General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 20th October 2026

Meeting Time: 7pm
Meeting Opened: 7.04pm
Meeting Closed: 7.52pm

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHOM	
	Members Present	MS	P Belsham, T Roberts, S Myburgh, M Sheehan, A Probert, D Mason, D Ennew, A Ennew, A Mason-Reynolds, L Gough, B Peart-Kuter, B Stephens, L Gale, P Goodsell-Harding, Cathy Puglisi (Props), Cathy Puglisi (Life Member), L Creagh, K Harding, I Williams, Tory Puglisi, S O'Halloran, E Harrold, L Dargin, S Scott, C Baldwin, R Quinlivan, H Hoey, H Long, K Keogh, K Fay, P Harding, W Binney
	Apologies	MS	Liz van Eck
1	Minutes	MS	Motion: That the minutes from the meeting of 21st July 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Webmaster had not received any minutes, so we will postpone approval to General Meeting on 20th February 2027.
2	Treasurer's Report	PH	PH reported on finances up to the meeting…there were no questions. Detailed reports in Committee minutes. Seconded: Pippin Goodsell-Harding
3	Show Reports		Rocky Horror CB reported that Rocky is 3 ½ weeks out and they are running the acts with the band and tidying up choreography.
			Frozen KH reported that rehearsals are progressing well with Choreography and Singing
4	Correspondence	MS	In Email from OnStage with both signed contracts. Email from RSL advising that we were successful in our Club Grant application for $11 999 for Theatre Sound Infrastructure Upgrade. Request to book theatre on 29th October. Then later asked for 30, 31 Oct Email from patron re: being told where the bathrooms are. Committee decided to reject Mickey Wilson request for hire of the theatre-Secretary to advise.

			Email from Stephen Morris of Village Green Theatre Group wanting to book theatre for a production (See email Below) Email from Vanessa Larry Mitchell – Larry Laughs Loud wishing to hire theatre 30 or 31 October or 6th or 7th November. (See below) Email from Ballina Council calling for nominations for Australia Day awards, Email from Christine from Girl Guides. She was checking on dates the Hall was booked for ACL, TWS and Rocky as apparently no payment was received. Also, there will be a new booking system coming which will involve Annual Hire agreements, Public Liability, etc. Email to come from her about the latter. Email from Parkview funerals who want to have Their Christmas Party on one of the Saturday Nights and donate a raffle prize. Email from A Ennew resigning membership from Ballina Players Letter from D Ennew resigning membership from Ballina Players Letter from I Williams resigning from Committee, Social Media and Wig department.
			Out Email to OnStage with 2 contracts: 1 for Workshop in Sep/Oct and 1 for 2027, also confirmation of dates for OnStage in 2027 (if 2027 contract is signed) Email to David Spicer Productions withdrawing from producing Mother & Son (25-9-2026) Reply to Parkview asking what they had in mind. Email to Shania (agent for Mickey Wilson) who requested hiring our theatre advising that we could not accept their application. Email reply to patron re toilets Email to A Ennew acknowledging receipt of email. Email to D Ennew acknowledging receipt of email. Email to I Williams acknowledging receipt of letter.
5	President's Report	PH	Season 27/28 March/April As A Ennew has resigned, Mother & Son has been withdrawn and the theatre will go 'dark' to allow ongoing works/renovations to happen. June/July 2027 Eurobeat (P Belsham) Aug/Sep Once Upon A Mattress (Musical) (L van Eck) Nov/Dec Jesus Christ Superstar (Musical) (P Belsham) January 2028 Committee has obtained the rights to Spongebob Squarepants (Musical) and will ask for Directors to apply to Committee to direct. March/April 2028 Committee will call for more submissions, preferably a drama.
			General Report PH outlined the projects since last meeting: Sound Board purchased, Defibrillator purchased, Macbook laptop purchased for lighting box, Houselights repaired, Security

			lights repaired, Aircon replaced, Toilet block works completed except for painting, Eastern trees trimmed, an architect planner approached to help with the distances required for emergency egress
6	General Business	JH	John enquired about NBN fibre to the premises. PH replied that we had been contacted and were in the process of taking it up.
		SW	Sharon inquired about Policy and Procedures online and how to get the 'qualifications' needed to take up a technical position. KH replied that starting this year a meeting took place with all teams of productions outlining those details and the meetings were a work in progress. Also, that there is a sub-Committee looking into it. Cathy Puglisi (Props) suggested that a list be placed on the website of who oversees all the different departments. Di Ennew asked who was on the Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee, but that information was not at hand.
		KK	Karu asked about the disabled toilet in the main area being unable to be used because of the storage cupboard. Council has defined the area as a unisex toilet not a disabled toilet because of its size. Warwick stated that the toilet in the Annexe is built to code. Karu also asked if the stage wings could be more accessible to wheelchairs. Warwick stated that the backstage area on the western side could not be ramped. PH said that the Eastern extension could include a lift.
		DE	Di thanked Ballina Players for their experiences but the resignation was best for them. Tory P thanked them and Iesha for their shows and commitment. Di, Allen, Iesha and Jacquie all made statements about their decisions to resign or withdraw submissions. Various members made statements or asked questions. Bev suggested a mediator to sort out the problems. A suggestion was made that, regarding the replacements on Committee, members be asked to submit interest in being on Committee for the remaining time rather than Committee asking individual members.
7	Next Meeting(s)	PH	General Meeting and Annual General Meeting 16th February 2027 7pm