



MILLINERY AUSTRALIA

## Members Meeting Minutes

**HELD: Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**7.30pm AEDT**

(Melb/Syd - Daylight Savings)

Time	Item	Presented by
19:30	<b>1. Welcome</b>	President
19:30	<b>2. Guest Speaker – MICHELE CAMERON</b>	Vice President
19:50	<b>3. Apologies</b> Alana English, Andrea Caneiro, Bev Gunn, Catherine Storm, Cristina de Prada, Felicity Northeast, Fiona Sullivan, Gillian Andrew, Karen Livingston, Liza Georgia, Louise Macdonald, Lynette Lim, Margaret Keeble, Nicholette Pottier, Penelope Gervaise, Rebecca Share, Robynne Dowd, Wendy Scully, Weis Mauduit-Jansen	Secretary
19:55	<b>4. Passing of October 2023 Meeting Minutes (delayed from September)</b>  Moved by Christine Martin, Seconded by Michele Cameron	Secretary
20:00	<b>5. Treasurer Reports</b> 5.1 Balance 5.2 P&L 5.2.1 Mary/ Possum to provide a breakdown of the expenses involved in the Committee Planning Session held in Brisbane. 5.2.2 Mary confirmed recent interest earned for the Term Deposit. Mary and Kelli Dart-Fagan to look in to more options for the Term Deposit funds.  Reports moved by Christine Martin, Seconded by Maya Kalan	Treasurer Treasurer
20:10	<b>6. President's Report</b> <b>6.1 General</b> 6.1.1 Possum introduced the Committee members, and confirmed the Committee planning meeting was recently held in Brisbane on the 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> February, attended by all Committee members. A positive and enthusiastic group, with a diverse range of skills and backgrounds. With an agenda of 50 items, the Committee spend two full days in attendance, and managed to address 47 of the agenda items, and will bring all items to the members as they become relevant and timely. 6.1.2 Possum confirmed that, after receiving member feedback, <b>Stitch &amp; Chat</b> will move to the <b>new time of Thursday</b>	President

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	<p><b>evenings from 8pm -10pm (AEDT/ Melb Time), beginning Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.</b></p> <p>6.1.3 Possum confirmed that the entry requirements and application for Fellow Membership were currently being reviewed and updated by Mary Mohr and Penelope Gervaise, in light of the fact that Cert IV in Millinery is no longer offered in Australia. Hoping to have the new applications procedures up and running by the next Members Meeting in March.</p> <p>6.1.4 Members recently (17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> February) attended an EVA Foam workshop hosted by Lumins Workshop. It was a very interesting class that was focused on demonstrating a range of materials that are used in Cosplay. Maggie, the owner of Lumins, has expressed a willingness to travel around Australia if this is something members outside of Melbourne would be interested in running in their own state.</p> <p>6.1.5 Possum confirmed the need for more Members Workshops in all states, with members from each state to organize at least one local workshop each year.</p> <p>6.1.6 Possum discussed the Association organizing an international tutor to travel to Australia, occurring every three years, beginning on 2025 or 2026.</p> <p>6.1.7 Social catchups are important and a must for members in every state, and should be organized regularly via relevant state Facebook pages.</p> <p><b>6.2 DESIGN AWARD/ STUDENT'S DESIGN AWARD/ GALA NIGHT</b></p> <p>6.2.1 Themes are reflective of this year's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Millinery Association of Australia.</p> <p>6.3 AWARD THEMES</p> <p>6.3.1 <b>DESIGN AWARD THEME – PEARL</b></p> <p>6.3.2 <b>Key dates for the Design Award are:</b>  Entries Open - Wednesday, 27th March  Registrations Close - Tuesday, 21st May  Delivery of Hats - Friday, 21st June  Photos sent out to entrants - Friday, 5th July  Top 10 announcement - Sunday, 14th July  Winner announcements - Friday, 26th July live at the Gala</p> <p>6.3.3 <b>STUDENT AWARD THEME – PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT</b></p> <p>6.3.4 Georgia Skelton will once again be organizing the Student Award. Thank you Georgia!</p> <p>6.3.5 <b>Key dates for the Student Award are:</b>  Entries open - Wednesday, 27th March  Registrations close - Tuesday, 21st May  Delivering of hats - Friday, 21st June  Winner announcements Friday, 26th July at the Gala</p> <p>6.4 <b>2024 GALA EVENING - Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> of July, 7pm-10.30pm, at 'The Muse' TAFE NSW Ultimo Campus.</b></p> <p>6.5 Possum confirmed that Penelope Gervaise and Nicholette Pottier are heading up the Awards/ Gala Committee. It is very exciting to see these events held in Sydney and hope our members really get behind our exceptional NSW Committee Members and support them by entering the competition and making the journey to Sydney for our Gala Evening where all entries will be on display, including the Student Award entries.</p>	

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	<p>6.6 It is hoped that the 2025 hosts will be announce at the Gala, to allow for a full 12 months of planning and organisation.</p> <p>6.7 Possum confirmed that the Committee is currently working to secure prizes and sponsorship donations for both the Design Award and Student Award. Hoping to announce the prize lists at our next Members Meeting in March - which is being held the day before our entry registration opens.</p> <p>6.7.1 Fellow members can consider educational opportunities for Student Award prizes. Possum confirmed that she is happy to contact 3<sup>rd</sup> parties if Members know of anyone who may like to sponsor a prize.</p>	
20:20	<p><b>7. Vice President's Report</b></p> <p>7.1 Wendy encouraged all members to look out for and get involved in local and interstate shows/ competitions by entering a piece or two. There has been a decline in participation since Covid, so important that we all get back in to entering competitions, in both general public and Masters divisions.</p> <p>7.2 Wendy reminded us to send in photos of competition entries and other interesting/ relevant pics to MA for inclusion and promotion via social media.</p>	Vice President
20:20	<p><b>8. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p>8.1 Kathy confirmed new membership applications are being made, with 3 new paid Fellow Members and 1 new paid Student member.</p> <p>8.1.1 New Fellow Members – Nayana Nilmini (VIC); Karen Livingston (NSW); Kimberley Barnham (VIC)</p> <p>8.1.2 New Student Member – Michelle Meyers (NSW)</p>	Secretary
20:25	<p><b>9. Website / Social Media</b></p> <p>9.1 Jo reminded us to keep using #millineryaustralia ; #millineryaustraliamember or @millineryaustralia in our social media so that member posts can be shared in MA stories, and will be automatically shared to Facebook.</p> <p>9.2 Jo confirmed that when a member uses these tags, it is taken that MA has permission to share.</p> <p>9.3 Jo confirmed that with the increase in posting and sharing, MA has increased its followers, with a good cross-section of audience.</p> <p>9.4 Jo will be putting together a basic tips and tricks guide for members to understand about tagging in social media.</p> <p>9.5 Jo confirmed that the MA website is outdated, and hampered by third-party ties limiting cost effective amendment. She is looking in to the production and transition to a new website in the coming months.</p>	Jo Ramsay
20:35	<p><b>10. Hat Walk</b></p> <p>10.1 7<sup>th</sup> April - 4 locations across Australia – Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.</p> <p>10.2 Facebook page has been set up with information. Organisers are: Adelaide – Jo Honan; Brisbane – Wendy Diggles; Sydney – Neil Grigg; Melbourne – ***IN NEED OF AN ORGANISER</p>	Jo Ramsay/ Vice Pres

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	10.3 Posters will be made available to place around, with QR code with a link to the relevant state information. 10.4 Hat walk is for anyone with a love of hats – general public, milliners, Cosplay, fashion industry, photographers, models	
20:40	<b>11. Student of the Year</b> 11.1 Serena Lindeman announced Mandy Ashman as Student of the Year	Serena Lindeman
20.45	<b>12. General Business</b> 12.1 Open to Members 12.2 Sandy Forrester asked for contributions from Members of anything they might have relevant to the Archival effort of MA. Intention to engage an Archivist to produce a final archival report of the Association. Wants to have all documents ready by the 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024.	President  Sandy Forrester
	<b>13. Next Meeting</b>  Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.30PM AEDT	Secretary
21.05	<b>14. Meeting close</b>	Secretary