

Dear Members

For those who didn't attend the AGM you might want to read the report from our President Annette and know who is on the committee.

Welcome everybody to the 2018 annual general meeting. Another year has passed and the Club continues to function well in all areas. The highlight was the Workshop we ran in November. As many of you will know, these events require particular kinds of venues to comfortably accommodate a large group of dancers. They are scarce and they are expensive which means they are often held a long way from the suburbs of Melbourne. Nirkoda, as an incorporated association, was eligible to apply for a community grant to run our event locally at the Glen Eira Council town hall. We thank the Glen Eira City Council for their support in awarding us a grant. This event attracted significantly more attendees than any previous camp or workshop held by Nirkoda and we can only attribute this to the convenience of the location. As you know, because we circulated a Save the Date, we are already in the planning stages for our next Workshop in November 2019 and plan to reapply for a grant to support this event at the same local venue.

The other significant event in 2018 will be Nirkoda's 30th birthday which we will be celebrating in November. Stay tuned for details.

Our Treasurer will give his report shortly but I can say that whenever the finances allow we will pass the benefit on to our members by offering as many free nights as we can and which we did recently with the Yemenite night.

The committee has been short one member for the past year so you will have the opportunity tonight to vote in a new member to the team – Helen Kalbstein. I'd like to thank the current Committee for all their hard work. Some of the jobs that need to be done range from dealing with government, Council, landlords and the bank to publicity and printing, shopping and catering, administration and on it goes. Everything gets done with generosity and extraordinary good will. Nirkoda continues to be blessed with INMHO the best bunch of teachers – thank you Judi, Denise, Rosie, Chris, Mary, Margaret, Rita and Guest teacher Sharon. Margaret – if we were ever at risk of taking you for granted then we were certainly reminded of everything you do for the group while you were away taking care of business elsewhere – very glad you are back. Thank you to all of you who take your turn to help her on a Tuesday night. A very big thank you to Martin for his technical and

photographic expertise. A big thank you to Estelle who not only washes our tea towels but irons them as well.

Annette Bagle

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jack Ginger who reported that there was a profit of \$10,000 including income from 2017 workshop and Rikud Oz 2018.

Committee 2018/19

President:	Annette Bagle
Vice President	Natalie Taft
Treasurer:	Jack Ginger
Secretary:	Denise Setton
General Positions:	Hillary Herson Macmull
	Naomi Rassaby
	Helen Kalbstein

If you have any ideas or suggestions feel free to approach any of the committee and have a chat.

For those who haven't paid membership for this financial year, there is a short grace period, please pay asap.

Denise Setton