

2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Revive The Regent Theatre Mudgee Inc.



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SECTION 1 AN OVERVIEW OF EVIVE THE REGENT THEATRE MUDGEE INC.

Our Mission

Our mission is to ensure the public are informed regarding the Regent Theatre in Mudgee's current status after sitting dormant for a number of years. Since 2017 when a development application was lodged for a hotel that would see significant loss to the theatre including demolition of the auditorium we have lobbied via local & online petitions, social media and public events.

The objects of the association are:

1. To bring together people who share a vision to revive the Mudgee Regent Theatre closed since 2007.
2. To advocate for arts and cultural development in the Central West.
3. To advocate for the protection of the Regent Theatre through permanent State Heritage listing.
4. To hold fundraising events to promote the goals of the organisation and if possible purchase the theatre.

Our Vision

Our vision is to see Mudgee's closed theatre revived and operational as a multi-purpose theatre. Advocating for The Regent Theatre protection and state heritage listing to ensure it remains intact as an Art Deco theatre. The organisation will work to reinforce the Regent's value as a cultural space.

Our History

Revive The Regent began as a blog and Facebook group in March 2017, founded by Simone Sheridan, to act as a centralised online resource for community and members of the public to learn more about The Regent Theatre in Mudgee. The ultimate aim is to see the theatre actively used as a cultural centre.

In May 2019 we were awarded the Advocacy Award at the NSW National Trust Heritage Awards. At a Public Meeting in April 2019 it was decided to form an incorporated association. We have organised public meetings, rallies and events to discuss how to save the theatre.

In November 2017, a submission made via our blog contact form from a local Mudgee resident, brought to attention a newly proposed development for the site of The Regent Theatre. The development application proposed a 5-storey hotel which would see the demolition of the auditorium. Responding to the community responses, a petition was established and (RTR) actively advocated for the building's protection and for Mid-Western Regional Council to reject the proposed development.

Acting as a voice for the theatre, our group has been able to engage with a range of stakeholders to discover new historical facts including the building's correct designer, George Newtown Kenworthy, which has added to the building's state heritage value. Pooling together finances, our community group raised \$3300.00 dollars to contribute towards commissioning Lucas Stapleton and Johnson Heritage Advisors to submit a well-researched and thorough objection to the DA, which assisted in identifying further state significance of this iconic Art Deco theatre built in 1935.

Our People

Board members/Trustees		
Name	Position	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
Simone Sheridan	President	16/04/19-Current
	Public Officer	19/02/20-Current
Jenna Blayden	Board Member	01/05/20-Current
Sara Fergusson	Secretary	16/04/19-Current
Janine Lilywhite	Board member	01/05/20-Current
Christine Sheridan	Treasurer	13/09/19-Current
Greg Smith	Public Officer	16/04/19-19/02/20
Peter Falson	Committee member	16/04/2019- 01/05/20
Carolynne Falson	Committee member	16/04/2019- 01/05/20
Charmaine Lynch	Treasurer	16/04/19-13/09/19
	Committee member	13/09/19-19/02/20
Kim Hansen	Committee member	16/04/19-10/01/20

Our Supporters

In-kind Sponsors and Business Supporters	
Name	Support given
Barocky Chocky (Andrew Burns)	Graphic Design - Logo, Poster and postcard created
Lucas Stapleton & Johnson Heritage Planning and Architecture	Final invoice re: State Heritage Registration Application waved
Cactus Signs	Banner oriented, t-shirt printing and bumper sticker created
John Broadley Heritage Services	Research on The regent Theatre which resulted in discovering the correct architect as Geroqe Newton Kenworthy

STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

Revive The Regent Theatre Mudgee Inc. is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

President Report

It is important to thank the fourteen donors who assisted in funding the objection paperwork that was submitted by LSJ Architects which was crucial in defending The Regent against the hotel development application. At the time (late 2018), we were not a registered charity and we needed to respond quickly to the pending DA deadline, so sincere gratitude to the community members who helped fund the cost of \$3,500.00.

Since our formation as an Incorporated Association in May 2019 there have been a number of changes regarding the property ownership of The Regent Theatre including an auction on 6 March 2020 was cancelled at the eleventh hour. Our organisation had a goal of ensuring the proposed Development Application which entailed demolition of the auditorium to construct a hotel was not successful

Our committee has had a number of changes and I'd like to thank the founding members who helped establish our incorporated association in April 2019.

- Newsletters

Our quarterly newsletter has been a key tool in sharing information about our activities and news regarding The Regent Theatre Mudgee. We have produced six newsletters since April 2019.

- Website

Our website is regularly updated, as information is made available to our organisation, and we have created a blog section to show highlighted information.

<https://www.revivetheregent.org.au/>

- Media

I maintain regular communication with ABC Dubbo and Orange, who have shown support to cover the matter of The Regent Theatre on their radio stations and tv network. Our organisation has been represented on Win News. Local media has included 2MG and Mudgee Guardian.

SAVE MUDGEES REGENT THEATRE

Sign our petition to Mid-Western Regional Council
requesting the purchase of Mudgee's Regent
Theatre at the upcoming auction on 6 March 2020.



www.change.org/revivetheregent



2019 National Trust Heritage Awards - Advocacy Winner

A number of our volunteers were able to attend the awards ceremony in May 2019 and it was a great milestone to celebrate our advocacy work which has been nationally recognised.

- Petitions

We have helped deliver two petitions since 2018; the first (Revive the Regent Theatre Mudgee - STOP DA0081/2018) against the hotel development application which resulted in a confirmed victory with 2916 supporters signing this petition and the second, to encourage Mid-Western Regional Council to purchase the theatre (Mid-Western Regional Council To Purchase Mudgee's Regent Theatre) is still currently open to signatures and is currently signed by 2,700 people.

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- Events

A number of events were held in 2019 at Uniting Church to share information and create a sense of community within our network. The film 'Mudgee & It's Regent Theatre' by Professor Ross Thorne was shown at two separate events, both drawing new people, and a series of brainstorming sessions held to determine activities the community wants to see at Mudgee's Regent Theatre.



PUBLIC MEETING

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2020

TIME: 2PM-4PM

LOCATION: THE STABLES

MARKET STREET, MUDGEE

The meeting will be to report on progress and seek input for Strategic Plan, following the recent decisions.

The meeting will also share vacancies on committee.

OPEN TO PUBLIC- RSVP REQUIRED via email to
info@revivetheregent.org.au

Become a member here
www.revivetheregent.org.au



6 April 2019

Public Meeting

3:00-3:30 - Welcome and Introductions

3:30-4:00 - Revive The Regent Background

4:00-4:30 - 'Mudgee and its Regent Theatre' Film

"Mudgee and its Regent Theatre" (2009) provides a visual description of the town, and its cinematic history, culminating in an exploration of the Regent Theatre that was closed and up for sale in 2009. The video was shot during a special festival of films as a way of promoting the sale.

4:30-5:00 - Next Steps & Ideas Sessions

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- **Fundraising Research**

After the public meeting held on 15 February 2020 at The Stables, attended by 31 people, it was determined that a fundraising pledge drive be created to determine how much money could be raised by our community, if urgently needed for a deposit at the March 2020 auction. A total of \$20,100.00 was pledged by thirty-three people.

- **Property Research**

As outlined in the newsletters, property research including owner information, company and land title searches have been conducted on a regular basis to ensure our information is up-to-date. Currently, the building is being managed by a liquidator after a federal court hearing resulted in the closure of the company that owned The Regent Theatre. The liquidator has begun cleaning and maintenance required as part of the State Heritage Orders and we anticipate the building going back on the market via auction in the coming future.

- **Country Arts Support Program Grant Application**

Although our first funding application (to present 2020 Forum) was not successful, we now have the work to continue to build on to present a community event that will promote The Regent Theatre. 2020 Forum in Mudgee NSW aims to explore arts, cultural and heritage cultural matters which have arisen since Revive The Regent began in 2017, around cultural planning, state heritage registration and Interim Heritage Orders. We aim to provide an opportunity to increase knowledge and participation from the community.

Thank you to everyone who has shown their support for our cause to Revive The Regent!

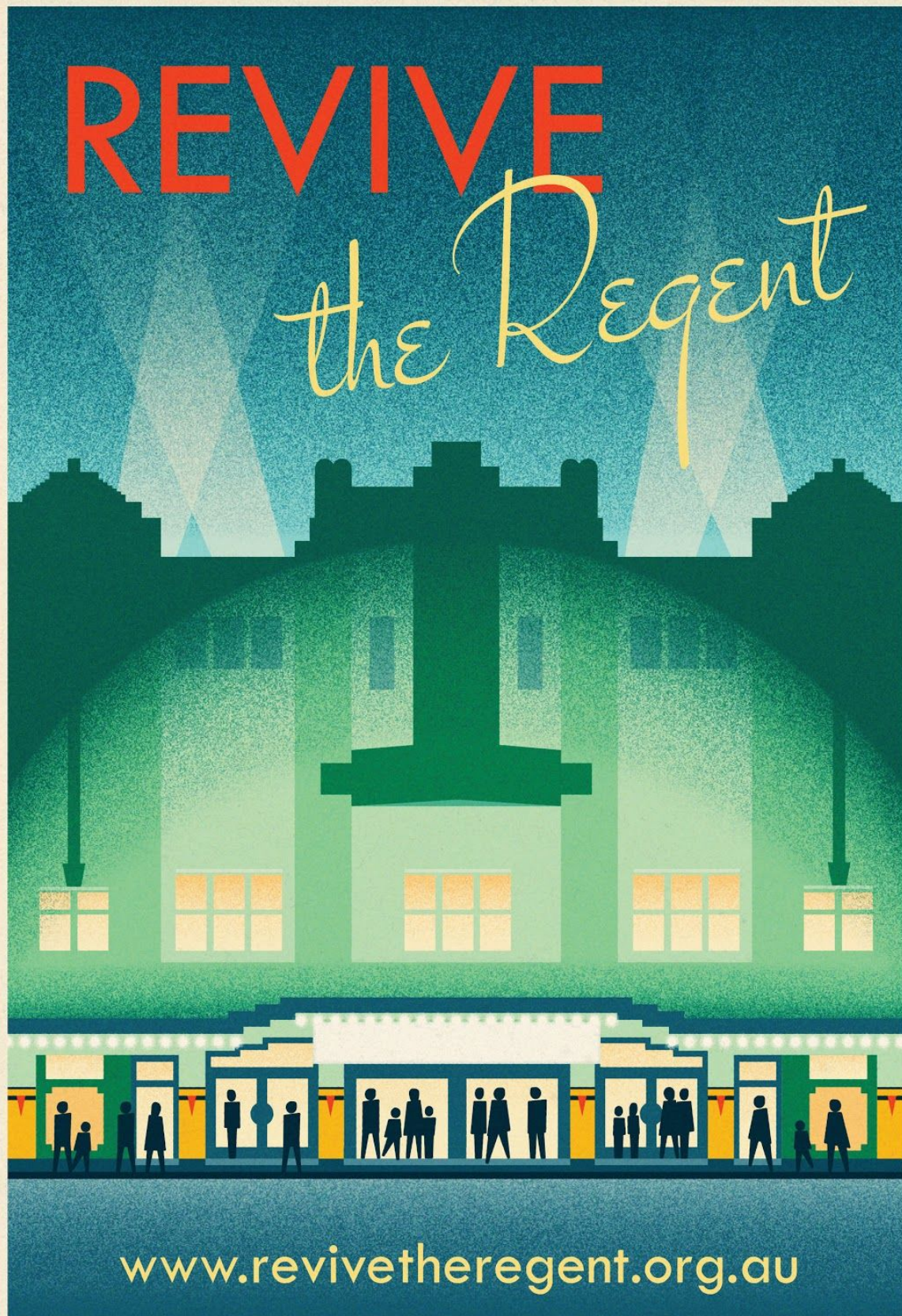


ILLUSTRATION BY BAROCKY CHOCKY

Poster created by designer Barocky Chocky (Andrew Burns)

Our Objectives and Activities

- Media opportunities to advocate for theatre and cultural programming for Mudgee/Central West.
- Events held to promote current matters and causes such as the 2019 Forum which has been on-hold since March 2020.
- Clarify our objectives and strategic plan for 2020/2021 and beyond.
- Public meeting held in January 2020
- Funding pledge drive including survey to discover how much money could be potentially raised within community to purchase theatre (\$20,100 via 33 pledges)
- Regular communication with heritage staff within NSW government
- Property Research including land title searches and attempts to negotiate with owner

Financial Report 2019/2020

Profit and Loss

Revive The Regent Theatre Mudgee Incorporated

Date Range: May 01, 2019 to Jun 30, 2020



ACCOUNTS

May 01, 2019
to Jun 30, 2020

Income	
Program Income – Membership Dues	\$2,100.00
Sales	\$1,020.00
Total Income	\$3,120.00

Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00
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Gross Profit	\$3,120.00
As a percentage of Total Income	100.00%

Operating Expenses	
Contract Services	\$900.00
Legal Fees	\$361.10
Merchant Account Fees	\$11.28
Office Supplies	\$259.01
Printing and Reproduction	\$58.80
Stripe Fee	\$5.97
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,596.16

Net Profit	\$1,523.84
As a percentage of Total Income	48.84%

Acknowledgements and Thank You

Donors

Sharyn Cover
Peter Falson
Fay Sheridan
Gregory Smith
Sara Fergusson
Judith James
Verity Scholes

Corporate & Community Partners

National Trust of Australia
John Broadley Heritage Services
Uniting Church
Lucas Stapleton & Johnson Heritage Planning and Architecture
Nick Tobin, Networked Urban Solutions
Mudgee Newsagency
West End Mini Market
Mudgee Honda Centre
Scott Goodkin, Mudgee Music
Mudgee High School
Mudgee Public School
Greg Khoury, Century Venues
Sydney Fringe Festival
Sydney Theatre Co.
Roxy Theatre Action Group
Mudgee Historical Society
Dance Unlimited
Step Up Dance Academy
Dream Dance Academy
Ned Dickson, Mudgee Heritage Walking Tours
Cactus Signs

Volunteers & Supporters

Sian Scarbrow
Daniel Endicott
Kim Hansen and family
Charmaine Lynch and family
Gregory Smith
Peter & Carlyne Falson
Sara Fergusson & family
John & Helen Wood
Bruce Wilson
David Stewart
Bob Lamond
Robbie Holdaway
John Bentley
Judith James
Tyrolin Puxty

Gabrielle Condon
David & Clarissa Mort
Bill Suttor

Members

Total members = 62 (Including 4 anonymous members)

First Name	Last Name
Kim	Hansen
Phil	Branford
Charmaine	Lynch
Jason	Lynch
Greg	Smith
Tracy	Martinez
Tony	Martinez
Sara	Fergusson
Todd	Fergusson
Alice	Fergusson
Fergus	Fergusson
Carolynne	Falson
Peter	Falson
Simone	Sheridan
James	Muller
Kayleen	Fergusson
Leonie	Buchanan
Helen	Lynch
Jess	Lynch
Hayley	Lynch
Robyn	Williamson
Sharyn	Farthing / Cover
John	Wood
Helen	Wood
Berni	Aquilina
Marie	Hobson

Brian	Hobson
Ian	Mackenzie
Daniel	Endicott
Fay	Sheridan
Christine	Sheridan
Angela	Middleton
Mary	Twidell
Kerry	McAskill
Ian	Griggs
Karen	Iles
Gabe	Peterson Condon
Neva	Cavenagh
John	Broadley
Judith	Kain
Bruce	Wilson
Jennie	Stephens
Linda	Wilson
Russell	Ashley
Nancy	Chapman
Robbie	Holdaway
Gabrielle	McGuire
Robert (BOB)	Lamond
Judith	James
Ned	Dickson
David	Mort
Clarissa	Mort
Karen	Taylor
Michael	Rowlands

Kim	Rowlands
Sharelle	Fellows
Janine	Lillewhyte
Jenna	Blayden

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