



## NEWSLETTER

### October 2017

Welcome to the October edition of the Yarra Ranges Film Society Newsletter. There are several important items in this newsletter. They are the October film screenings, the [2018 film program selection survey](#) the [notice of the Annual General Meeting](#), and the [Show Us Your Shorts 2018 and 2017 end of year dinner](#).

[Click here to view and complete the film selection survey \(SurveyMonkey\)](#)

#### AGM information

Please note the time and venue of the AGM meeting has been amended since the last newsletter to the Arts Centre Warburton Theatre at 10am. If you are unable to attend the AGM please complete a proxy form and hand it in to a committee member at the October film screening. We have a number of vacancies on the committee for 2018 and would encourage all members to consider being part of the committee. There will be morning tea provided and a complimentary ticket for the 11.30 am film [Ali's Wedding](#) being screened at the Warburton Arts Centre on Sunday 29th October 2017.

#### October and November Screenings

##### October – Toni Erdmann

Germany 2015 Comedy/Drama 162 Min M

Warburton: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October **7.00pm**.

Healesville: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October **7.00pm**

[Please note the early start time of 7.00pm](#)



A career-focused woman (Sandra Huller) suddenly has to deal with her estranged father (Peter Simonischek), a compulsive practical-joker. Both moving and hilarious in equal measure, this has been a hit at many festivals including Cannes 2016. Directed by Maren Ade.

Read the [critics reviews](#).

## November - The Vanishing

Netherlands 1988 Drama M

Warburton Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm

Healesville Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7.30 pm

### Starbox Ratings

Here are the results for our September screenings of Siddharth. The combined rating for Warburton and Healesville was 3.8

Warburton:	Healesville:
5 stars: 14 votes	5 Stars: 15 votes
4 stars: 38 votes	4 Stars: 36 votes
3 stars: 20 votes	3 Stars: 15 votes
2 stars: 5 votes	2 Stars: 4 votes
1 star: 2 vote	1 Stars: 0 votes
Average = 3.7	Average = 3.9
Attendance = 80	Attendance = 86

## Film Selection Survey for 2018 Program. Now's your chance to have your say

We invite members of our society to take part in our annual film selection survey. This can be done in either of two ways.

1. [Visit this link to complete the survey on line \(SurveyMonkey\)](#). This link will take you directly to our survey where you will find instructions on how to complete it. It has links to information about each film. Don't forget to click DONE at the bottom when you have finished. The closing date for the survey is **Wednesday 18th October**.
2. A PDF document is included with this newsletter. It has the links to film information too. If you wish you can print this PDF and complete the survey on paper and hand it to a committee member at the next screening at Warburton (10 October) or Healesville (17 October). The closing date for the survey is **Wednesday 18th October**.

### For your information

Two documents are included further down in this newsletter, '[Film Selection Guidelines](#)' and '[Regarding Film Selection](#)', about the process that the committee uses to create the program for the following year.

## Yarra Ranges Film Society Notice of Annual General Meeting 2017

**The Annual General Meeting of The Yarra Ranges Film Society will take place at Arts Centre, Warburton at 10.00am on Sunday 29th October 2017.**

The AGM is to be held in the Theatre

The business of the AGM will include:

Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM 2016.

Receiving and considering the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Association.

Receiving and considering the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act.

Confirming or varying the amount of the annual subscription to the society

Election of officers of the committee (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary) and Ordinary Committee Members (number to be determined by the meeting)

### **General Business**

Any member unable to attend the meeting may choose to appoint another member as his / her proxy to vote on his / her behalf.

A proxy form for this purpose accompanies this notice.

Please note that the proxy appointment form must be handed to the Chairperson of the meeting at, or prior to, the commencement of the meeting.

It can be completed and handed to the Secretary or committee representative at the screening night prior to the AGM.

If the form is posted or sent electronically, it must be received by the Secretary of the Association

**at least 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting.**

**Accompanying this Notice:** Click on these links to view in full the documents listed below.

[Proxy form](#)

[Minutes of AGM 2016](#)

## **Yarra Ranges Film Society Annual General Meeting Warburton Arts Centre at 10.00am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Agenda**

The AGM is to be held in the Theatre.

Attendance: Would all attendees please ensure that they sign the attendance sheet.

Apologies.

Minutes of 2016 AGM.

Matters arising.

