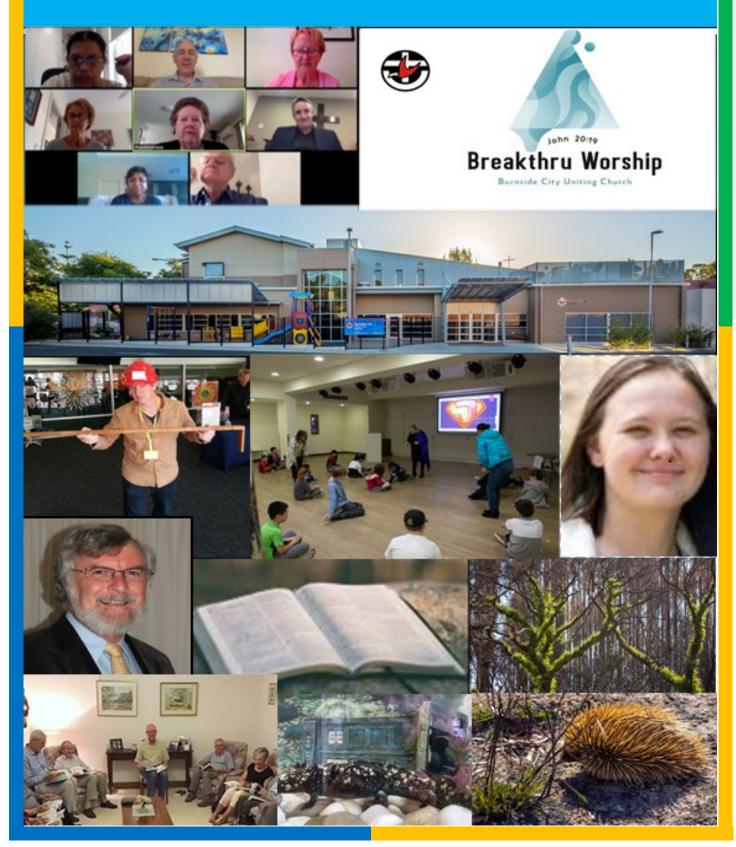
RAISING CHILDREN OF GOD

ANNUAL REPORT

BURNSIDE CITY UNITING CHURCH 2020



REV. DR BENJI CALLEN

"Being the four friends with faith."

One enduring image of church I have from this year's sermons is from one of the recent bible stories and was something Ashlee used for a call to worship: the paralytic man being dropped down through a hole in the roof by his friends to be healed in body, mind and spirit by Jesus. BCUC is like the four friends, working together to see the needs of our friends, neighbours and community: doing whatever it takes to get them to the feet of Jesus and having the collective faith that Jesus himself will do the healing. It's not so much 'raising' children of God, but rather 'dropping them in it'. This is what I have seen us do this year and what we have done time and time again in our gathered history. This AGM reports many different modern variations of this story. By



the grace of God in Christ we will be empowered by the Spirit to continue to do this in many varied and wonderful ways into the future.

Covid19: The Church that Pivots

2020 will be a year known to be dominated by Covid19, and the world's response to it.

At BCUC we were quick to react to Covid. I've been really pleased with how rapidly and generously people responded to the many and constant changes. Communication has been a challenge but we have been very thankful for the many informal threads of connection and friendship that people have with each other. If you have concerns please speak to me directly. I can't guess or try to assume what people are thinking or feeling. If people say they are good, I need to assume that's what they mean. I know change is hard and we need to balance the pace of change. Communication and grace is essential for all.

During the height of the lockdown we learnt that when everything else stops, weekly worship is THE foundational activity of the church. All else seems to flow from worship.

We also learnt that while BCUC is blessed with amazing facilities, worship and indeed church is not confined to a building. We, the people of God, are the church. Personally, I also appreciated even more the God given need for community and human interaction. We were never made to be islands but were made for each other, in loving community.

During this Covid season I was very appreciative of the help of many in producing our online worship services: Breakthru worship, Breakthru Kids and Breakthru Minis. So many people were involved producing music, telling kids stories and editing YouTube movies; there are too many to people to thank and list. For a few weeks there, basically anyone who unsuspectingly walked into the church building found themselves with a microphone attached to them and a phone camera in their face! I especially want to thank the generous talents of the staff team of Stuart, Ashlee and Rob alongside the Pruszinski family, Ian Olver, the musicians and singers and my family for having to endure making 'yet another video'. The YouTube videos even now continue to help people worship who have little to no connection with church, those who are vulnerable and isolated and those who want to watch it again and share with others. They truly have been used by the Spirit to raise children of God. We aim to continue providing an online worship service while it serves a need. Other churches have chosen to provide a full online worship experience, appointing online pastors, while others livestream services.

I trust the future direction will be provided by our new church council.

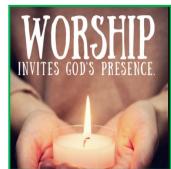
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There has been a huge amount of background work by the church to keep up to date with the very latest requirements and recommendations by SA Health throughout the year. We have seen this as doing our part to love the community of God and our suburb by reducing the risk of illness to our most vulnerable. From the development of online booking, to serving communion, spacing chairs, endless cleaning, and more, many have helped and all have contributed without complaint. Thank You.

Worship

Leading into 2020, the church council recognised worship as an area we to seek God's new direction with. During this Covid season BCUC has taken the opportunity to try many different styles, times and expressions of

worship. We realise not everything has been to everyone's liking all the time but we also thank you for your gracious generosity in trying new things. Thank you for constantly trying to place the worship of God the trinity as a community before any method or time or practice. Eager to explore what might 'work' for our BCUC community, we were one of the first churches to provide face-to-face worship opportunities back when there was only 20 people allowed in the building. After attempting a few different times we have settled on a 10am Sunday service with Kids worship and a Monday noon service with a greater emphasis on singing hymns. I personally find it sad that music is the one thing that can bring people together in worship while at the same time causing strong division.



I understand music taste is deeply personal and if you were to compare any one person's personal playlist of songs with another, you would struggle to find a matching pair. I wonder what song we will all sing together in the heavenly choir?

I was very pleased that the Church council was able to prayerfully consolidate a list of four values to help guide any future decisions on worship that have little to do with the style and of the music. These are:

- Passionately Trinitarian (God honouring, Christ focussed and spirit led)
- Joyfully vibrant
- Humbly giving God the best
- Creatively encouraging faith at every age and stage

I look forward to continuing to use these four values as the lens for worship at BCUC.

I am conscious this has been a challenging year for our worship music teams and our Choir. When moving to a single online Breakthru Worship service we were given the opportunity to experience the variety of worship music. We quickly learned that simply recording our usual in-service worship music and using it in our videos did not work well. Eventually we settled on recording and combining individual music tracks for the best sound quality. It has been a tender balance of providing worship songs that all three previous worship services would be able to engage with. With our current Sunday morning service we have the opportunity to use different music teams each week and we hope to continue building these teams into the future.

We tried a Sunday afternoon service at 4pm for a few months but due to low attendance, this was discontinued. There is a sense that both the Sunday 10am and Monday noon services have a growing momentum. There is joyful vibrancy within both services and a genuine striving to live out the four worship values.

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I have heard of people asking the question: 'when are we going back to normal?' I encourage you to come and speak directly to me. I would ask you 'what do you think is normal?' If you are thinking of returning to the three services and formats we had prior to March 2020, this is highly unlikely. We currently plan to continue with the two services as they are now and allow them to evolve over time and adapt to changing COVID-safe regulations. We also hope to use our four values to shape each service. I am conscious however that although these services cater well for our current inter-cultural, inter-generational congregation of families and those over 50, we are not currently widely attractive to the youth/young adult demographic. I would love us to actively engage in persistent and passionate prayer for this ministry.

The preaching series we have over the past year included an Advent series on the second coming: Jesus is coming, prayer, the secret to happiness (the Beatitudes), an in-depth look at Psalm 23, Wonder in Worship and Stories Every Christian Needs to Know.

Small groups

One of the key aims from council to help raise children of God is to keep breathing new life into our small group ministry. We have recognised four main 'pillars' of small groups: bible study, prayer, friendship and outreach and encourage all small groups to consider how they can strengthen each of these areas. While we have been looking at "Stories Every Christian Needs To Know" our small group ministry has grown as groups have met to reflect more deeply on each story. We currently have over 70 people active in groups. It brings joy to know we also have a number of people engaged with various fellowship groups (including the choir and the band) and those who deepen their biblical knowledge through BSF (Bible Study Fellowship).

Prayer

For many, the isolation of lockdown has highlighted the peace found in prayer. We have sought to help grow our church's culture of prayer with a sermon series on Prayer in January, a 24-hour online prayer and fasting event in May, as well as a series of well attended prayer workshops in November. I trust this focus on prayer will greatly enhance our love and passion for an active prayer life. This is the oxygen of our congregation.



