

Friends of the Arts

July 5, 2018

Dear Member,

Re: Special General Meeting - Explanatory Information Sheet

The Board of the Friends of the Arts Centre Gold Coast are pleased to announce an exciting change of focus for the Company.

The Gold Coast Arts Centre grew out of the efforts of the original Friends. Over the decades the Gold Coast Arts Centre has grown providing ever more opportunities for the Arts on the Gold Coast. In recent years that change has coincided with changes of name from the Gold Coast Arts Centre to Arts Centre Gold Coast to the present HOTA – Home of the Arts.

Throughout the history of the Arts Centre the Friends have always been a separate and independent organisation from the Arts Centre Gold Coast. The Friends have been a not for profit company with its principal focus being to promote and encourage artistic and cultural pursuits of all kinds through active support of the Arts Centre. In more recent years the Friends established their charitable gift fund to sponsor and support young artists and performers.

Also, in recent years, the Friends have provided support for Gold Coast Eisteddfod and more recently the Gold Coast Music Awards.

HOTA, as the largest promoter of the Arts on the Gold Coast, will likely continue to be the greatest recipient of the Friends support.

The Friends will continue to expand our reach across all aspects of the Arts and Culture on the Gold Coast and, in keeping with that expansion of our focus, the Board proposes changing the name of the Company from “Friends of the Arts Centre Gold Coast” to “Friends of the Arts”.

HOTA will continue to provide their usual membership benefits to our members for the coming financial year and in coming years the Friends will explore opportunities for membership benefits from other partner organisations.

The Memorandum of Association and Articles of the Company require updating with a modern company constitution and the Board propose introducing a new constitution for consideration and voting on by the members at the next AGM in September this year. That new constitution will reflect the Friends’ wider focus on the support of the Arts and Culture across the Gold Coast.

For the Friends, it means an opportunity to both donate and sponsor a range of arts and cultural initiatives in our region with corresponding opportunities for our members to participate to a wider range of events and activities.

The Board recommends your support to change the name of the Company from “Friends of the Arts Centre Gold Coast” to “Friends of the Arts” by voting in favour of the Special Resolution at this Special General Meeting. In order to pass the special resolution 75% of votes cast by members entitled to vote must be in favour of the resolution.

Kind Regards,

Rebecca Paranthoienne.

President,
Friends of the Arts