

**RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF VICTORIA Inc. Reg No A0042905Y**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING  
2:00PM WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2008  
AT CAULFIELD HEBREW CONGREGATION**

**1.0 PRESENT**

Rabbis MS Kluwgant (Chair), Y Barber, S Capland, Y Garfunkel, R Genende, Y Glasman, E Gorelik, E Greenbaum, CZ Groner, M Groner, D Gutnick, M Gutnick, P Heilbrunn, Y Riesenber, Y Sprung, S Yurkowitz,

**2.0 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

**3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM DRAFT MINUTES**

The Chairman tabled the draft minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 6 February 2008. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

[REDACTED]

**5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1**

[REDACTED]

**6.0 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**7.0 RABBINIC ASSOCIATE FOR MBDN**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**8.0 RABBINIC ARBITRATION PROPOSAL**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**9.0 INTERMARRIAGE**

[REDACTED]

**10.0 SUPPORT FOR ALLEGED VICTIMS OF ABUSE**

The Chairman provided background on this issue and confirmed that he had been approached by the Jewish Taskforce Against Family Violence and a number of individuals alleging to be victims of abuse by a rabbi in the community. The RCV Committee had met and formulated a statement (attached) which had been released to the AJN. A process had been set up for alleged victims to come forward and present their issues confidentially to MS Mary Mass from CASA. Professor Louis Waller and Mrs Nina Basset had agreed to assist with the interviews if so requested. The RCV would be in a position to consider the way forward on this matter once a number of interviews had been conducted.

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by the Editor of the Australian Jewish News for comment and that the matter was going to be addressed in the AJN on the following day.

There was spirited discussion during which a number of concerns were raised. Some members felt that victims would not approach the RCV for support. At the conclusion of the discussion there was strong support for the RCV's involvement in this matter and a unanimous agreement that the matter not be 'swept under the carpet'.

The Chairman concluded the discussion by reading out a draft open letter (attached) on the matter of Abuse by Trusted Officials in the Jewish Community which could be signed by all RCV members and considered as part of a campaign in the future.

**11.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RCV ADAR II UPDATE**

[REDACTED]

**12.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

[REDACTED]

**13.0 NEXT MEETING**

[REDACTED]