Fellowship and Outreach

As we started to return to face -to-face activities, we took the initiative to gather together many of the fellowship groups and mission groups in the church, taking time to prayerfully "climb a tree" to find out where we were going and see if we were still on the right track - asking why do we exist, and given the current resources and changing community needs, is God calling us to continue, to adapt or to celebrate an ending. Some groups are still discerning, and most decided to continue as they were, while adapting to new Covid-safe methods.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42

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Other ministries

BCUC is blessed with many gifted teams who continually strive to improve and adapt the way they operate while maintaining a healthy connection to the vision of raising children of God, seeking God in prayer and scripture to make sure their direction is Christ focussed and that they are not operating in their own strength. There have been significant operating changes in kids' ministry, worship, finance and administration.

I'm also very grateful for the amazing team of paid and volunteer staff we have at BCUC. It was a joy to welcome Ashlee Littleford to the team in the role of Intentional Interim Youth Pastor. She has helped us through a difficult lockdown period and will continue to assist us to think through how the church can best engage and grow its

youth and young adults' ministry. I have especially appreciated her efforts in developing a culture of joy on Sunday mornings. In early 2021 Ashlee will finish her interim role and we will shortly be recruiting a new youth/young adults pastor to help guide us in 2021 and beyond. We also hope to launch an exciting new internship program for school leavers that will focus on personal discipleship and practical ministry. The potential for youth ministry is largely untapped by any church in our area. The local primary and secondary schools are bursting at the seams with families trying to live in the area to get into these high quality schools. I have faith that BCUC can be involved in having a significant impact as



we see young people's eyes open to the wonderful life giving hope that can be found in the gospel. One of my highlights for 2020 was participating as a speaker for Big Week Out, a regional youth service event held at BCUC in January, where by the grace of God we saw over 40 young people make a commitment to follow Jesus more nearly.

2021

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3



At BCUC we are a work in progress, as indeed every Christian is. We continually need Gods' grace through Jesus Christ and I sincerely believe I was called to a great church that acts like the four friends, doing whatever it takes to bring people to the healing power of Jesus. Isaiah 61 remains a key vision for our future, being a congregation that preaches good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted, proclaims freedom for the captives and comforts all who mourn. This is happening and will happen in the future. It's easy to criticise without solutions; the path to life and hope is narrow and difficult. We need to

keep speaking hope and living the vision as we see the Holy Spirit work powerfully through BCUC to Raise Children of God.

Your Brother in Christ,

Benji Callen

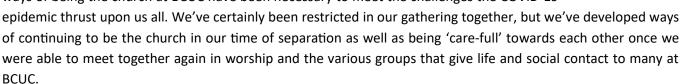
Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls." – Matthew 11:28-29

A YEAR OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES

REV ROB WILLIAMS - MINISTER IN ASSOCIATION

So many people with whom I speak talk about 2020 as a 'year like no other'.

However, God has been doing great things in and through our congregation in 2020. New ways of being the church at BCUC have been necessary to meet the challenges the COVID-19



The epidemic meant 'lockdown' for many who were elderly or had heath issues making them vulnerable. Hospital visitation was limited and the guidelines of various facilities made it difficult, if not impossible, to visit our residents with pastoral needs. Many families of those within our congregation who died this year had to deal with the additional pain of being unable to celebrate the life of their loved one as they would have wished. Interstate and overseas travel restrictions added to their sadness.

I want to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to our **Pastoral Contacts** who stepped up in their ministry to those within their care. Phone calls became a primary means of communicating the love and concern of the congregation to those with pastoral needs. Email traffic and texting increased also, often with a humorous cartoon attached to lift the spirit. As measures have been relaxed, home visitation by our Pastoral Contacts is on the increase and welcomed warmly. The **Pastoral Contacts Oversight Group** – Di Croft, Ruth Daws, Lloyd Millar, Marie Roberts, Jinitha Robinson, Benji and myself - has meet every 6 weeks or so throughout the year and continues to monitor pastoral needs, matching of new worshippers with a Pastoral Contact, as well as trying to keep the pastoral data base up to date. Stuart MacAdam's attendance at these meetings from time to time and his regular updated information has become an important agenda item each meeting in our attempts to ensure that no one in the congregation is overlooked.

The Rev'd Nita West has become our regular visitor to **Estia Health**, Toorak Gardens, formerly Monreith Private Hospital on Portrush Road, opposite the church building. There had been an historical relationship between our church and Monreith which lapsed for various reasons. However, an approach from Estia has resulted in Nita visiting monthly with me as her 'back-up'. Nita's ministry is highly valued by residents and staff. Thank you Nita.

