

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
OF MEMBERS OF WANNEROO REPERTORY INC
ON WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2025 at 7.30 PM**

This special general meeting was called by the president, with the support of the committee, for members to approve the update of the club's By Laws to include a section titled 'Acknowledgement of Country Message', with the wording of this section as follows:

*At the discretion of the Director of a production, a recorded Acknowledgement of Country message will be included at the start of the pre-performance messages. The wording of this message is to be:
"Wanneroo Repertory, the cast and crew of this production acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Whadjuk people, of the land on which the Limelight Theatre is situated.
We offer our respects to the Elders of the Noongar nation, past, present and emerging."*

The above was proposed by the treasurer and seconded by the president at the committee meeting held on 02 July 2025.

APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE – as per the attendance book

IN THE CHAIR – RJ Smolders – President

MINUTES RECORDED BY – Sonia Belot –Secretary

The meeting was declared open at 7.50 pm and members welcomed by the President.

RJ gave a summary of the issue that was the focus of the club in the last four month and stated his opinion for a positive outcome for everyone.

The meeting was conducted peacefully and numerous committee and club members, and members of the community, such as Luke Miller, Amber Rawlinson, Ernie Dingo, Madeleine Shaw, Jake Libbis, Brett Pearce, Cara Libbis, Sonia Belot, Julia Gobbert, David Nelson, Natalie, Wiles, Roger Oaks, Althea Gordon and Patrick McGinn were given the opportunity to express their views on the matter.

Althea Gordon presented the view of many club members about the proposed motion for this meeting, detailing the club's constitution and the Inc: A guide for Incorporated Associations in Western Australia:

Wanneroo Repertory Inc. Constitution

6.8 Voting at a general meeting

- (2) Except in the case of a special resolution, a motion is carried if a majority of the ordinary members present at a general meeting vote in favour of the motion.

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Someone may move an amendment to the original motion, which if successful creates a second motion.

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Luke Miller did express that most of the club members, present at this meeting along with the proxies they held, would vote against the motion proposed by the committee, and another special general meeting would be called by the members of the club.

It was then suggested to follow the rules stated above and proposed by Luke Miller and seconded by David Nelson, that the By Laws of the club be updated to include a section with the title Acknowledgement of Country message and that the wording of this section is to be: "At the discretion of the director of a production, an Acknowledgement of Country message will be included at the start of the pre-performance messages"

A vote was to accept:

- a) the proposed new wording of the motion: carried – 86 in favour and 35 against
- b) the amended motion: carried – 78 in favour, 36 against, seven abstentions

The By Laws are to be updated with a section with the title Acknowledgement of Country message, and that the wording of this section is to be: "At the discretion of the director of a production, an Acknowledgement of Country message will be included at the start of the pre-performance messages"

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 10.18 pm