

JOPUKA PRODUCTIONS

A silhouette of a person, likely a woman, is shown from the back, pointing their right index finger upwards. They are standing against a bright, glowing sun that is partially obscured by a thick layer of clouds. The overall scene is dramatic and high-contrast, with the sun creating a strong backlight effect on the clouds and the person's silhouette.

2025-2026 BOARD
INFORMATION PACK

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About Jopuka

Jopuka is the Central Coast's leading youth arts company — a home for bold ideas, emerging voices, and theatre that means something.

We provide accessible, inclusive, and dynamic arts programming for young people in our region, creating a platform for those often unheard and an environment where talent is nurtured, creative exploration is welcomed, and difference is celebrated. Our stages have launched careers, built confidence, and sparked lifelong friendships.

Founded in 2016, Jopuka is a youth arts charity based on Darkinjung Country. We support emerging artists aged 12–26 across all areas of the youth arts, offering a bold, inclusive, and empowering space for young creatives to explore not only performance, but also writing, design, production, and beyond.

We've staged over 60 acclaimed productions and commissioned 17 new Australian works by emerging playwrights and theatre-makers from across the country.

Jopuka is about audacity, joy, courage, agency, defiance, and change. Jopuka is about youth arts that speak to something deeper. Jopuka is about young people finding their place — and making their mark.

As we move into our next chapter, we remain fiercely committed to our founding principles: young people first, always.

The Board 2025 - 2026

The incoming board will help shape the organisation beyond their tenures. The Board of Directors is involved in long-term strategic planning and helps provide leadership, governance and management.

BOARD MAKE UP

Chairperson

Co Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

General board members up to 5 but
no less than 3

Election process

Nominations will close on the 20th June 2025. allowing enough time for endorsements.

The executive will be formed at next meeting after AGM

Current Board

Chairperson - Kelly Aspinall

Co Chairperson - Tayah Blackman

Secretary - Kelly-Anne Kent

Treasurer - Kylie Hopkins

General Director - Anthony Wall (outgoing)

General Director - Rayelle Payne

General Director - Diana Beech

Requirements

A new Director will bring skills and expertise in at least one of the following areas:

- Arts management
- Business development and management
- Legal and Finance
- Education or Youth Services
- PR and Marketing
- Arts industry professionals
- Prior experience on the board of a similar organisation.
- Be a person with a passion for the arts industry



We are looking for Directors who can, and are willing to;

- Contribute time and influence to applicable Jopuka activities, and attendance at board meetings is a minimum requirement
- Provide or develop contacts with potential donors, government funding bodies, artists, media and other community/arts organisations;
- Advocate for Jopuka Productions through professional, and community networks;
- Demonstrate personal attributes such as commitment, leadership, vision and team orientation;
- Demonstrate a passion and enthusiasm for developing skills through accessibility to the performing arts for all people.

All board members must have the following

- A valid working with children check, or willingness to obtain after election
- Proven experience working with youth; with a referee*
- Prior theatre-based experience (regular patronage is acceptable).
- Have no existing or potential conflicts of interest.
- Not currently stand on the board of, or hold a paid position with any other non-profit or Community theatre company in the Central Coast Local Government Area
- Be endorsed by a current executive of Jopuka to run for the board

* referees must not be associated with Jopuka Productions



Executive positions are 3 year term
General Board are 2 year term

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For Enquiries

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Acknowledgement

Jopuka acknowledges we reside on the stolen lands of the Darkinjung People. We pay our respects to their elders past and present.

We also acknowledge their connection to this land through song and storytelling.

Always was, Always will be, Aboriginal Land