Correspondence.

Treasurer's Report.

President's Report.

Election of Committee for 2018:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Ordinary Members (at least 8)

Setting of annual subscription for 2018

General Business

# **Annual General Meeting Yarra Ranges Film Society Minutes**

## **The Memo Healesville at 1.00pm on Sunday 23rd October 2016.**

The AGM was held in the upstairs meeting room.

**Attendance** : Sheryl Allen, Sally Ahern, Laurie Hastings, Ron Fuhrer, Roslyn Bodin, John Bodin, Barbara Jasper, Greg Nicholas, Kerry Nicholas, Lorraine Sorrell, Meredith Smith, Bob Jeff, Maree Jeff, Alex Caporilli, Anna (Teresa) Caporilli, Margaret Hastings, Kate Baker, Jan Cranwell, Keith Wade, Maggie Sail, Wendy Veitch, Doug Fudge, Phillip Smith, Julian Higgs

**Apologies.** Klaus and Dagmar Limp, Joan Barlow, Linda Hay, Tony Villella, Ivan Gaal, Kathleen Cameron, Jo and Joseph Guthrie, David Borton, Paul and Kaye Williams, Anne Ligthart,

**Welcome.** The meeting was opened at 1.08pm by Keith Wade with a welcome to all.

### **Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 22nd November 2015 were circulated in advance of the meeting.

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the Yarra Ranges Film Society Annual General Meeting held on 22nd November 2015 are accepted as true and correct.

No matters arising.

Moved to accept minutes: Keith Carried

**Correspondence.** None

### **Treasurer's Report.**

Circulated prior to the meeting to the members. Report for the financial year July 2015 - June 2016. Tabled and presented by the Treasurer, Laurie Hastings.

We had 2 Film Festivals in 2016 - the 33rd Warburton Film Festival and the 2nd Healesville Film Festival. Both received assistance from Yarra Ranges Council and Bendigo Bank. Report included a discussion regarding a nominal charge for Christmas dinner for those attending in 2017.

Recommendation that there be no increase in the annual membership fees for 2017.

There were no questions relating to the Treasurer's Report.

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report for the Yarra Ranges Film Society 2015 - 2016 be accepted. Moved: Keith Wade Seconded: John Bodin

Carried.

### **President's Report.**

Circulated to members previously and tabled at the meeting. Keith spoke to the Report acknowledging committee members and their contributions, support from Yarra Ranges and Bendigo bank.

### **Election of Committee:**

Julian Higgs took the chair to conduct the election for the position of President.

#### **President**

Nominee : Keith Wade

Nominated: Barbara Jasper Seconded: John Bodin Keith accepted, Duly Elected

Chair handed back to President - Keith Wade

#### **Vice -President**

Nominee: Sally Ahern Nominated: Maggie Sail Duly elected

#### **Secretary**

Seconded: Lorraine Sorrell

Nominee: Sheryl Allen

Nominated: Laurie Hastings Seconded: Sally Ahern Duly elected.

#### **Treasurer**

Nominee: Laurie Hastings

Nominated: John Bodin Seconded: Greg Nicholas Duly elected.

### **Committee members (at least 8 )**

Nominee: Barbara Jasper

Nominated: Lorraine Sorrell Seconded: Maggie Sail

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Nominated: Kerrie Nicholas Seconded: Lorraine Sorrell

Nominee: John Bodin

Nominated: Sheryl Allen Seconded: Ron Fuhrer

Nominee: Maree Jeffs

Nominated: Sally Ahern Seconded: Kerry Nicholas

Nominee: Ron Fuhrer

Nominated: Margaret Hastings Seconded: Jan Cranwell

Nominee: Meredith Smith

Nominated: Anna (Teresa) Caporilli Seconded: Margaret Hastings

Nominee: Lorraine Sorrell

Nominated: Sally Ahern Seconded: Anna (Teresa) Caporilli

Nominee: Kate Baker

Nominated: Maggie Sail Seconded: John Bodin

Nominee: Jan Cranwell

Nominated: Lorraine Sorrell Seconded: Meredith Smith

All nominations duly accepted for 2017 committee

Possibility of adding co-opted members throughout the year.

Thanks to Greg Nicholas and Phil Smith as a retiring Committee members.

### **General Business**

Setting of annual subscription for 2017

Treasurer recommended maintaining current subscription fees for 2017. Discussion regarding funding for Youth initiative prizes in 2017, which can be addressed in a number of ways by the committee.

Motion proposed by Keith that the annual subscription fees for 2017 remain the same as 2016. Carried

Suggestion that the Xmas dinner be marketed separately from the membership fees.

Kerrie raised the topic of a discussion group after film screenings at venues. To be included in the next committee meeting as general business.

Ros Bodin expressed thanks and gratitude to committee for their work in 2016.

**Meeting closed.** 1:50 pm

### **Show Us Your Shorts 2018**

Each year the film society runs a Youth Initiative Short film competition as part of the Warburton Film Festival called Show US Your Shorts. The planning for this program usually commences now and we are looking for a member interested in coordinating this program. This role suits a person interested in encouraging young filmmakers and developing a film culture in short film. We will provide lots of support and guidance to you, based on our previous experience. Talk to a Committee member at the OCTOBER Screening if you would like to be part of this. We need you to step forward.

### **End of Year Dinner**

This year the end of year dinner provided prior to the December screening will have a catering charge of \$10 per person. Bookings will be required prior to the event to assist with our catering. More details for purchasing tickets for the dinner will be provided in the November newsletter.

## **Film selection guidelines.**

At this time of the year we seriously think about of a film program for the next year. We have a democratic process which begins in July and is finalised in November before the December screening.

To start the ball rolling, the committee members are asked to suggest any films that they may have seen. With the Melbourne International Film Festival happening in July, many people get to see a range of new recent releases which are not yet screened at the cinemas. There are usually many suggestions from these. It is a great start towards putting together a film program. This is followed by a member suggestion sheet available at the September screening and a newsletter request for members to email suggestions. All members are encouraged to add their suggestions to this list. Again, many members, especially those who have a strong interest in film, are able to make great recommendations. All the suggestions are then compiled and we call this the long list of possible film screenings. All suggestions are considered and then a number of criteria are applied to produce the short list. Some of the criteria to be considered for a film to progress from the long list to the short list include:

Are the screening rights available?

Is there a copy of the film available?

Has the film been shown recently in the local commercial cinemas?

Is there a mix of international films suggested?

What classic or "from the vault" films are included? For our program, we currently choose to screen 3 films from the vault and the rest are recent releases.

The short list is circulated to members in the October newsletter and through email and all members are asked to vote, either [online through SurveyMonkey link](#) or by paper at the October screening. The results from this voting survey produce the final 11 selected films for the year, which are then put together into a screening program and sent to the publishers. Last years selection were the top films voted for by the members from the short list. Again, screening availability and local cinema programming may impact of the final 11 selection. The screening dates for each film is selected by the committee and a program is prepared for the printers and for electronic publishing. These are available to the public, including the film society community, before the December screening. This provides an opportunity to encourage new members to our film society, as well as provide an informed decision for current members to renew their membership at the December screening.

The result is another year's fabulous films able to be seen in the local community through Yarra Ranges Film Society membership.

## **REGARDING FILM SELECTION:**

Many thanks to all those members who provided suggestions for our program in 2018. The committee has considered all titles and produced a short list of 32 for members' consideration.

Titles were eliminated from the original list using the following major criteria:

1. Films previously screened by Yarra Ranges Film Society or screened locally in Healesville and Warburton
2. Films known to be unavailable in a format suitable for screening in our cinemas
3. Films whose Australian release situation is as yet unknown

Any film to be screened in our program must firstly be available in a format compatible with the digital projection system used in our cinemas. This can be either a DCP (cinema standard digital print provided by distributors), blu-ray or standard DVD disc, in order of preference based on picture quality.

Secondly, the film must have a rights holder for Australia, to whom a screening fee is to be paid. These can sometimes be difficult to trace. In some instances with older films, even though a disc may exist, there is no rights holder as the rights have lapsed. In such circumstances, a film cannot be shown.

Members should be aware that all films on the short list are subject to these conditions, and the availability of any particular title is not guaranteed at this stage.

*Laurie Hastings*

# Yarra Ranges Film Society AGM

## Proxy Voting Form 2017

I .....

registered member of Yarra Ranges Film Society, authorise

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to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Theatre, Arts Centre Warburton at 10.00am on Sunday 29th October 2017. The AGM is to be held in the theatre.

SIGNED: .....