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# 2016 **Glen Waverley Uniting Church Church Council Annual Report** GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares unconditional love.

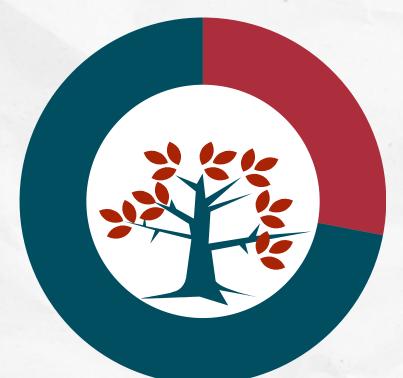




### CHURCH COUNCIL – OUR MISSION

"The Church Council shall give priority in its life to building up the Congregation in faith and love, sustaining members in hope, and leading the Congregation to a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world. This priority shall be reflected in the agenda of its ordinary meetings." (UCA Regulation 3.1.2a)



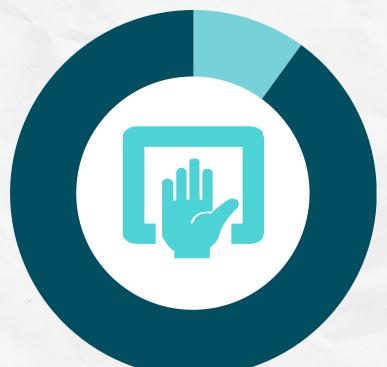


Nurturing faith Continuing to development, build sharing, connectedness questioning and genuine and exploration. community.

**REMINDER: OUR FOUR KEY FOCUS AREAS** 



Kingsway Ministry



Raising **Glen Waverley Uniting Church's** profile, by serving our local community.



## **IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION: MISSIONAL** GROUPS

- vision
- There is a Council representative on each Missional Group
- encouragement

Council sees the Missional Groups as key to implementing our

 Aim for Missional Group and Functional Group leaders to come together a couple of times a year for worship, reflection and



#### **IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION: PHASE 1 - Staffing**

- Congregation
- to end February 2017
- Care role in 2017. Di started with us on February 20.

 Council agreed with Congregational support to employ a new Community Planter position to assist in the implementation of our Kingsway vision initiatives (See next slide) Alanee's position was extended for up to 5 years as approved by the

Alison's position in ministry to seniors was eventually extended

 Agreed to employ Di Paterson for 6 hours a week in a Pastoral Thanks to Ken Coutts and the People and Culture Team who have professionally dealt with a myriad of staffing matters





### **COMMUNITY PLANTER ROLE**

- creative ways
- Gathers people together and creates environments of faith exploration
- to serve.

 Meets the needs of the surrounding neighbourhood & works within a team that is committed to engaging the community in

 Engages and grows our vision of a church that reflects the needs and demographics of the community we are in and aim

2 year position with yearly reviews and options for longer term



### IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION: CONNECTEDNESS

- Trivia Night Brought people together from across the whole congregation and The Hub participants.
- New Pastoral Care Role Di Paterson
- We would like to acknowledge The Hub Missional Group and its varied programs and the Inclusive Community Missional Group.





#### **IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION: NUTURING FAITH**

- Lenten studies
- Advent studies
- Meditation Group
- sharing faith
- Guest preachers

#### Encouraging a culture of asking questions, exploring and





# IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION: KINGSWAY MINISTRY

- Easter Event
- Moon festival link to our playgroups

# Community Planter role – still being developed



## **IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION: RAISING OUR** PROFILE

- website.
- Indonesia.
- The fete raises our profile in the wider community
- The work of our Welfare Committee

 We would like to affirm the work of the Communications Committee in updating our website. Many new folk have come to our church through learning about us through our

Invitation to form a sister relationship with a church in

 New opportunity for a small Indonesian Fellowship with a desire to explore becoming part of our congregation.

# **KEY PROPERTY MATTERS**

- in maintaining our facilities
- than we used over the 12 month period
- Council agreed to use part of the John de Ravin bequest for fans in the fellowship area
- Council has accepted Synod's recommendations for personnel
- Garden water system has been rejuvenated using an optimum mixture of mains and harvested water
- proceeding

Council appreciates the tremendous work of the property committee

An energy review found that our solar panels generated more power

security measures, to be implemented by Property Committee

New lighting in the worship center and upgrades to other areas

- Various actions were taken over the year to implement the Safe Church Policy. Thank you to our Safe Church officers, Dorothy Lockhart and David Morgan. David Morgan received our Working With Children Checks
- records from Synod to update our local records. New synod rules and state laws substantially expanded the number of people who need working with children checks. We have made good progress in meeting this.
- Our church received Safe Church accreditation. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make this happen.



#### FINANCIAL MATTERS

- to the December Congregation Meeting which approved it
- In view of our budget surplus Council approved increasing our
- procedures
- We like to acknowledge the work of Ashley Irvine and the Finance Committee

Ashley Irvine coordinated the church's 2017 budget and presented it

Mission and Service contribution to Synod by \$5,000 to \$55,000 p.a.

Council is endeavouring to improve our money counting and banking

