

Glen Waverley & District Inter-Church Council

President's Report - for the 2009 AGM

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by Joseph Persico

Another year of achievements has passed, we have started with a new secretary and a new treasurer. We have achieved quite a lot, as a dedicated team of ten people working as one, assisted by our communities and with God's help.

Advertising of Services for Christmas and Easter:

[John H.]

We organized the publication of Services times of the Christian churches in the Waverley and Mt. Waverley areas. The advertising sends a strong message to the community at large, that we as Christians live and work as one for Christ. This duty for the next two years will go to Mt W. ICC.

Easter Event: March

[Tony & Pat H., Carole P., Peter Mc C.]

This event is designed to present the life of Christ through the Bible and the Gospels to more than 1,500 school children in primary schools. For some children, this is the first time they hear about Christ, His life and love for us. This year the event was held at the Glen Waverley Uniting church and the volunteers response has been overwhelming. Next year, it will be held at the Holy Family catholic in Mt. Waverley. Again next year all Christian churches in the city of Monash will be asked to support this event by supplying 2 volunteers for two 4 hours periods (i.e. 8.00-12.00 am or 12.00 - 4.00 pm), to assist in running of the event . The volunteers must be registered with a valid "Working with children check" permit.

Way of the Cross: April

[Tony & Pat H., Carole P., Peter Mc C.]

A great Ecumenical event, that we have been organizing for more than 20 years. We bring together our ministers and our communities to present and re-in act the Good Friday ultimate story of Love, suffered by our Lord Jesus, to the city of Monash. As it happened last year, the hired sound system gave a great enhancement to the service.

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 20 Hotels and Motels in the area, to welcome visitors. All the places we deliver copies to, appreciate being given the list.

Christian Unity Ecumenical Celebrations: May

[Joe P.]

This year, was the ninth annual event, we coordinated 19 Inter church communities visitations in the city of Monash, again on Ascension Sunday. The Celebrations promote acceptance of our diversity and our oneness with Christ.

Joint Meeting with Mt. Waverley ICC: July

[all members]

We have held a joint ICC meeting at St. Justin's Wheelers Hill with our neighbouring friends, with whom we share several activities to improve our service to our own communities.

Gambling Taskforce: whole year

[Robert Mc. I.]

Through the perseverance and hard work of Robert over the last four years, we have been kept up to date with the developments at government and community level. Next year we should discuss this issue with the Mt. Waverley ICC and plan our response as Christians.

Aged Care Facilities in the City of Monash: whole year

[Tony H. and Jim Aylmer Mt W ICC]

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.

GWICC Website : whole year

[John H.]

Through John's great work, we are developing our own website for the benefit of all.

Christmas Message sign from GW & Mt W ICC :October-Dec. [Peter Mc. C., Tony H. and Jim Aylmer]

We have obtained permission by city of Monash to place a Christmas message at two places in the city.

I would like to thank again every member of the Glen Waverly ICC, for their commitment, dedication and hard work, to serve each other and our communities for our Lord Jesus. May God, our Father, continue to bless us all.