

Glen Waverley & District Inter-church Council

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President's Report 2006-07 - for the 2008 AGM

by Joseph Persico

12 months have already passed since our last AGM and again, as a dedicated team of ten people, assisted by our communities, working as one and with God's help, we have achieved quite a lot.

- Advertising of Services for Christmas and Easter services times of Christian churches in the Waverley and Mt. Waverley area.
- City of Monash Churches Services List: In May we have compiled and distributed a list of services times and Christian Churches locations in the City of Monash to Hotels and Motels in the area, to welcome visitors.
- Easter Event: Designed to present the story of Easter to more than 1,500 school children. Last year this event was held at Glen Waverly Uniting Church. This year, most likely at Holy Family church in Mt. Waverley.
- Way of the Cross As a team, with our ministers and our communities, we have all contributed in making this annual event into a spiritually uplifting Ecumenical event for all. Last year the good sound system gave a great enhancement to the service.
- Pentecost Celebrations This year, it will be the ninth annual event, in which we co-ordinate 19 Inter church communities visitations in the city of Monash, again on Ascension Sunday. The Ecumenical celebrations promote acceptance of our diversity and our oneness with Christ.
- Gambling Taskforce: Through the perseverance and hard work of Robert Mc Innes over the last two years, we have made a submission to the Victorian Government Enquiry on Electronic Gaming machines. Robert has been keeping a watchful eye on the progress of this important issue in our society. Ray Lamerand has also been involved and has given support on this issue through the Catholic Deanery of Waverley. Great Christian team work !
- Visiting of Ministers in Glen our Membership We have visited our ministers in pairs, to get feedback and directions for this Interchurch Council. All ministers suggested: we continue on the current course of cooperation and sharing.
- Aged Care Facilities in the City of Monash: Through Tony Hodges and Jim Aylmer, we have compiled 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.
- Joint Meeting with Mt. Waverley ICC: We have held a joint ICC meeting with our neighbouring friends With whom we share several activities to improve our service to our communities.

I would like to thank every member of the Waverly ICC for the commitment, dedication and hard work, to serve each other and our community for our Lord, Jesus. May our God the Father continue to bless us all.