



**GLEN WAVERLEY & DISTRICT  
INTER CHURCH COUNCIL  
LEADERSHIP TEAM**

President: Jan Clear (Glen Waverley Uniting Church)  
Crn. Kingsway & Bogong St., Glen Waverley



*Affiliated with VCC*

**AGM 2021 - Minutes**

Held on Zoom

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Jan Clear, Pat & Tony Hodges, Francisco Disilvestro, Joe & Anthea Persico, John Hurst.

**Apologies:** Agnes de Roza,

**Welcome:**

Jan welcomed those present and opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by The Lord's Prayer

**Minute of previous meeting (AGM 2020):**

Moved: Francisco Disilvestro

Accepted: Jan Clear

Seconded: Pat Hodges.

Joe Persico Showed a presentation of the activities of the council for the past years.

**President report GWICC 2021:** Jan Clear

President's Report for Glen Waverley Inter Church Council AGM

Wednesday 3 November. 2021.

I want to begin this report by saying "Thank you"-thank you for being the people you are as individuals and representatives of church within this municipality. Thank you for taking on responsibilities and supporting one another as friends. Thank you for being Christ's representatives in this area and for sharing the Gospel with others in the community. I feel privileged to know you and work with you and to call you my friends.

When I sat down to write this report, it was hard to remember life before Lockdowns. It does seem so long ago.

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. I felt that the board was an excellent witness to the local community as I'm sure it will be this year. Thanks to everyone who helped to put the board up and arranged for its storage for another year.

In February a number of church representatives met to plan Ecumenical Visitors Sunday in May. Unfortunately the visits were unable to take place because of lockdowns. Prayers were circulated to churches to use internally but it wasn't the same as having the prayers read and candles lit by visitors from other churches. We hope that this annual tradition can go ahead next year.

In March, Alison Clarkson and I organised and led the World Day of Prayer service at Glen Waverley Uniting Church. We were worried about the possibility of lockdowns and decided to live stream the service. Quite a few people tuned in to watch the service. The country that was featured was Vanuatu and we were lucky enough to have Mark Zirnsak from the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania as our guest speaker. Next year's focus is the United Kingdom.

I also attended the Harmony Dinner at Mulgrave Community Centre in March. This was different as we were starting to observe social distancing and other COVID RITUALS and each participant received their own packed meal instead of having a smorgasbord and people helping themselves. It was good to meet up with people from different churches and faith communities and hear the speakers including the Mayor of Monash.

Good Friday was on 2 April. Reluctantly we had to cancel the Way of the Cross at Central Reserve as restrictions made it too difficult. We are looking forward to going ahead with this special event in 2022.

We have continued to meet on Zoom and see each other. We thank Glen Waverley Uniting church for letting us use their Zoom account.

It is always difficult when you start naming and thanking people for their work on a committee but I'm going to do it anyway. I want to thank you all for serving faithfully on this committee. When help or support is needed you are there. We have all helped when there have been information to be delivered to motels, hotels and aged care facilities. Thanks Francisco for being our secretary, Joe for keeping us informed about Monash Interfaith Gatherings, Tony for keeping us informed about the Victorian Council of Churches information and newsletters and John for keeping his eye on the website and doing updates when necessary.

I think that I need to make a more concerted effort to interest people in joining our committee-maybe some extra coffees double strength!!!! I haven't managed to visit churches and ministerial teams as I planned to. Hopefully our circumstances will be less chaotic early next year and I can make these visits a first priority.

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 and can actually meet up with family members and friends. I also pray that 2022 may be a wonderful year for you with new experiences, adventures and good health. Enjoy the Summer break and come back in February with renewed energy and enthusiasm. May God bless you all.

*Jan Clear.*

Accepted: Tony Hodges

Seconded: Joe Persico

## Treasures report

Treasurer's Report document



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- Balance: \$152.60
- The annual membership to VCC has been paid.

Only 1 Church responding so far - GW Uniting Church  
Please ask Churches to collaborate

Accepted: Pat Hodges.

Seconded: Joe Persico.

## GWICC Positions 2021

The following were re-elected unopposed:

**President:** Jan Clear

– John Hurst moved, Tony Hodges seconded

**Vice Presidents:** Agnes De Roza, Joe Persico

– Tony Hodges moved, John Hurst seconded

**Treasurer:** John Hurst

– Joe Persico moved, Jan Clear seconded

**Secretary:** Francisco Disilvestro

– John Hurst moved, Tony Hodges seconded.

**Committee:** Pat & Tony Hodges, Anthea Persico

- John Hurst moved, Jan Clear seconded.

**Christmas Sign:**

- To be installed Monday 13 December at 7:00 pm in the corner of Springvale Road and Waverley Road.
- Organize with St. Leonards for the garage keys (try to get the keys on before Sunday 12)

**Correspondence:**

- None.

**Interfaith / Interchurch:**

- Prayers for 28 November  
Proposed to join with other churches on the 28 November, send an email to the churches

Interfaith

Presenter of SBS violence against women, 45 minutes next Thursday Joe will send Link

There will be more information in January after their meeting

**General Discussion**

Jan Clear wishes to talk with Syndal Baptist Church about removing them from the distribution list.  
Joe Persico will provide the Logo to be placed on the presentation

**Next year first meeting:**

Date 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2022 7:30

Place to be confirmed

If possible, at Pat & Tony's Hodges home.

Meeting finished at 8:40 pm