

GWUC Outreach and Social Justice Mission Group

AGENDA

26 June 2025, 10am, Room 2

Welcome to all

Present: Pam Bunney, Rev Ian Ferguson, Annette Wojak, David Morgan, Margaret Fraser (Chair)

Apologies: Vida Foo

Devotion: Margaret – based on editorial by Rev David Fotheringham in April 2025 Crosslight., and quoting Psalm 37

Minutes of last meeting on 10 April 2025

1. Matters arising from last meeting

- John Snare (Congregation Chair) continues to be advised of COP2025 Selection Panel activity
- Further information from the 5 COP 2024 recipients was displayed on noticeboard and included in Bulletins.
- Margaret attended the Palm Sunday march for Justice and Kindness on 13/4, as advertised in Just Act newsletter. Excellent speakers and diverse participants.
- 1st Nations: Monash Council organized 2 events to celebrate National Reconciliation Week, May 26 outside GW library, and one at Wheelers Hill Lib on May 28 (as advertised in Bulletin). A NAIDOC Week event will be held on Saturday July 10, 10am – 2pm. This is a joint Monash library and Monash Interfaith Book Club meeting and bookings are required.
- New members still needed for OSJMG
- Posters from organisations should be A4 not A3 to fit on our noticeboard. Margaret has not attended to this yet.

2. Ongoing Projects – updates as needed

- a. Material Aid - Annette
- b. Honey Money- Margaret, new batch prepared on 1st May. Yolandy and Patrick Lovell now assisting.
- c. Pancake Breakfasts at GWSC –David
- d. Welfare Committee –New coordinator Tamara Maguire - Ian
- e. EcoTask Group - David

3. Occasional Projects – update

- a. KOGO Knitting project –Pam
- b. COP 2024 recipients Choir of Hope performance at nursing home – report – (Vida please send us a short report before you go away. Thanks)

4. Communication: Noticeboard, Bulletin & Kingsway and verbal notices –

- a. COP 2025 info place on noticeboard, in Bulletin and in Kingsway. Several verbal announcements also made to encourage applications.
- b. Newsbeat (Presbytery newsletter) article “Wisdom of Welcome” by Rev Dr Robert Johnson reprinted in Kingsway. Any feedback?

5. Correspondence

IN: [A Vision for a Just Australia – Uniting Church Australia](#) was prepared prior to the Federal election, an inspirational set of Social Justice foundational issues for our UCA congregations to be challenged/inspired by. Excellent resource, recommended reading for OSJMG. Discussion?

- JUST ACT April newsletter
- Kids under Cover sent an Impact Report related to our 2024 donation. Unfortunately we are not permitted to share any of the Case Study included.
- Possible Dreams International (PDI) request for our support

OUT: MF sent a brief monthly report to Church Council

- MF Response to the Church Council draft Organisational chart. (as circulated by email)

6. Today's Business

a. COP update:

Applications closed on Sun 25 May.

Change to COP Selection Panel personnel. David M updated the copcom@gwuc.org.au email addresses to include the current COP Panel members.

Consideration of applications completed.

Preparation of Recommendations to be sent to Church Council.

Upcoming Actions. Presentation of Recommendations to Congregational Meeting (brochure and endorsement), date tbc.

b. JIM: Ideas from JustAct newsletter for consideration? David Postcard ministry JUST ACT

7. Any other business

8. Meetings - Room 2 is booked for Thursdays at 10am: August 7, October 2, November 27

Away dates: