

GENERAL MEETING OF MT WAVERLEY-CHADSTONE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL

Thursday, 24th August, 2023

IN PERSON AT MT WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

Devotions: - Rev Semisi Tauali'i led the devotions. He spoke about Prayer. Then we all said The Lord's Prayer in our own language.

Chairman's welcome: - Veronica Nicoll welcomed all.

Present:- Veronica Nicoll (SMM); Heather Spurling and Gavin Faichney (St Luke's UC); Margaret Taylor and Doug Hastings (SSSM), Rev Semisi Tauali'i, Margery Kennett and Karolee Jones (Mt Waverley UC); Noelle Sullivan (HFRC); Marika Sivak and Rev David Moffat (Swedenborg Community); Joanna D'Souza and Maureen Fordyce (CoHR); Chloe Beattie Hood (Christian Science Church); Jan Clear and John Hurst (Glen Waverley UC); Joe and Andrea Persico, (St Justin's RC, Wheelers Hill);

Apologies:- Rev James Douglas and Ros Faichney (St Luke's UC); Louise Kulkens (SMM); Francisco di Silvestro, (St Leonard's RC, Glen Waverley); Frances Brooke (MWUC)

1 News from other Churches: - Reports from the churches were emailed prior to the meeting. The report from Francisco DiSilvestro of **St Leonard's RC** follows

St. Leonard's has been conducting Church Services regularly every day. For specific times refer to the website <http://pol.org.au/glenwaverley/MassTimes.aspx>. **CatholicCare Victoria Appeal:** The appeal to support the work of CatholicCare raised \$1,090.00 on the second week of August. **In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop:** An Australian Pilgrimage starting in Melbourne on 17th October, then travelling to South Australia and concluding in Sydney on 28th October. Brochures are available in the Church Foyer, or for more information: www.marymackillopplace.org.au Bookings close on 8th September and pilgrims must be vaccinated.

Christ Our Holy Redeemer RC also reported that 5 members of the church had attended the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.

2 Minutes of the General Meeting on April 27th, 2023 were moved by: Margery Kennett; seconded: Karolee Jones **Passed.**

3 Business arising from the Minutes

3.1 Repair of banners:- After the last meeting, Margery had a response from Peter Kalubun of Pull Up banners. He did have some clips in stock, value 50 cents each. Joanna D'Souza's husband, Colin, bought 28 clips. He took 2 banners from the St John's storeroom and replaced the clips on the badly damaged banner. As Ian Bock had done repairs on the other 10 banners, it was decided to replace clips when required. The rest of the clips are now with the banners at St John's.

4 Treasurer's Report:- Moved Joanna D'Souza, seconded Margaret Taylor. Passed.

MWCICC FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF 20TH AUGUST 2023

	\$	\$
BANK BALANCE AS AT 19/6/23		3,726.32
INCOME		
Interest	0.06	
TOTAL INCOME		0.06

Less: EXPENDITURE

Rev James Douglas – reimbursement of Hire of PA System on Good Friday	180.00
Colin D'Souza - reimbursement of Clips for the Way of the Cross Banners	<u>14.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>194.00</u>
BANK BALANCE AS AT 20/08/23	<u>3532.38</u>

Gavin Faichney asked if MWCICC needed to have over \$3500 in the account. MWCICC is a non-profit organisation. There is no longer "Community Carols in Mt Waverley Village" which needed strong funding. No bills have been sent to the churches for 2023 subscriptions. Joanna will check what recurring funds are needed each year, e.g. PA system for the Way of the Cross, VCC subscription, Website +?. John Hurst said the GWICC website was free. There would be a single website if the two ICCs merge,

5 Correspondence: - As in the Agenda. .

6 General Business: -

6.1 Pastoral Lunch at MWUC Wednesday, September 13th. (old St John's Café) :- The background to the Pastoral Lunch was explained. Margery Kennett reported that two people had accepted the invitation by email. A further 12 accepted at the meeting. Jan Clear extended the invitation to the clergy at GWUC.

6.2 Ecumenical Hymn Service:- Heather Spurling and Gavin Faichney said that St Luke's UC would be able to host the service on Sunday October 29th from 3.30pm. Afternoon Tea would be served in the Hall with the Hymn Singing to follow in the Church from about 4pm. The Chinese congregation occupies the premises until about 3pm.

6.3 Monash Friends of Vemassee (MFV)- Heather Spurling reported that MFV is manning the Op Shop August 28-September 1. The Op Shop has been somewhat of a disappointment this year and MFV will have to review the situation before committing to working there again in 2024. The cost of the insurance is more than a week's reward.

MFV is holding a youthful band concert on October 28th at the Endeavour Baptist Church, 17 -19 Margot St Chadstone at 7.30pm. The concert will have an East Timorese band, a guitarist, a singing couple and some East Timorese dancers. Tickets cost \$30.

A new area of involvement is supporting the Community Co-Op in the care of the disabled in Vemassee district. Young people are acting as liaisons within the community to visit and find out what is needed. Wheelchairs have been provided for some members of the community. A visit to Dili is required to fit the wheelchair to the particular person. The cost of this trip maybe an area in which MFV can help.

The MFV Committee is not happy with the management of the Op Shop. Even after MFV had a discussion with the Lions Club, no changes are planned. Saleable books are not accepted if they are older than 2017. The shelves are virtually empty.

6.4 Visitation to Churches who do not send representatives:- Rev James Douglas was not present No action yet.

6.5 Food for Friends:- The background to Food for Friends was explained. This year's dates are Monday to Friday November 20 to 24 (the last full working week in November). It is too early to approach the IGA Manager but Gavin Faichney will do so in early October. At present, the Narthex at the MWUC St John's site is available. However, if alterations do commence, there is a shed at the HSR site which could be used for sorting and packing. There will be composite groups on the Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Margery will bring the roster and recipient sheets to the next meeting on October 26th.

7 Any other business:

7.1 Doug Hastings asked if St Barnabus/ Glen Waverley Anglican church was a member of the GWICC. Jan Clear said it is but a new delegate is needed.

7.2 John Hurst announced that **Monash Chorale** was presenting a concert “Folksongs from around the World” at St Simon the Apostle Catholic Church, 2 Taylors Lane Rowville on Sunday August 27th. All welcome.

7.3 MWUC is hosting a Dementia Workshop at 482 High St Rd, Mt Waverley on Friday September 15th at 1.30pm. The speaker is Emily Rosenich, She is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Neuropsychology at the Turner Institute for Brain and Mental Health at Monash University. Her subject is “Mind Matters: Recent Alzheimer's Breakthroughs and Establishing Brain Healthy Habits”

The meeting finished with the Grace at 9.00pm

Next General Meeting: Thursday October 26th, 2023, at Swedenborg Community 3/20 Duerdin St, Clayton.

UPCOMING MWCICC EVENTS –2023

MONTH	DATE & TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
August	Sunday August 27 th 2.30pm	Concert ‘Heart of Folksong’	St Simon the Apostle RC, 2 Taylors Lane Rowville
September	Wednesday September 13 th 12.00 midday	Pastoral Lunch	MWUC 482 High St Rd, Mt Waverley
September	Friday September 15 th at 1.30pm	Dementia Workshop	MWUC 482 High St Rd, Mt Waverley
October	Saturday October 28 th at 7.30pm	Monash Friends of Vemassee Band Concert	Endevour Baptist Church, 17-19 Margot St, Chadstone
October	Sunday October 29 th at 3.30pm	Ecumenical Hymn Singing	St Luke's UC, 94 to 96 Essex Rd, Mt Waverley
November	Monday November 20 th to 24 th	Food for Friends	Ritchies IGA Hamilton Place, Mt Waverley