

Nirkoda Presidents Report 2019

Welcome everybody to the 2019 annual general meeting. Another year has passed and the Club continues to function well in all areas. Jack, our Treasurer, will shortly be reporting in more detail on the financial situation but I think you'll agree that the balancing act between income and expenditure is just right.

The highlight of the year was Nirkoda's 30th birthday party – it was a fabulous night, great atmosphere and excellent catering thanks to the committee and all the members who brought a dish. It takes a huge commitment from a lot of people to keep a club going over so many years and we did our best to acknowledge the founders of the club and the long list of members who have volunteered on committees over the years. Evidence of the club's enduring vibrancy is best illustrated by the fact that we racked up 4,847 individual dance sessions over the last financial year which represents an increase on the previous year of 13%.

Coming in November, as I hope you are all aware, is Nirkoda's weekend workshop with Shlomo Maman and Michael Barzalai. We have again applied to Glen Eira council for a grant to cover at least part of the cost of hiring the Town Hall and are anxiously awaiting the decision from the Council. We hope that all our members will support this event by attending as many of the sessions as they can so keep an eye open for the official flyer and booking form.

I'd like to thank the current Committee for all their hard work whether its dealing with our landlords or shopping for biscuits and everything inbetween. Everything gets done with great generosity and extraordinary good will.

A big thank you to all our teachers - Judi, Denise, Rosie, Chris, Mary and Rita – for turning up to every class with beautifully constructed repertoire and a constant stream of great dances to teach us. Sharon, many thanks for creating some really lovely dances this year – your output seems to have doubled this year and we were thrilled at your recent success at the Karmiel Dance Festival in Israel.

And now to Margaret. As most of you will know, Margaret has hung up her dancing shoes. She advised the committee in May of her decision to

resign from her teaching role at Nirkoda though she remains our mainstay on the door. What many of you may not know is that Margaret and her late husband Gravin first saw Israeli dancing in the park in 1996 and then joined Rosie's beginner class at U3A. They both went on to join Nirkoda in 1997 and Margaret was already on the committee by the following year. After training to teach and helping Rosie run the Thursday class she became a fully fledged teacher in 2001 and took over the Thursday class as her own. Mary joined her 6 years ago making Margaret's stepping down now much easier knowing there was someone else to take her place. It was her very loyal Thursday team of dancers who represented Nirkoda at Bupa in April to entertain the residents. We thank them for giving their time to do this on Nirkoda's behalf. Margaret's commitment to the club was recognised by a Glen Eira Volunteer award in 2012. We are very grateful that even though she isn't dancing anymore we still get to benefit from how well she manages the door, memberships and her particular knowledge of the ins and outs of the constitution – please accept this small token of our appreciation.

Thank you to all of you who take your turn to help Margaret on the door on a Tuesday night. The roster can always use extra people so please let me know if you'd like to come on in exchange for a free night of dancing.

A very big thank you as always to Martin for his technical and photographic expertise.

A big thank you to Estelle who keeps us supplied with clean tea towels.

Jack will now give you his Treasurers Report.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 23rd July 2019 at 7.30pm

St Aloysius School Hall

Catherine Street Caulfield

- 1) Present: 34 members;
- 2) Apologies: 47 members;
- 3) Minutes of last year's AGM held on Tuesday 24th July 2018 were tabled and read. Accepted on the motion of Doris Imber, seconded by Natalie Taft.
- 4) Business arising from last AGM: None
- 5) President's Report: Presented by Annette Bagle, copy attached. Accepted on the motion of Naomi Rassaby and seconded by Rita Fischman
- 6) Treasurer's Report: Presented by the Treasurer, Jack Ginger who reported that there was a profit of two thousand eight hundred dollars in 2018.
Accepted on the motion of Mary Hoenig and seconded by Hillary Macmull
- 7) Membership Report: 122 members paid up to date. 130 last year, but we should get more because of workshop coming up.
- 8) Election of Office Bearers: Only 1 nomination was received for each position so the following were declared elected. Forms attached and checked .

President:	Annette Bagle
Vice President	Natalie Taft
Treasurer:	Jack Ginger
Secretary:	Denise Setton
General Positions:	Hillary Herson Macmull Naomi Rassaby Helen Kalbstein

Natalie Taft & Judi Banky thanked the Committee for their managing of the Club, and how we have an excellent team.

9) No special business received.

10) Date of next AGM TBC: 28th July 2020

Meeting closed at 7.47pm. Dancing followed, free for those who attended.
Secretary Denise Setton