

CANBERRA REPERTORY SOCIETY

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **72nd Annual General Meeting of Canberra Repertory Society** will be held at the Canberra REP Theatre, 3 Repertory Lane, Acton, ACT on **Monday 6 May, 2024, 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 1 May 2023
3. Business arising from the Minutes.
4. Receipt and adoption of the Report of Council for 2023.
5. Business arising from the Report of Council.
6. Receipt and adoption of the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31 December 2023 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 President
 - b. 1 x Vice President (two year term)
 - c. 1 x Vice President (one year term),
 - d. 1 x Treasurer (one year term), and
 - e. 3 x Members of Council (two year terms)
9. Special Resolutions.
Nomination of David Bennett for Life Membership of the Canberra Repertory Society. (see over)
10. General Business-transaction of any other business which may be brought forward in accordance with the Society's Constitution.

Malcolm Houston
Company Secretary

April 2024

Nomination of David Bennett for Life Membership

David has been a committed and valued member of Rep since joining us in 1975 and I wholeheartedly support his nomination for Life Membership.

He has had a varied history with Rep including as an actor, his time on Council and his support generally with front of house, production management, Studio and in so many other ways including gardening, bump outs and in numerous other ways. He really epitomizes what a Rep member could and should aim to be.

On the acting front, David has performed in a total of 27 plays with Rep, commencing with *Streetcar* in 1975 and his most recent play *Armadeus* in 2023. Whilst this is undoubtedly a significant achievement, it is by no means the extent of his contribution to the society.

In 2013 David joined Rep's Council where he progressed to Vice President in 2014 and to President in 2015. It was during his time on Council that he was responsible for introducing, new members with governance and legal expertise as he saw that this was at least one area in which we were lacking.

Two notable achievements in his time as President included the organization of a \$50,000 contract with the ANU for their Drama department to use Rep's facilities over a two year period following the closure of the ANU Arts Centre and, as well declining an offer from ARTS ACT to vary our lease arrangements for The Rep Theatre. In this later case they wanted us to reduce our lease of the theatre to five year trances in exchange for them undertaking annual maintenance of the Theatre. Whilst this on the surface might have appeared a reasonable proposition it had dangerous repercussions in that it would have meant us having to compete with all comers for the use of the theatre at the conclusion of each lease period.

It was during his time as President also that David persuaded Council to release funds for the Foyer improvement project, a facility which we continue to enjoy today. He took a real interest in the project's success by arranging for the interior designers to help with the delivery of the concept we finished up with and as well he did his bit with painting and other tasks during the refurbishment.

David's nomination is seconded by Wolf Hecker and has the support of other life members, namely, Russell Brown and Andrew Kay.

I request the Meetings' favorable response to this nomination.

Malcolm Houston

Seconded Wolfgang Hecker

Supported by Russell Brown OAM, Andrew Kay, Neil McRitchie, Darren Boyd, Oliver Raymond OAM, Chris Ellyard, Corille Fraser, Simon Tolhurst, Anne Turner.

