

President's Report for the NMT AGM 2020

2019 has been a difficult year for NMT. With mass resignation of committee members immediately after our AGM in March the remaining committee were left holding things together. Megan Slater and Peta Spooner were co-opted as members, and during the year we lost Tasman Richards and Michael O'Malley for personal reasons.

The committee resolved to appoint Robbie Burns as Vice-President and we were very fortunate to have Janet Rowland and Lindsey Benbow agree to come back on as secretary and treasurer respectively. Janet was able to step down as secretary when we welcomed Katie Scott to committee. Janet then became acting treasurer while Lindsey was away in Europe for two months.

Francesca Beckett and Katie Wolicki worked on our facebook and website but eventually had to opt out of building it due to work commitments. Katie Scott and her father took over and developed our new website and it was up and running for the new year.

Despite the setbacks, we were able to present Nevermore in April and find replacements for Director and MD for Blood Brothers after the initial ones resigned. We had a very successful Blood Brothers season in October.

The wardrobe managers, Barbara Land and Coral Haussman have worked all year and are coming to the end of sorting, collating, and throwing out excess garments and fabrics, making it much easier to find things. This job is ongoing but we are now ready for a day of photography to model some of our clothes for the website. We hope this will encourage more costume hires.

The props room has had a major clean-out, with a skip load of old, damaged, or useless props making room for things to be seen. Betty Ross did the major sort, while Ross Benbow and Lester Oakes did the legwork.

Our working bee at the theatre although small in numbers did get a lot of work done but we still have more sorting under the stage and above the men's toilets.

Ross Benbow