I've found the **worship** component of my ministry challenging this year. Having to come to terms with new ways of worship, particularly as we moved to Breakthru Worship online, has been a steep learning curve for me. However, the help offered by a number of BCUC 'technically savvy' people reminded me that as Christians we are to use the gifts the Spirit has given us and to respect and honour the gifts of others.

Different people at BCUC tell me from time to time that they are **praying for me** in my BCUC ministry. I'm really grateful for that and invite you to join them as prayer does make a difference.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

do not depend on your own understanding.

Seek his will in all you do

and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5,6 (NLT)

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PASTOR (INTENTIONAL INTERIM) REPORT

"For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." Romans 8:24-25



I have a hope for the youth and young adult ministry at Burnside Uniting Church. A hope that is not based on what programs are currently being run, a hope that is not based on how many young people we have attending our services, but rather a hope that is solely based on all that

we have been given in Jesus Christ. Does this mean that I believe that Burnside City UC will one day have a thriving ministry to young people? Maybe. Does this mean that I believe that if we keep doing what we are doing, and acting the way we are acting, then young people will not just come through the doors but come back again? Maybe not. What I do believe is that we have a choice as BCUC Congregation to draw a line in the sand and decide that we will make decisions that we may not be completely happy with, or be in our preference, for the sake of those who are yet to come, not just for those who we see.



Throughout this year Covid has stretched everyone on the ministry team in how we approach caring and discipling for our members, whilst also having a heart to reach those who do not rest in hope of a life in relationship with Jesus. For the youth, we have facilitated youth group over Zoom, we have had an opportunity to share in breakfast before the Sunday service, we have trialled different ways of engaging them for the Sunday service, and restarted youth group on Friday nights. These activities have provided opportunities for myself to get to know everyone, and for them to be encouraged to get to know God.

I ask that you join me in praying for the following:

- That we pray for the hiring of the new Pastor into the new year
- That we pray for protection over the hearts and minds of our young people as they start to explore and question what faith is for them beyond the faith they have grown up with
- ♦ That we pray for a spirit of openness, humbleness, and hope throughout the church as we seek to continue to raise children of God, of all generations and backgrounds

Ashlee Littleford

THURSDAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We closed down earlier in the year along with other activities, due to COVID-19. Previously we had provided an attractive, good quality meal for lunch but current restrictions have limited this. Instead members bring their own lunch but the friendship aspect is still as important as before.

Canasta or Scrabble are our main activities and Quiddler is a new favourite.

Please come and join us for these activities. We would love to have you join us and enjoy fellowship with us each Thursday, 12 noon till 3 pm.

John 13:34 A new command I give you: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Coordinators Nancy Wood Anita Wheaton

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson - Ian Olver

I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25) contains multiple assurances. Firstly, if our life or indeed our church life has become burdensome, we can resurrect them through Christ. Secondly, God has control over the one thing that we fear most; death. Thirdly we are promised after death an eternal life with God through Jesus Christ.



This was the year that Council was planning to implement as much of the strategic plan as possible. We arranged our agenda so the four pillars were the primary discussion points. However, the social distancing requirements of the COVID pandemic changed our priorities.

1 "I can't wait" worship

In two or three days we had to transform live worship into on-line worship and many engaged with this including people from outside our congregation, and so even as live worship was reintroduced the on-line ministry continues. The reintroduction of live worship has allowed us to trial a blended worship where we can draw upon the best of the previous services to add anticipation of variety to the weekly worship, but where the focus is the message.

We have had a series exploring the basis of our faith, exemplified by the series on prayer and the current sermons on 10 stories that show Christians the nature of God. Benji has been pivotal to providing ideas and vision for worship. We have been adding to our technical capabilities and have recently introduced the Proclaim software to help manage the digital presentations in worship. We have also experimented with times and a midday worship on Monday has been steadily growing.

2 Raising disciples

COVID emphasised the necessity of remaining in contact with those who couldn't engage in online worship or email messaging. We are most grateful to the pastoral care team for providing support over the telephone and to the CHATS team for producing a newsletter every two weeks which was distributed to keep people up to date. We need to explore our small group ministry, particularly when worship groups that are not now meeting were fulfilling a pastoral role. Some new groups have formed spontaneously and we have been pleased to encourage the Chinese Fellowship group who meet weekly to study the Bible and discuss the sermons in Cantonese and Mandarin. Small groups may well be the cornerstone of ongoing pastoral care. We are aiming for a generational change in Council to encourage new leadership and to develop the gifts in the congregation. The popular testimonials in the on-line worship have shown the depth of talent on which to draw. Some initiatives like alpha groups and the healing ministry have been on hold during COVID but we are planning new activities such as the prayer workshops as part of raising disciples.

