

# Glen Waverley & District Inter-Church Council

## President's Report - for the 27/10/2008 AGM

by Joseph Persico

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: (Judy O.)

We organize 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.

### City of Monash Churches Services List: (All members)

In May, we compiled and distributed a list of services times and Christian Churches locations in the City of Monash to 15 Hotels and Motels in the area, to welcome visitors.

All the places we deliver copies to, appreciate being given the list.

### Easter Event: (Tony & Pat H., Carole P., Peter Mc, Jody O.)

It is designed to present the life of Christ through the Bible and the Gospels to more than 1,500 school children.

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 Holy Family Catholic church in Mt. Waverley.

Next year, it will be held at the Glen Waverly Uniting Church.

All churches 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 "Working with children check".

### Way of the Cross (Tony & Pat H., Carole P., Peter Mc, Jody O.)

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.

### Christian Unity Ecumenical Celebrations: (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: (Joe P., Tony & Pat H. , Jody O.)

We have held a joint ICC meeting at Holy Redeemer on 29<sup>th</sup> May, at our neighbouring friends, with whom we share several activities to improve our service to our communities.

Suggestions: a) Expansion of our distribution list to University, Libraries, Aged care facilities etc.

b) Future of Easter Event revision and joint operation, all churches to assist with 2 members .

### Gambling Taskforce: (Robert Mc., Ray L.)

Through the perseverance and hard work of Robert over the last three years, we have been keeping a watchful eye on the progress of this important issue in our society.

Our secretary Ray has also been involved and has given support on this issue through the Catholic Deanery of Waverley. Great Christian team work !

### Aged Care Facilities in the City of Monash: (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 : (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 : (Peter Mc. 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 every member of the Glen Waverly ICC for the commitment, dedication and hard work, to serve each other and our communities for our Lord Jesus.

May our God the Father continue to bless us all.