

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
GLEN WAVERLEY DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL,**

Held at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on  
Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30 pm

Welcome by Joe Persico, followed by opening prayer.

**Present:** Joe Persico, Jan Clear, Francesco Di Silvestro, Agnes De Roza, Ray Lamerand, Tony Hodges, John Hurst, Pat Hodges.

**Apologies:**

Joe Persico chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the 2014 AGM were read and accepted, with a change to the date of Office Bearers from 2014 to 2015.

**Reports**

President

*By Joseph Persico*

2015 has almost gone and with the assistance of Agnes De Roza as vice president, Pat Hodges As secretary and John Hurst as treasurer and your all. Again we have continued tirelessly our work, As a team, working as one, assisted by our communities and with God's help to serve His people.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of March [Val N.]

Annually we organized this event, which gets together Christian women from different denominations. Each year we focus the prayers on one country in the world. This year the focus nation was the Bahamas, Next year it will be Cuba.

**CYCLE OF PRAYERS List:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of March [Joe P.]



We distributed a new Prayers List to all the GWICC for the next 12 months.  
We pray each week for an ICC Christian Community needs in our city.

**ADVERTISING OF SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS & EASTER:** December & April [John H.]

We have decided that now ad days, due to the proliferation of the internet, the most cost effective way to give the services times to the Christian community of the city of Monash is to publish them on our website, freely to the member churches of the Glen Waverley and Mount Waverley Inter church councils. In addition we place a small advert with a Christmas message with the website details.

Paid jointly by both I.C. Councils.

**WAY OF THE CROSS: 3<sup>rd</sup> of April Good Friday** [Tony & Pat H., John H., Peter Mc C., Agnes DR Joe P.]

A great Ecumenical event that we as an inter-church council have been organizing for 34 years. St. Leonard's Catholic Church came to the rescue this year, because we could not place our notice board on the reserve.

Attendance was greater than previous years 500-600.

With this event we bring together our ministers and our communities to present and re-enact the Good Friday ultimate story of Love, suffered by our Lord Jesus, to the communities of the city of Monash.

**CITY OF MONASH CHURCHES SERVICES LIST: May** [all members]

In May, we compiled and distributed a list of services times and Christian Churches locations in the City of Monash to 21 Hotels and Motels in the area, to welcome visitors.

places we deliver copies to, appreciate being given the list for the visitors to our city.

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**16<sup>th</sup> CHRISTIAN UNITY ECUMENICAL CELEBRATIONS: 17<sup>th</sup> May (Ascension Sunday)** [Joe P.]

This year, was the fourteenth annual event, we coordinated 17 Inter-church communities visitations in the city of Monash, again on Ascension Sunday.

The Celebrations promote in our Communities the acceptance of our diversity and our oneness with Christ and is still enjoyed by participants.

**JOINT MEETING WITH MT. WAVERLEY ICC: 2<sup>nd</sup> September** [all members]

We have held a joint ICC meeting at Holy Saviour Catholic Church Vermont South, with our neighbouring friends, with whom we annually share several activities, to improve our service to our own church communities.

We are to investigate the possibility of a Christian Pilgrimage day in 2017.

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members

**AGED CARE FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF MONASH: whole year** \_\_\_\_\_ [Tony H.]

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 and keep them informed of the Christian church services in the city of Monash.

**GWICC WEBSITE: whole year** \_\_\_\_\_ [John H.]

Through John's great work, we are continuously developing our own website for the benefit of all member churches. A continuous growth has been noticed in the number of site hits. Francisco will be co-ordinating with John for the continuous update and development of

The website:

<http://www.glenwaverleychurches.org/>

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE SIGN : Dec. 2014** \_\_\_\_\_ [Ray Lamerand, Pat & Tony H. Joe P.]

We have obtained permission by city of Monash to place a Christmas message at the corner of Springvale & Waverley roads, (Glen Waverley Central Reserve).

The message last year was about thinking of the refugees around the world and that Jesus was also a refugee as a baby.

This year the message is going to be the same.

I would like to thank again every member of the Glen Waverley ICC, for their commitment, dedication and hard work over the last 10 years, to serve each other and our communities, For our Lord Jesus. May God our Father, continue to bless us all in the future to maintain our dedication to the Christian Faith with joy. All the best wishes to the new leadership team.

Business arising from the report

It was discussed if Ascension Day is the best Sunday to have the Christian Unity Celebration. This had been moved from Pentecost due to clashes with celebrations within member churches. It was decided to continue with Ascension Day.

Treasurer

No requests for levies were sent to member churches in 2014 as we did not have to pay for advertising of Christmas or Easter Services in the local paper.

John has sent out requests this year and 7 churches have paid to date.

The current bank account balance is over \$2000.

**Office bearers for 2016:**

John believes that we need additional active members to the ICC in order to spread the workload. He is prepared to continue as Treasurer.

There was discussion regarding the duties of the President and if any of these can be delegated.

The following were elected unopposed.

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| President       | Jan Clear                  |
| Vice Presidents | Agnes De Roza, Joe Persico |
| Treasurer       | John Hurst                 |
| Secretary       | Francesco Di Silvestro     |

As Jan Clear and Francesco Di Silvestro are new office bearers, the Bendigo Bank account details for account 155127855 will need to be changed to the following signatories (any two to sign):

add: Jan Clear, Francesco Di Silvestro

delete: Joe Persico, Pat Hodges

unchanged: John Hurst

The Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm