

Trinity Church Modbury

2025 AGM Minutes

Meeting held Sunday, 4 May 2024
Modbury Primary School Gym

1. Opening Prayer – Stephen George

2. Meeting opened at 11:47am

Debbie Edwards was elected as Minutes Secretary for the AGM (nominated by Stephen George, seconded by Darren Oster (*Carried*))

3. Apologies received from Jenny Potter and Ben Goddard

4. Adrian Cox is the sole nominee for the vacant position on the Leadership Team and was therefore declared as “Elected Committee Member”.

Members of the Leadership Team were introduced – Mike Physick (Chair, elected by congregation), Carine Tang elected by congregation, Jane Dewing (Senior Pastor Appointed), Simon Barbour and Daryll Pain (Leadership Team appointed), Stephen George (Senior Pastor). Mike thanked the Leadership Team members for their work.

5. The 2024 AGM Minutes were received and taken as read.

Moved: Ian Dickson, Seconded Daryll Pain. *Carried.*

6. Business Arising - Report and Vision Setting

The report from Stephen George, Senior Pastor was taken as read.

Stephen stated that he has visited all Community Groups and distilled the information obtained with the Leadership Team and staff to determine the future direction of the Church. The Vision is: Tide turned for Jesus, one story at a time. Humans can't turn the tide by themselves, only God can. There is so much to thank God for. Stephen is thankful to the Community Group leaders, the Mark Drama team, the people who helped behind the scenes for the Mark Drama, including people who made supper, took photos, invited people, those that decorated at Easter, and the bands.

7. Four Minute reports on Ministry Teams-

Reports were heard from Ministry Leaders, outlining encouraging things, challenging things, and important areas of consideration for the future.

Magnification – Sally Oster

Sally gave a few brief summary:

- Magnification is responsible for overseeing the Sunday services.
- Easter services have been a highlight with a mix of men and women serving.

- Young people are growing in confidence with their serving. Anna Cook has just joined a band shared her experience. She is excited to be playing and to keep on serving.
- Sally would like to see more people trained up and serving.

Membership: Stephen commented there is a growing closeness of community at Modbury.

- Helen McQueen was interviewed about being new to Modbury. She shared that she felt very welcomed despite feeling nervous.
- She didn't know anyone except for Barb Page who was very welcoming.
- Helen was drawn to come every week. She also loves that the Ministers invite people into their own homes for a meal.
- Stephen commented some events are being planned to help increase community including an Open Garden, Park Run involvement and a Comfort Food lunch after Church.
- Stephen also said the hope was to develop a new pastoral care team to address spiritual care, transport & meals but it has been hard to get this up and running.

Ministry – Stephen George spoke for Ben Goddard who was away.

- Ben has been training and supporting people to serve.
- He took on this role from Stephen and has been doing a great job.
- Ben has been on a recruitment drive and been training Team Leaders.
- Stephen has found it encouraging to see Belinda Ide leading a welcoming team and Josiah George leading the Coffee Machine team.
- Stephen would love to see more and more people serving and being a Team Leader.

Maturity - Mark Curran

- Mark noted a focus of Maturity was on community groups where people can go deeper in prayer and applying the Bible into each other's lives.
- A highlight of Mark's role is catching up with leaders.
- Neptune a Community Group leader shared how it was a highlight to be part of a group where men attended and studied God's word together.

Mission— Leading people to Jesus – Mark Curran

- Mark shared about the many Mission events that have been run: Gingerbread at Christmas 2024, Mark Drama at Easter 2025, Life course three times a year.
- Mark commented that he has seen people committed to taking active steps to being involved in Mission.
- He would like to see Modbury being a Church that is on Mission to the ends of the earth.
- Other Mission areas that Modbury supports include the Mission Trip to Roxby Downs, ES at Mawson Lakes, D&T serving with CMS.
- John Morton shared via video about the Life Course. He has found it to be impressive and encouraged people to invite someone and take friends.
- The content is encouraging, and the format is relaxed.

Next Generation

- Stephen shared how encouraging it is to have people of all ages in our Church.

Children's Church

- It is wonderful to have creche and Minis back in the OHSC building together. Leaders do a fantastic job and we have the right numbers this year.
- Alecia Curran raised up a team of leaders around her. She shared via video how people can be involved with the Minis children and ask them what they are learning.

Youth

- Modbury has a Sunday morning ministry and the Friday night Seek youth group, which had a great camp a few weeks ago.
- Josiah George and Jake Robertson were interviewed; both are in Year 12. They spoke about their highlights, including introducing music in Youth and seeing the group grow from 20 to 40. Base camp is a great opportunity to meet other Christians their age from other Churches and to strengthen their faith.

Network

- Andrew Severin (Trinity Network Board) was interviewed about the Network. Our Churches operate in a network because we believe we can do more together than by ourselves. Major growth has occurred since 2000. The numbers represent people and the ministry behind it. Church planting is in our DNA. Goolwa will plant from Victor Harbor and there are plans to plant in Murray Bridge in partnership with BCA.
- Raising up the next generation of Pastors is important, with the network paying 25% of those involved in the Ministry Apprenticeship Program (MAP).
- The North Terrace site is hoping to redevelop and build student accommodation behind the Church on the carpark, creating ministry opportunities. Pray for the City as they go through this process.

Stephen George expressed the importance to report any inappropriate behaviour from anyone, and that no one is above critique. People can talk to members of the leadership team or to Andrew Severin or Paul Harrington, Senior Pastor (Network). Andrew is the Safe Ministry Coordinator for the Network.

Michael thanked everyone for their reports.

8. Leadership Report moved to be received by Barb Page, seconded Daryll Pain.

9. Finance report by Simon Barbour

- Simon reported that we have gone backwards last year in our finances. We go forwards when we receive donations. Our income is mainly spent on staff, with two full time workers and three part time.

- The first three months of the year show a deficit, and our income has been flat for eight months with no increases. Inflation has been increasing which has made life harder for many people.
- After our recent appeal our income increased by 6% for which the Leadership Team are very thankful. We do need a 10% overall increase, or our accumulated surplus will run out.
- Simon is hopeful of our church growing in numbers as this will help our position. Stephen George has written a position paper for the Leadership Team about our financial position.
- Simon encouraged anyone who is new to the Church to consider regularly giving and everyone to be praying. Giving is easy and can be done via our website or by putting cash in the box up the back of the Church.

10. General Business

Michael Physick thanked Daryll Pain for all his work reporting on Work, Health and Safety (WHS) to the Leadership Team. It was reported that since the last AGM there have been 1 incident with a staff member, and 2 medical incidents and 2 near misses of volunteers reported. We have also had one incident with assets. Any WHS concerns are to be reported to Stephen George, the Leadership Team or staff.

No further general business was reported during the meeting. Barb Page asked after the meeting that the Pastor's wives be acknowledged for all the work that they do.

Questions from the floor: Nil

Mike thanked Stephen George for all his hard work as Senior Pastor.

The 2025 AGM meeting was declared closed at 12.41pm.
Daryll Pain closed the meeting in prayer.