

CANBERRA REPERTORY SOCIETY

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **sixty-seventh Annual General Meeting of Canberra Repertory Society** will be held at Theatre 3, 3 Repertory Lane, Acton, ACT on **Tuesday 2th April, 2019, at 7.30pm.**

NOTE: Only those who are financial members of the Society may stand for election, nominate or second candidates, or vote at an Annual General Meeting.

BUSINESS

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the Annual general meeting held on 10 April 2018
3. Business arising from the Minutes.
4. Receipt and adoption of the Report of Council for 2018.
5. Business arising from the Report of Council.
6. Receipt and adoption of the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31 December 2018 and the Report of the Auditors.
7. Business arising from the Accounts.
8. Appointment of the Council of the Society for the ensuing term/s:
 - a. 1 x Vice Presidents
 - b. 2 x Council Members
9. Special Resolutions:

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- 10 General Business-transaction of any other business which may be brought forward in accordance with the Society's Constitution.

Malcolm Houston
Company Secretary

March 2019

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Background

Theatre 3, the Canberra Repertory Society's own theatre, was so named as it is historically the third theatre in which the Society had been located. Prior to the lease on Theatre 3, REP called the Riverside Theatre home from 1953-1965; and the Canberra Playhouse was home from 1965 to 1972.

For many members of longstanding this name may resonate, but some members of longstanding have recently expressed concern about the name. Late last year a member wrote: "I have been thinking for some time that it would be appropriate to change the name Theatre 3, to something like Canberra Rep Theatre. Being one of the very few Rep Members left who has performed at all three theatres I feel I am entitled to make this suggestion and say that the name no longer represents our present day Theatre.

I have been prompted today to write, after an article appeared in yesterday's Canberra Times, referring to **ANU's** Theatre 3. There has often been confusion by the General Public as to where Canberra Rep performs its plays. By renaming the theatre hopefully these mistakes would be reduced.

I ask you to ask the Council if they would consider this matter and perhaps put it forward as a proposal at the next AGM."

Information

Council has approved the inclusion of a Special Resolution at the AGM as it is of the view that a change as major as the name of our theatre should be put to the membership for their decision.

Other considerations

Should this resolution pass, the changing of the name of the theatre would happen gradually. While it would be a matter of putting up a new sign on the building, it would also be necessary to change the name of the theatre officially on letterhead, posters, documents and in official databases of addresses/theatres used by taxi companies, mapping apps and the like. This would happen as soon as is practicable, but there would be a transition period for the name.

Michael Sparks

President, Canberra Repertory Society