

Dear Members

March 2020

Greetings to you All - Kia Ora Koutou

As a result of Covid-19 the committee made the decision on Thursday 19th to put Repertory into recess until further notice and made the following decisions:

- The theatre is closed.
- The Annual General Meeting is postponed.
- The financial report for the year ended 31 January 2020 has been prepared but cannot be accepted until we have the AGM. However, given that the theatre was only active from August 2019 to January 2020, we managed to reduce the deficit from \$14,804 for year ended January 2019 to \$9,896 at January 2020.
- While the appointment of a new committee should not proceed until the AGM, it was decided that it was more practical to accept those persons who submitted nomination forms for the new committee, rather than retain the current committee, some of who were unavailable going forward. So, the committee is comprised of
 - Beverley Pearce – President
 - Cathy Gribble – Secretary
 - Ann Paynter – Treasurer with Justin Mulligan remaining in the role during this period of lock-down.
 - Members – April Pearson, Nadine Rayner, Chris Stedman, Don Paynter, Reuben Janes, Patrick McKenna.
- We will be maintaining essential payments – insurance and eftpos (contractually required to) and power (we do not want to cut the power at this stage)
- We have two dedicated people William May and Don Paynter who will go into the theatre at least monthly to check if all is well and do any urgent maintenance that is needed.
- We will contact the Council to see if we can have rates relief.
- There may well be some financial assistance for theatre groups like ourselves as part of the government package.
- We had a massive clean-up at the Theatre on Saturday 21st and I am very grateful to Don, William, Chris and Cathy for their time and energy.
- Rep has had some fantastic successes in the past 5 months. We have much to be proud of. A thoughtful energetic play by Joan Rosier-Joans “ The Dignity of Risk “ directed by Kerry Girdwood; a wickedly funny panto “Cinders” directed by Ash Morris; and then the highly entertaining Music Hall Evening co-ordinated by Cathy Gribble on Vintage Weekend. We very much appreciate the time and effort everyone put into those productions.
- We are confident Rep will come through and the lights will be lit on the stage again soon
- We do need your continued support, physically and financially, so payment of the membership fees gratefully received AND when we re-open we will put on a free show for our members.

Stay Safe ***** Be Kind *****Kia Kaha

From the Committee of Wanganui Repertory Theatre