

Matamata Dramatic Society Inc.

AGM 2022

President's Report

How to sum up the last 12 months? COVID !!

Putting aside for a minute the cancelled events, we still managed to have some performances go ahead in between the lock downs and other restrictions.

Pink Hammer, Laughter is the Best Medicine, the Arts on Tour show, some screenings of Friday Flicks and of course The Improv-ables. The cancelled production of "At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin" has been rescheduled for later this year.

In June we heard the sad news that our Patron, Dr. Neil Algar, had passed away. The Society has appreciated his and Eunice's support and encouragement over many years. Also, during this past year several members of our committee and their family members were dealing with some serious health issues, and we wish them all the best for the future.

We started very enthusiastically this year with some big ambitions to mark not only the 75th anniversary of the Dramatic Society but also the upcoming 60th anniversary of this building changing from a post office to the fantastic auditorium it still is today.

We organized working bees, made plans for some major events and renovations... and again... COVID !!.

But we still achieved a lot, some visible, like these new steps to and from the stage, some not so visible, like the work that was done in getting our health and safety standards improved and documented. Then there was the 7 cubic metre skip bin, and Hilton's car boot, filled with items no longer useful or needed (and that is the polite way of putting it).

Sadly, we were unable to have our turn at the community Op-Shop last September and all the "stuff" donated for that is now taking up the space we created in the basement by the filling of the aforementioned skip.

We have, this year 2022, all planned out with a full calendar of activities which we hope will be able to go ahead and we are looking forward to seeing full houses for these.

So, to finish off, I would like to thank all the sponsors, individuals, organisations and companies that have supported us both financially and in kind. I also would like to mention the seemingly effortless support from Paul Marshall and Graham Allen for making running the theatre so easy. Further, all committee members for their co-operation and hard work. I am sure some were happy that COVID stopped a few of our ambitious plans. I would also like to acknowledge Colin Kemplen who is stepping down as Treasurer. Thank you, Colin, for a great job well done.

For me it has been a privilege to serve as President this year, but I will step aside for now as I have put my hat in the ring for the position of Treasurer.

Thank you very much

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President 2021-22