

**FRIENDLY STREET POETS INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Box Factory, 59 Regent Street, Adelaide
Monday, 10 April 2026
6:25pm**

AGENDA

1. **Members Present**—Names recorded on arrival
2. **Apologies**—Per written advice (email accepted)
3. **Proposed changes to the Constitution** (see below)
4. **Management Committee**—Nominations, elections (see below)
5. **Acceptance of 2024 AGM Minutes**
6. **Convenor’s Report**—Nigel Ford
7. **Treasurer’s Report**—Kristy Willett
8. **Regional Report**—Nigel Ford
9. **Membership Subcommittee Report**—Nigel Ford
10. **Any Other Business**

Note – Printed copies of the reports indicated above will be available at the AGM.

Close of meeting.

Short break.

Commencement of April reading.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Currently, the Committee is asking for all members to vote on changes to Section 7.2 (Election of Members to the Committee of Management) to remove what they see as redundant clauses, along with adding one additional clause: (Yes, No, Abstaining). The section in full currently reads as follows:

- 7.2.1. The Committee of Management shall consist of at least five and up to eight natural persons elected by a vote of individual members conducted an Annual General Meeting.
- 7.2.2. Elected committee members shall hold office for the period of two years.
- 7.2.3. One half of the members of the committee, who shall be chosen by ballot, shall only serve a one-year term and shall retire from the committee at the first AGM following the adoption of this amended constitution.
- 7.2.4. At each subsequent annual general meeting one half of the members of the committee, being the longest serving members, shall retire.
- 7.2.5. An individual person having served three full terms on the Committee of Management will not be eligible for re-election for at least 12 months.
- 7.2.6. Members may nominate a candidate in writing, or nominate themselves in writing, to stand for election to the Committee of Management.
- 7.2.7. Individual members nominated for election to the Committee of Management must be financial members of the Association.
- 7.2.8. All nominations for election to the Committee of Management must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Committee of Management prior to the start of the AGM.
- 7.2.9. If only the required number of persons are nominated to fill existing vacancies, the Secretary shall report accordingly to the Annual General Meeting, and the chairperson shall declare such persons duly elected as members of the committee of management.

7.2.10. The Committee of Management may appoint a natural person to fill a casual vacancy, and such a committee member shall hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Association and shall be eligible for reappointment.

7.2.11. A maximum of three further persons may be co-opted by the Committee of Management to non-voting membership of the Committee and hold office until the AGM following their co-option.

The proposed changes would remove clauses 7.2.3 and 7.2.4 as redundant, while adding one additional clause as follows:

Committee members shall be permitted to seek further consecutive re-election past the allowed 3 x 2-year terms, if a majority of the existing committee members vote to allow it.

The amended section would read as follows:

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7.2.3. An individual person having served three full terms on the Committee of Management will not be eligible for re-election for at least 12 months.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

A few committee positions will be vacant at this AGM. In part, this is because each committee member is elected for two years and must renominate after that period or retire.

If you are interested in serving on the committee and will be a financial member on the night, you can submit your written nomination at the Box Factory before the start of the AGM or send it via email to: <https://friendlystreetpoets.org.au/contact-us/>

PROXY VOTING:

If you are unable to attend but are a financial member, you can still cast your vote by proxy. Before the start of the AGM, advise the name of the person you wish to vote on your behalf. Please do this via email sent to: <https://friendlystreetpoets.org.au/contact-us/>

FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP:

You can subscribe/renew your membership through the Friendly Street Poets Inc. website at:
<http://friendlystreetpoets.org.au/about-2/membership/individual-membership/>