

MINUTES OF THE GLEN WAVERLEY DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL,
HELD at Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Monday, 4th May, 2009

Present: John Hurst, Joe Persico, Robert McInnes, Carole Painter,
Val Noble, Pat Hodges, Glynnis Hearn, Tony Hodges.

Apologies: Peter McCluskey, Maureen Heggarty

The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer.

John Hurst chaired the meeting, commencing with a talk on the Uniting Church, how it came into being in 1977 as an amalgamation of the Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodists Churches. It was interesting to hear how the three different ideas of church organisation were brought together. Thank you John.

The meeting discussed Romans, continuing on from the passage discussed at the previous meeting. Joe to choose the passage for the next meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Council members to look for any Churches in the Glen Waverley area that could be asked to join the Council.

Business arising from the minutes.

Annual day of Prayer

The Annual Day of Prayer was held at St Barnabas Anglican Church on Friday, 6th March.

Val reported that about 200 attended and Rev. Barbara Darling was well received as guest speaker. The Salvation Army, High Street Rd. will host the event in 2010.

VCC AGM

Joe represented the GWICC at the VCC AGM on March 14th.

About 200 attended, the agenda being prayers, followed by reports and then a choice of three sessions to choose from in the afternoon. Joe attended the session on the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

Easter Event

The Easter Event. Numbers were down this year as a school withdrew at the last minute. Carole, Val and Tony reported that the event was well received with plenty of volunteers available. One comment for next time was a need for more advertising within member churches for the night session for adults and children not attending the invited schools.

There is a shortfall of about \$1,000.00 for the Event. Perhaps churches could be approached to help with a donation to offset costs.

Joe has produced a video that we could use as promotion for the next Event.

Way of The Cross

It was estimated that 450+ people attended with an increase in the number of children this year.

The sound was excellent –thank you Joe.

Thanks to Carole and the office staff at St Leonard's for producing the booklets.

A letter of thanks is to be sent to Lorraine Jones for ending the Service in song.

Val suggested that next year we could look at including some more modern music and recruit some young musicians.

Christian Unity Celebrations.

19 Churches have replied to Joe's invitation. Assessments underway.

List of Churches and Services

Joe has compiled a new list and those present at the meeting arranged to distribute them to the motels, hotels and Monash Uni.

Advertising Services

John to send out invoices for the advertising of Easter Services and yearly subscriptions to member Churches. In October John will send out a letter re Christmas advertising and Easter 2010.

Services to Aged Care Facilities

Tony Has reviewed the list of facilities and the churches that regularly conduct services for residents.

John will include a copy to each church with their invoices and Tony will post a copy of the list of Churches and Services to each Aged Care Facility.

Treasurer's report.

John presented his report to the meeting.

Correspondence

In.

Invitation from Monash council to attend an Event Planning Workshop for those organisations that use Monash Council facilities. Pat to attend.

Eastern Palliative Care newsletter.

Out.

Letters to Monash council re erecting a sign for 2 weeks prior to Good Friday 2010 and for use of Central Reserve for the Way of The Cross in 2010.

Victorian council of Churches activities update.

Gambling

Robert attended the Monash Responsible Gaming Task Force meeting on April 30th.

He distributed comprehensive notes of his recommendations and points to make in any letters individuals may care to write on the subject.

A letter to be sent to The Hon. Tony Robinson, Minister for Gaming, Mr Greg Barber and Mr Michael O'Brien, Shadow Minister for Gaming regarding proposed changes in Gaming Taxes.

Religious affiliation in the Monash area.

Joe distributed copies of the Australian Bureau of Statistics census finding from the last and preceding census.

Meetings for 2009

These are as follows

2nd March

4th May

6th July

7th September

Joe to organise a joint meeting with Mt Waverley ICC.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Next meeting will be held at St Justin's Catholic Church at 7.30pm, on Monday 6th July.