

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

Held at Pat and Tony Hodges home
7 Harptree Close, Rowvile
Wednesday, 9th November 2016 at 7.30 pm

Welcome by Jan Clear, followed by opening prayer.

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

Apologies:

Jan Clear chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the 2015 AGM were read and accepted.

Reports

President

By Jan Clear

Twelve months ago, I took on this position-hard to believe-this year has flown. It has been a learning experience but I have been supported by you wonderful people. As I said in my letter to our churches, it is a privilege to work with a group of people whose faith is real to them and who want to share the Gospel with others within our local community. Thank you very, very much for always being there to give me advice about what I should be doing.

During December I drove up Springvale Road frequently and had a quick glance at our Christmas board in Central Reserve, when I was stopped at the lights. What a great position for our board. I felt that the board was a great witness to the local community as I'm sure this year's will be too.

I think that we need to make a more concerted effort to interest people in joining our committee-maybe some extra coffees. When I wrote the letter to our member churches in October, I knew that we wouldn't get any or much response but it was worth a try.

In March, I attended the World Day of Prayer at the Salvation Army citadel. Although the numbers attending were not huge, it was an inspiring service for those who were there.

I have some highlights that I will remember from this year.

The first highlight for me was the Stations of the Cross gathering at Central Reserve on Good Friday. How exciting it was to see so many people joining us on that occasion whether out of devotion or curiosity. I was thrilled that there were younger people from our member churches taking part in the presentations.

The second highlight for me was taking part in worship at St. Leonards when we had our Christian Unity Sunday. It is a pity that we have to twist people's arms to take part in this event. It is such a great way to learn about other congregations and take part in the worship. Our member churches are always so welcoming.

The third highlight has been representing you at Interfaith Gatherings-meeting people from other faiths and having the opportunity to visit the Islamic Museum was just fantastic.

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. I also pray that 2017 may be a wonderful year for you with new experiences adventures and good health and that you may come back in February with renewed energy and enthusiasm. May God bless you all.

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 2017:

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The following were re-elected unopposed.

President	Jan Clear
Vice Presidents	Agnes De Roza, Joe Persico
Treasurer	John Hurst
Secretary	Francisco Disilvestro

The Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm