

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015

THE PHILLIP ISLAND MOVIE CLUB

This is my first year as President of The Phillip Island Movie Club (PIMC). Margaret Byrne and I were approached in December 2014 by Lesla Seraghi and Anne Davie who were resigning after thirty one years.

Lesla and Anne had run the PIMC since its inception in 1983 and we had been attending films and the Film Festivals since the mid 80s. The PIMC gained a very high profile under their leadership. We can only thank them profusely for their insight, hard work and creativity through those years.

Pivotal to PIMC continuing was having Barrie Robinson prepared to carry on, in his role of screening the films and giving us his insight before each film began. Thankfully, Barrie not only gave us the nod but joined our committee as well. I wish to extend our thanks to Barrie for making PIMC possible.

In accepting this invitation from Lesla and Anne we identified a number of issues to be addressed as soon as possible. Firstly we needed to form a committee as PIMC had become an Incorporation and this was a requirement. Thank you to all of the people who put themselves forward for the 2015 committee. In addition thanks to Ann Hicks who took on the role of Treasurer.

Insurance was a major issue for us as an incorporation responsibility and we completed the insurances taking out Liability and Professional Indemnity insurance to cover the committee members from any personal liability.

Through the help of Prodos whom we found through the The Victorian Federation of Film Societies, we were able to develop a **Website:** phillipisland.movieclub.org.au Prodos constructed this site for us free of cost and we owe him a huge thank you. It has been up and running now since early this year and we have had many favourable comments.

As Margaret and myself were going to be away for three months we saw the necessity for a devoted **gmail** address for PIMC. Imelda Daly, one of our members, organised our new gmail address, phillipislandmovieclub@gmail.com and this has been working well with all of our member's details installed for easy mailing. The gmail address also allows access by approved members and so the committee are able to carry on in our absence.

Similarly we needed a dedicated **Post Office** Box so that all PIMC mail including DVD's could be sent and collected by committee members, especially during our absence. Our address is PIMC, PO BOX 930 Cowes 3922.

We found that there was a contradiction in the name of our group. To our members it was known as 'The Phillip Island Movie Club,' but on the Department of Consumer Affairs website it had been registered as 'The Phillip Island Film Society Inc.' This caused a few

difficulties with insurance, banking and other legal documentation. We have now completed **the change of name** and we are now legally 'The Phillip Island Movie Club Inc.'

During the year Margaret and I attended 'The Australian Council of Film Societies (ACoFS),' and the 'Victorian Federation of Film Societies (VFoFS),' AGM's and conferences. This was a timely opportunity as we met many other people from Film Clubs around Victoria and Australia. We also managed to meet film distributors which was great to be able to put some faces to names. We were able to establish contact with many helpful people including Prodos.

A **lending library of DVD's** has now been set up and where we have been able to purchase films, they can be now lent to members who were unable to attend the film on the night it was shown.

The StarBox rating has been a successful addition during 2015, this gives us an indication of numbers attending the screening as well as which films appeal to our members. The rating is individual and of interest to other film clubs that may be looking at the same film.

The new committee had thought about discontinuing **the Raffle** as we were hesitant to ask for donations, but due to popular demand the Raffle is back! Thank you to Annette Waters for organising this each month.

An Agenda item for our AGM is the setting of fees for 2016/17. We need to have a discussion about increasing fees and discontinuing the current system.

I believe we have provided a range of films, some enjoyed more than others but all of interest to movie club members. As a movie club we are screening films that generally have not had mainstream release but rather support independent film makers and films that have had a limited release. We have completed a great deal in such a short time and hopefully we can concentrate on putting more time into exploring new films for next year. Thanks once again to all of our committee members who have been a wonderful support this year.