

MINUTES OF THE **GLEN WAVERLEY DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL**,
MEETING HELD AT THE WHEELERS HILL UNITING CHURCH ON
27TH. October 2008 at 7.30 pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Welcome by Mr. Robert McInnes from the Wheelers Hill Uniting Church, followed by the opening prayer.

Present: Joe Persico, Carole Painter, Maureen Hegarty, Ray Lamerand, Tony Hodges, John Hurst, Kath Andrackze, Val Noble, Peter McCluskey, Pat Hodges.

Apologies: Judy O'Dwyer, Neville Joseph.

President's Report:

Glen Waverley & District Inter-Church Council

President's Report - for the 27/10/2008 AGM

By Joseph Persico

We have achieved quite a lot, as a dedicated team of ten people working as one, assisted by our communities and with God's help.

Advertising of Services for Christmas and Easter: (Judy O.)

We organize the publication of Services times of the Christian churches in the Waverley and Mt. Waverley areas. The advertising sends a strong message to the community at large, that we as Christians live and work as one for Christ.

City of Monash Churches Services List: (All members)

In May, we compiled and distributed a list of services times and Christian Churches locations in the City of Monash to 15 Hotels and Motels in the area, to welcome visitors. All the places we deliver copies to, appreciate being given the list.

Easter Event: (Tony & Pat H., Carole P., Peter Mc, Jody O.)

It is designed to present the life of Christ through the Bible and the Gospels to more than 1,500 school children.

For some children this is the first time they hear about Christ, His life and Love for us.

This year the event was held at the Holy Family Catholic church in Mt. Waverley.

Next year, it will be held at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

All churches will be asked to support this event by supplying 2 volunteers for two 4 hours periods (i.e. 8.00-12.00 am or 12.00 - 4.00 pm), to assist in running of the event .

The volunteers must be registered with "Working with children check".

Way of the Cross (Tony & Pat H., Carole P., Peter Mc, Jody O.)

A great Ecumenical event, that we have been organizing for more than 20 years.

We bring together our ministers and our communities to present and re-in act the Good Friday ultimate story of Love, suffered by our Lord Jesus, to the city of Monash.

As it happened last year, the hired sound system gave a great enhancement to the service.

Christian Unity Ecumenical Celebrations: (Joe P.)

This year, was the ninth annual event, we coordinated 19 Inter church communities visitations in the city of Monash, again on Ascension Sunday.

The Celebrations promote acceptance of our diversity and our oneness with Christ.

Joint Meeting with Mt. Waverley ICC: (Joe P., Tony & Pat H. , Jody O.)

We have held a joint ICC meeting at Holy Redeemer on 29th May, at our neighbouring friends, with whom we share several activities to improve our service to our communities.

Suggestions: a) Expansion of our distribution list to University, Libraries, Aged care facilities etc.
b) Future of Easter Event revision and joint operation, all churches to assist with 2 members .

Gambling Taskforce: (Robert Mcl., Ray L.)

Through the perseverance and hard work of Robert over the last three years, we have been keeping a watchful eye on the progress of this important issue in our society. Our secretary Ray has also been involved and has given support on this issue through the Catholic Deanery of Waverley. Great Christian team work !

Aged Care Facilities in the City of Monash: (Tony H. and Jim Aylmer Mt W ICC)

Tony and Jim A. have compiled and updated a current list of all the aged care facilities in the city of Monash and the Christian churches support given to the people in these places.

GWICC Website : (John H.)

Through John's great work, we are developing our own website for the benefit of all.

Christmas Message sign from GW & Mt W ICC : (Peter Mc. Tony H. and Jim Aylmer)

We have obtained permission by city of Monash to place a Christmas message at two places in the city.

I would like to thank every member of the Glen Waverly ICC for the commitment, dedication and hard work, to serve each other and our communities for our Lord Jesus. May our God the Father continue to bless us all.

Financial Report: This has been presented at a previous meeting.

Office Bearers for 2009: The following were appointed unopposed.

President	Joe Persico
Secretary	Pat Hodges
Treasurer	John Hurst.

The AGM closed at 8.00pm.

GENERAL MEETING

Regular activities for 2009.

Annual Day of Prayer

This will be held on Friday, 6th. March 2009 at St Barnabas Church of England.
Contact person – Faye Brace Theme to be New Guinea.

Easter Event

To be held on 23-26th March at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

Planning meetings currently underway.

Each member Church will be asked to provide 2 additional helpers, who will have to have a 'Working with Children' permit.

Way of The Cross

To be held on Good Friday at Central Reserve.

Monash Council has given permission for use of the oval and the erection of a sign 2 weeks prior.
Joe to book the sound system.

Christian Unity Celebrations

To be held on 24th May, Ascension Sunday. Joe to organise.

List of Services and Churches in Monash.

To be checked by May 2009. Distribution list to be extended to include Libraries, Aged Care Facilities and the Monash University.

Advertising Services for Glen Waverley and Mt Waverley ICC

John Hurst to send letters and Maureen Hegarty to help with follow up calls. John to liaise with newspaper.

Aged Care Services

Tony Hodges to review early in 2009. To check with Monash Council and also talk to the Salvation Army regarding those facilities it services.

Christmas Sign

Permission has been granted by Monash Council for a sign to be erected at the corner of Waverley and Springvale Roads two weeks prior to Christmas. Tony Hodges to organise timber and Peter McCluskey to organise sign writing. The sign will be for all the Christian Churches in Monash. (N.B. Mt Waverley ICC has also received permission to erect a sign. There will be 2 identical signs erected.)

New Activities

The Glen Waverley ICC will look at all opportunities that arise, but for the present will focus on improving current activities where possible.

Correspondence

In Minutes from the Mt Waverley ICC.
Email regarding Christmas sign from Jim Alymer.

Out GWICC minutes to Mt Waverley ICC

Victorian Council of Churches activities update.

Gambling – Report by Robert McInnes

The Monash Council has deferred the gambling taskforce meeting until 13/11/08
Monash has dropped to second place due to the removal of a number of machines from Matthew Flinders Hotel. The worry is that gambling increases in times of financial downturn.

General Discussion

Joe asked the opinion of the meeting re having a bible reading followed by a short discussion at the beginning of each meeting. Those present agreed it was a good suggestion.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm