Reduction in the price of Mardi Gras Membership

This meeting recommends that the Board:

1. Create a concession, student or unwaged membership tier priced at $10 with voting rights but without consumer benefits of current membership.

2. Return the Australian resident membership price from $50 to $20 so more people can join and increase membership.

Preamble:

In acknowledgement that people from a lower socio-economic background deserve to be able to access Mardi Gras membership in order to diversify the membership and be accessible LGBTQIA+ folks who come from an economically disadvantaged position in our community.

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The Company Secretary
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Motion:

I move that the Board:

1. Acknowledge that people from a lower socio-economic background deserve to be able to access Mardi Gras membership in order to diversify the membership and be accessible LGBTQIA+ folks who come from an economically disadvantaged position in our community.

2. Create a concession, student or unwaged membership tier priced at $10, separate from the current membership that contains consumer benefits, that allows them to participate in the democratic processes of Mardi Gras.

3. To return the Australian resident price for Mardi Gras membership from $50 back to $20 in order for more people to be able to join and increase membership generally across the organisation.

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Signature:

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Signature:

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