



## RSA Annual General Meeting - 19 November

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Rationalist Society of Australia Inc

19/11/2025 at 18:00 PM - 19:30 PM AEDT

### APPROVED

Approved by Vicki Caulfield on 27 Nov 2025

## Minutes

### 1. Introduction

1 minutes

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of country

Meeting opened at 6.02pm AEDT.

### 2. Formal matters

1. Election of chair
2. Apologies
3. Proxies
4. Quorum: RSA Rules specify that a quorum comprises the lesser of 10% of the numbers entitled to vote (34), or 40 members entitled to vote.
  1. **Election of chair:** The motion was put that Vicki Caulfield chair the meeting. Moved: Luke Beck Seconded: Si Gladman Motion carried unanimously. Vicki Caulfield installed as chair.
  2. **Apologies:** The chair note there were no apologies received.
  3. **Proxies:** The chair noted 32 proxies received (see list attached), as follows: Chair: 23 Si Gladman: 5 Vicki Caulfield: 2 Secretary: 1 Luke Beck: 1
  4. **Quorum:** The chair noted that quorum was reached with 52 (see lists for proxies and attendees).

#### Members in attendance on Zoom

- Tanya Marwood
- Vicki Caulfield
- Si Gladman
- Collin Acton
- Stella Thomas
- Alison Courtice
- Luke Beck
- Steve Marton
- Michael Dove

- Rosemary Watson
- Richard Mills
- Rod Paterson
- Rohan Navaratne
- Jennifer Bleazby
- Nathan Zamprogno
- Graeme (Craig) Macpherson
- Ross Corkrey
- Les Allan
- Rosemary Lynch
- Victor Franco

### 3. Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting

1 minutes

No amendments required.

The Chair and Si Gladman reported that one motion put and carried at the 2024 AGM (that information about membership fees being non-refundable be added to Schedule 1 of the RSA Rules) was later determined not to be necessary to action. Schedule 1 was not the appropriate place to add the information. The information was instead added to a page on the RSA website where new members purchase their membership.

#### 3.1 Motion: That the Minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted as a true record.

Moved: Collin Acton

Seconded: Alison Courtice

Motion carried unanimously.

### 4. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

2 minutes

Item 5.2 previous minutes: Enduring membership category was created. This new category involved an upfront contribution of \$1,000 for a 20 year term. One member has taken up the option.

Item 5.3 previous minutes: Life Membership was conferred on Dr Meredith Doig OAM.

Noted.

### 5. Executive Reports

15 minutes

#### 5.1 Annual Report

Motion: That the RSA 2025 Annual Report be accepted.

The President and Executive Director spoke to the annual report (see attached the President's Report).

Moved: Stella Thomas

Seconded: Steve Marton

Motion carried unanimously.

## 5.2 Treasurer's Report

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

The Treasurer spoke to the attached Financial Report. She highlighted the continued operational deficit and implications for the organisation's sustainability. She also noted the investment fund's positive performance and overall strong position. She noted a slight decline in membership income.

Moved: Steve Marton

Seconded: Les Allan

Motion carried unanimously.

## 6. Election of Board

### 6.1 Nominations

**As per the RSA Rules, the board of the RSA comprises at least five and not more than seven members (Rule 44).**

Motion: That the following members be elected to the Board until the 2026 AGM:

**THERE ARE 8 nominees**

**Nathan Zamprogno**

**Dr Jennifer Bleazby**

**Richard Mills**

**Graeme Craig Macpherson**

**Luke Beck**

**Si Gladman**

**Victor Franco**

**Collin Acton**

The Chair reported that one nominee (Graeme Craig Macpherson) had withdrawn. As a result, no election was required.

Moved: Alison Courtice

Seconded: Steve Marton

Motion carried unanimously.

## 6.2 Thank you to retiring board members

Sincere appreciation to contribution of three retiring board members:

Vicki Caulfield (president), Board member for 4 years

Stella Thomas (treasurer), Board member for 7 years

Arash Rashidian, former treasurer and Board member for 5 years

The Chair thanked Stella Thomas and Arash Rashidian for their contributions to the RSA board over many years.

## 7. General Business

### 7.1 Annual membership subscription and fee on joining

As per the RSA Rules:

(1) At each annual general meeting, the Association must determine -

(a) the amount of the annual subscription (if any) for the following financial year; and

(b) the date for payment of the annual subscription.

(2) The Association may determine that a different annual subscription is payable by other classes of members.

(3) The rights of a member (including the right to vote) who has not paid the annual subscription by the due date are suspended until the subscription is paid.

Motion: That the annual subscription (membership) fees schedule remain unchanged for the next 12 months, as follows:

Standard membership: \$60

Concession membership: \$45

Couples membership: \$80

Enduring membership: \$1,000

Life membership: 0

Moved: Nathan Zamprogno

Seconded: Jennifer Bleazby

Motion carried unanimously.

## 8. Any Other Business

No other business noted.

## 9. Next Meeting/Close

1 minutes

The next AGM will be held between 1 July and 30 November 2026. The Board will decide the actual date and notify members at least 21 days prior.

The Chair closed the meeting and invited attendees to remain for a Q&A session.

Meeting closed 6.49pm AEDT.

### Actions:

- Review minutes for meeting RSA Annual General Meeting - 19 November

Due: 4 Dec 2025

Responsible: Vicki Caulfield

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