

LAUNCESTON FILM SOCIETY

MINUTES OF 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Village Cinemas on 23rd February, 2026.

The meeting opened at 6pm.

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

Janez Zagoda opened the meeting and welcome 155 members present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2025 AGM

Copies of the minutes from the meeting held on 24th February 2025 had been available on the website preceding the meeting. Some hard copies were available at the meeting.

Moved Gail Bendall, **seconded** Barry Pearn, *that the Minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting.* **Carried on the hands.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janez presented his report which was published in the Term 1 Newsreel.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Ed Beswick presented the audited financial report which had been available on the website for one week prior to the meeting. Hard copies were available at the meeting.

Ed reported that due to careful planning and necessary cutbacks, 2025 resulted in a surplus of \$20,000 which reinstates a buffer of funds, eroded over the previous years.

He advised that for 2026 there had been a further increase in subs, but with still lower numbers of members, the use of Cinema 2 will continue. We have been able to guarantee all four screenings for 2026 and Ed thanked Village Launceston for allowing us to use Cinema 2 for our 6.30 Wednesday screening, despite us only paying for the smaller Cinema 4.

Ed thanked our service providers – Foot & Playsted for the printing of our Newsreel, Self Help Workshop for the posting of our Newsreel, and our Front of House Contractor, Leigh Thompson who services the scanning booth.

He advised that we are open to sponsorship and requested anyone interested should contact us, either by speaking to a Committee member, or by email.

Ed advised that if any member had questions regarding the Financials they should contact the Society by email or meet with Committee members at the door prior to screenings.

Moved Ed Beswick, **seconded**, Thomas Gunn, *that the Financial report be adopted.*

Carried on the hands.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Ed Beswick advised that Ruddicks had conducted the audit, and no issues had been identified.

Any queries may be directed to Daniel Newton at Ruddicks.

It was moved Ed Beswick, **seconded** Sandro Lippis, *that Ruddicks be reappointed as auditor for 2026.*

Carried on the hands.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

Janez confirmed that there were no new nominations.

There were eight nominations for Committee and all eight were elected unopposed.

The only change is that Thomas Butler is now Membership Secretary, and Fahad Al-Sohaibani is an Ordinary member.

President:	Janez Zagoda
Vice President:	Mark Horner
Treasurer:	Ed Beswick
Secretary:	Gail Bendall
Membership Secretary:	Thomas Butler
Ordinary Members:	Anne Green
	Tania Harvey
	Fahad Al-Sohaibani

OTHER BUSINESS

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Life Membership – Janez as President presented Gill Ireland with Life Membership. He confirmed that Gill had provided many years of excellent service to the Launceston Film Society, mostly in the role of Membership Secretary, and that she, together with her husband and Life Member, Richard, designed and established the current membership programme. Gill provided knowledge and insight in the selection of movies and was a hugely valuable contributor. He again thanked Gill for her service and wished her well.

CLOSE

The meeting closed at 6.10pm