

MINUTES OF THE **GLEN WAVERLEY DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL**, Held  
at Yernga Retirement Village  
Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Welcome by Val Noble.

**Present:** Joe Persico, Val Noble, Tony Hodges, Enda Eames, Gloria More, John Hurst, Pat Hodges.

**Apologies:** Glynis Hearn

Welcome by Joe Persico, followed by The Lord's prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

**Regular activities**

- Current Issues Discussion topic centred around a newspaper article stating the change in the new National School Curriculum, going from BC and AD to BCE (before Common Era) or BP (before Present) and CE (Common Era)
- Christmas Advertising. After much discussion it was decided that the cost of advertising in the local papers has become too expensive. John to check up on any refunds needed. John to set up a page on our website with links to the GWICC that can include service times for Churches that want to participate and also to see if it is possible to get Google priority.
- Christmas Display Banner. The meeting decided to approach Judd White re provision of a sign similar to last year, with the addition of "FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES VISIT [glenwaverleychurches.org.au](http://glenwaverleychurches.org.au)".
- Christmas Carols. The Assistant Marketing Manager of Centro The Glen has shown interest in having Choirs sing at both The Glen and Brandon Park. Delegates to check with their Churches if they want to take part and to bring their answers to the next meeting. Syndal Baptist Church, Glen Waverley Uniting Church and Holy Saviour Catholic Church are interested in participating and St Leonard's Catholic Church may also take part.
- Pat to check with the Centres re the use of electronic accompanists and if the piped music can be switched off during each performance. Suitable time would probably be Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday mornings, beginning on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Performances in 30 minute brackets.
- 2012 Easter Event to be at Holy Family Church. No further information.
- 2012 Way of The Cross. Pat and Val to get together and make alterations to the Service.
- Joe to follow up in the New Year.
  - Book the sound system for Way of The Cross.
  - Send letter re Christian Unity Celebrations.
  - Print list of Churches and Services in Monash for accommodation venues.
  - Tony to send information letter regarding Service times to Aged Care Facilities

**New Activities for 2011-2012**

Additional Members recruitment

Tony to ask VCC if the New Church is eligible to become a member as it is not Trinitarian.  
The Salvation Army are too committed to existing programs to become members, although could be approached for a speaker for The Way of The Cross.  
The Lutheran Church and Church of Christ to be approached at this time.

The idea of the GWICC promoting the concept of 'open/information days' at members Churches was

canvassed. Many of the member Churches have programs already running and this idea does not need to be pursued further at the moment.

#### World day of Prayer

This service will be held at Syndal Baptist Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2012, the theme being Malaysia.

#### Youth Video Competition

It was decided not to continue with this initiative as there are many obstacles to be overcome, one of which is privacy.

#### Lenten/Advent studies

Mt Waverley ICC to let us know if the Advent studies are being held this year.

#### Monash Interfaith Gathering

Outings have been organised on 14/9 and 28/9 to visit different places of worship. To reserve a place on the bus interested people need to book through the Monash Council.

#### **Correspondence in**

List of speakers who attended a Mental Health Seminar that was organised by the Mt Waverley ICC.  
Letter from Monash City Council re use of Central Reserve on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.  
Confirmation of Carol singing by Church Choirs in December  
Minutes of Mt Waverley ICC meeting  
VCC Newsletter  
Information VCC Assembly on 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Churches & Public Policy Conference 19<sup>th</sup> July  
City of Monash Interfaith Gathering B-monthly meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Correspondence out**

Form to Monash Council re use of Central Reserve on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2012  
Letter to Assistant Marketing Manager, Centro The Glen re Carol Singing by choirs from member Churches in December.

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm

Next meeting, which will be the AGM, is to be held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 7.30pm at 33 Sunnybrook Drive, Wheelers Hill.

Enda to check with Fr Dillon to see if the 6<sup>th</sup> February meeting, 2012, can be held at St Leonard's.

\_Notes from Tony Hodges re contact Mr Theo McKay, General Secretary of the VCC

Following this meeting I agreed to contact the VCC regarding the eligibility of The New Church for membership (referred really to including it on our web page) and then, following a request from Good Shepherd Catholic Church, the adoption of BCE and CE instead of BC and AD in the new National Curriculum.

The New Church

Although not a Trinitarian Church the New Church is eligible to be a member of the VCC as the constitution is quite broad to enable inclusion of a number of large Churches. It is up to individual Councils of Churches who is admitted to membership.

BC-AD and BCE-CE

Gloria More asked, on behalf of Good Shepherd, if the GWICC could become involved in an attempt to change the decision regarding the dropping of the terms BC and AD. I suggested we find out if the VCC has a position on the matter.

Many member churches affiliated with the VCC have been using the terms BCE and CE for some years and Theo advised that there would be unlikely that any effort for reverse the proposed changes would receive any support from the VCC.