

Multicultural Council of Tasmania
Annual General Meeting
30th September 2019, 65 Hopkins Street, Moonah
MINUTES

Welcome and apologies

Waqas Durrani, Chairperson of the Multicultural Council of Tasmania, welcomed members to the 2018-19 Annual General Meeting. No apologies were noted.

Confirmation of minutes of 2018 – 19 AGM

Moved by Sajini Sumar. Seconded by Reshma Dutta, Minutes were approved.

Chairpersons report

Waqas Durrani presented the Multicultural Council chairpersons report for 2018-19. Waqas Durrani acknowledged the commitment, dedication and strength of our 12 member volunteer Board ranging from CA's, GAICD's, PhD's, Double Masters, who are Federal and State Service, Local Government, GBE employees, business owners and University of Tasmania proud alumni, each one bringing a unique perspective resulting in well informed, democratic and unanimous decisions to lead the Council. The Board of MCOT is particularly proud of the decisions it has taken and the developments especially in the past 12 months. Waqas Durrani noted that an effective peak body requires a strong foundation and we have worked hard to ensure that 2019-20 is a capstone year in terms of our capacity building potential. By helping our member organisations become strong, we see great things on the horizon for Tasmania. The Chair's Report was moved by Hon. Ella Haddad and Councillor Zelinda Sherlock. All in favour.

The Treasurers report was presented and Waqas Durrani requested the Auditor to present the audited financial statements. The motion to pass treasurer report was moved by John Kamara and seconded by Sajini Sumar. All in favour.

Waqas Durrani moved a motion to appoint Bentleys Tasmania as the auditors moved by Terry Sussmilch and seconded by Councillor Zelinda Sherlock. All in favour.

All Reports moved and accepted. All in favour.

Election of board positions

Returning Officer Adriana Taylor and Inspector Laurie Huxley thanked the Multicultural Council for having them as the returning officers and noted the strength of Tasmania's multicultural community, based on the number of applications.

Nominations for 2019 - 20 closed on the 20th September at 5pm. Positions available –

- Vice chairperson
- Secretary

- 5 board positions (2-year term)

A Taylor stated she had checked nominations and all were submitted correctly. Ballot conducted and results announced:

Rene Kling – Vice Chairperson

Jade Li – Secretary

Board members:

Rose Kling

Arman Onick

Dennis Zheng

James Eaves

Ardalan Sarraf

Waqas Durrani requested for a motion for the ballot papers to be destroyed. This was moved by Nazli Sheikh and seconded by Reshma Dutta. All in favour.

Guest speaker – Hon. Ella Haddad and Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds

Guest speakers spoke about the strength of multiculturalism and diversity in Tasmania and MCOT's role as the state's peak body.

Awarding of Community Grants

- a. Indian Community (Deepavali)
- b. Iranian Community
- c. Sri Lankan Community
- d. Tas Events
- e. Soo Kit Cheng (Individual)

Waqas Durrani thanked all for attending.
Meeting closed.