



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RAINBOW ADVOCACY ALLIANCE INC.

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The previous year has been one of growth and success for the SARAA Board. The major focus has been on building the internal capacity of the Board, recruiting new members and re-drafting the constitution, to form a member-based structure.

There was one major event coordinated and held in November 2017, being the inaugural Ian Purcell Oration, delivered by Kenton Penley Miller, which was a fitting and captivating tribute to our founder and previous Board Chair. This event was a resounding success, with a large attendance and very positive feedback. The Board intends to make this an annual event as part of the Feast Festival.

The Board also contributed to an LGBTIQ+ ageing project with COTA SA. This project saw consultation workshops take place across the State and culminated in a final report with recommendations regarding future projects to support LGBTIQ+ people as they age.

In terms of advocacy work, SARAA contributed submissions to the SA Department for Communities and Social Inclusion 'The Way Forward: LGBTIQ Report', and the Phillip Ruddock review in to religious freedom. SARAA also contributed to a joint submission regarding the implementation regulations following from the success of the *Births, Deaths, Marriages Registrations (Gender Identity) Amendment Bill 2016* and of course provided support to the national Marriage Equality campaign. SARAA also produced a LGBTIQ Election Scorecard ahead of the State election which was distributed widely via social media.

SARAA's Facebook page and website are being kept active with relevant content, and there are now over 950 people who like and follow the Facebook page.

Financially, SARAA is solvent and remains primarily supported through donations and contributions from sponsors. An audited financial report is attached.

We would like to thank the Human Rights Law Centre, Camatta Lempens Lawyers & Solicitors, Peter Hall & Co Chartered Accountants, SHINE SA and SAMEESH for their invaluable support over the past year. We would also like to thank the LGBTIQ communities of South Australia for their resilience, support and continued activism in the face of hostility and a national vote that gave a platform and a megaphone to bigotry.

The coming year looks bright for SARAA, and we look forward to further engagement with LGBTIQ+ communities and individuals of South Australia, advocating for health and human rights.

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Interim Chair