



2025 AGM held 20 March 2026 at Willie Smith's

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Commenced 11:05 AM

Present: Patrick Shaw, Peter Confeggi, Julian Punch, Jo Goodman, Brian Doran

Apologies: Stan Rimon, Michael Kirby, Mike Gaffney, Roger Chevalier, Jean Shaw, Trish and Vin Hindmarsh

1.(a) Minutes of Previous AGM:

Business arising – Julian mentioned previous scam involving Bendigo bank. Discussion followed and it was agreed that Julian would draft a letter with Patrick for questions to Bendigo bank involving RCTI. A copy of the letter should be sent politicians Jacqui Lambie, Andrew Wilkie and Katy Gallagher.

Moved: Peter Confeggi - that the previous minutes be accepted

Second: Patrick Shaw

Motion carried

1.(b) Welcome and Presidents Report:

Julian as president spoke to the report expressing self-determination and advocacy as the model for Rainbow Communities representing the LGBTIQ+ people at local and international levels.

Mentioned also was Julian and Jo working on a submission for a computer. Jo outlined her computer is an Apple Mac and needs upgrading. Jo said she had talked with the Tasmanian Community Fund to gain support. Julian outlined if RCTI could donate \$1,000 Julian and Brian would match the amount.

Also mentioned was the issues facing students, parents and staff in Catholic schools with the importance of meeting with the new Archbishop Tony Ireland. A copy of the President's report has been sent to the archbishop via his office.

In discussion, Peter talked about Trish Hindmarsh book *The Rainbow of God's Creation* launch at Fullers bookshop on Thursday 23 April.

- Brian will send out to Friends network to promote the book launch event.

Peter mentioned that Concerned Catholics Tasmania has also had regular meetings. Peter agreed to get us on the Concerned Catholics data base.

Julian mentioned a possible case in the Anti-Discrimination Commission against MCOT.

The issue was raised for a delegation to meet with the Archbishop as part of a reform agenda in the spirit of synodality and inclusivity. It was agreed that Peter, Julian and Trish Hindmarsh be part of the delegation. Concern was expressed that there are individuals and organisations acting individually in wanting to see the Archbishop, it would be much stronger if all agreed to approach him as a group.

It was also agreed that Permanent Visas for priests from overseas working in Tasmania be included in the agenda, as well as support for them to visit their families in their home countries once a year.

Moved: Julian

Second: Patrick

Motion: Carried

Moved: Peter - that the President's report be accepted.

Second: Jo

Motion: Carried

2. Financial Report:

Brian Tabled the Financial Report and outlined the explanatory notes. The finances all balance for the year 1 January to 31 December 2025.

Brian mentioned that he had applied to MyState Bank for an exemption on the Resident Withholding Tax in the Term Deposit account. This application was done in consultation with Patrick and Julian.

Brian raised the idea of a Fundraiser function or event to raise funds a computer or associated equipment. The Everyday account could manage \$1,000 towards these funds.

Moved: Peter – that \$1,000 from the Everyday account be put towards the computer costs.

Second: Patrick

Motion: Carried

Patrick mentioned the possibility of a membership fee for members to join and as an annual fee.

Moved: Patrick - that the possibility of a Fundraiser and membership fees be open for discussion as a way of boosting funds for Rainbow Communities Tasmania.

Seconded: Peter

Motion: Carried

Moved: Jo – that the Financial Report be accepted

Seconded: Julian

Motion: Carried

3. Election of Office Bearers:

It was agreed and accepted by all present that the Current Office Bearers remain: -

President: - Julian Punch

Public Officer: - Patrick Shaw

Secretary/ Treasurer: - Brian Doran

Action – Brian to complete the Annual Return of Association form for the Department of Justice and add the Financial Report and submit via Service Tasmania.

Note: Jo Goodman agreed to continue in the position of Web administrator.

4. Web Report:

Jo described the costs involved with ongoing fees for software plus new of refurbishment of computers. Jo gave information on the option of Pay Pal.

Action: Jo to investigate PayPal further and how it may assist RCTI and in what areas.

Julian thanked Jo for her excellent work on the website and administrative support for the organization.

5. Other Business

Discussion took place on the role of Local Councils and the role of Liaison Officers. There was some discussion about Islamic, Kurdish and people from overseas as students on placements or in the workforce.

Moved: Patrick - that these be mentioned as future points for discussion at the next AGM

Seconded: Brian

Motion: Carried

Meeting closed 12:30 PM