



**GLEN WAVERLEY & DISTRICT
INTER CHURCH COUNCIL
LEADERSHIP TEAM**

President: Jan Clear (Glen Waverley Uniting Church)
Crn. Kingsway & Bogong St., Glen Waverley



Affiliated with VCC

AGM 2020 - Minutes

Held on Zoom

Wednesday, 4th November 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: Jan Clear, Pat & Tony Hodges, Francisco Disilvestro, Joe & Anthea Persico, John Hurst.

Apologies: Agnes de Roza, Ray Lamerand

Welcome: Jan welcomed those present and opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by The Lord's Prayer

Minute of previous meeting: Accepted Pat Hodges, Seconded Tony Hodges.

President report GWICC 2020: Jan Clear

As we get used to the idea of having added freedom and hopefully moving to a new norm, it is a good time to look back on the past year. Many functions and meetings have been cancelled but one thing has remained constant on the Inter Church Council and that is the relationship that exists between committee members. We have all experienced changes, challenges and sadness in our lives, during 2020, but we have been supported by other committee members. This small group of people have a desire to spread the Gospel with other people in our local community. This is a huge task and if I am re-elected as President one of my major tasks will be to try to get extra members on the committee so that tasks can be shared. I have approached our affiliated churches before and haven't received any positive responses but we need to keep on trying.

Christmas 2019 seems a long time ago but I do remember that we put up our Christmas board on Central Reserve and once again reminded members of the local community of the real meaning of Christmas.

On 6 March the World Day of Prayer was held at Syndal Baptist Church. The focus, this year, was Zimbabwe. Rev. Tim Costello was the speaker and the theme was "Rise. Take up your bed and walk." It was a very inspiring service and those who were there enjoyed it. Many people joined together for afternoon tea, following the service. Val Noble led the service but told us that she was stepping down and someone else would need to co-ordinate the World Day of Prayer in Glen Waverley, in the future, or we would have to join with Mt. Waverley churches for future services.

The committee meeting on 4 March, our first committee meeting for the year was at St. Justin's. That was to be our last "face to face" meeting for a while but we still kept in touch with emails and SMSs. We cancelled a couple of meetings but then decided that as lockdown was continuing, we would start meeting on Zoom. We held Zoom committee meetings in April, June, July September and October. It was good to catch up at these times.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have "Stations of the Cross" this year which was very sad. As we are unsure if we will be able to hold this event on Good Friday next year, some of the technological members of our committee are looking into how the service could be live streamed. Watch this space and we will keep you updated about the progress of our plans.

Monash Interfaith Gathering has also been affected by the virus and meetings have been held on Zoom. In July the group held its AGM on Zoom. In September the group held an interesting meeting in which speakers from different faith communities spoke about how they have assisted members of the Monash community during lockdown. I am looking forward to the November meeting when an indigenous elder Uncle Bill Nicholson Jnr. -a traditional owner will speak about the first people and answer questions. This meeting will be on Zoom once again and you need to register with Heather (the secretary) to attend. Hopefully some meetings next year will be able to be held in the council meeting room.

As we approach the Advent season leading up to Christmas, I pray that you and your loved ones may experience peace and blessings during the build-up and on Christmas Day as we celebrate Jesus' birth and return to some sort of normality. I also pray that 2021 may be a good year for us all with new experiences, adventures and good health and that we may come back in February with renewed energy and enthusiasm and ready to face whatever challenges lie ahead, with God's help. May God bless you all during this time and thanks again for your ongoing support.

Jan Clear.

Treasures report

- Balance: \$92.60 Plus donation,
- The annual membership to VCC has been paid.
- Now able to do internet banking

- Because of COVID we did not approach churches, no further expenses this year.

GWICC Positions 2020

The following were re-elected unopposed:

President	Jan Clear	– Tony Hodges moved, Pat Hodges seconded
Vice Presidents	Agnes De Roza, Joe Persico	– John Hurst moved, Tony Hodges seconded
Treasurer	John Hurst	– Joe Persico moved, Pat Hodges seconded
Secretary	Francisco Disilvestro	– John Hurst moved, Joe Persico seconded.
Committee:	Pat & Tony Hodges, Anthea Persico	- John Hurst moved, Joe Persico seconded.

Advertisement:

- Email sent to churches, with dates and times, about 8~9 churches responded. The shared feeling is to leave like that for this year. John Hurst is going to write about new rate of \$50.

Christmas Sign:

- To be installed Sunday 13 December at 7:00 pm
- Organize with St. Leonards for the garage keys (try to get the keys on before Sunday 13)

Correspondence:

- None.

Interfaith / Interchurch:

- Annual meeting will be on 26 November. Uncle Bill Nicholson Junior, will talk about Aboriginal point of view of faith, Q&A on Zoom, 7:00 to 8:15 pm. Joe Persico will send us a flyer of the event.
- Included a web page about helping overseas student to get funding
- Almost finish with design for the flyer of Monash interfaith

General Discussion

- General digital church planning – Online webinars, organized by Minister in Parramatta who attended an US event. He decided to try it in Australia. It's about planting a seed of a church (an online church).
- Zoom session, talk to people of all states, sharing ideas and experiences about church online.
- Uniting Church has experience providing digital services for years, Young members enthusiastic about it. Big shift has been from content to engagement. Building relationships with people online, starting with a plan, but concentrating on the engagement

Church Happenings:

Joe Persico – St. Justin's Catholic Church: Church Maintenance. They will keep streaming Masses online even when things come back to normal.

Jan Clear – Glen Waverley Uniting Church: Expressed about some churches being worried about the future.

Pat Hodges: Church being painted. They will install cameras and will continuing streaming online, even if people returning to church

Next year first meeting:

Date 3rd of February 2021 7:30
Place to be confirmed
If possible, at Pat & Tony's Hodges home.

Meeting finished at 8:40 pm