

The 2017 Olive Harvest

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Just like these olives each report is unique, contributing its own tantalizing flavour to our 2017 story.

Annual General Meeting - Sunday 25th February, 2018

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2017 Annual Reports of the Brunswick Uniting Church congregation.

The reports in this document give a detailed picture of the ministry, mission and life of the Brunswick Uniting Church congregation for the year 2017.

The Annual General Meeting of the congregation will be held after worship on **Sunday 25th February, 2018.**

The meeting will be chaired by Daniel Broadstock (Chair of the Congregation).

Minutes will be taken by Saide Cameron (Secretary of the Congregation)

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Minister of the Word

Introduction

In the middle of 2017, I was privileged to take 5 weeks Long Service Leave which I spent travelling with Beth in Europe, Scotland and Ireland. Part of the purpose of the trip was to visit places from which our ancestors departed to come to Australia and New Zealand. I was moved to experience this personal history, and have been led to reflect on the heritage of faith that came with them. I suspect there is much that we do at BUC that would be incomprehensible to my ancestors and much in their faith that would be alienating to me if we met today. But I also feel a sense of continuity. Our church in Brunswick is built on the traditions that have sustained faithful people through the generations. Here are some of the ways in which the traditions of our faith have found expression in my ministry this year.

Worship

I have delighted in my preaching ministry this year. I particularly enjoy the conversations that arise from what I share. With the launch of our exciting new website, I am exploring the potential of sharing sermons more widely online and through social media.

Some preachers often do sermon series, I seldom do, but this year I enjoyed doing a series of sermons over 5 weeks focusing on the theology of money during our Mission Appeal.

I also continued to enjoy the planning processes led by the Worship Committee which resulted in creative outcomes for Lent, Easter, Advent and other special occasions. Special mention to our wonderful Lenten Welcome banner.

With Julie Perrin, I continued to participate in the Nourish services for young children, enjoying finding ways to celebrate Holy Communion that engage and immerse children in the experience.

I conducted 10 baptisms (including one for the Indonesian Congregation) and 6 confirmations.

Pastoral Care

I was glad to welcome Trish Graham to our congregation to fill in for me in Pastoral Ministry while I was on Long Service Leave. Her ministry was well received and with the support of the Compassion Team behind her, I felt that I left things in good hands.

I appreciated the rejuvenation of our Hospitality ministry this year with the influx of new members to the team.

I conducted 3 funerals and 5 weddings. Special mention goes to the ceremony for Rachel and Caitlin which not only gave expression to their love, but to our community's love for them. Our explicit participation in the campaign for marriage equality this year bore good fruit.

Discipleship and Education

The D&E team organised a number of stimulating events which I enjoyed participating in.

Our Deepening Faith group once again gave opportunity for deep reflection in a supportive environment.

Ministry Team

There were joys and sadnesses this year as we welcomed Peter to our team and farewelled Julie. Our team of Anika, Peter, Julie (until July) and myself continued to be a highlight of my ministry at BUC.

Peter has settled into the team well and I feel nourished and supported by the work that we all do together. Thanks also to Caitlin who is picking up the administrative tasks for Children and Families while we look for a replacement for Julie.

Wider Church

This year I took on responsibilities at Presbytery, Synod and Assembly levels. I led a Joint Nominating Committee to help find a minister for the Coburg Congregation, I participated in the Synod Creative Design Team to help plan for the Synod meeting, and I took on the convenorship of the Assembly Worship Team (a task that continues to July 2018).

Continuing Education and Self Care

Long Service Leave – what more can I say, it was wonderful!

I did a number of seminars through the year, I met with my supervisor monthly and a group of local UCA ministers for collegial support.

Thanks

Thank you to all who have helped and supported me in my ministry this year. In particular thanks to the Ministry Team Julie, Anika, Peter and Caitlin, to Shawn for his leadership of the Church Council, to Saide for her work as Congregational Secretary and invaluable administrative support, to Church Councillors, committee conveners and members, property booking and maintenance folk, liturgists, music co-ordinators and musicians, worship roster participants, and pastoral care volunteers.

And thank you to the God who calls us together into a community of justice, love and peace, founded on the traditions we have received from those who travelled this way before us.

Ian Ferguson

Youth & Student House Support Worker

Work with the younger generations of Brunswick Uniting Church in 2017 has been a pleasure and an adventure as the youth group and student house communities continued to grow together within the broader home of Brunswick Uniting.

Work with Student House Community was exciting and dynamic in 2017, with new students and a new committee. It was a time of exploring different ways of doing community in the way we touch base at dinners, relate with BUC and grow in faith and life together. It was wonderful to have the support of the Committee to help guide my work and encourage the establishment of an excellent support system for the students.

Moving into 2018, there are more tweaks and ideas that we want to try as a community. This includes more casual catch-ups with students and committee members, encouraging students to seek out the less trodden facets of the BUC community and also enabling students to tend to their own needs in faith and life! I am also wanting to further some clear processes to make sure the literal brick and mortar of the community are attended to through clear policies and routines around property maintenance.

My work in the role of Youth Leader was similarly dynamic in 2017 particularly due to many new faces and a sense of building on the sense of community both in the YUCY younger teenage group and the older crew – the OGs. YUCY hangs of a fortnightly Friday night expanded to see up to 12 teenagers on any given night with around 22 teenagers connected to the crew all up. This meant some change in the style of leadership for the wonderful YUCY leaders and necessitated continued hands-on facilitation in my role.

I'm conscious that the current vibrant dynamic at YUCY, while exciting and fulfilling for the teenagers and leaders, perhaps needs further built-in procedures and norms moving into 2018.

The older teenagers had a very different style of community in 2017. As opposed to the more casual dinners we'd tried in 2016, many of the students were knuckling down in their studies. The change in circumstance called for a change in the focus of meet-ups, so we had Sunday Study Sessions in the Youth Hall to accommodate this, as well as text check-ins and the odd coffee.

While the older teenage years are often a time of exploration outside of church with jobs, study and new freedoms, the flexibility and natural friendship of the older teenagers at BUC makes my work easy in facilitating catch-ups and helping to maintain special friendships forged at church.

Exploring community and faith in the role of Student and Youth Support Worker in 2017 was a treat. The youth and students at Brunswick Uniting are such inquisitive, social and community driven bunch, add in the support and mentoring of the ministry team and broader church and my work is truly a privilege. I'll be so sad to leave it in Autumn 2018, however am excited to support the younger generations of BUC as member of the congregation in the future ☺

Anika Jensen

Olive Way Outreach Ministry Co-ordinator

Starting out

Settling into Olive Way was made incredibly easy thanks to the wonderful support of Fiona Bottcher, who graciously continued to volunteer at Olive Way over January in order to show me the ropes and introduce me to the key guests. It was quite an introduction, many of the guests were welcoming of me, others expressed surprise ("It should be woman!" said one). Fi is missed by the guests at Olive Way who regularly ask about her. Similarly, it has been great getting to know and work with Peter Murphy, who has been very supportive.

Facts and figures

The number of guests in Olive Way has continued to increase this past year. The average number of attendees during August/September last year are as follows:

Tuesday:	28 (max 38)
Wednesday:	34 (max 44)
Thursday:	34 (max 47)

The bigger numbers have taken a hit on the budget, so this year we will be looking to find alternate food suppliers. However, much will depend on our ability to safely store the food as bulk buying may be necessary.

The bigger picture

Early on in working at Olive Way I decided I needed to have a bigger picture of what it's all about. I needed a way of seeing it and my role within it that energized me and helped me understand where I was taking it. In looking at all the different things that happen around Olive Way I realized that for many people, it is these activities (i.e. the art, the music theatre, the writing, and so on) that was what drew them to Olive Way.

It was Cathy Lim who helped me to see the possibilities. Cathy had never done art prior to her engagement with ArtStop. Through her decision to give it a go she discovered something about herself that she would never have otherwise known, and she found that she had a gift that was waiting to be brought to life. Similarly, the folk involved in SROC have discovered something about themselves through their engagement with Damian. Of course, different people have different gifts and different needs, and their experiences will vary. For some, the most important thing is simply the conversation, for others it will be the food, for others it will be a chance to catch up with friends in a safe and welcoming place. My hope is that *people will be enriched by their encounter with Olive Way* and the different things that we offer there. This became a theme for me over the past year and helped me see where we can take this diverse gathering of people. My hope is that there will be a variety of activities that orbit Olive Way that our people may engage with, and so find out something about themselves and what they bring to the world. This, I believe, would be a more empowering model for us to follow.

Olive Way Satellites

There are a number of groups that orbit Olive Way; **Arts Access** and **Olive Arts** have become key groups that have created opportunities for people to explore creativity in a safe, encouraging, and non-judgmental environment. Ann Soo's work goes above and beyond in helping people tap their creative roots. Much respect!

SROC (The Sydney Road Opera Company) has continued to create, write, gather and tell stories. The past year saw two productions, *The Power of Stringy Things*, and *Roof! In Over My Head*. A big thanks goes to Damian Coleridge who has tirelessly come in and facilitated the group, even when numbers were low. The excitement of seeing our guests explore their creative potential in writing, performance, song and poetry is truly amazing.

The writing group has continued to work together in exploring the written word through story telling, and poetry. The group was enlarged and enhanced by Jo Buchanan's presence this past year. Jo's experience of travel writing and her writings on mental health have helped inspire others in the group.

Other activities have occurred around Olive Way this past year, including dance, run by Abi, music lessons (also by Abi) and we are grateful for her commitment.

Olive way steering committee

The Steering Committee has morphed and changed many times over the past year. Its earliest iteration looked very different to what it does today. In fact, for a few months there was no steering committee. The JAM committee soon realized this was a gap and appointed Richard Arnold as interim manager. Richard in his quiet and meticulous way began supporting me from May and has been a fantastic help in problem solving, offering advice, and helping me to refocus my efforts into the right areas, with assistance from Peter McKinnon. Richard was also tasked with the job of rebuilding the steering committee, looking for people who would be willing and able to help Olive Way flourish. The preferred model for the committee is to have an executive with a chairperson, Olive Way Coordinator, and 2-3 others that meet monthly. The wider steering committee that will involve the executive, key volunteers, the Kitchen Coordinator (Peter Murphy) and Olive Way participants, would meet around 3-4 times per year.

Designing Olive Way

Early in 2017 the volunteers and staff began thinking about the way Olive Way is configured. Does the design reflect the way we use it? Is it safe? Are there blind spots? Is it efficient? These were some of the questions we explored. The option of redesigning Olive Way came up and we began looking at possibilities for undertaking renovations. The Steering Committee asked Olivia Potter to draft some design concepts along the following lines:

1. Increase visibility: mainly getting rid of the fridge hutch
2. Improve kitchen efficiency
3. Increase the capacity for food storage
4. Improve the capacity and amenity of guest seating area.
5. Improve overall kitchen safety as well as guest area safety.

Olivia has come up with some amazing designs that we will be attempting to narrow down in the next little while, with input from volunteers, staff, and guests. Stay tuned.

Volunteers

We have always had a good amount of volunteer support for Olive Way with the vast majority coming from the church. However, we came to a bit of crisis in the middle of last year when we realized the volunteer numbers were not increasing, often with the result that I was alone in the kitchen for sometimes lengthy periods. The issue came to a head in July when both Peter Murphy and myself came down with a serious case of the flu. While Barry, being the faithful servant that he is, kept Olive Way open, the episode exposed a vulnerability in Olive Way. Following this, Richard Arnold, Barry and I looked at what it would take to build up and expand the volunteer base. The church council later, following the advice of Richard and JAM, agreed to give me an extra day to explore ways of recruiting volunteers, training them, and building up Olive Way's resilience. This began in September.

During this time my priorities were on the following things:

1. **Broadening the recruitment pathways.** This meant looking beyond an already busy church to the wider community. For this I used Go Volunteer to register BUC as an agency. We received many expressions of interest almost immediately.
2. **Develop volunteer roles.** This involved the drafting up of PDs for new volunteers. The following roles were designed; Kitchen Assistant (serving in the Olive Way area), Volunteer Kitchen Hand (assisting with the Wednesday lunches), Olive Way Leader (specialist role that will take on more responsibilities in OW), and Olive Way Host (pastoral care, listening, support, and advocacy). While each of these roles are important, the key one for building the future resilience of Olive Way is the Volunteer Leader, and I am happy to report that the dynamic Val Remedios has agreed to take on this role, with training beginning shortly.
3. **Developing volunteer infrastructure.** This meant getting up to date with our policies and procedures and making sure all our boxes were ticked so that we had something to point to when people asked for it.
4. **Building Olive Way's profile.** For this I used Facebook to update stories and photos (although Facebook is not my forte), and the Website to publish short stories (which worked for a time).

Similarly, I devised a little newsletter that featured stories and photos from Olive Way in a fun and readable format.

5. Networking with other agencies. Such as Salvos, Lentara, and the Neighbourhood House.

Through this process we had 4 volunteers start, but not all of them continued. The nature of volunteering is that the ball is typically in the court of the volunteer; voluntary service is given, not taken. It is a slow process that requires a strategy, and there is still much more work to do on all this. I will be continuing to chip away at it over the rest of the coming year. These months were about laying a foundation for volunteer recruitment that can be built upon going forward.

Christmas lunch

The final day of Olive Way for each year is the Christmas lunch which was held on the 21st of December. The lunch is a way to go out with a bang for the year. We had wonderful help from our usual volunteers as well as some who turned up for the day. Coles also agreed to sponsor the lunch providing a \$300 gift card to help with the costs, a big thanks goes out to the management of Coles Barkly Square for their generosity!

As I mentioned in the February 2018 Olive Branch, we will be exploring as a Steering Committee the question of how to do Christmas well in Olive Way. This will be a something that will be an evolving conversation and we would welcome some ideas into the mix. We will keep you abreast of the discussion as it occurs.

10 Years of Olive Way

The Pot Luck Cabaret became the Olive Way 10 Year Anniversary Cabaret when we realized that it had been 10 years since the doors opened. It was amazing to welcome back past coordinators (Ray Gorman, Carlynn Nunn, Fi Botcher - sans Richard Arnold who had family commitments). The night raised over \$4,000 for Olive Way. Thanks to all those who donated, and purchased items, performed, modelled, cooked, and so on.

A final note

Living in Coburg (we moved at the start of this year) has made life much easier in terms of being able to work in the gaps and to participate in things that would have been a challenge had we continued to be in Mulgrave. We are feeling incredibly blessed to be a part of the Gracetree community. I hope to explore ways this community and BUC may work together in a mutually beneficial way.

A big thank you to all who have supported, volunteered, cheered from the sidelines, dropped in and visited, and financially supported Olive Way. Please feel free to drop by and say hello and have a toastie, we'll have them ready for you.

Peter Blair

Church Council

In 2017, the indomitable spirit of the Church Council was directed toward the following aims:

- **Focusing and Implementing ideas arising from the Mission Planning Process:** In January, instead of our traditional Church Council retreat, we held a wider Church Leaders conference. The result was a tremendous time of sharing, brainstorming, and focusing upon the missional needs of the church. This is an ongoing process.
- **Overseeing the Olive Way Program:** In 2017 we were fortunate enough to recruit Peter Blair as our new Olive Way Coordinator. Church Council focused on supporting him to get to grips with the program and work to develop its sustainability. To this end, he has concentrated on building the volunteer base of the OW and getting to know its vibrant community. To further support the program, a Steering Group was established under the leadership of Richard Arnold to oversee the program on a working basis.

- **Building the Financial Sustainability of the Congregation:** Mission ain't cheap. We were finding at the end of the 2016 that the missional ambitions of the congregation were somewhat outpacing its financial resources. We take seriously our responsibility to steward the church finances, and in 2017 we led the congregation in a process to discern our capacity for giving, which we haven't done in some time. The result was a great endorsement of the programs we are running and an increase in giving, which has put our finances back on a firm footing.
- **Developing a new Strategic Plan:** Building on the Mission Planning Process, we moved ahead to develop a formal plan to outline our priorities for the coming five years. This document is available for any member to read. It affirms the vision of the Mission Planning Report and outlines Mission Shaped Church, Deepening Relationship, Growth, Deepening Faith and Spirituality, Intentionality, and Celebration as the key strategic themes of our Congregation.
- **Overseeing the redevelopment of the Church Website:** This investment has resulted in a great new looking website that presents a vibrant and inviting face to the world.
- **Seeking a new Children and Families Support Worker, following the sad departure of Julie Perrin from this role:** We were blessed to welcome Caitlyn Mullen-Beagley as an interim worker in this role.
- **Pursuing mission through Art:** We have joyfully supported exciting new activities in the art space, particularly the hugely successful community art exhibition.
- **Maintaining responsible governance of the Congregation:** We have continued to manage membership, approve weddings and baptisms, engage with the wider Church, oversee our Ministry Team, and maintain and update Safe Church policies and procedures.
- **Engaging deeply with the Community of Communities:** We have made a point in 2017 of dedicating every second CC meeting to a closer engagement with a particular group or ministry in the Church by inviting guests to shared meals. This has been fruitful in providing us with deeper insight into the workings, achievements and challenges of the various corners of the congregation.

In 2017 the band of heroes that constituted Church Council included Shawn Whelan (Chair), Linda Wannan (Treasurer), Daniel Broadstock (Secretary), Kate Scull, Ian Ferguson, Behzad Farhangi, Steph Gesling, Ray Cameron, and Ann Soo.

In 2018 we will be discharging Ray Cameron and Ann Soo with honours, and welcoming James Balsillie, Gwen Arnold, Helen Rowe and Claire Foley to Church Council.

Daniel Broadstock

Worship Committee

During 2017 our worship was joyful, thought provoking, engaging, nurturing and reflective. We appreciated the generosity of many people in our congregation as they offered their abundant and creative gifts through preaching, liturgies, prayers, music, visual arts and craft, together with all who offered behind scenes support roles to help 'make worship happen'. These gifts are offered from a place of thankfulness for God's love and blessing, and with joy, as we contribute to the life of our community.

Liturgical Seasons

We moved through the liturgical seasons beginning with the Baptism of Jesus and Epiphany in January. We were privileged to receive the reflections of three different preachers concluding with Ian after his return from leave.

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday (1/3) during which we cast our minds back to Advent and Christmas to explore our sense of place and belonging. The theme for the season 'Welcome' was developed in response to the big gospel stories of Jesus' encounters with various people. We created an amazing banner, responding to key questions each week by writing or drawing on pieces of felt. Helen Burnham took these felts and filled in the letters of the word Welcome. We also highlighted the projects for the Lenten Appeal during Prayers of the People.

The Lenten theme of welcome was carried through the Holy Week series (9/4-16/4) and our beautiful welcome banner, carried on our ecumenical walk and used in setting the table, reminded us again and again of the welcome that we receive in God's heart and at God's table. Worship during Holy Week began with our traditional ecumenical service at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. We continued our worship writing prayers for people who do not feel welcome in our world on Maundy Thursday and listening to Ian's reproaches from the Cross 'I welcomed you ...' on Good Friday. We gathered at dawn on Easter Day to listen to John's story of Christ's resurrection and participate in a Remembrance of Baptism. Later we heard Matthew's story as we celebrated Christ's resurrection in word, song, prayer and Holy Communion.



On Pentecost Sunday (4/6) we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit by building a fire together with the help of the BUC Arts committee. Ian invited us to think about what constitutes a good life, reminding us that *'we are called to live thankfully in the creation that God has gifted us'*. This service included the culmination of the Giving series held during May.

The long season of Pentecost included five Sundays of guest preachers during Long Service Leave and a series of special events towards the end of the season.

The liturgical year concluded with the Reign of Christ (26/11) during which we launched the Christmas Bowl Appeal using Colin Hunter's beautiful sculptured wooden bowl.

During Advent we engaged with the earth, Isaiah, John and the angel as messengers, listening and responding to their messages. A special feature was creating our very own 'stained glass' windows. We enjoyed and appreciated the choir's offerings during worship on Advent 3 (and the following week at the Pageant). Advent 4 was offered as a meditation service led by Richard Arnold, recognizing that Advent 4 was the same date as Christmas Eve.

Ann Soo and Mel Drury created 8 individual pieces of art which were used to create postcards and website events for Advent Sundays and Christmas services, for our Real Estate Board and as Christmas cards. We responded to the artworks during our Blue Christmas service.

The Christmas Eve Pageant, written and directed by Caitlin Mullen, was 'A message of hope and joy' found amidst the clamour of 'fake news'. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were joyful celebrations of the birth of Christ.

Preachers

Ian's preaching continued to inspire and challenge us as he explored God's Word with us using stories, video clips, current events, grammatical analysis and insights into the world in which the Scriptures were written. During the year Ian invited us to consider how we live and respond to life's struggles, to open our eyes and see Christ in all people, to go and tell God's message of love, to be a community of love, a church built of grace, to have the faith to hope in God. He spoke of our relationship with money, borderless Christianity, wisdom, God's faithfulness, hope in the risen Christ, eternal life and the characteristics of the coming kingdom. He reminded us that *'through gentle human touch the radiant love of God crosses the barriers we make between people'*.

We appreciated the preaching of: Rose Broadstock (23/4), Andy Calder (15/1), Sunny Chen (22/1, 28/5, 1/10), Joan Fisher (17/9), Graeme Garrett (8/1, 11/6, 8/10), Carlyne Nunn (24/9) & Kirsten Parris (19/3, 10/9).

Special Events

On the first Sunday of each month we both celebrate Holy Communion (with gluten free bread) and offer All Age Worship, with the children engaging in wonderfully creative activities in the Gathering Space.

As always, the year began with commissionings and blessings. Our new Olive Way Co-ordinator, Peter Blair, was commissioned (29/1) followed by Commissioning and Blessing of the Sunday School Program (5/2) and residents of the Student House program (19/2). Re-elected Elders (Daniel Broadstock, Steph

Gesling, Kate Scull and Shawn Whelan) were commissioned for their role (26/2). Behzad Farhangi was commissioned as a co-opted member of Church Council (18/6).

We worshipped with our ecumenical neighbours on Palm Sunday (9/4) and for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Pentecost Sunday (4/6) at St. Ambrose Catholic Church and Christ Church Anglican respectively.

We worshipped with the Brunswick Indonesian UC congregation on the fifth Sundays in April (30/4) and July (30/7).

During May we explored giving and our relationship with money (Renunciation, Generosity and Gratitude). Each week we received presentations about various aspects of our mission and ministry and how they are supported by our giving: The Olive Way with Peter Blair and Chandra, the Student House program with Anika Jensen accompanied by videos of the students and the big picture with Linda Wannan. Mal Rowe spoke about ways of giving, James Balsillie shared his personal perspective on giving, Shawn Whelan introduced the pledge forms and process for using them on Pentecost Sunday.

Worship at camp (28/5) with the theme 'This is community' was a beautiful experience with people of all ages participating in the planning and offering of worship. The congregation back home also explored this theme allowing the two parts of our congregation on that day to worship together in spirit.

We celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the UCA and launched our new website (25/6). We offered our abundant thanks to Matthew Cameron for his work on the old website over the preceding five years.

We co-organized and participated in 'Uniting in Song', a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the UCA with the Wesley Lonsdale St. congregation (25/6). Together we sang 25 songs in two and a half hours, with items offered by three choirs. Our thanks to Saide Cameron, Elaine Potter and Natalie Sims for the many hours of work committed to this celebration.

We celebrated Julie Perrin's ministry as our Children and Families worker (23/7) following her decision to conclude her time in this role (13/7). The Ministry Team joined Ian to help us reflect on all the ways we will miss Julie, noting that she will continue to worship with us. Speeches and a presentation from Tameka, Amelie and Matilda Brown were offered after worship in the hall.

Our annual 'Ride or Walk to Worship' Sunday (15/10) was followed by the ever popular 'Blessing of the Bikes', a bike ride and a Spring Picnic in Temple park.

Six meditative/contemplative services were offered during the year: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, 30th July, 29th October (linking in with the 'What is Creativity?' exhibition), Blue Christmas and Advent 4. These services are always well received.

Children in Worship

Children's Times during worship throughout the year were, again, engaging and creative using drama, story telling, role playing, songs, action, gestural prayers and rituals. Childrens' times were offered mostly by Ian, often joined by liturgists Daniel Broadstock, Anika Jensen and Julie Perrin. Saide Cameron, Kirsten Parris, Joan Fisher, Julie McKinnon, Natalie Sims, Carlyne Nunn and Colin Hunter also enjoyed sharing this special time with the children. With the children we explored many topics including the Beatitudes, the Ten Commandments, Transfiguration, welcome, praying for peace, possessions, creation, the UCA symbol, seeing God in other people, being made in the image of God, hope, peace, love and joy.

Julie Perrin was liturgist for the majority of the All Age Worship services in the early part of the year before concluding her role. The pattern of developing a clear connection between worship and the activities provided in the Gathering Space continued, with Helen Burnham and Ann Soo offering creative ways to engage with the themes.

Caitlin Mullen-Beagley took over from Julie as our Interim Children and Families worker (14/8) and was later blessed in this ministry (22/10).

Meditation and Prayer

We continue to provide a sand bowl located in the west side alcove for people to light tapers for personal prayer during the last hymn, after worship or during distribution of Holy Communion on 1st Sundays.

