

**MT WAVERLEY – CHADSTONE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING, THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2012
AT ST JOHN'S UNITING CHURCH**

Chairman's Welcome - Gavin Faichney. Introduction to Theo Mackaay, General Secretary Victorian Council of Churches and welcome to representatives from the Glen Waverley Inter-Church Council

DEVOTIONS Rev Dr Max Champion led the devotions based on Acts 17 v 16 – 34.

Attendance and Apologies: as per attendance sheet held by secretary.

1. Theo Mackaay

Theo presented the members with a "show bag" containing guidelines, studies and other material prepared by the VCC. Theo described Emergency Ministries Programme which now has 1500 people who have been trained and accredited to support those people affected by catastrophes such as flood and fire. They are "people of faith" who work alongside the Salvation Army and SES to provide support during and after such events. Theo explained the VCC Review which is now complete and a report is being finalized by the Executive. A draft constitution is also under discussion and it is envisaged that it will be adopted at the Annual General Meeting next May.

2. Minutes of Meeting 26th July 2012 accepted P Hollinson, seconded A Clausen

4 Reports

4.1 Carols in the Village Update

Gavin reported on several meetings held between Veronica, Gavin and Monique Gaskin, the Monash Council Community Events Liaison Officer. Work has been done to fulfill the four priorities to be met by the local By-Laws Department.

1 *Gain the support of local traders.* Now 62 of the 65 traders have provided written evidence of their support. Only one trader does not support the Carols.

2 *Certificate of Currency to cover activities to be undertaken.* Gavin has organised an insurance indemnity form from VCC which was accepted by Council.

3 *Site plan with time intervals given.* Council required more details which were provided at the second meeting.

4 *Pedestrian management plan* This plan has been refined.

Ros has sent letters to the Ministers and Choir leaders of the member churches and to the Principals of 14 local Primary and some Secondary Schools seeking participation. Members are invited to follow up with their parish schools. Rev Julie will follow up on Huntingtower School. Syndal South and St Mary Madgalen's Primary Schools will not be participating. Volunteers from the churches are needed to work on crowd control and a qualified First Aider is required. It was suggested that the ICC should approach St John's Ambulance to help provide a volunteer.

4.2 Monash Friends of Vemassee

Allan Clausen reported that the retiring offering of \$388.80 from the Ecumenical Hymn Service on Sunday September 23rd will be given to the Monash Friends of Vemassee.

4.3 Ecumenical Hymn Service

Rev Julie Ross reported that numbers were less than in earlier years (75-80). It was a very successful service with all enjoying singing a variety of favourite hymns. The Spring piano recital by Barbara Pritchard was excellent.

4.4 Luncheon at St Mary Madgalen's

Louise Kulkens reported that 11 ICC members enjoyed a delicious meal in a very relaxed atmosphere and great surroundings. The ICC would like to thank Father Peter Grasby and the St Mary Madgalen's parishioners (Reg Morrell, Ann Bremner and Louise Kulkens) who assisted with preparation and hospitality.

5 Treasurer's Report:-

Financial statement from 26/7/2012 to 27/9/2012

Balance at 30/06/2012	\$ 4655.76
Interest July August	8 cents
Balance 31/8/2012	\$4655.84

A motion was passed to pay the \$60 2012 annual affiliation charge to the VCC.

6 Correspondence:- Refer to the correspondence list in the agenda.

One additional letter was an invitation from the Waverley Benevolent Society to attend the Annual General Meeting on October 1st.

7 General business.

7.1 Way of the Cross:- The GWICC members were happy for the MWCICC to join with their procession again in 2013. The successful Glen Waverley Good Friday Celebration has been going for 30 years and aims to attract the general public. Thus hospitality is not offered. As arrangements were so rushed for the 2012 event, Rev Julie Ross was the only minister who contributed. Val Noble is the GWICC coordinator so is the contact person. There was some discussion about MWCICC's decision for 2013 including the distance from the Mount Waverley and Chadstone churches to Central Park Glen Waverley and hospitality after the procession. It was decided to again defer this agenda item to the next ICC meeting

7.2 Advent advertising in The Leader newspaper shared with Glen Waverley

It was agreed by all to again insert a paid advertisement in The Leader at both Advent and Easter with a message from one of the Clergy. MWCICC will provide the message at Advent and GWICC at Easter. Both website addresses which will "point to" service times and locations will be included in the advertisements. The cost for each advertisement in 2011/2 was \$500 or \$250 for each ICC.

7.3 Advent and Carols billboard:-

It was decided to approach a local Real Estate Agent to print and erect the board for both the Carols and Advent. No decision was made on the design of either the Carols or Advent board. Permission must be sought from Monash Council to erect the boards, hopefully at the NW corner of Stephenson's and High Street Road. .

7.4 News from member churches :-

St Justin's Catholic Church, Wheelers Hill, Glen Waverley Uniting Church and High Street Road Uniting Church have Church Fairs on October 13th, October 20th and 14th November respectively.

The Melbourne Fijian Uniting Church held its first wedding at St Mark's, a joyous occasion.

Rev Julie Ross assisted at a recent wedding at the First Church of Christian Scientists Mt Waverley.

The Uniting Churches of Mt Waverley Chadstone (which includes Mulgrave UC) are having a combined Service and Holy Communion at St John's UC on October 7th at 10.00am.

Gavin Faichney reported that Rev Mark Lawrence will be leaving the UC Presbytery of Port Philip East to serve as General Secretary of the Synod.

A Conference for Christian Unity will be held at the Centre for Theology and Ministry at Parkville on Nov 11-13.

Louise Kulkens reported that the Bishop attended St Mary Madgalen's for the confirmation of 14 children.

Last Sunday, Gavin Faichney attended a special service of Celebration in the Mar Toma Syrian Church Melbourne in Parkville. The Mar Toma Bishop of Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand was present.

7.5 Food for Friends:- November 26 to 30

Margery circulated the 2011 roster and list of recipients so members could confirm their preferences for 2012. All present were able to confirm these. However, several churches were not represented. The churches are urged to contact recipients to confirm collection of the donations, preferably on Friday November 30th. Ros will contact the Ritchies IGA for permission to use the area in front of the store. St John's Narthex is available for sorting.

7.6 West Papua meeting:-

Alan Clausen said the proposed meeting with the West Papuans has been postponed to 2013. Faye Gregson of St Luke's has several ill family members to look after at present.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.30pm

Next Meeting: The General and Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday, 22th November, at the Anglican Church of St Stephen and St Mary, Mt Waverley