

MEETING 2024 AGM



ROYAL SOUTH STREET SOCIETY

Our Vision – To conduct Australia’s premier eisteddfod – promoting and encouraging participation, enjoyment and enrichment through the performing arts.

Meeting:	2024 Annual General Meeting
Date & Time:	Wednesday 16 April, 2025
Location:	Her Majesty’s Theatre – Long Room
Attendees:	Andrea Brown, Barb Dunlop, Barbara Stead, Bernie Capicchiano, Bob Matthews, Carolyn Bennett, Cherie Brown, Chris Kay, Claire Thorpe, Colleen Holloway, Danielle Coltman, David Callinan, David Santamaria, Elspeth Matthews, Heather Turner, Trene Warfe, Jessica Godfrey, Judy-Ann Quilliam, Karen Daniell, Karen Eaton, Keith Murdoch, Kris Carroll, Lindsay Eaton, Llyod Harvey, Lorraine Harvey, Louise Brooks, Lynda Grant, Maria Sozanski, Noreen Daniell, Peter Nethercote, Ric Dunlop, Ron Stead, Sandra Fishwick, Tim Ryan, Narelle Carr, Jill Filmer, Kellie Roscoe, Adam Miller, Nichola Sleight, Colin Waddell, Michael Holloway, Callum Blackmore, Alison Trevenen
Apologies:	Councillor Samantha McIntosh, Ron & Dawn Harrington, Brian McInnes, Peter Zala, Neil Steinman, Marjorie Steinman, Kerryn Gledhill, Vivienne Edlund, Virginia Wise, Annette Lawson, Bron Sozanski, Jennifer Searl, Lexie Brown, Simon Carroll, Wayne Mitchell, Melanie Dunbar, Barbara Cole
Minutes:	Barbara Stead

1. Tour of Her Majesty’s Theatre Back- Stage Renovations – 5.30pm

Arrive by 5.25pm to Her Majesty’s Theatre Foyer

Backstage tour of Her Majesty’s Theatre commencing at 5.30pm sharp

Returning to The Long Room for Formal AGM Meeting commencing at 6.15pm

2. MEETING OPENING – 6.15pm – Lindsay

1.1 Meeting Opening Welcome by Board Chair – Lindsay Eaton

Lindsay opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, recognising the friendly atmosphere in the room.

1.2 Acknowledgment of Country

We would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Wadawurrung People. We pay our respect to their Elders of the past, present and emerging and acknowledge their continuing relationship to this land. We also pay respects to all other First Nations People that may be present today.

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Lindsay spoke to his report, the total trading income was similar to the previous year. We are demonstrating the growth in sponsorship and entries and are trying to expand our these further moving forward. We have expanded our office staff numbers which has impacted our bottom line. We have now purchased the Schimmel Piano so this will not be a continuing hire expense in the future. Moving premises will improve our cost structure as our utilities and overall costs will be lower. Our accounting cost has been high this year, getting us back on track, but this will be reduced next year with future restructuring. Marketing and advertising has been higher but we are seeing good results through sponsorship and involvement. Our data collection has to improve as we need to prove that our existence is important to the Ballarat Council.

Motion: *That the Financial Statements and 2024 Annual Report be accepted*

Moved: *Bob Matthews* **Seconded:** *Danielle Coltman*

4.3 Executive Officers Report – Judy-Ann Quilliam

Judy-Ann acknowledged our wonderful volunteers commitment to performing arts

2025 the new board will embark on a new plan and will begin to work with an Impact plan. If we stopped functioning the Impact on Ballarat will be felt far and wide. It is truly special with suppliers. Cornerstone of Ballarat history. Future challenges

5. BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

5.1 Member Elected Directors

In accordance with the Constitution, to appoint Member Elected Directors for the period 2025-2027.

The Directors are elected every three years at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the 3rd Anniversary following their election when they are eligible for re-election, as per Section 11.2 of the RSSS Constitution.

- a) *One third of all Directors shall retire at each Annual General Meeting with the longest in office standing down or if the Directors shall have been in office for the same period, then the Directors shall determine which Directors shall stand down by agreement and failing agreement, then by lot;*

The nomination form must be completed and signed by the Nominee, signed by the Nominator and seconded by another RSSS member. Nominations must have been received on or before COB Wednesday 02 April, 2024.

Board Members Standing Down as per 11.2 a):

- Lindsay Eaton
- Andrea Brown
- Adam Miller

Nominations for position as Board Member all received not less than 14 days, and not more than 21 days prior to this meeting:

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- **Adam Miller** – Proposed by Barbara Stead & seconded by Lindsay Eaton
17/03/25
- **Lindsay Eaton** - Proposed by Barbara Stead & seconded by Danielle Coltman
27/03/25
- **Andrea Brown** - Proposed by Barbara Stead & seconded by Danielle Coltman
27/03/25

No election required so all positions are filled.

6 VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS – Lindsay

Certificates of appreciation will be presented to those in attendance (others will be forwarded):

- **5 years** – Loretta Kaval
- **10 years** – Melanie Dunbar, David Santamaria, Irene Warfe, Barbara Stead, Ron Stead
- **15 years** – David Callinan, Heidi Walsh
- **20 years** – Kris Carroll, Simon Carroll
- **25 years** – Colleen Holloway
- **30 Years** – Claire Thorpe

7 LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION – Judy-Ann & Lindsay

Two special Life Membership presentations:

- Life Member – Sandra Fishwick – *to be presented by Judy-Ann Quilliam*
- Posthumous Life Member – Doug McGregor (*Invite Doug's nephew Matt Holloway who has travelled from Queensland to be here today*), Michaela Holloway and Tim Holloway.

8 SPECIAL BUSINESS

Barbara Dunlop.

Spoke about the affirmative atmosphere of the AGM and acknowledged the work of the current board and what is being done. Barb stated that she was very proud of us

9 Meeting Close – 7.15pm