See also Richard Arnold's Meditation Report following this report.

Music Ministry

Our original song book 'Tune In' is now available for free download on our website. Our 2016 collection of songs is being increasingly used in worship. We are planning to also make them available on the website in 2018.

Natalie continued her support of the music ministry with her Lectionary Singer blog spot. Elaine Potter supported the musicians throughout the year. She also organized and conducted the always fabulous Advent and Pageant choir.

Membership

During 2017 we celebrated and grieved with, welcomed and farewelled a number of people.

We welcomed new Student House residents (5/3) Andrew Crane, Stephanie Wilson, Giovanni Young and Peter Morley together with Bethany Davey who joined us in 2016. We also welcomed home Cassie de Fillippo from her 12 months in Chiang Mai, Thailand. A Welcoming Ceremony (26/3) gave us the opportunity to formally welcome Matt and Donna Davis, Alyce Verheijden, Leesi Wegner, Gus Argote, Ruben David and Val Remedios, Catherine Drimmel and Leigh Johnston with their daughters Rowan and Greta and later (12/11) we welcomed Clare Drew, Marcus, Teck Lee, Tonia Ly and her son Jacob, Jessica Kvanskul and her daughter Anye, Courtney Rohde, Jo Buchanan, Anna Rowlands.

We rejoiced with Eleni and Hilal Hayek as they welcomed their third son Nathaniel (20/2).

We celebrated the infant baptisms (19/2) of Shaylin Hashemnejad, daughter of Shahrzad Ghale & Mohsen Hashemnejad, Ilya, son of Sonia & Ali Toufannejad, and Artin, son of Ali and Sahar Talebi; Mariell Datt (5/3), third child of Nagma & Emanuel Datt, and Nathaniel Hayek (19/11), third son of Eleni and Hilal Hayek. We celebrated the baptisms and confirmations of Shahrzad Ghale & Mohsen Hashemnejad and Sonia & Ali Toufannejad (19/2).

We celebrated the marriages of Caitlin Mullen & Rachel Beagley (8/4) and Kristin Dahl & Callum Flint (14/10).

We celebrated a number of significant birthdays: John Venning's 70th (23/4), Wesley Trigg's 90th (9/4), Richard Collard's 90th (2/5), Vilma Collard's 90th (23/9).

We prayed for, and with, congregation members as they grieved the loss of loved ones: Linda Fisher with her son Tim; Helen Rowe, Tim Budge, Annie Quail, Ken Morrison and their families with much loved parents; Meg Orton with her brother. Joan Gilchrist, much loved former member of our congregation, passed away (21/8).

We farewelled Klaus, Sandra, Marlene and Lola-Marie Schwingeler (12/2) as they prepared to return to Germany after 3 and 1/2 years in Australia. Bethany Davey left the Student House program (18/6) in preparation for participating in an overseas internship. Matthew Cameron was informally farewelled in November 2016 before his marriage to Lydia Jacka. Their impending departure for England was acknowledged during our thanks to him for his work on the website (25/6). Jacquie Tolhurst, former member of the Student House Program and regular musician was farewelled (25/11).

Rosters

More than forty people participate in our Sunday morning worship rosters. Throughout any year people join and leave the roster. All these contributions enrich our worship of God and breathe new life into 'who we are' as a community. Everyone's contributions, whether up front or behind the scenes, are all part of the 'work of worship'. We always need more people to participate on these rosters.

Guidelines with photos have been prepared to assist Welcomers, Prayers of the People leaders and Liturgists with preparations for worship. Guidelines were also prepared for Elders setting up for Holy Communion. Roster guidelines are available on our website.

Hopes for 2018

At our final meeting we reflected on hopes and dreams for 2017 and turned our attention to 2018. In 2018 we hope to nurture liturgists and prayer leaders, nurture our young people, children and teenagers,

use worship (liturgical) music more intentionally, consider how worship connects with and permeates our work, leisure and creativity and most importantly continue to pay attention to rhythm of our worship life.

Conclusion

The worship committee (Ian Ferguson, Saide Cameron, Natalie Sims, Kirsty Bennett, Helen Burnham, Peter Middleton & Amelia Ware) enjoys meeting together, reflecting on and planning worship, and seeking new ways to engage the congregation in active participation in worship. We always enjoy welcoming new members to the committee; please let us know if you are interested.

In 2017, as a committee, we have supported the congregation to explore and reflect on what it means to be the people of God in our congregation, the Brunswick community and beyond – loving our neighbours as ourselves, welcoming all, nurturing one another in faith and upholding one another in prayer.

Saide Cameron

Meditation in Brunswick

Christian Meditation groups continued to meet at the home of Richard Arnold during 2017. The times for the groups have been 8 am and 5.30 pm each Wednesday, with each group meeting for 30 minutes.

The format for meetings has been a short recorded talk from a teacher of meditation, a period of silent meditation and a concluding prayer. The key purpose of the groups is to provide support and teaching to enable participants to continue their own daily practice. Numbers have fluctuated and have been generally small but we have always been conscious of a larger, world-wide community of meditators.

In 2017 we experimented with a group meeting before church (8.15 am) on the first Sunday of each month. A number of regular meditators have attended, and the group will continue in 2018.

Prior to Christmas we had a Sunday morning meditative service (partly because Christmas day fell on Monday!). It included some teaching and practice of Christian Meditation and positive feedback was received from a number of people, especially as it took place during a frenetic part of the year.

Anyone interested in Christian meditation is invited to contact Richard by email richarn50@gmail.com or mobile 0407796429

Richard Arnold

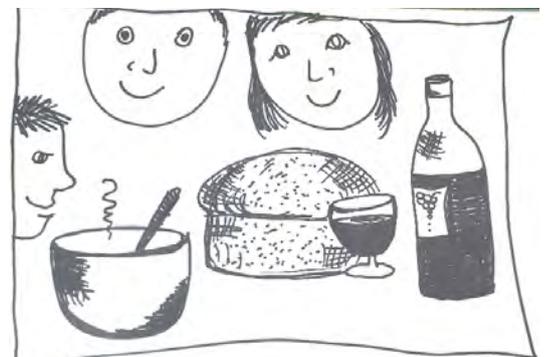
Table Church

1. At the end of a long weekend, at the end of a long Sunday, when you probably did church in the morning, why would you even think about church in the evening?

Why? Because it is table church, because in sitting down together for a simple meal and the companionship of the table, we also get to recognise our tiredness, busyness, stress and the pressure of life. And to take a breath.

We say to each other “At the end of a long week we welcome you to this table” and we also can say with truthfulness, “Amen, it is good to be here.”

2. What would be the one word you would use to describe table church?



Here's what some TC regulars have said:

- *Warmth,*
- *acceptance,*
- *closer contact for friendship*
- *belonging,*
- *nourishment,*
- *renewal*
- *communion,*
- *connection,*
- *calm,*
- *intimate,*

3. What do you do at table church?

We sit down together over a simple meal, usually of soup, with some bread and wine/juice. We share in a simple liturgy that celebrates the ordinary which also sometimes contains something special, "Thank you God that ordinary things can become special when placed in your hands. Thank you that that which is broken may be made whole, and that which is given is not wasted."

One of the best things is that we share the highlights and lowlights of our lives since we last met and also light tea candles for each other and for events in the world that are on our minds and hearts.

4. What's planned in 2018?

We want to keep going! The liturgy has its own rhythm and we have found that it is always nice to return to it. It's grounding and a good reminder, as we say each time at the end:

**God of all people, our God:
take what we have and what we hope for,
to make this a world where all people find good news.
We come Lord, to share in the work of your Kingdom,
until the new earth is created among us. Amen**

5. How do I get involved?

You would be most welcome! We meet from 6pm to 8pm, of the second and fourth Sunday of each month. You don't have to sign up for every week, you are welcome to come when you can, just let the hosts and cooks know you are coming! For more information, talk to Tim Budge (0412 051 574)

Tim Budge

Pastoral Care Committee

In 2017 Brunswick Uniting Church (BUC) offered Pastoral Care to individuals and groups of the congregation in the Ministries of Hospitality to newcomers, Compassion to those in need of support and Community for building and strengthening relationships within BUC. These ministries were overseen by the Pastoral Care Committee.

Hospitality Ministry

A revitalised team of Sheila Calwell, Jane Allardice, Ian Ferguson, Steph Gesling, Alyce Verheijden, Ray Cameron, Graham Lawrence and Michael Rigby looked out for newcomers to BUC and helped them feel welcome. They also provided newcomers with information about BUC and our activities, chatted with them at morning tea after the service and assisted them to find pathways into belonging if that was their wish. It seemed there were a significant number of newcomers in 2017 and often several at a time. So it is great that firstly we are blessed by a congregation as a whole who initiate welcoming themselves in all sorts of connecting ways and secondly, that we had a larger hospitality team to share the intentional welcoming. As with all newcomers to any Church, some find a regular home at BUC, some are visitors for the day and some decide to move on. Regardless, we welcome all.

On the organisational side, the Hospitality team refined and reviewed a number of things, for example: an organised newcomer welcome Roster for each Sunday was put in place, a process for passing on information from the rostered person to the group was developed, a constantly updated and regularly reviewed list of newcomers was developed so the group could follow up those that requested or needed further contact and a regular rhythm of meetings was set for the year. The team also reviewed and provided feedback for the Church Council's Strategic Review and the Mission Plan.

The Hospitality team looks forward to working together again in 2018, to provide a welcoming face and a follow up for those who are new to the Brunswick Uniting Church.

Hospitality is welcoming others just as we are welcomed by God in Christ.

Compassion Ministry

In 2017 the Compassion Ministry Team consisting of Ian Ferguson, Gwen Arnold and Glenice Cook welcomed a new member, Claire Foley, to the Committee. This vacancy was caused as Leanne Salau was forced to withdraw due to ill health and the commitment of caring for her elderly mother. We thanked Leanne for her consistent care and compassion and look forward to her returning if and when circumstances change.

The team continued to meet on a monthly basis to discuss needs and actions. During each month email communication was used on a regular basis to inform and act on any crisis which arose.

During Ian's long service leave in September and October, Trish Graham filled in as Supply Pastoral Carer. She met with the Compassion Team and connected with many members of the congregation. Our congregation at Brunswick continues to be a welcoming place for many and we have been able to offer assistance and care to this congregation in many instances. Some of these included attending funerals of loved members of the congregation, visiting both home and hospitals and assistance with food. The Pastoral Care freezer was well stocked and used by both Ian and Anika to help those with illness, etc. In addition we attended court and wrote letters of recommendation.

Cards were sent to members of the congregation who suffered a bereavement or have had other more joyous events such as the birth of baby. We thank Sheila Calwell for her continuing ministry in this area.

The Prayer Ministry continued to be well supported and used and we give thanks to the dozen or so members who continued to pray on a daily basis for those who requested it.

We intend to take advantage of the opportunity to gain knowledge of how to deal with Mental Health Issues at the course offered in March 2018.

2017 has been a busy year and we thank all those who have responded to our requests to support members of our Community in need.

Community Ministry

Tess Alston, Rachel Beagley, Saide Cameron, Kristin Dahl, Ian Ferguson and Karlien Kok met throughout the year as the Community Team for our Pastoral Care Ministry. We welcomed Tess, Kristin and Karlien to the team at our March meeting and acknowledged Sarah Curnow & Kirsty Bennet's contributions to this ministry in 2016 at our January meeting.

We maintained oversight of and celebrated the many and varied ways in which our congregation gathers. We did this in order to ensure that as many connection points as possible were provided for the whole congregation and especially newcomers. Gatherings included weekly, monthly and annual events and other special one-off events.

Many of these activities are hosted and facilitated by other committees and groups while we have particular oversight for the following:

- Cafe Style morning teas were held once a term and included a welcome to the year early February, the BUC Expo over two weekends in May, just for fun in July and to provide people with the opportunity to contribute to the Community Wall of Creativity in October for the BUC Arts Exhibition "What is Creativity?"
- Congregation Lunches were held on six occasions after worship – 'Bring a plate to share' following the February AGM, a BBQ with the Brunswick Indonesian UC congregation in April, an unplanned lunch in July of pastries following the Property Committee Working Bee, Soup & Rolls on the same August day as the BUC Peace Felting event, an October Spring Picnic at Temple Park following Blessing of the Bikes and pastries & fruit platters following the Congregational Meeting in November.
- A special afternoon tea in September to begin the Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel, welcoming Rev Joan Fisher to speak about her role as an Ecumenical Accompanier.
- The Church Camp with the theme 'This is Community' was held at the very familiar Adekate Campsite over the weekend of 26th-28th May. The theme arose from our Mission Appeal Report

and gave us the opportunity to further explore the themes within the report. Eighty people of all ages attended this wonderfully relaxing weekend and was a truly excellent way to get to know people. Save the date for 2018's camp 27th-29th April.

