



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)

# REMINDER: OUR FOUR KEY FOCUS AREAS



Continuing to build connectedness and genuine community.



Nurturing faith development, sharing, questioning and exploration.



Kingsway Ministry



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



# IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION: MISSIONAL GROUPS

- Council sees the Missional Groups as key to implementing our vision
- There is a Council representative on each Missional Group
- Aim for Missional Group and Functional Group leaders to come together a couple of times a year for worship, reflection and encouragement





## IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION: PHASE 1 - Staffing

- 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 Congregation
- Alison's position in ministry to seniors was eventually extended to end February 2017
- Agreed to employ Di Paterson for 6 hours a week in a Pastoral Care role in 2017. Di started with us on February 20.
- Thanks to Ken Coutts and the People and Culture Team who have professionally dealt with a myriad of staffing matters





# COMMUNITY PLANTER ROLE

- Meets the needs of the surrounding neighbourhood & works within a team that is committed to engaging the community in creative ways
- Gathers people together and creates environments of faith exploration
- Engages and grows our vision of a church that reflects the needs and demographics of the community we are in and aim to serve.
- 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
- Encouraging a culture of asking questions, exploring and sharing faith
- Guest preachers







# 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

- 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 website.
- Invitation to form a sister relationship with a church in Indonesia.
- New opportunity for a small Indonesian Fellowship with a desire to explore becoming part of our congregation.
- The fete raises our profile in the wider community
- The work of our Welfare Committee





# KEY PROPERTY MATTERS

- Council appreciates the tremendous work of the property committee in maintaining our facilities
- An energy review found that our solar panels generated more power 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 security measures, to be implemented by Property Committee
- Garden water system has been rejuvenated using an optimum mixture of mains and harvested water
- New lighting in the worship center and upgrades to other areas proceeding





# SAFE CHURCH

- 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

- Ashley Irvine coordinated the church's 2017 budget and presented it to the December Congregation Meeting which approved it
- In view of our budget surplus Council approved increasing our Mission and Service contribution to Synod by \$5,000 to \$55,000 p.a.
- Council is endeavouring to improve our money counting and banking procedures
- We like to acknowledge the work of Ashley Irvine and the Finance Committee

