

Church Council Report • January 2018

A new year is often a time to reflect, reassess and adapt, if necessary, or even make changes to ensure we still achieve our goals and that is what occurred at the January CC meeting. I thank you for your prayerful support and conversations as I share the outcomes, and pray that we will continue to be a community that follows the commandment of Jesus to love one another.

- Katrina Henningham was appointed as Temporary Editor of The Pulse – Katrina has been the Publisher for a few years, relying heavily on Victor to collect and collate all the articles, and then to proofread the finished artwork. She has accepted the role temporarily whilst we still seek & encourage a member of our Community to take on this important task.
- A sub-committee has been formed to oversee and support The Willows Wednesday afternoon outreach activity that supports primary aged children to complete their homework, gain skills and develop confidence and enthusiasm for learning in a supportive environment.
- The Multicultural Playtime was endorsed as an outreach activity in partnership with Northern Settlement Services and LMCC, and although a person committed to being the Church Contact has not been found, the Rev Kenneth Brown has offered to be actively involved and attend at this stage, so if you think its for you please speak to him.
- The Kids Club for primary aged children led by Sue Selby and Cherie Beckers and the Youth Group in partnership with Boolaroo Community Centre and Eastlakes Youth Service will continue to meet on Fridays.
- Although there are vacancies on CC it was agreed to wait until the June elections to fill these. However, if anyone in the congregation is thinking they might like to be involved, or would like to know more about the role then the CC would welcome you to attend the meetings in the coming months. Please speak to me if you are interested at all in nominating for we also intend to explore the Synod publication “Church Council Ministry role and Regulations” in the coming months.
- In March the CC will host a Dinner on Thursday 15 March for the indigenous people of the United Church in Canada and those hosting them for their 3 day visit to The Hunter Presbytery.
- The transfer of Victor Moymow and Keith Hayden to Hamilton was forwarded with regret and deep appreciation for the contribution they have made during their time with us. We know Hamilton Wesley will be blessed by the music and their involvement as Victor takes up the position of full time organist there.
- The work being done by Ian Kells at Boolaroo to upgrade the toilets and the kitchen was noted and also greatly appreciated by the CC as is the hours of volunteer time that is given by so many to ensure we continue to maintain and be a place of welcome and witness as we endeavour to share the story of Jesus and the difference He makes in people’s lives.
- It was noted that both worship centres have been welcoming some new folk, so a Morning Tea with Kenneth is planned for Thursday 22 February at 10 am at The Willows to share with others and answer any questions in an informal time together.

June Cameron Chairperson