- Notoriously Nourishing November dinners were hosted over the weekend 10-12 November that also included a Welcoming Ceremony on Sunday. It was lovely to have a number of newly welcomed people participating in the meals. Five dinners/lunches were hosted with 41 people attending

We supported two of this year's FUNdraising events by connecting people as hosts and guests:

- Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre dinners in April which took the place of our first set of Triple Letter Dinners
- Olive Way Potluck Cabaret in June. We also contributed a Flash Dance – 'Doin' the Eagle Rock' which got everyone up dancing, lots of fun!!

In addition to events we paid attention to activity on our Facebook Page and new website

- The BUC Facebook group had 141 members by the end of 2017. Once again it has been used for a wide variety of purposes including promoting events, sermon and prayer posts from our website, celebrating special moments and encouraging the congregation to participate in actions
- We reviewed the Community Page on the website and how it connects to the Community Map provided to Newcomers by the Hospitality Team

In 2018 we will document our goals in line with the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan and continue the important work of supporting individuals, committees and groups to build community, deepen relationships, grow in faith and respond to interests and needs as they arise.

The Pastoral Care Committee

In 2017 Tess Alston joined Ian Ferguson, Jane Allardice, Glenice Cook, Leanne Salau and Steph Gesling on the Pastoral Care Committee. Meg Orton was farewelled and wholeheartedly thanked for her influence and experienced input into discussions and administrative tasks.

The Pastoral Care Committee maintained oversight of all the threads of Pastoral Care, met every 2 months and reported to Church Council. It was a constructive and fulfilling year, as the Ministry teams were running well offering a dedicated Pastoral Care service to the Brunswick Uniting Church congregation and the Committee fulfilled its 2017 goals.

Two Joint meetings of all Ministry teams were organised by the committee during the year, as they will be in 2018. The first reflected on and explored theological approaches to Hospitality, Compassion and Community. Each Ministry team also reflected on questions such as "Where are we at now in this Ministry?", "What is your interest in this Ministry and/or What is the purpose of this Ministry?" and "What do we need to do next and what support do we need?". The second joint meeting used storytelling to hone listening skills and for team building. Additionally members discussed challenges they were facing in the Ministries. Helen Rowe came along to provide an update on Safe Church/Child practices and to answer any questions. It was great to have Trish Graham attend this second meeting in anticipation of taking over the reins of pastoral care whilst Ian was on his Long Service Leave. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other a little more ahead of time.

Thanks to Ian's forethought (and foresight) Trish's transition into the BUC community appeared seamless. Her friendliness, compassion and sense of calling for the pastoral care area were greatly appreciated.

A recommendation from the second Joint Ministry teams meeting was that the Pastoral Care Committee should review the entire BUC Directory to identify any follow ups needed for those not seen or heard of for a while. This was carried out and will be done twice each year in the future.

On behalf of the Pastoral Care Committee, Ian liaised with the Discipleship and Education Committee to run two sessions on Grief in 2017. They were well attended and offered valuable insights into grief as well as time for discussion and personal story telling.

Another liaison this time with the Worship Committee, saw two Sunday Services bringing an emphasis on pastoral care. Pastoral Care is often carried out as a fundamental backdrop to Christian Church life and it is good to bring a keener focus to it on occasion. The second service included a Welcoming Ceremony for those who wished to formally call BUC their spiritual home and to therefore participate in the life of the Church. Welcome!

Pastoral care touches all aspects of our life together at BUC and we continue to delight in the rich and varied life of our community of all ages and cultures and in our relationships with each other.

Jane Allardice, Glenice Cook and Saide Cameron

Children and Youth Committee

Members:

David Moorhouse, Catherine Drimmel, Ann Soo (Finished mid year), Anita Brown Major (Chair), Rachel Uren (Culture of Safety associated member), Anika Jensen (Student and Youth Support Worker), Ian Ferguson (Minister), Julie Perrin (Children and Families Worker until June 2017) and Caitlin Mullen (Interim Children and Families Admin Worker)

Meetings:

Monthly with operational and working groups in between

Purpose

To develop and support:

- Education in faith and participation in worship for children, youth and young adults
- Connectedness across age groups for mentoring, spiritual growth and social support. We seek to integrate children and young people into the activities of the church alongside age-specific programs.
- Ministry Team members who report to the Committee: Student & Youth Support Worker and Children & Families Worker.

Personnel

- 2017 saw the departure of Julie Perrin after over 5 years in the role leaving significant loss! We thank Julie for all her hard work, care and compassion.
- In the later part of 2017 we welcomed Caitlin Mullen to fulfil administration 10 hours a week for the SMP and family role.
- Welcomed Rachael Uren to provide the CYYA community a Culture of Safety Contact. Helen Rowe continues to be an important mentor and contact in this area.
- Fiona MacDowall continues to update our attendance rolls and provide background support.
- Anika Jensen has continued in the role of Student and Youth Support Worker and it is notable that she will be stepping down from this role in May (even though the committee doesn't want to consider it).

2017 Highlights

- Participation in worship by children and young people
- Church Camp – again a multi-age highlight
- Sunday Study Sessions – for senior high school students
- Pageant – ah the Pageant!
- Nourish
- YUCY fortnightly hangs – welcoming a growing number of teenagers from the Brunswick community
- Commencement of outdoor space design process
- Resignations and recruitment of support workers.

Culture of Safety

Culture of Safety became a standing agenda item for CYYA committee meetings in 2017. Whilst it is important that this continue, we must also ensure that a culture of safety becomes integrated into the life of our church. It must become “business as usual”, and a shared responsibility for all members. Activities in 2017 to support a Culture of Safety for children and young people included:

- Rachel U'Ren joined the CYYA committee to assist with promoting and maintaining the BUC Culture of Safety. Rachel liaises with Helen Rowe (BUC Safe Church Contact Person) and reports to the CYYA committee on Culture of Safety issues.
- In the first half of 2017, interviews were conducted with new Sunday Morning Program volunteers. This is to be done annually. In 2018 we will also have “refresher” interviews with existing volunteers.
- Review of BUC volunteer register, in conjunction with Helen Rowe. This included checking that SMP volunteer names were current, and crosschecking with the Working With Children Check register.
- SMP volunteers attended Safe Church training on 29th April.
- Working with Helen Rowe to ensure that our policies and procedures comply with the UCA Vic/Tas Keeping Children Safe Policy and the Victorian Child Safe Standards. There is further work to be done on policy elements relating to child empowerment and participation.

Sunday Morning Program (SMP)

The facilitation of children’s ministry at BUC saw some changes in 2017, with Julie’s departure from the position of Children and Families worker midyear. Throughout the first half of 2017, Julie continued to facilitate SMP and, on the first Sunday the month, All Age Worship (AAW) as well as beginning some new projects.



In early 2017, Julie undertook Godly Play training with the support of the CYYA Committee and created a new form of worship with the mid-week, informal and child-centered Nourish evenings. These worships were a lovely alternative space for young families to explore faith, story telling and play, with several different guest orators and an Easter Story-telling event.



Throughout the rest of the year, Caitlin Mullen provided support to the Children and Families of BUC in her Interim administration role. She has reported that SMP saw high attendance during the year, particularly in the Prep-2 group. This made for quite an adventure for all of the teachers and assistants who worked with this super fun group! Due to the uneven spread across the classes, the CY&YA Committee decided to re-arrange the groups for 2018.

These new groups will be:

1. One year before prep through to the end of grade one
2. Grade two through to the end of grade four
3. Grade five and up

Mid-way through the year these groups will be reviewed, and a decision made as to whether the new groups are working.

Pre School

Julie continued to coordinate Preschool gatherings until she finished the role in July. Throughout the first half of 2017, Julie trialled a catch up schedule which alternated between weekdays and weekends to accommodate for the schedules of our young families. There have been less regular catch-ups since her departure. Pre-school gatherings will be a priority in 2018.

Youth Group – YUCY

YUCY in 2017 continued to provide a safe space for young teenagers to explore community, fun and friends fortnightly on Friday nights. With several new teenagers from Brunswick, plus some new faces from outside the BUC community, youth group has grown in size over the past year. As of the end of 2017, there were frequently more than 10 teenagers aged 12 to 15 attending YUCY hangs on any given Friday.



The new friends at youth group have been a very welcome addition to the crew, as well as a bit of a change in atmosphere to the group. Anika has continued to facilitate YUCY on a Friday night, while helping the awesome voluntary leaders to do much of the direct activity leading where possible. Thank you so much to Michael Cameron, Brianna Bartley, Steph Wilson, Peter Morley and Gio Young, for their wonderful, silly, fun and wise leadership throughout 2017! Thank you also to Max Telford and Gen Mullen who were assistant leaders for the first half of the year.



Due to higher attendance, Anika has continued to work in a hands-on manner with the leaders on youth group nights, as well as helping to organize activities, maintain materials, correspond with parents and leaders and train leaders around Culture of Safety norms and process.

In addition to YUCY, catch-ups with the older teenagers of BUC continued in 2017. Though most of the older crew were busy with VCE study and work last year, they were able to catch-up for Sunday Study Sessions as well as the odd coffee throughout the year!



The CYYA Committee supported Anika and the leaders in 2017 through regular check-ins at meetings, advice on Culture of Safety and seeking feedback from leaders. The scope and resources allocated for the youth portion of Anika's role have been well utilized and the CYYA Committee thanks Church Council for its support.

Student House

The Student House Community saw a few changes in early 2017, with four new members and a new Committee. CYYA refers to the Student House Committee report for details of their happenings in 2017 and thanks Ann Soo, Colin Hunter, Courtney Rhode, James Balsillie and Kimberley Fraser for their hard work in supporting, mentoring and generally being mates to the students, attending to property issues, facilitation of events like the retreat and student house dinners, and (most laboriously) supporting Anika in her role as support worker.

Recruitment

The CYYA Committee has been in the process of advertising for the Children and Families Pastor role throughout the past few months of 2017, unfortunately there were no successful candidates. The Committee has re-advertised this position as well as the Student and Youth Support Worker role as Anika will be finishing up in the role in May.

Anita Major and Anika Jensen

Student House Committee

The Student House Community started 2017 with some changes, including four new students, a new Committee and some new ideas, policies and organizing strategies for the community which came out of the Student House Review in late 2016. Semester 1 2017 hailed the new students Peter Morley, Steph Wilson and Giovanni Young in Orange House, and Andrew Crane in Green House. Their smooth transition into the houses in the first half of 2017 is a testament to the welcoming family spirit of the existing students and the wonderful work of the Student House Committee in organizing the Retreat, checking in on the students and supporting me in my role.

There was a new Committee for 2017, made up of Ann Soo, Colin Hunter, Courtney Rohde, James Balsillie and Kimberly Fraser. Throughout the year, the committee and I worked hard to instil some new organisational practices, and brainstorm new ways of facilitating the Student Houses in responsive ways. Some changes to the facilitation of the Student Houses included:

- monthly dinners with the extended community with the alternating fortnight being a private dinner time for the students.
- A “Student House Rep” from each house to represent their house at SH Committee meetings, rotated on a semesterly basis
- Mentoring and check-ins of students facilitated by the Committee
- Semesterly house inspections
- Standardisation of a “Community Commitment” when a student enters the student houses.

These were the most notable changes and additions to the community facilitation and have been met with largely positive feedback. The more operational changes have been received well by the students due to more clarity in procedure and norms. The social changes such as different student house dinners and mentoring tended to depend on everyone’s availability and stress levels. It is important to note that the students’ mental health and sense of individual agency is essential to effective community maintenance and building work.

The Student House Community had a very productive year, with many students not only completing another year of university, but also finishing their courses! Congratulations to Emily Kidd, Steph Wilson and Sam Rauert for finishing their various undergraduate degrees! 2018 marks the farewell of these students, as well as Bethany Davey who is off on exchange. We will miss you all and thank you so much for your commitment and involvement in the community throughout your stay.



There were also many new and continuing wonderful connections made between the students living and learning together in the houses, and engagement with Brunswick Uniting more broadly. Students were involved in youth group, Sunday Morning Program, Olive Way, finance support, Christmas Pageant organisation, Sunday morning worship, Love Makes a Way and helping organise the ‘What is Creativity?’ Art Exhibition. The Student House Committee is excited to explore new and different ways of BUC involvement with the students in the year to come.

Looking ahead to 2018, the Committee is getting ready to welcome four new students, continue exploring effective and practical community facilitation and engagement between Brunswick Uniting and the SH Community. Moving into 2018 will also require some thought around replacement of the Student House Support Worker position, when I step down from this role in late April.

