



# CATALYST FOR RENEWAL

## MINUTES OF THE NSW MEMBERS' MEETING

Held on Saturday 1 October 2022

commencing at 1.00pm

at Villa Maria Parish Hall, Hunters Hill

### 1. Welcome, Apologies and Quorum

#### PRESENT:

Bob Birchall (Chair)  
Jan Brady  
Annie Bye  
Frances Doherty  
Marea Donovan  
Michael Gill  
Margaret Goggin  
Pauline Mueller  
Denise Playoust  
Dawn Peat  
Tom Peat  
Julie Thorpe  
Gay Walsh (Sec)  
Carole Wilson

#### APOLOGIES:

Marie Biddle  
Geraldine Doogue  
Susan Eichorn  
Denys Goggin  
Catherine Hammond  
Richard McLachlan  
Pauline O'Neill  
Carmel Vanny  
Leanne Zyner  
Greg Zyner

The president welcomed members to the meeting, in particular new member Michael Gill, and noted the apologies. The President observed that a quorum was present.

### 2. Reflection:

The morning Reflection by Fr Paul Durkin was referenced.

### 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**RESOLVED** that the amended minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2022 be adopted as being a complete and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

### 4. Matters Arising from the previous minutes

#### a) Update of procedure for recruitment of new members

Continuing update and discernment.

#### b) CfR Future and President vacancy - standing Agenda item

There was further general discussion on this topic.

#### c) Patrons- standing Agenda item

There was a general discussion on this topic.

#### d) Social Media

Julie spoke to current position on this sites audience.

### 5. Correspondence

- a) Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP – acknowledging receipt of Catalyst's report of activities for 2021.

- b) Father Frank Brennan sj – acknowledging receipt of condolences on the death of his father, Francis Gerrard Brennan.
- c) Father Frank Brennan sj – forwarding link to his recording of the Q and A forum on Sunday 28 August 2022.
- d) Gig Andreou, Azure Insurance Services – email of 4 August 2022 advising that he will be reducing his working time in coming months and that Gary Perera of Midland Insurance Brokers will take over the provision of insurance advisory services to Catalyst.
- e) Anne Dowling - forwarding details of a memorial mass celebrating the life of Maria George, to be held at St Peter's Church, East Bentleigh, Melbourne on Saturday 16 October, 2022.
- f) Julie Thorpe – drawing attention to the article “<https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/article/praying-for-convergence>” in Eureka Street, Vol 32 No 18 wherein Catalyst is mentioned positively.  
**RESOLVED that** the items of correspondence be noted.

## 6. Reports

The meeting considered the reports that were listed in the agenda and had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members discussed opportunities to include younger people in our conversations and to assist younger people to convene their own conversational groups.

**RESOLVED that** the president will convene a round table discussion to progress these ideas.

**RESOLVED that** the reports be received and noted.

## 7. General Business

### a. Strategic Plan Update

The meeting noted the report provided by the President.

### b. Conversation re MainChimp – progress report

The meeting noted the report provided by the President

### c. Visit to Melbourne

The meeting noted the report provided by the President

### d. Church Peak Bodies

Agreed that meetings be sought with the leaders of ACBC, CRA and AMPJP. This is not a priority activity and the timing is uncertain at this stage.

### e. Digital Recording (Carole)

It was agreed that those involved should follow up with the people offering their services.

### f. Sound System of the Crypt, St Patricks.

It was agreed that those involved should follow up with the people offering their services.

## 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 7 March 2023 immediately following the Reflection Morning at Hunters Hill.

## 9. Close:

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.

President

Date