



## Federation of Australian Movie Makers Ltd.

*Make Movies Make Friends*

**FAMMGram March 2006**

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Well have you noticed the subtle change to the letterhead ?

Yes it has finally happened - after almost four years - many ups and downs - frustration with the bureaucracy & a lot of time, blood, sweat & tears

We are now the Federation of Australian Movie Makers Limited.

The Company was officially registered on the 1<sup>st</sup>. February, 2006 we have only now received the official Company Register, so now we can begin operations.

A copy of the registered constitution is attached to this e-mail FAMMGram

Let us cherish the traditions and fond memories of the past 54 years of FAMM and all the hours of hard work and devotion of all past members of FAMM executives, committee members and convention conveners and all other members who have assisted in an unofficial capacity. Without their commitments FAMM would not have been a viable organization for all these years.

The pleasure and camaraderie felt by all participants over the years has been, possibly, the most rewarding and enjoyable experience had by members of affiliated clubs.

On behalf of members of affiliated clubs I wish to thank the "old" Executive Committee for all the hours of hard work, research and dedication that they have contributed in bringing FAMM Ltd. to fruition.

Now for the 21<sup>st</sup>. century.

I look forward to working with fellow directors of FAMM Ltd. in guiding the Company to continue to provide services to affiliated members and enlarge our membership to enable us to increase our area of expertise and influence.

The constitution of the Company allows input from all affiliated members in the decision making process, although the final decision rests with the directors of the Company. Each director represents all member clubs in his/her Division and must have input from member clubs to enable him/her to present their concerns and aspirations. *These lines of communication are most important for the Company to be relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup>. century*

A full list of Company directors and office bearers is attached to this email FAMMGram. Please note private details contained therein are not for general publication – for internal use only –

The position of directors of the Company will have to be ratified at the forthcoming Newcastle convention shareholders meeting (business session)

R.J. Gregson



**2006 Newcastle Convention**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED**

**DO IT NOW**

	<p><b><i>Let's Re-Mix in 2006</i></b> FAMM Convention Update Barry King - Chairman 2006 Newcastle Convention Committee</p>	
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A big hello to fellow video makers.

At the FAMM Gold Coast Convention in 2004, when Newcastle agreed to host the next Convention, the year 2006 seemed light years away.

Suddenly it is upon us and the excitement is intense here in Newcastle as final touches are made to the Convention Programme.

All of the major items are in place. Conventioneers will be pleased at the quality and no doubt the economy of accommodation offered by the Sir Francis Drake Inn. Those that attended the 2004 Convention will be quick to realise the advantages offered by staying at the venue site.

Coaches for the Hunter Valley Tour are booked, as is the entry to the famous Hunter Valley Gardens and historic Maitland Gaol.

The delightful afternoon tea cruise is organised and we can't wait to share with you the scenic beauty of Lake Macquarie.

Friday's "Technical Session" will have something of interest for everyone. Don't be daunted by the name. Speakers have been chosen for their high level of general interest as well as for the information they may impart.

We are eagerly looking forward to seeing the entries for "Australia's Five Best" movie competition where club members compete on behalf of their club for the prestigious Federation Shield. Entries close on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. Remember; the entry forms go to Alan Beale in Queensland **BUT** the tapes/discs go directly to Newcastle. All of this information is, of course, in the "Conditions of Entry".

On the subject of movies; don't forget your entry in the "One Minute Movie" competition. These are entered and judged at the Convention; no need to send them! One minute! Start to finish *including* titles and credits.

All of us here in Newcastle are looking forward to renewing old friendships and making new friendships. In particular we would like to welcome those clubs that have only recently become members of FAMM and would encourage you to make this your first of many FAMM Conventions.

Don't delay! Book today!

See you in Newcastle in May.

*Barry King*

Barry King  
Chairman  
2006 Newcastle Convention Committee

As the 2006 convention will be the first convention held under the FAMM Ltd. banner there are a few things to keep in mind.

The constitution as registered with ASIC is the **only** set of "rules" the company has in place at the moment. Which means by-laws covering such things as conventions, awards, competitions, divisions & zones have to be implemented. Until by-laws are put in place there is no option but to follow traditional procedures.

But members **must** elect a Vice President of the Company as required by law.

Rules regarding the conduct and make up of divisions and zones were presented and agreed to at the Coolangatta convention. On solicitor's advice these rules should become by-laws (as written) which will be ratified at the Newcastle convention (copy attached)

As member clubs are the share holders in the company, each is entitled to have a delegate and observer attend the shareholders meeting. If for some reason your club is not represented at the Newcastle convention I suggest that your club appoint a proxy to voice the views of your club at the convention.

### **FAMM MOVIE LIBRARY**

Since the last Convention I have received bookings from eight Clubs, Melbourne F&VM (MEMC Inc), WESTERN AUSTRALIA F&VC, DARLING DOWNS F&VC, TASMANIAN MOVIE MAKERS, ADELAIDE FILMO CLUB, NEWCASTLE & HUNTER VALLEY CS, SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMM, & MID NORTH MOVIE CLUB.

As of the end of February we have received \$120 in bookings and paid \$54.15 postage expenses (including postpaks).

Elements of the missing 1994 Brisbane Convention movie (as referred to in the 2004 Handbook) have been recovered and I anticipate a rebuild to a 20+ minute record.

Bruce McDonald,  
Convenor.

## **FAMM MUSIC LICENCE**

FAMM Ltd. is still in negotiation with ARIA to finalise terms & conditions for members restricted music licence, once negotiations are complete members will be notified ASAP. Until then, members can still use their 2005 restricted licence until 31<sup>st</sup>. March, 2006

It is becoming clear that one of the conditions that ARIA is insisting upon is that members report their usage of ARIA's clients' music. This has been a condition of our existing music licence but has not been enforced.

## **HOUSE KEEPING**

Stewart Gordon of Queensland Movie Makers has been appointed the company Secretary, Stewart's contact details are [stewfammsec@ozemail.com.au](mailto:stewfammsec@ozemail.com.au) phone (07) 3207 8457.

**All** correspondence to & from the Federation is to be channelled through the company Secretary, the company Secretary will then redirect correspondence to the intended recipient. This is the only way for the right hand to know what the left hand is doing & for the company to operate efficiently.

George Way of Queensland Movie Makers is the company Treasurer

A complete list of the company structure will be dispatched to member clubs shortly.

Affiliation fees were due on the 1<sup>st</sup>. of January, due notice was given to member clubs. It is disappointing to note that there are still four (4) member clubs who are still outstanding

It has been mentioned that members would like a "club profile" article in future FAMMGrams

So how about it? How about writing a "profile of **your** club" for the next FAMMGram, make other members aware of what **your** club is doing.

**See you all in Newcastle.**