancer
f	Delilah Wakerley-Palmer Bos			m	Georgia	Lorange	Dancer
g	Josie	Cross	Stunt				

The Gift Fund Management Committee looks forward to supporting all these worthy causes in the coming financial year and is considering other opportunities as well so that we support Gold Coast youth in a broad range of artistic pursuits.

D. OTHER MATTERS

As required by the Corporations Act, the following information is provided:

The amount which any member is required to contribute if the Company is wound up is \$20 from each financial member.

E. THANKS

The Friends is a voluntary organisation and its success is due to the many people who support it.

I wish to personally thank Rebecca Paranthoienne Vice President and Events, Chris Mathew Treasurer, Louise Carroll Fundraising and Sponsorship, Marilyn Strauss Marketing, Robyn Clark Memberships and Social Events, and Rhonda White supporting all the areas.

Without the consistent attendance and effort and contribution to the Board decisions these Board members have all provided, this volunteer organisation would not have survived and grown as it has through some difficult years.

Importantly, the Board of Directors wishes to thank our members, Social, VIP and Life for their continuing support.

This Directors' Report accords with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Ian Kennedy



President
14 November 2021

Board Member Meeting Attendances 2021/2022

Name	Position Held	Date Appointed as Director	Meetings Attended	Apologies
Louise Carroll	Director	02.10.2018	6	2
Rebecca Paranthoiene	Vice President/Secretary	18.09.2009	5	3
Ian Kennedy	President	19.09.2017	8	0
Robyn Clark	Director	19.09.2017	6	2
Marilyn Strauss	Director	28.05.2019	8	0
Chris Mathew	Director/Treasurer	20.01.2021	7	1
Rhonda White	Director	20.01.2021	8	0

This table only sets out the Board meetings during the 2021/2022 financial year.