



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

AGENDA ITEM - BENT TV INTEGRATION PROPOSAL

The Boards of Management of JOY and Bent TV have been discussing the potential benefits to the organisations and the community of merging the two organisations.

Bent TV is a volunteer group that creates visual media that affirms and celebrates sexual and gender diversity, which has played an important role within the LGBTIQ community of Melbourne since 1993, striving to ensure our community is positively represented, educated, informed and entertained.

Bent TV has an archive of filmed content covering more than two decades of Melbourne's queer community.

As a founding partner of Channel 31, Bent TV has been a regular part of the portfolio of community television that has been broadcast by Channel 31 since inception. Legislation will see Channel 31 cease broadcasting and move to online delivery by the end of 2016, ending the weekly free-to-air program "Bent TV."

For Bent TV, JOY represents a successful, financially secure organisation highly skilled in governance, administration and volunteer management. JOY's very high profile creates opportunities for access to filmable subject matter and for promotion of output. A merger of the two organisations will ensure that LGBTIQ visual media continues to be produced. JOY also offers a safe and permanent home for Bent TV's archive.

JOY is rapidly approaching 25 years in radio, but is acutely aware that the world is changing quickly. JOY's current Strategic and Business Plans both outline JOY's strategic development into a multi-media platform, operating across a range of channels.

For JOY, Bent TV offers immediately available expertise in creating queer visual content. Bent's archive of more than 1,000 episodes over more than two decades suggests a range of potential multi-media opportunities.

The broadcasting media landscape is changing rapidly, and the two organisations, JOY and Bent TV, believe that by combining talents and expertise, additional opportunities will be created and LGBTIQ media will be strengthened.

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