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Canberra Christian Radio Limited
Annual General Meeting Minutes
2:00pm, Saturday 2 November 2024
Vision Church, 1 Lithgow Street, Fyshwick

Meeting opened: 2:05pm

1. Introduction, Welcome (Chair) and Opening Prayer

Prayer: Jenny Anderson

Attendance: David Lee, Mischa George, Jeremy Snowdon, Antonia Kaucz, Peter Stringfellow, James Petterson, Jenny Anderson, Alyssa Brannelly, Dania Anderson, Kieren Webb, Raine Thompson, Alan Mitchell, Sue Mitchell, Neville Herrman, Anita Callaway – 15 financial members present meeting the quorum for this meeting.

2. Apologies:

David Webb, Brett Anderson, Gary Presneill, Mithun Alexander, Tracey Radbourne

3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM

The Members of Canberra Christian Radio Limited were provided with electronic access to the Minutes of the previous AGM of Saturday 4th November 2023.

The Chairman, David Lee, asked whether there were any amendments needing to be made to the Minutes of the previous AGM. No matters arising from the 2023 AGM minutes.

Motion: The Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the 2023 AGM be received and approved.

Motion to accept the Minutes: **Jeremy Snowdon**

Seconded: **Dania Anderson**

Approved / Not Approved: **Majority carried**

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2023 AGM

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Brief Introduction to the Annual Report by the Chairman (David Lee)

The Chair extended heartfelt thanks to all sponsors and donors who have supported 1WAY FM over the past year, acknowledging the challenges faced and the generosity shown.

The purpose of the station was reaffirmed: 1WAY FM exists not merely for entertainment or motivational content, but to share the good news of God's grace, forgiveness, and redemption. The station is committed to broadcasting the living hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ throughout the ACT region and beyond. With the digital band extending halfway to Sydney, the station's reach significantly exceeds that of the FM signal, which diminishes near Goulburn.

The mission remains to communicate the Gospel in relevant, relatable ways. While global issues such as conflict in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Sudan, and the rising cost of living are acknowledged, the station's role is not to solve these problems but to offer hope through the message of Christ. Operating from the nation's capital places the station in a unique and privileged position to influence and encourage.

The Chair reflected on subtle forms of Christian persecution in Western contexts, citing examples including the resignation of a newly appointed AFL club CEO due to his faith, and public criticism of a prominent tennis player for expressing Christian beliefs. A recent ABC segment on population growth was noted for omitting the birth of Christ as a historical time marker, instead referencing Cleopatra's death and the Industrial Revolution.

Locally, 1WAY FM continues to serve by broadcasting uplifting Christian music, Australian and international teachings, and conducting interviews on diverse topics such as mental health and cooking. The station remains deeply engaged with the community, having recently conducted outside broadcasts (OBs) at St John's and Covenant Christian School, and interviewed community leaders and authors.

The Chair acknowledged the station's dedicated volunteer base and small team of paid staff. Financial constraints were noted, with further detail to be provided by Jenny.

Gratitude was expressed for the new nominations to the Board of Directors. Members and supporters were invited to continue their involvement for another year of faithful service and outreach.

Motion to accept the Chair report: Sue Mitchell

Seconded: Raine Thompson

Approved / Not Approved: All approved

6. Audited Financial reports – Jenny Anderson.

The General Manager presented the financial report for the 2023–2024 financial year. Twelve hard copies were made available at the meeting for ease of reading and page navigation. Due to printing delays, the full Annual Report was not available; however, it is accessible online via the 1WAY FM website. Attendees were directed to page 16 of the Annual Report for the financial summary and page 17 for year-on-year graphical comparisons.

Key financial highlights included:

- **Deficit:** A recorded operating deficit of **-\$22,087**, an improvement on the previous year.
- **Revenue Composition:**
 - Donations accounted for **71%** of total revenue.
 - Sponsorships contributed **28%**, totalling **\$102,383**—the second-highest sponsorship figure on record.
- **Total Revenue:** Increased by **\$45,010**, reaching **\$365,621** for the financial year.
- **Expenses:** Salaries and administrative costs remain the largest expenditure categories.
- **Budget Forecast:** Operating expenses for the 2024–2025 financial year are budgeted at **\$442,788**, excluding final fit-out costs for the new studios.

The General Manager noted that while costs continue to rise, the station retains sufficient resources to operate and remains reliant on God’s provision.

No questions were raised from the floor.

Motion to accept the Financial reports: **Peter Stringfellow**

Seconded: **Kieren Webb**

Approved / Not Approved: **All approved**

7. Brief Operational Report – General Manager, Jenny Anderson.

The GM referred attendees to **page 7** of the Annual Report, which provides a summary of 1WAY FM’s activities and impact during the 2023–2024 financial year. Key statistics include:

- **58** church connections
- **82** members
- **54** financial partners
- **4** outside broadcasts (OBs)
- **41** sponsors
- **157** interviews
- **17** events

9. Appointment of Auditor for 2024/25 FY

A summary was provided of the proposals from several auditors who had been approached to audit our finances. After some discussion the following motion was put to the meeting.

Motion: That Hardwicks be appointed as external auditor for the 2024/25 financial year.

Motion to accept Hardwicks as auditors:	David Lee
Seconded:	Alan Mitchell
Approved / Not Approved:	All approved

10. Election of Directors

- *The Company Secretary advised that there are six vacancies on the Board for 2024.*

Two current members have completed their two-year term and are standing for renomination (David Lee, and Gary Presneill) (A third, Tracey Radbourne has completed her 2 year term, her renomination was received in weeks following the AGM and her appointment confirmed at the next Board meeting).

- *There are four returning Board members serving the second year of their two-year term (Antonia Kaucz, Jeremy Snowdon, Mischa George & Mithun Alexander).*

- *We have received 2 nominations by email before the AGM from Peter Stringfellow and James Petterson.*

James & Peter gave short introductions as to who they were and what they will bring to the board.

All four nominations were accepted to start a two year term on the board. This brings the number of board members to eight.

The Chair welcomed the 2 new directors, James Petterson & Peter Stringfellow.

11. Other Business

Antonia Kaucz mentioned two items that she felt the board needed to consider in 2025.

- To review the Strategic Plan and make sure that it aligns with the CBAA Codes of Practice.
- We need to understand our community of interest.

Closing prayer – Alyssa Brannelly.

Meeting close: 2:54pm