

GENERAL MEETING OF MT WAVERLEY-CHADSTONE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL

Thursday, 22nd June, 2023

IN PERSON AT St Mary Magdalen's RC

Devotions: - Veronica Nicholl led our devotions and spoke of the Presence of God who is with and around us always. She quoted Michael Quoist "Faith comes alive in everyday life. All life would become a Prayer".

Chairman's welcome: - Veronica Nicoll welcomed all. Father Martin has travelled home to Nigeria for the first time in 5 years, a well-deserved break.

Present:- Veronica Nicoll and Louise Kulkens, (SMM); Heather Spurling (St Luke's UC); Margaret Taylor (SSSM), Margery Kennett, Karolee Jones and Frances Brooke (Mt Waverley UC); Noelle Sullivan (HFRC); Marika Sivak (Swedenborg Community); Joanna D'Souza and Maureen Fordyce (CoHR); Jan Clear and John Hurst (Glen Waverley UC); Joe and Andrea Persico, (St Justin's RC, Wheelers Hill); Francisco di Silvestro, (St Leonard's RC, Glen Waverley);

Apologies:- Meredith Bartlett (St Philip's AC), Rev James Douglas, Ros and Gavin Faichney (St Luke's UC); Doug Hastings (SSSM); Rev David Moffat (Swedenborg Community); Chloe Beattie Hood (Christian Science Church),

1 News from other Churches: - Reports from the churches were emailed prior to the meeting.

2 Minutes of the General Meeting on April 27th 2023 were moved by: Margery Kennett;
Seconded: Joanna D'Souza. **Passed.**

3 Business arising from the Minutes

3.1 Repair of banners:- Margery Kennett reported that Ian Bock of MWUC who photographed the original artwork by Paul Gahan checked all the 11 banners. Many of them had "lost their clips". He made temporary repairs on them with sticky tape. David Moffat had shown a damaged banner to his "banner contact" who was unable to help. Margery contacted several "banner" companies who really only wanted to sell complete banners and stands. However, one company Pull Up Banners did respond. Peter Kalubun asked for a photo of the clip. Margery sent him Ian Bock's photos of the clips and attachments on May 19th. There has been no response. Margery will contact Peter Kalubun again. Louise Kulkens suggested that Lindsay of SMM may be able to help. Joanna D'Souza said her husband, Colin, may be able to seek help from the Men's Shed. Margery will email the photos and deliver some of the damaged banners and clips to the D'Souzas.

3.2 Report on Christian Unity Celebrations 2023 – (See report in additional News from the Churches document). Joe Persico reported that 7 churches participated. All churches were very pleased with the celebration, especially those people who were participating for the first time. The timing is always very difficult with First Communion, Pentecost and other "clashes" each year.

4 Treasurer's Report:- Moved Joanna D'Souza, seconded Margaret Taylor. Passed.

MWCICC Financial Statement as of 24th April 2023

	\$	\$
BANK BALANCE AS AT 24/4/23		3,726.25
INCOME		
Interest	0.07	
TOTAL INCOME		0.07
Less: EXPENDITURE		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		
BANK BALANCE AS AT 24/04/23		3,726.32

5 Correspondence:- As in Agenda

John Hurst suggested that the URL should be included when the MWCICC website quoted.
<https://mtwaverleychadstonechurches.org.au>

Correction OUT Rev David Moffat – condolences on the death of his **father-in-law**.

6 General Business:-

6.1 Pastoral Lunch at MWUC (old St John's Café):- The date chosen was Wednesday, September 13th. Currently the Café is at the HSR site, 482 High St R, Mt Waverley. (Margery has booked for midday on September 13th), Invitations can be organised at the August ICC meeting, Prices for the home-cooked food are reasonable. Clergy will not be charged. It is disappointing that the ministers have not been able to attend in recent years.

6.2 Ecumenical Hymn Service:- No churches offered to organise the service . Deferred to August meeting.

6.3 Visitation to Churches who do not send representatives:- Rev James Douglas was not present No action yet.

6.4 Monash Friends of Vemasse (MFV)- Heather Spurling reported that the consignment of goods which were itemized at the previous ICC meeting is expected to arrive in Dili on July 1st.

On May 13th a film night was held at Waverley Cinema. 75 people attended this film.

MFV makes a profit of \$10 a ticket. There were some very generous donations made as well, from those unable to attend. Tickets and donations totalled \$1185.

On June 5-9 MFV served at the Mt Waverley Lions Club Op Shop. The proceeds from that week were \$685.

A rock concert is being planned for October 28th as a fund raiser.

6.5 The Voice Referendum:- from the Agenda, the link for the "*Uluru Statement from the Heart and Voice Referendum Conversation*" which was held on Tuesday May 30, speaker Rev Dr Garry Deverell is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgJ-2fyGwVQ>

An opportunity to hear Rev Glenn Loughrey of St Oswald's AC, Glen Iris is **Listening to the Voice**, Sunday 25 June, from 2-4pm, at Murrumbeena Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena

7 Any other business: - None

The meeting finished with the Grace at 8.30pm

Next General Meeting: Thursday August 24th, 2023, at Mt Waverley Uniting Church, HSR site, 482 High St Rd, Mt Waverley

UPCOMING MWCICC EVENTS –2022/3

MONTH	DATE & TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
June	Saturday June 24th	Trivia Night For tickets, contact Barbara Miller Mob: 0403 198 909	St Philip's AC
June	Sunday June 25th from 2 to 4 pm	Listening to The Voice,	Murrumbeena UC, 117 Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena
June	June 29 th 7.30pm by Zoom	The Structure of The Uniting Church in Australia to be given by Rev. Duncan Macleod.	Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/StL-Sem