Anika Jensen

Culture of Safety

Brunswick Uniting Church is committed to the safety of all members and visitors, in particular children and young people and those who may be vulnerable in our community. Our statement of our commitment is on the front page of the BUC website, accessed via the Culture of Safety icon. This year Church Council affirmed the Synod Keeping Children Safe policy, including updates that reflect changes in government legislation. BUC drew on resources provided by Synod to develop procedures and processes for our children's and youth activities. A Safe Church training session was held for leaders and volunteers in April.

Church Council adopted recommendations that Music leaders, Worship leaders and Pastoral Care leaders at BUC hold a valid Working With Children Check and for records to be reviewed regularly. Council also endorsed the implementation of the Synod Code of Conduct and for Committees to assist in arranging for all leaders and volunteers to sign the Code. Council adopted a risk management approach for electronic communication with children and young people to be implemented in 2018. Council accepted the Synod revised Standard Licence Agreement for facility bookings placing responsibility on the hirer to comply with child safety regulations.

Helen Rowe continued as the Culture of Safety Contact person, informing Church Council about legislative and policy changes. Liaison with the CY&YA Committee (Rachel Uren) and Pastoral Care Committee (Jane Allardice) was established to share administrative tasks for Culture of Safety. Helen also continued in her role as confidential support person for members of the congregation to report concerns about the safety children or vulnerable people.

A copy of the Keeping Children Safe Policy was displayed in a folder at the entrance to the worship space and made available electronically through the monthly Olive Branch publication.

<https://ucavictas.org.au/keepingchildrensafe/>

Helen Rowe

Justice & Mission Committee

Members of the Justice & Mission Committee (Gwen Arnold, Richard Arnold, Abi Benham-Bannon, Kirsty Bennett, Meredith Budge, Saide Cameron and Leanne Salau) enjoyed meeting together in each other's homes over shared meals during the year. During the year we farewelled David Stephens from the committee and welcomed Gwen and Richard Arnold. Our primary focus has been to seek out and provide the congregation with ways in which to promote and work for justice for all God's people and all creation.

During 2017 we:

- developed stronger relationships with our related programs and committees (Olive Way, FUNdraising, Food Co-op, BUC Arts, Olive Arts, Stewart Lodge, Love Makes a Way, Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre) with respect to representation and reporting
- established an Olive Way Steering committee
- supported the establishment of the BUC Arts Committee & The Olive Arts Collective
- supported our congregation's participation in a Permaculture Day
- participated in the Sydney Rd. Street Party
- participated in rallies including Palm Sunday Peace Rally, Refugee Rally, Love Makes A Way Manus Island vigils and actions, Stop Adani actions and rallies
- hosted the BUC Expo over two Sundays in May
- co-ordinated Tower Room Window displays
- participated to the Landscaping project with CY&YA and Property committees
- hosted a Stop Adani forum (23/5) and a screening of 'Bag It' (19/8) following Plastic Free July
- hosted conversations with Jasmine re volunteering in Hebron (25/7) and Joan Fisher re the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (16/9)
- offered to be Foundation Sponsors for the 2018 Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network Speaking Tour
- supported the composting team in revitalizing our composting system

- reestablished our relationship with the ASWC following changes in structure and staffing
- continued our relationship with residents and staff of Stewart Lodge
- worked with the FUNdraising committee to support awareness and raise money for programs and projects, *see separate annual report*
- celebrated the contributions of a number of people through presentation of gifts during worship

An **Olive Way Steering Committee** was reinstated in February however it was not able to provide the support for our new Olive Way Coordinator that was needed at the time. Richard Arnold subsequently accepted our invitation to take on a six month interim position to provide support for Peter Blair as he settled in to the role of Olive Way Co-ordinator and to address a number of key issues. We thank Peter McKinnon for conducting a formal review of the Olive Way support structures. After extensive consultation a new model was created with Richard Arnold taking on the role of Chairperson of the Steering Committee as it came in to being and began meeting formally towards the end of the year. Committee members are Richard Arnold (chair), Kirsty Bennett (JAM representative), Peter Blair (Co-ordinator) and Mal Rowe (Finance). Ann Soo joined the committee towards the end of the year. *See also separate Olive Way Steering Committee Annual Report.*

The theme for our congregation's contribution to the **Sydney Rd. Street Party** (5/3) was 'Because Love Matters'. Our congregation provided a range of ways to engage including an Open Studio in the West End, Devonshire Tea in the Olive Way, Praying for Justice stations in the church grounds (including an invitation to write on butterflies and place them on our iconic Rainbow to celebrate the ways we care, breaking down the walls of injustice, listening to stories and singing with the Love Makes a Way group), a performance from SROC and a welcome in the worship space.

We attended the **Palm Sunday Peace March** (9/4) carrying our new Welcome Banner, the outcome of worship during Lent. Many thanks to Helen Burnham for taking all our offerings and creating this very striking banner.

The **BUC Expo** (7&21/5) were opportunities for committees and groups respectively to share their story with the whole congregation. Displays were set up by a number of the committees and groups enabling further dialogue. It was pleasing to learn that a number of people joined committees or groups as a result of the Expo.

The **Stop Adani forum** (23/5) was very well attended by people from the wider community. We listened to two keynote speakers (Angela Merriam, ARRRCC and Cath James, UCA Synod), watched 'Guarding the Galilee' and participated in one of four workshops offered. Many thanks to Richard Arnold for organizing this important forum and encouraging us to participate in ongoing actions.

The **BUC Arts Committee** was formed in May with the first project being the very successful **World Wide Knit in Public Day** held on 10th June. This project took on a life of its own with the eventual outcome an extraordinary 19 rugs to be presented to KOGO for use by people in need. Ann Soo is chair of the committee which includes congregation members and other local artists. A Craft Meet Up group was subsequently formed under the leadership of Linda Wannan and meets to work on craft projects on Saturday mornings. A 'Felting for Peace' workshop was held (27/8) in preparation for the World Week for Peace. Natalie Papworth's felt was chosen to send to Norfolk UK. The main event for the BUC Arts committee was the **'What is Creativity? exhibition'** held from 27/10-5/11. The exhibition was inspired by Simone Alesich and managed by Ann Soo with the support of an extensive and enthusiastic group of people. We were grateful for the support of Christina Rowntree from the Centre for Theology & Ministry in curating the exhibition. The exhibition provided 48 artists the opportunity to offer 73 works in response to the question 'What does creativity mean to you?' The works were displayed in the hall, Olive Way and worship space and were a focus for worship (4/11) during the exhibition. The Opening Night (27/10) and Performance Night (2/11) gave us the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate poetry, drama and dance performances. With donations from the congregation we purchased Jony Salama's work 'No Direction' from the exhibition. The work was presented to the congregation on 4/1/18 with Jony speaking about the story behind it.

The **Olive Arts Collective** has emerged to support artists during Olive Way on Wednesdays in the periods when the externally funded ArtStop 21 program is not operating. *See separate Annual Report.*

Richard Arnold continued to support our relationships with residents and staff of **Stewart Lodge**. We regularly drive John Venning and occasionally other residents to worship. A number of residents are

regulars at the Olive Way and the art programs on Wednesday. The big event for the year was Stewart Lodge Carols for which we prepared gift bags made possible through the generosity of our congregation and ecumenical neighbours together with a couple of local businesses. Richard is working with Vince on applying for an award through which we hope to promote the issue of homelessness for vulnerable people.

The **Tower Room Window displays** continued to offer the wider community insights into who we are and what we care about as a congregation. The impact of the displays was enhanced with a new lighting system (thank you to David Stephens for his work on this project). In 2017 the displays included: Love Makes a Way, Palm Sunday Rally, a YES display in the lead up to the vote on same-sex marriage and Jony Salama's 'No Direction'.

Saide Cameron

Olive Way Steering Group

The Olive Way Steering Group (OWSG) is responsible for providing overall management of the Olive Way in conjunction with the Coordinator, oversees policy and strategic direction, and gives support and feedback to the Coordinator.

At the beginning of 2017 our new Coordinator Peter Blair took over the reins from Fi Bottcher who began her training for Ministry of Deacon. Unfortunately the existing OWSG was not able to provide the support for Peter that was needed at the time. However we are pleased to say that there is now an enthusiastic and dedicated OWSG, made up of five people, which meets every month. Each quarter during 2018 it is hoped to have wider representation on the OWSG, which will include all staff, volunteer representatives, and guest (participants) representatives.

The Olive Way has continued to be a significant face of the Brunswick Uniting Church in the community and has been enriched by those who take part. We have continued to provide hospitality, a listening ear, and increasingly more enrichment experiences such as art (Olive Arts Collective, Artstop), theatre (SROC), music tuition, and conversations about things that really matter to people. We also value the input and contributions from all who participate.

A major focus during the second half of 2017 has been on recruiting and training volunteers so that the Olive Way can remain sustainable into the future. Without committed volunteers the Olive Way would not be able to function. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Peter Blair.

We would like to thank our staff members Peter Blair and Peter Murphy, our fabulous volunteers, our guests, and members of the congregation for prayer support and contributing to the expenses of the Olive Way. We have also been blessed by some wonderful, anonymous gifts, for which we are very grateful.

**The Olive Way Steering Group:
Richard Arnold, Kirsty Bennett, Mal Rowe, Ann Soo and Peter Blair**

Olive Arts Collective

The Olive Arts Collective experienced both consolidation and expansion in 2017. We define ourselves as a group of artists with passion and focus on community, creativity and care. Our two lead artists Geoff Falk and Phil Kreveld support us by making art and facilitating our individual and collective artistic journeys. Alongside are three dedicated volunteers from the BUC ARTS committee (Ann Soo, Leanne Salau and Tim Hoffmann) holding the space so that creativity and originality can flourish. It means setting up the room, providing materials, infecting art making and stirring up a contagion of care. Making sure that everyone has a cuppa, a bite from the Olive Way and a warm welcome anchors this open group every Wednesday between 10am and 12noon. The conversations stimulate, the silences speak focus, hands express creativity and connections deepen in this context.



Our 'What is Creativity' exhibition in October 2017 showcased some wonderfully authentic voices in art and the display can still be enjoyed in The Olive Way. We are looking forward to **The Brunswick Studio Walk** (24th Feb '18) when the space will be open to reflect our values and invite visitors to have an experience of our group through witnessing the work, demonstrations, listening to poetry and shown hospitality in **The Olive Way**. There is much excitement to be part of this wider community event and showing God's love as a missional church.



The Olive Arts Collective works comfortably with **Arts Access Victoria**, thanks to clear communication and recognising the difference in goals for their Artstop programme. Their main aim is to develop and promote professional artists as individuals. This gives opportunity for the artists to move in this direction during two 12-week blocks in the year. George Akl and Ellie Purseglove are the lead artists and Leanne Salau, our BUC liaison, holds the space and fosters this energy within the group. We look forward to their continued involvement having signed a new memorandum of understanding with their new manager Ozlem Kesik and to work alongside each other in offering a space for art and connection every week except for Easter and Christmas breaks. This consistency is reaping enormous benefits in productivity and a continuity that is about community building and support.

In conclusion our thanks to all in our BUC community for recognising the significance of this programme, appreciating the art and donating in many different ways.

It keeps us buoyed, supported and reminded that creativity speaks, affects and unites us all.

Ann Soo (Convenor BUC ARTS and The Olive Arts Collective)

Brunswick Uniting Food Co-Op

2017 was a year of challenges and change. Several long-term volunteers indicated they would retire from the Committee or from key roles. Members considered options for how the purchasing of bulk products could continue and agreed to a pilot to employ a Purchasing Officer. Abi Benham-Bannon will commence in January 2018. The pilot will be reviewed after 6 months. To support the new role Members agreed to a small increase in member charges.

Volunteers continue to be the mainstay of the Food Co-op. Each month eight Members volunteer to assist with the distribution of food and cleaning products. Others volunteer on the Committee, co-ordinate the roster each month and receive bulk products or pay the bills.

Seven new members joined this year and at the end of 2017 there were 50 member households. The Co-op is promoted on the BUC website and Zero Waste Victoria Facebook page. A third of our members are from the broader community. An average of 23 households attend the Co-op each month. Product research is important to ensure our values are upheld. We buy in bulk to reduce packaging; we source locally produced and organic products where possible and affordable.

We promote awareness of public campaigns on our Facebook page, such as The War on Waste and Plastic Free campaign. This year we collaborated with JAM Committee to organise two Composting workshops and a visit to a permaculture property in Castlemaine.

We acknowledge the support of the Brunswick Uniting Church in provision of space to conduct the Food Co-op. Appreciation is extended to all Co-op members for their ongoing support and commitment.

Special thanks are extended to Members retiring from long term roles – Catherine Mullen banking, Barry Cook financial reporting, Christine Hornby purchasing, Nicole Lowe Committee member, Annette Buckley Committee and rosters and Sheryll Coulson 2017 rosters.

**2017 Food Co-op Committee
Helen, Meredith, Sheryl, Sheryll and Fiona**

FUNdraising

The FUNdraising – putting the FUN back into FUNdraising – committee (Saide Cameron, Glenice Cook and Jessica Kvanskul) oversaw another excellent year of FUNdraising events that were definitely fun and gave the congregation the opportunity gather in a variety of ways to support The Olive Way, Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre and the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network together with Lenten, Share and Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeals.

Olive Way 1

Our year of FUNdraising began with our second Great Envelope Stuffing Challenge at the invitation of Peter Allan (Sustainable Resource Use) over the weekend of **17th-19th February**. These envelopes were distributed over the Boroondara Council. A solid team of people stuffed approximately 20,000 envelopes during three sessions over the weekend. We received a donation of **\$3,000.00** for the work of the Olive Way in return.

Lenten Appeal

Stalls were offered after worship on 20th March raising approximately **\$1,001.65** through sale of preserves, Easter treats and other gift items. Many thanks to Natalie Papworth and Leanne Salau.

Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre

We invited the congregation to host dinners in their own homes, inviting guests to come along share a meal and make a donation to the ASWC during the month of April. Twenty dinners were held, attended by people from within and beyond the congregation raising **\$6,071.00**.

Share Appeal

We offered another after worship stall on 4th June raising \$357.20 for the Share Winter Appeal. Two other events – 6 course International Meal with Mystery Wine Tasting (offered by Ray & Saide Cameron) and an Art Trail (offered by Linda Wannan & Jamie Thom) raised \$300 and \$200 respectively. Courtney Rohde donated a bike which was sold by silent auction for \$600. Our total for the last ever Share Winter Appeal was **\$1,457.20**.

Olive Way 2

The big event for the year was the Olive Way Pot Luck Cabaret celebrating 10 years of the Olive Way Ministry. Approximately 120 people attended this wonderfully successful event, held on **Saturday 29th July**. Table hosts either invited their own guests or were allocated guests and then organized main course and nibbles for their tables. Saide and Glenice prepared desserts. A fabulously diverse program kept us laughing all night. It was wonderful see old friends and familiar faces sharing the celebrations. Barry Cook offered a very moving reflection on the Olive Way ministry. Table donations (\$2,997.00), an Op Shop (\$1,362.10) and Preserves Table (\$376.00) raised **\$4,735.10** on the night and during August.

Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network

To begin the Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine Israel on **Saturday 16th September** Alistair Hunter hosted a Glitter Balls & Big Hair Musical Bingo event which raised \$4,551.00 thanks to a very generous anonymous donation. The event included a Silent Auction of a number of high quality items raising a further \$1,245.00. Preserves, Bake & Craft stalls on the night and for the following two Sundays raised a further \$950.15. The total of **\$6746.15** allowed us to fulfill our role as Foundation Sponsors for the PIEN 2018 Speaking Tour.

Stewart Lodge Gift Bags Appeal

Richard Arnold once again organized Stewart Lodge Carols and preparation of the gift bags. The Gift Bag Appeal was launched on 12th November and continued for two more Sundays raising a total of **\$1,815.10**. We also sought the support of local business to fill out the highly anticipated gift bags with the Royal Nut Company and Chemist Warehouse participating.

Christmas Bowl

The work of the Christmas Bowl was promoted with the support of the Worship and Communication committees. A variety of opportunities to contribute to this work was offered.

- \$1,471.50 Christmas Bake & Craft Stall (3,10,17/12)
- \$366.15 Preserves Stall (3&10/12)
- \$367.40 Other (3&10/12)
- \$267.00 Miscellaneous
- \$130.00 Carols at the Manse (10/12)
- \$3,659.00 Advent worship (this includes all credit card donations - \$3,720)
- \$1,148.35 Christmas worship

A total of **\$7,352.40** was raised for the Christmas Bowl.

Conclusion

FUNdraising Events allow us meet the goals of the Pastoral Care and Justice & Mission Committees:

- raising money to support projects, appeals and programs as outlined in the body of the report
- gathering in community to both plan, prepare and attend events (Pastoral Care-Community)
- raising awareness of issues and needs in the local and wider community (JAM)

Each FUNdraising events draws on the gifts, skills and generosity of individuals and groups within our congregation. We thank everyone who has offered their time to help make our FUNdraising events so very successful.

In 2017 we raised a total of **\$32,178.60**. This is an amazing amount of money. Thank you again for the many ways you have supported FUNdraising.

Saide Cameron

Discipleship & Education Committee

The Spiritual Survival Guide

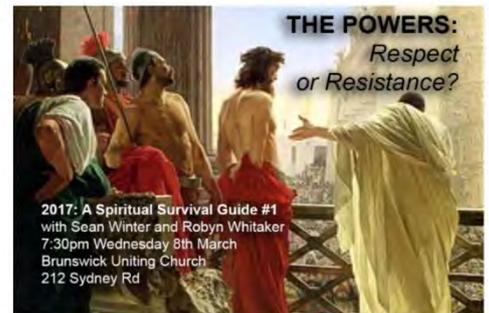
In 2017, the Discipleship and Education Committee focused on bringing messages of hope, optimism and consolation in what often feels like a post-truth, polarised, crisis-ridden world.

Semester 1

In Semester One we began with a fantastic conversation with Sean Winter and Robyn Whittaker on a Christian approach to Donald Trump and secular power.

We followed this with an interfaith visit to the Islamic Museum of Australia. This event drew a great turnout and we were honoured by the Museum’s warm welcome.

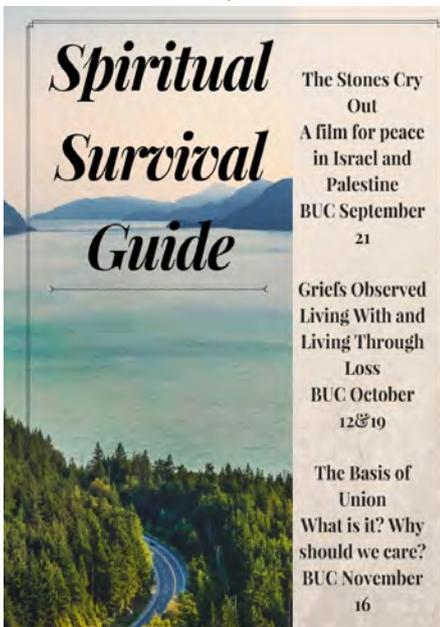
We wrapped up the semester with a conversation with Jonathan Cornford entitled ‘Yummy Money – surviving consumerism’ about the hard teachings of Jesus on money.



2017: A Spiritual Survival Guide

A series of QandA style events considering spiritual and theological responses to the state of the world in 2017.

- #1 The Powers: Respect or Resistance?
- #2 Between Faiths: Suffering and Solidarity (details to come)
- #3 Break Glass in Case of Emergency: Maintaining Hope (details to come)
- #1 The Powers: Respect or Resistance? 8th March 7:30pm @ BUC**
What does the Bible say and our faith teach about the proper relationship between Christians and the powers of the world?
Sean Winter and Robyn Whittaker will discuss and answer questions about their article "Trump: Respect or Resistance?" a response to Barney Zwartz.
Find a link to Barney Zwartz's article and read their response here:



Semester 2

We began Semester 2 with a screening of a wonderful film (‘The Stones Cry Out’) about Christian Palestinians and their place in a context that is universally framed as a conflict between Jews and Muslims. Thanks to Tim Budge for partnering with us in this event. This was followed by a series of two events exploring grief and loss. On the 12th of October we invited Meg Moorhouse to reflect on her experience in grief counselling, and on the 19th we explored disenfranchised grief with Ann Soo and Jenne Perlstein, and hosted a beautiful evening in which sorrow could be expressed and explored. We ended the year reflecting upon the 40th anniversary of the Uniting Church, in which Geoff Thompson led us in reflection upon the Basis of Union, and what it has to say about the Church and its life in the post-Christendom world.

Daniel Broadstock

Mulling



Mulling is a happening group of young post-university adults who meet monthly to eat, pray, love. We reflect on life and faith, share friendship, sample mulled wine and eat cheese.

In 2017 the Mulling group adopted a new model in which members volunteered to lead a monthly event, either by inviting a speaker or organising an internal event. This was a great way for us to share our individual passions. We have had an awesome variety of events and activities, which have drawn anywhere from 5 to 15 young adults.

Some of these events included:

- **Spiritual Reading Allowed**, in which we read excerpts from books and poetry that were spiritually meaningful to us.
- **Mulling with Peter Blair**, who shared some reflections on his journey of faith.
- **Musical Mulling**, in which Shawn Whelan and Natalie Sims shared their spiritual journey through music and we shared some music that was meaningful to us.
- **Mulling QandA**, in which we all brought some questions to discuss.
- **Mulling in the Labyrinth**, in which Christina Rowntree shared the tradition of the labyrinth and we explored the beautiful experience of walking one together.
- **Deep Listening**, in which we explored the Aboriginal practice of Dadirri, or deep listening.
- **Conservation Mulling**, in which Meredith Budge explored conservation from a Christian perspective.
- *Other great events*, including a day trip to Healesville to sample wine and gin, a fantastic weekend retreat to the Moorhouse's holiday house in Queenscliff, and a Christmas break-up dinner in which we exchanged quirky gifts.

At least some of us can always be found at morning tea after Church. Feel free to direct any new young adults over to us!



Daniel Broadstock

Presbytery

For most of 2017, Jane Allardice and I filled BUC's two places as Presbytery Representatives in the Presbytery of Port Phillip West (PPPW). It was great to spend more time with Jane attending Presbytery-in-Council meetings, and especially to share the task of report writing about Presbytery for the Olive Branch, including taking advantage of her eagle eye in editing! Unfortunately Jane had to step down from the Pres rep role towards the end of year – so any flaws in this report are entirely my responsibility – but I look forward to being joined by Steph Gesling in 2018.

From my perspective, 2017 was a year of calm and purposeful change in the Presbytery. My sense of 'calm' could be coloured by the fact that personally I was less directly involved, after choosing not to renominate for Standing Committee. Nonetheless, after the previous year's rather hectic agenda including redrafting our missional 'Strategy 2021', a cultural audit and (at least for the Standing Committee) lots of forward planning about how to staff the Presbytery with reduced Synod funding in the near future, in 2017 I had the sense that Presbytery had sketched out a good plan and was now rolling up its collective sleeves to get the job done.

At the first meeting of the year, we received the cultural audit report. This made several recommendations aimed at improving Presbytery communications, policies and training to help Presbytery culture evolve in strong, healthy ways; since then, the Presbytery has been working assiduously to act on these recommendations. Shawn Whelan, who chairs the Implementation Team, reported to Presbytery-in-Council regarding this work throughout the year. Actually, many recommendations are in tune with our newly updated missional strategy (Regenerating the Church: Strategy 2021) – for example, fostering intercultural church by making sure we provide clear documentation and Presbytery 'explainers' in multiple languages and media formats. PPPW is making a concerted effort to better involve and support our CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) members; in 2017 a series of 'CALD dinner meetings' began to celebrate, share and discern together, which were very well-attended and positive events.

Presbytery-in-Council meetings settled into a routine of education sessions, reports from missional activities around the Presbytery, and committee reports that were more detailed than in previous years. We also celebrated the ordination of Paul Dau (a privilege to be part of) and heard from five of our wonderful ministry candidates, including the inimitable BUC duo Fi Bottcher and Carlyne Nunn.

At the end of 2017, both Jenny Trehwella (supply Presbytery Minister-Pastoral Care) and Adam McIntosh (Presbytery Minister-Mission and Education) came to the end of these roles in PPPW. Now will be the crunch time as we see how we cope with the reduced Synod funding for Presbytery staff. However, there was no air of panic in Presbytery-in-Council. As I have reported previously, Presbytery began planning for just this situation years ago, so I suspect we are in a pretty good position. We will keep moving forward with all our plans, recommendations and strategies, with our wonderfully UC blend of pedantic paperwork and exuberant dinners, to take part in God's mission with God's help.

Kate Scull

Communications Team

BUC Website

After many months of planning and training our new look website was launched during worship on 25th June. We thanked Matthew Cameron for his five and a half years of managing and updating our old website. The new website has been built on a WordPress platform by Brett Salinger who then provided training to Saide Cameron, Ian Ferguson and Shawn Whelan.

Visitors to the website encounter a Welcome page rich with images and lots of information and then an invitation to Explore Further. A Members section, accessible by login, hosts a range of documents and pages for each of our committees. Members of the Ministry Team have their own blogs. Sermons and Sunday Prayers are posted weekly. The Olive Press (weekly newsletter) is also posted to the website and a wonderfully visual Events Calendar. There are also a couple of blogs on other pages. Thank you to Ken Morrison for taking photos for the website. We are looking forward to training more people to contribute to the website and develop familiarity with how it works.

Newsletters

A key responsibility of Communications team continues to be the production of the congregation's newsletters: the Olive Press (weekly newsletter) continued to be offered in printed form and as an e-newsletter via Mail Chimp and on our website, the format was updated when the new website was launched, the Olive Leaf (weekly worship sheet printed and on screen), the Olive Branch (monthly newsletter by email and printed).

The Olive Branch is a substantial document providing the congregation with an important means to share and receive information about the ministry and mission that we offer. The Olive Branch has three key sections – Meditations, Sharing our Faith and News. Other sections include Worship Calendar, Special & Regular Events, Congregation, Discipleship & Education, Mission & Outreach and Children & Youth News, Reports & Notices.

Meditations have been offered by members of the congregation:

- The Otago, Lent, In the Easter Garden, Dance & Spirituality, Jesus on Marriage, Long Service Leave Slide Show, The Christmas Census Question, *by Ian Ferguson*
- Bank Teller, *by Julie Perrin*
- It's all a gift, *by Shawn Whelan*
- United Religious Initiative Interfaith Youth Camp reflection, *by Anika Jensen*
- Being on Country, *by Trish Graham*

A number of people 'Shared their Faith' in this regular & often inspiring section:

- Leaders Retreat *by Shawn Whelan*
- Welcoming Ceremony 26/3 & 12/11, Church Camp, Uniting in Song, *by Saide Cameron*
- The Currawong, *by Jenny Cook*
- My New Story, *by Richard Arnold*
- News from Steph in April, May, July, September, December, *by Steph Gesling*
- Olive Way reflection, *by Barry Cook*
- Memories of Joan Gilchrist, *by Glenice Cook*
- Rainbow Family Day, *by Caitlin Mullen*

Publications

Annual publications – the Olive Harvest (collection of Annual Reports) and Directory were produced and distributed on 12th February and 12th March respectively.

Other regular publications are the Olive Bite – a monthly welcome leaflet for newcomers & visitors, a Community Map prepared by the Community arm of the Pastoral Care Ministry – a bright and colourful document provides information about the groups and activities of the congregation together with contact information and bi-monthly Rosters which organize the participation of up to 40 families and individuals in leading, organizing & contributing to Sunday morning worship. Guidelines for these roles are produced by the Worship Committee and made available by email and on the website in pdf files.

Facebook

The BUC Facebook Group provides another space to advertise events and share stories. The sermons and Sunday prayer posts are regularly shared from our website. We currently have 141 members. The BUC Facebook Page came to our attention in 2017. Ian Ferguson and Saide Cameron are now administrators of this site. We will be posting regularly to maintain a level of activity and visibility on this page as there has been a surprising amount of traffic on it.

Membership

Databases (dates of birth and membership details) continue to be maintained and details are provided on request for specific purposes, most often for the work of the Children, Youth & Young Adult ministry. The database has been expanded to include information about roster participation and the wide-ranging roles & responsibilities that people commit to. It is hoped that we can transfer this database to our website in the near future.

- Melbourne Inspiration Day, *by Anthony Hinds*

Each month members of the Student Household (Samuel Rauert, Peter Morley, Stephanie Wilson, Emily Kidd, Tabitha Roberts, Meysam Vallipour) shared their stories in a 'Student Faith Spot'.

Special News stories (*mostly written by Saide Cameron*) have included:

- 2016 Advent Sculpture and Christmas services
- Endings & Beginnings
- Sydney Rd. Street Party
- Holy Week Worship
- Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre conversations
- Thank you Julie
- Reflections on Synod, *by Geoff Thompson, Glenice Cook, Anika Jensen, Jan Morgan and Graeme Garrett*
- What does Creativity mean to you? *by Colin Hunter, Ann Soo and Helen Rowe*

Church Leaders Photo board

Ken Morrison provided photos for the photo board (located in the gathering space) which includes Ministry Team, Elders, Congregation leaders and First Aid Officers. These photos are also used for the Meet the Team page. The board is updated throughout the year as required.

Photocopier, Bookmarks, Postcards & more

Our fabulous photocopier/printer continues to be a great resource for all sorts of printing needs. Various people have prepared designs or images for our posters, postcards and boards, we offer our thanks to Samuel Rauert, Stephanie Wilson, Anna Rowlands, Ann Soo and Melanie Drury

Various combinations of postcards, posters and Real Estate Boards have been produced to publicize, invite & engage people in a wide range of aspects of our community life including:

- Church Council (Mission Appeal month)
- Worship (Lent, Holy Week, Advent and Christmas)
- Sydney Rd. Street Party
- FUNdraising (events, invitations)
- Pastoral Care
- Justice & Mission (Stop Adani)
- Community events (Church Camp, Triple Letter dinners)
- BUC Arts (Workshops, Exhibition)
- Discipleship & Education programs
- Children, Youth & Young Adult events & activities (Nourish, Sunday Morning Program & YUCY)

Working Together

The Working Together package includes 5 levels of guidelines describing how we function as a congregation through the organization of relationships between the council, committees and individuals. The documents are reviewed bi-annually and as required. For more information go to <http://www.brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au/aboutus/cc.php>

Other tasks

Documents, eg Strategic Plan report, Synod mailings, invitations to church events and other information was distributed via the church email group system. Christmas Bowl stories were included with the Olive Press mailing each week from 26th November 2017 – 7th January 2018.

The team is also responsible for maintaining & buying consumables for the photocopier, maintaining & managing copyright licenses, registry of dates of birth, providing name tags, organizing and managing email groups.

The Communications Team (Saide Cameron, Ian Ferguson, Christine Hornby, Shawn Whelan) enjoys contributing to and participating in the communications ministry of our congregation. We also appreciate input from Jane Allardice, Meg Orton and Lauren Reader (preparing worship slides), Matthew Cameron (website). If you have any feedback or comments please speak to one of the team members by email or after worship.

Saide Cameron

Property Committee

Property Committee Profile

The Property Committee has responsibilities similar to those of a landlord for the Congregation's properties. These include the buildings on the Church site (Church, Hall, Youth Hall, ASWC), 4 Merri St (rental property), Manse and the student houses and unit at Bucknall Court.

The Congregation's properties are to enable us to live out our vision and mission as outlined in the Working Together set of documents.

The Property Committee undertakes the maintenance of the properties through a program of planned activities (as identified through periodic building reports), as well as unplanned items that arise that require short to medium term attention.

The Committee is represented by Andrew Moorhouse (convenor), Ray Cameron, Jenny Hunter and James Clough.

2017 was another busy year, with works continuing on addressing maintenance items identified in the formal 2015 inspection reports, along with all the unplanned rectifications and changes that occur with the active use of the church properties.

A planned maintenance plan has been prioritised, with spending up to \$35k or as far as the budget will stretch.

The property committee is seeking another member to share the work.

Having Laurie Bonney as the “go to” hands on handyman continues to work well. He is able to carry out repairs and maintenance, or organises quotes/ contractors, and this arrangement has enabled much work to be undertaken over the past year.

The church property is subject to break-ins and theft, and at least 1 occurred in 2017. Some Hall renters do not appear to be as vigilant about locking up as others. The internal door to the office has been replaced with an external rated door to better resist break-ins.

The property committee generally meets monthly. Invoices are forwarded to the Finance group for payments.

Particular thanks to Ray Cameron who has done the minute taking, agenda preparations and monthly reports.

Listed below are the more significant jobs completed, (the many minor ones have been omitted), and at the end, the list of current activities.

Worship Space

The roof replacement project was finalised, salvaged tiles sold, and final payments approved. Insurance claim finalised. Down lights replaced. Apse walls repainted. Subfloor air flow inspected. Ramp lighting repaired. Pull sign installed on door. Carpet steam cleaned. Cupboard laminate repaired.

Hall, Kitchen, Olive Way and Gardens

Stain glass window repaired in Food Co-op. Professional cleaning of kitchen arranged. Cleaning contract with Lentara signed. Oven repaired twice. Hall door hold open chain repaired. Auto open door mechanism repaired. Cupboard doors repaired. Weeding. Tower room lighting display facilitated. External bench seats oiled. Roof leak repaired. Safety harness purchased. Sewerage unblocked. Simpler Dishwasher instructions installed. Dishwasher maintenance. No smoking signs installed. Driveway repaired. Japanese maples in pot plants in walkway recommended to be removed and replaced. Door closer installed, and hold back feature enabled. Picture rails installed. Gas smell at meters addressed. Sliding door mechanism battery tested. Emergency exit signs and lights tested. Weeding and mulching south garden.

Youth Hall & Ministry office

Please close the gate signs installed. Swing removed. Stones removed and pit filled. Storage shed planning and quotes obtained. Posts and hooks to hold open new doors installed. Strong door installed to office.

ASWC

Graffiti removed. Process provided on raising property issues, and met with ASWC program manager.

Bucknall Court (student houses and unit)

Responsibility list prepared (students/student house committee/property committee). Wasp nest removed. Window film installed on west windows (units 2 and 3)

4 Merri St Cottage

General maintenance. Roof repaired.

Manse

Wall cracks replastered and painted. New blind.

General:

Working bee 16th July. Maintenance plan for 2018 prepared. Lost & broken property keys replaced.

Current activities

- 2018 planned maintenance (\$35k or as budget allows)
- Audio Visual monitor replacement/upgrade.
- The storage space (shed) in front of the youth hall. Awaiting quotes based on the concept design and the planning permit, then to assess.
- Cause of the leaks in the church has been Investigated and identified (stone work needs repair). Laurie to organise a cherry picker to access the impacted area. Document the additional items that have been identified as requiring action. Then seek advice on the actions to be taken.
- Further repairs to be undertaken to the external lighting, particularly the bollards, during the next electrical inspection.
- Replacement of the Rangehood at 1/278-280 Brunswick Road.
- Investigate and prepare a proposal for church council to replace the wooden bench seats in the hall with 66 single stackable seats.

Andrew Moorhouse

Bookings Officer

We are a bustling building, overflowing with dancing and drama, knitting and sleepovers, conversation and companionship.

The Brunswick Uniting Church property continues to be a thriving space both on Sundays and during the week, being fully used by both the Uniting Church and Indonesian Uniting Church congregations, with our Urdu community continuing to meet once a month for worship and fortnightly for a bible study.

The Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre once again operated from the ASWC building and made frequent use of the hall and youth centre. Lentara has had a very active year, using our facilities to run a variety of programs. It is seen as a safe space for all who enter into these programs.

Towards the end of the year, a new music playgroup has started up, so new families will be coming into our orbit.

There were a large number and variety of bookings for one off and short term events. A myriad of concerts were held in the worship space, including "The Italian Music Festival", the very popular "Beethoven Music Festival" and the lovely Souffle Sisters choir. For the first time, we had a Melbourne Fringe Festival drama.

The Olive Way and all of its offshoots continue to use our space for meeting together, creative writing, singing, Arts Access and the occasional heated game of ping pong.

Finally, our church is full of our own congregation booking our premises to do exciting, faithful things - the BUC Arts show this year was a highlight for all who attended. We have had two congregational weddings, and, if anyone had been in the hall on Anye's birthday party, they would have been treated to a wild life zoo party!!

Once again, I want to thank Alistair Hunter who is incredibly generous with his time and his talents.

Julie McKinnon, Property Booking Officer

Congregation Secretary

Two meetings were held during the year – the Annual General Meeting in February and the Congregational Meeting in December. Chair (Daniel Broadstock) and Secretary (Saide Cameron) of the Congregation attended to various other tasks throughout the year.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM, chaired by Daniel Broadstock was held after worship in the church on 26th February. Thirty three people attended with thirteen apologies offered. The five main agenda items were presentation of the Olive Harvest (collection of Annual Reports), presentation of the 2016 Finance report and 2017 Budget, FUNdraising presentation, election of Office Bearers for 2017 and updates from the Church Council.

Annual Reports: Twenty-four reports were presented with opportunity for questions and comments. The Olive Harvest (collection of these reports) was accepted by consensus as were the Finance report and Budget presented by our Treasurer Linda Wannan and Council Chair Shawn Whelan. Mention was made of a Giving Program to be held later in the year.

Council Update: Shawn Whelan, Council Chair, provided updates on:

- the expanded Leader's Retreat held in February
- the Mission Planning Report
- Working with Children Check requirements
- the website under development

FUNdraising Presentation: Saide Cameron presented the FUNdraising strategy for the year which included dinners, community events and stalls after worship.

Election of Office Bearers: The outcome of the election of office bearers for the congregation (February 2017 – February 2018) was as follows:

- Congregation Chair – Daniel Broadstock
- Congregation Secretary – Saide Cameron
- Presbytery Representatives (2) – Kate Scull, Jane Allardice

Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational Meeting held after worship on 26th November was chaired by Shawn Whelan with Congregation Chair, Daniel Broadstock, offering his apology. Twenty nine people attended with twenty-two apologies offered. The agenda included Election of Elders, presentation of the Strategic Plan, Presbytery Representative Election and finally Recognition and Thanks.

The Agenda was sent out prior to the meeting accompanied by profiles of nominees for Elders.

Election: There were nine vacancies on Council with nine nominations received. After votes were scrutineered by Natalie Sims and Julie McKinnon all nine nominees were declared elected: Daniel Broadstock, Kate Scull and Shawn Whelan (returning for one year), Linda Wannan (returning for two years), Behzad Farhangi (newly elected for one year, having been co-opted in 2017) and Gwen Arnold, James Balsille, Claire Foley and Helen Rowe (newly elected for two years)

Strategic Plan: Shawn presented the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. After a wide ranging discussion leading to two addition themes being added the Plan was accepted by consensus.

Thank you: Words of appreciation were offered to Concluding Elders: Ray Cameron (5 years) and Ann Soo (2 years).

Presbytery Representative Election: The meeting supported Steph Gesling's offer to take on this role by consensus.

Other tasks

Chairperson – offering words of farewell, thanks and recognition as appropriate in the life of the congregation.

Secretary – maintaining the official roll of Baptized and Confirmed members and Members-in-Association, maintaining the record (including lengths of terms) of Council members, organizing the election of Council members (including preparation of & receiving nomination forms).

Saide Cameron

Sacred Harp Singing

We continue to meet each month (1st Sundays) in the hall for singing and fellowship over a shared afternoon tea. There is now also a mid-month singing, hosted in a singer's home.

The Sacred Harp singings welcome people from across Victoria, coming both from the local area and as far away as Mildura to sing when they are in town. While we have a few singers from our own congregation, most of our singers come from elsewhere. Many are not church-goers, but (like us) find meaning and spiritual gifts in the music and in the community among the gathered singers. In this sense we believe this continues to be a valuable missional outreach of BUC, not an external hall-hiring group.

Our group this year has been fairly consistent this year with 15-20 singers at each singing, drawn from a pool of more than 50 people who come from time to time as well as regulars who come almost every month.

Highlights of the year:

- Our 5th Annual All-Day Singing in July, which included 25 singers, including singers from Sydney, Brisbane and the USA.
- Introductory workshops for the Blackwood Music and Culture Festival.
- Lauren Reader, Daniel Whelan and former BUC member Ruth McNamara playing leadership roles (as well as others from outside the BUC)
- Shawn's visit to US singings and Natalie's visits to UK singings, which led to people from both countries attending the 2018 Australian Sacred Harp Convention (which will be reported in the Olive Branch newsletter and next year's "Olive Harvest" annual report)

Visitors and newcomers are always welcome.

Natalie Sims and Shawn Whelan

Saturday Coffee Group

On the first Saturday of the month a group of dedicated, coffee drinking women meet at local cafés.

Each month the numbers vary as there are often other activities happening that win out. We have a wide range of ages and interests such as reading, walking, cooking, gardening, travelling, grand children, pets, art exhibitions etc.

Love to welcome who ever is free on the day. It is extremely informal and there is no need to commit to attending. If you are interested please chat to me at morning tea or give me a call on 9386 1484.

Leanne Salau

Out & About

The O&A Group welcomed new members in 2017. This year we enjoyed a variety of monthly social activities including visits to Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Grovedale, art galleries, at-home table games, lunches and coffee mornings. Highlights included organised tours of the State Library and Parliament House. The year was topped off by our end-of-year restaurant luncheon with thirty people attending. The group offers friendship and social activities and is open to anyone with weekday flexibility. Activities are suggested by members and participants are free to attend as they wish.

Helen Rowe, Convenor

BUC Cycle Club

The BUCCC held its first after-church bike ride in May 2017. Five BUC people had participated in the Multiple Sclerosis annual bike ride in March 2017 and had such an enjoyable time we decided to make going out riding together an occasional event after morning tea on Sunday. There were four rides in 2017, mostly 25-35km, staying as far as possible on dedicated bike paths and away from trafficked roads. The number of riders varied from four to eight with the aim of building relationships and having fun, not to mention the occasional coffee and/or lunch.

The first ride for 2018 on 21 January followed the Merri Creek, Capital City and Moonee Ponds Creek trails with lunch at Southbank. We plan to have rides on Sundays when there are no competing church activities, around 4-6 weeks apart. New riders are always welcome, please contact me if you wish to participate.

Colin Hunter

Book Group

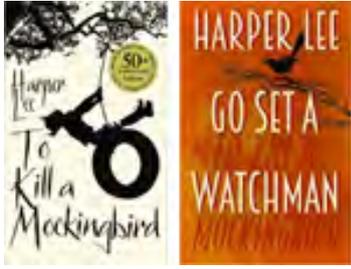
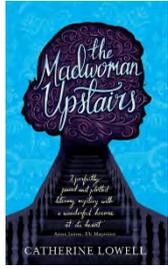
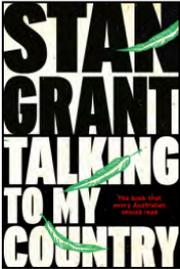
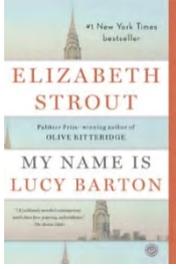
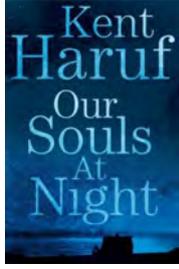
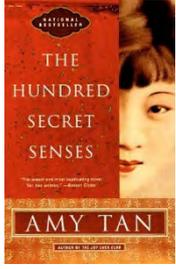
The book club met monthly from February to November (except September) on Wednesday evenings in the Youth Hall. Each month 7 people gathered to discuss the nominated book/s, led by our facilitator, Jeanette Acland.

We all enjoy different books and we all like to make suggestions so, of course, we end up with a variety of books: some we love, some we like and some we don't. Rarely do we all agree.

A highlight this year was the night we shared a favourite poem – we will definitely do this again.

The BUC expo provided us with an opportunity to display some of the books we have read and to tell everyone about the group. We also enjoyed participating in the Olive Way Pot Luck Cabaret with a presentation of Roald Dahl's *The anteatler*.

Here are the books we read in 2017:

<p style="text-align: center;">February</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A monster calls</i> by Patrick Ness <i>A swift pure cry</i> by Siobhan Dowd</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>To kill a mockingbird</i> and <i>Go set a watchman</i> by Harper Lee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Music and freedom</i> by Zoe Morrison</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The madwoman upstairs</i> by Catherine Lowell</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Talking to my Country</i> by Stan Grant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>My name is Lucy Barton</i> by Elizabeth Strout</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Something different – we brought a favourite poem to discuss.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our souls at night</i> by Kent Haruf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The hundred secret senses</i> by Amy Tan</p>

We are looking forward to another year of enjoyable, and sometimes challenging, reading in 2018.

Christine Hornby

Treasurer

Finance Committee focus for 2017

The Finance Committee focused its 2017 activity on continuous improvement in processing, transparency, supporting committees and Council. Our 2017 outcomes include:

- Finance committee member Mal Rowe in the Giving Strategy Group (with Ian and Shawn), planning and implementing a successful new Giving program in May/June.
- Recruiting young adult congregation members, non-finance undergrads and grads, as part-time book-keepers, mentoring them in church-related financial skills, supporting their anticipated leadership roles in the wider church and NFP sector.
- Increased financial reporting to “Doers” such as CYYA, Worship, Olive Way, BUC Arts, to assist committees in managing their budgets. This was done monthly; sometimes daily, in the case of an appeal with donations received by direct credit.
- Reimbursing congregation members for large expenses previously not claimed (for example, software licences) to enable more realistic cost reporting.
- Virtually no use of cheques; almost all bills and requests for reimbursement are received online; much of the book-keeping and banking is done online and by remote. (Literally, as this year Milan and The Great Ocean Road featured as work places). Needing only occasional meetings, the regular tasks are done by remote: payments, invoicing, dealing with creditors and debtors, managing cash flows, adjustments and accruals, budgeting and reporting to Council.

Changes anticipated for 2018 include

- Complete the 5-yearly re-application for interest on mission funds (IOMF) held by Presbytery. Currently underway by Chair Shawn Whelan, Finance’s Mal Rowe and others
- Provide Finance-related info to members on the BUC webpage. This will include “How To” advice on Direct Credits for Offerings, processes such as HR admin, Links to useful UCAVicTas forms and information (such as the ‘Insurance Certificate’), Bequests, Reimbursement Requests. There will also be financial reports such as AGM Annual Reports. This web-editing is currently underway by Naomi David.
- Continue to improve HR procedures for committees and staff, to ensure accurate communications with UCA VicTas Payroll, and assist BUC to be a good employer.
- Providing 6-monthly reports to Council on ‘Mission Centres’. That is, a spread of income and direct expenses over the various mission activities.
- A review of Finance committee activities and investments, reporting to Council; including ideas on developing mission uses for funds while maintaining funds for maintenance and long-term items like the spire.
- Increased PD of book-keepers, within the context of church and NFP sector finances.

Income and Expenditure 2017

The congregation approved the 2017 budget at the AGM in February 2017. This reflected

- The requirement for a higher and more regular level of Giving, starting early 2017.
- Continued number of on-going staff employed, with lower contract staff costs.
- Increases in utility and services costs (gas, water, electricity, cleaning)
- Continued levels of spending on property maintenance at \$20,000 p.a.
- Continuation of drawing on interest from only the UCAFunds General Reserve Fund, and Mission Fund; continuing to transfer only these to the BUC ANZ bank account.
- Continuing to retain capital appreciation on the UCAF General Reserve Fund plus the Mission Funds; retaining both interest and capital on all other UCAF accounts within those funds. These funds, established several years ago, were for long-term items.
- Drawing from reserves, not expenses, for web, property improvements, Play space.

Actuals against budget 2017

- The Giving Strategy implemented May/June 2017 was successful in meeting our annual budget despite the delayed start. There was an increase of \$500 a week in regular giving from June onward, plus \$31,000 in Thanksgiving Offerings. There was a good take-up of direct giving through the BUC ANZ account, with some small slip-over from Sunday collections. One \$20,000 tagged donation was received.

- Spending was less than budget on several items:
 - Stipends and salaries (with Ian on LSL 5 weeks, Julie finishing mid-year and having not been fully-replaced before year end).
 - Under-budget take-up of Professional Development opportunities by staff.
 - Utilities, with a milder winter and/or good management by property users.
 - Property maintenance (with reschedule of some planned items to 2018)
 - Some committee spending less than budget (CYYA, BUC Arts, Discipleship and Education); though Olive Way expenses grew and were over budget.
- Interest income was lower than budget, with Funds managers allocating less than previous years to interest and more to capital appreciation. The budget had taken into account a lower beginning of 2017 balance due to 2016 payments for planned roof repairs.
- Capital appreciation on funds invested was healthy. This is indicated by UCAF unit prices going from \$4.7023 to \$5.0649 in one year, a 7.7% increase. (Note1: capital appreciation does not include interest earnings. Note2: just over \$1 million of church and Mission Funds, as at the beginning of 2017, were in Growth funds which incur capital appreciation.)
- Drawings from reserves were low, and did not include Play space development.

The outcome in 2017 was a surplus. Church council will review possible uses for this funding. The funds have been invested, and will be drawn down as determined by Council.

Outlook for 2018

The church manages large and diverse programs that require significant human and financial resources. The church is in a strong position to continue delivering its programs, and, should it continue to access IOMF Interest on Mission Funds, potentially grow them. It has reserves which ensure maintenance of property can be completed as required and it has a growing income from giving to support its programs. Finance Committee will continue to manage the accounts and to report back to Council and Committees about how the church is performing against budget.

Thanks must go to each of the Finance Committee members Mal Rowe, Tim Budge and Naomi David for their commitment and time. The Payments Book-keeper Tabitha Robert and Income Book-keeper Abi Benham-Bannon have each quickly come up-to-speed with standard tasks, taken on new tasks and proved to be valuable employees. In addition, I acknowledge and thank others, Ray Hardman, Barry Cook, Valmai Brunlow, Maya Datt and Peter Middleton for regularly assisting with the Sunday collection and its banking.

Presentation of 2017 Reports

The review of the 2017 accounts is now complete, and the Income and Expenditure Report and the Balance Sheet will be presented at the AGM in February 2018. In addition, these reports will be submitted to the external auditor.

Linda Wannan, BUC Treasurer

NB – Financial Statements will be made shortly before or at the AGM.