Raising disciples includes our mission outreach and Council took the decision to focus the church's mission on three major projects locally and internationally. These were selected by and engaged through the Mission Focus Group and BCUC Cares. This year it has been school chaplains, the Oodnadatta congregation and Uniting World "Transforming lives through Leadership" - Women in Ministry in the Pacific.

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3 Enriching the soil

We are in the process of developing BCUC values as a whole congregation. We have our strap-line "Raising Children of God" and are exploring a new logo. We want simple pathways for membership and service and simple decision-making structures. One of the initial steps to achieving this was modernising with on-line systems. Elvanto the administrative software has enabled the revision of our congregation registry which can now be easily updated regularly so we know about our members as the congregation grows. Likewise the introduction of Xero software and Tim Piper's expertise has given us assurance of the budgeting and compliance processes and more detailed information on which to make future projections. What is clear from review of past

budgets is how even when we plan a deficit budget, we do better than anticipated due to

unexpected factors which reinforces our faith.

4 Raising Locals

Our major initiative here was the creation of the Youth Pastor position. COVID has had a major impact but we have a core of youth upon which to build and we plan to fill this role again next year. We will also commence an Internship program available to help develop the skills of our emerging young leaders.

To leave you with a prayer point I reflect on the New Covenant, "You will be my people, and I will be your God" (Jeremiah 30:22). Let us pray that we may discern God's will for BCUC.

Ian Olver

Chair, Church Council

COMMUNICATIONS MISSION GROUP TEAM



Romans 12:5, NIV: "so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

The Communications group aims to support effective communication both within our BCUC community and the wider community beyond.

Priority has been given this year to the production of our Church family newsletter,

"BCUC Chats".

This publication is a vehicle used to encourage BCUC groups to advertise their activities and a means by which important reports and messages from Ministers and the Church Council can be disseminated to members and associates within our Church family. It has been particularly important to maintain connections with people during the Covid shutdown period and for some months it was necessary to increase the frequency of publication from one to two issues per month.

Readers are encouraged to contribute short articles of inspiration or other information that would be of interest to other readers. Thank you to those who have used this opportunity to encourage and inspire our Christian faith. Thanks also to the editorial team, Jocelyn Nicholson, Peter Wierenga and Leigh Duffett.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION SUPPORT AREA

Valerie Aloa and Stuart MacAdam

Administration and Communication Support Area

Not surprisingly the Covid pandemic of 2020 required considerable change in the focus of our activities while the core tasks of supporting the life of the church and the ministerial team continued. The sudden shift from in-person to online worship required massive changes in all areas of operations and the Administrator played a central role in securing the necessary equipment, learning AV production technologies, and developing new procedures to help make this happen. Over the past six months, as we have returned to in-person worship while maintaining the weekly online videos, new challenges have emerged and the administrator has worked closely with the ministerial team to ensure they are supported in all ways necessary during this time of considerable pressure.

Communication, other than CHATS (see further comment) moved from preparing the Sunday newsletter to a greater use of emails and the website. Updates to the website encouraged BCUC members to rely on it to tune in to the on-line services and to find out what was happening. Members without easy access were provided with paper notes on the weekly sermons.

Special thanks to the volunteers who made contact and delivered the weekly sermon notes. Tasks to care for the building and the people using it became quieter as Covid took hold and the building was closed but increased as the opportunity to open up under Covid rules required careful management of a sign in system and a COVID plan needed to be developed.



Important efficiencies and changes were developed over the year with the introduction of electronic tools to make administration tasks more efficient and to cut down on the busy work (Elvanto, Xero and Proclaim). We developed an electronic check-in process used for services, playgroup, and some events. We now also support touchless pay wave transactions. An electronic Directory of members chosen contact details was welcomed by the Pastoral Care team and others.



The administration position was extended to full time to allow BCUC to benefit from Stuart's special skills in these areas. These improvements and efficiencies are valuable outcomes for the year and will continue as we 'ride out' the pandemic and look to a time when we can return to sharing our building with others.

Valerie Aloa

We pray that in 2021 our volunteers will continue to support the area and to gain joy and satisfaction from their service. We pray also that others will feel the Spirit calling them to use their gifts for this important servant work.

Stuart Macadam

Ephesians 4: 15,16Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

PRAYER CHAIN 2020

Being an online ministry, the prayer chain has continued and Covid-19 has not negatively affected it. In fact, we grew! Last year I reported that approximately 60 people were engaged in the prayer chain, and this year we grew to 74 in prayer for situations sent in from members of BCUC. As many of us went into voluntary isolation in late March I sent a weekly reflection — words to reflect and meditate on, words to help form our prayers and to support and comfort members of the chain as they spent time at home. This continued for 10 Sundays, by which time many were beginning to emerge and reconnect with the world.

Requests are generally sent via the Prayer Chain email and I forward them to chain members for prayer. A bi-monthly update is emailed to members, and also hard mailed to several members who prefer receiving it that way. Verbal requests are also welcomed.

The prayer requests vary from life-endangering and changing situations, to daily worries and fears. We also pray for and share times of great joy, and it is always special to share news of answered prayer.

Prayers for 2021

We pray for a continuous growth in the prayer life of BCUC – by individuals and groups. This is supported by the Prayer Workshops in November 2020 and maybe some new prayer groups which may grow as a result. May prayer be the first "port of call" in times of trouble as well as joy and may we all feel comfortable to share prayer needs and to pray together.

As we went into isolation, I sent out the following adaptation of a well-known Bible verse:

Rejoice always......(because it isn't all bad)

pray without ceasing.......(because sometimes that's all we have)

give thanks in all circumstances........(because we live in a land of plenty with great healthcare and awareness)

.......for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 NIV

For prayer requests (which are kept confidential), to join this ministry and any questions you might want answered first, please contact:

Jenny Olver

prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au



BCUC CARES

The Vision and Mission

In Jesus, God unveiled His plan for renewing the whole of His creation, healing all broken-ness, executing justice, and bringing all things to a state of wholeness (Shalom), and God calls His Church to participate in the task of bringing His vision to fruition by being, among other things:

- the Body of Christ arms, legs, ears, mouths, heart, mind;
- God's agents/ambassadors in His healing, restoring, renewing work including curating God's creation
- salt and light to the world, shining light into dark places and speaking truth to power.

The Vision enacted this year

BCUC Cares is one of many ways through which Burnside City Uniting Church seeks to fulfil its calling by reaching out in Jesus' name to people beyond the Church community.

In 2020, our Church, through the agency of BCUC Cares:

- welcomed and supported refugees, asylum seekers and other new arrivals to Australia
- funded school fees for the children of a widowed refugee mother, and provided regular in-home tuition for the children and support for the family;
- donated grocery and other consumable items each month to support the work of Uniting Communities based at Clayton-Wesley Uniting Church
- supported the ministry of the Oodnadatta faith community,
- conducted a program (Christians Against Poverty) for people experiencing difficulty in managing their finances; and
- provided emergency relief to people facing financial stress

The support provided through BCUC Cares is generally funded through the Church budget, personal donations, and retiring offerings and other fund raising events. While the last two sources were not practicable in 2020, because of Covid 19, BCUC Cares was successful in gaining approval for funding through the Mission Trust Fund to support the ministry of the Oodnadatta Faith Community.

Our prayer

Praise God for the faithfulness of His people at Burnside City Uniting Church, and pray that God will continue to use His Church at Burnside to build His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

An affirming verse from the prophet Micah

"He hath shewed thee, o man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8, KJV)

Peter Shackleford

FINANCE REPORT - TIM PIPER

2020 has been a most unusual year for BCUC's finances, and so this report covers four main areas:

1. From Synod's Central Bookkeeping Unit (CBU) to Xero

BCUC's Xero records were set up in September 2019. We imported monthly account totals for 2018 and 2019 to date to allow historical comparisons in future. From October 2019 onwards, every transaction was captured in Xero as well as by the Synod CBU – a true "parallel run" – and the 2020 budget was prepared using Xero data.

From 31 December 2019, CBU closed off and all our transactions have been captured only in Xero. We use Westpac's online bank feed to automate and simplify bank reconciliations and record keeping. Online invoice recognition within Xero, automated GST recording and BAS reporting are all now in action. We are grateful for the CBU service that supported us for so long, but even more so for the simplicity and speed offered by Xero instead.

2. Finalising the 2019 accounts and audit

BCUC's official records for 2019 are those prepared for us by the CBU. They prepared our accounts and arranged for them to be audited independently. During the lockdown in March and April I ensured that our Xero records for 2019 matched those CBU records to the cent: the 2020 accounts start from exactly the same closing position.

In March this year I met with the CBU to finalise 2019. The church's new solar panels [\$21,973], commissioned in December 2019, were recognised as an expense and so no additional provisions to the Manse or Facilities Maintenance Funds were made. The Mission Trust Fund disbursements [\$15,620] received but mostly unspent in 2019 were all rolled forward.

As a result our expenses for 2019 exceeded our income by only \$(483), despite having budgeted for a six figure shortfall. Most of this is due to employing only one fulltime minister, not two. Additionally our total income was (2)% below budget, with offerings (8)% below offset by church and hall hire income 69% above budget. No income from the Mission Trust Fund was used and the unbudgeted cost of the solar panels was met.

As a result of the Covid 19 shutdown, our 2019 audit report was not received until 31 August 2020. It commented upon two technical reporting issues (releasing long service leave provisions and including the cost of the solar panels) before issuing an otherwise satisfactory audit opinion.

3 The Effects of Covid 19 during 2020

Like everything else in 2020, our finances have been hugely affected by Covid 19. As we stopped meeting for three months our income from loose collections almost disappeared. Thankfully, our pledged income has held up all year as you, the church family, have faithfully met your commitments. Thank you.

With the church closed, and then with social distancing rules in place, income for the hire and use of BCUC fell more than 60% this year. The only upside of lockdown was that we qualified for Jobkeeper and other support. From April to June our total income fell by almost 20%, exceeding the 15% eligibility threshold. Some of our costs also fell with the church closed, but much of that was offset by Covid driven additional cleaning.

Administering Jobkeeper has been very complex and time consuming as the ATO effectively invented the process as they went along. It was complicated even more because Synod employs Benji and Rob, our Ministers. When the Jobkeeper rules changed in October, neither Synod nor BCUC remained eligible: our income has been restored to within 15% of pre-Covid levels.

Like many smaller non-profit organisations, BCUC has been substantially blessed by six months of Jobkeeper and Cashflow Boost. The latter has paid for equipment to improve our live-streaming of services, while the former has let us retain all of our workers, and has met \$55,000 of the salary costs in the 2020 budget. So although some of our income did fall during 2020, the latest forecasts now suggest a deficit below \$(20,000), and probably less, despite having budgeted for \$(44,891).

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4. Planning for the Future - Budget 2021

2020 has seen God bless BCUC's finances again. Our deficit been significantly reduced and we have had time to learn our new systems (and stress test them) and get a clearer picture of where we are.

Historically, it has not always been easy to see where BCUC's money came from and where it went. The 2021 budget process is designed to change this, by dividing BCUC's activity into three groups and considering each one separately. These are:

- Church Facilities & Properties the cost of maintaining our church and manses is significant. It has always exceeded the income derived from the buildings, but by how much has never been clear. Splitting them out shows how much they contribute to the ministry and mission of the church, but also how much they cost them.
- Church Ministry and Operations our weekly activities employing ministers and others to run services and lead the congregation in raising children of God. This is the heart of BCUC in Burnside, ministering to our local community, so weekly offerings meet these salary and ministry costs. They also fund our contribution to Synod and Presbytery to support the wider church in SA.
- Church Mission and Giving this part of BCUC's activities has not always been obvious in our financial reports, particularly until the Mission Trust Fund was finalised. But as one of the larger and wealthier Uniting Churches in SA, BCUC is responsible to keep using the riches God has given us to support His work. In fact, all of the income earned by the Mission Trust Fund is available for this, together with nearly one third of the capital it manages.

For 2021 the budget process assumes that BCUC Mission means primarily our outward giving, and that BCUC's donations to other churches and ministries will equal or exceed what is earned in the MTF.

It will not be easy to "balance the books" each year from our current position. Facilities and Properties will probably always cost us almost as much to maintain as they can generate, but by contributing regularly to the Maintenance Funds to spread those costs and by optimising our income, we can aim to keep them without drawing upon our regular offering income to do so. The church facilities also increase our contribution to the wider church when we can make them available at reduced or zero cost.

The Ministry and Operations of a church our size potentially cost more in salaries than our offering income can sustain, so we will continue to rely upon the faithful giving of our congregation. When the church grows and new people join us, our income should grow too.

Our Mission and Giving can now focus more on enabling ministries locally, nationally and internationally from the Mission Trust Fund income and, as we can afford it, from our other income as well. As BCUC is now proactive in managing and distributing its Mission Trust Fund, that may encourage future giving.

BCUC has planned for budget deficits since 2018 – the year in which our surplus exceeded \$60,000. God has protected us from big deficits and allowed us to accumulate a helpful buffer of cash and reserves. We can continue to plan for deficits knowing that, if they materialise, there is time to address them and re-plan without running out of money or cutting back immediately on our ministry and mission. We have control of our finances.

God has not positioned BCUC to be a timid servant, burying his riches to preserve them (Matthew 25:18). We should be good and faithful servants, planning and working hard to make the most of what he has given us, and celebrating when we do.

Tim Piper, Treasurer, November 2020

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Manse Rental 380 Portrush Rd Property reimb Portrush Other Income	\$444.85	0.1%	\$470.55	0.1%
Property reimb Portrush Other Income	\$21,935.00	5.6%	\$23,460.00	6.0%
Other Income	\$925.30	0.2%	\$956.10	0.2%
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	\$197.40	0.1%	\$4.34	0.0%
Total Income	\$390,715.54	100.0%	\$388,279.26	100.0%
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Expenses				
Staff Costs				
Stipends & Allowances				
Stipend & Allowances - Min 1	\$79,587.27	20.4%	\$33,932.67	8.7%
Stipend & Allowances - Min 2	\$6,123.73	1.6%	\$37,691.72	9.7%
Stipend & Allowances - Min 3	\$28,892.95	7.4%	\$25,280.41	6.5%
Ministers' Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	0.0%	\$21.80	0.0%
Salaries and oncosts Pastoral	\$0.00	0.076	φ21.00	0.076
Youth Coordinator	-\$644.14	(0.2%)	\$7,547.17	1.9%
Salaries and oncosts Other	-9044.14	(0.270)	\$1,5 1 1.11	1.870
Administrator	\$56,035,09	14.3%	\$33,044.52	8.5%
Playgroup Coordinator	\$3,992.83	1.0%	\$3,456.56	0.9%
Other Personnel costs	\$3,882.03	1.076	\$3,400.00	0.876
Visiting preacher - fees & exp	\$0.00	0.0%	\$270.00	0.1%
Gifts	\$175.50	0.0%	\$270.00 \$161.34	0.0%
Other personnel costs	\$0.00	0.0%	\$428.04	0.1%
Professional Development	\$292.73	0.1%	\$0.00	0.0%
Total Staff Costs	\$174,455.96	44.7%	\$141,834.23	36.5%
Spirituality: Worship & Prayer				
Music	8500.00	0.40/	0000.00	0.00/
Music - Classic	\$500.00	0.1%	\$639.82	0.2%
Music - Contemporary	\$35.08	0.0%	\$336.95	0.1%
Music - Other	\$0.00	0.0%	\$230.00	0.1%
Pianist Contemporary	\$7,206.16	1.8%	\$8,608.00	2.2%
Music Licences(CCLI)	\$799.09	0.2%	\$908.18	0.2%
Other Worship				
Other costs - Min 1	\$89.23	0.0%	-\$56.39	0.0%
Other Worship expenses	\$893.12	0.2%	\$369.86	0.1%
Resource Worship Teams				
Growing Deciples				
Total Spirituality: Worship & Prayer	\$301.56	0.1%	\$0.00	0.0%
Children, Youth, YA & Families	\$301.56 \$9,824.24	0.1% 2.5%	\$0.00 \$11,036.42	

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Junior Church	\$324.02	0.1%	\$1,650.13	0.4%
Youth Materials	-\$52.40	0.0%	\$227.61	0.1%
KCO	\$1,215.40	0.3%	\$0.00	0.0%
Family Fun @ 5	\$567.62	0.1%	\$284.07	0.1%
Playgroups	\$325.70	0.1%	-\$1,192.33	(0.3%)
Total Children, Youth, YA & Families	\$2,380.34	0.6%	\$969.48	0.2%
Adults				
Pastoral Care Materials				
Pastoral Care materials Min 1	\$0.00	0.0%	\$455.45	0.1%
Pastoral Care materials Min 3	\$0.00	0.0%	\$399.50	0.1%
Name Badges	\$559.87	0.1%	\$202.44	0.1%
Library	\$287.13	0.1%	\$520.05	0.1%
Home Group Materials	\$54.49	0.0%	\$92.73	0.0%
Hospitality				
Hospitality - BCUC events	\$715.99	0.2%	\$290.84	0.1%
Hospitality - BCUC - Other	\$1,454.85	0.4%	\$1,338.85	0.3%
Meals for new people	\$81.08	0.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
Total Adults	\$3,153.41	0.8%	\$3,299.86	0.8%
Living Beyond Ourselves				
Mission & Service Fund	\$38,817.36	9.9%	\$35,784.00	9.2%
Redress Contribution	\$608.33	0.2%	\$0.00	0.0%
3DNet Contribution	\$0.00	0.0%	\$6,800.00	1.8%
Community Fete expense	\$1,054.44	0.3%	\$0.00	0.0%
Mission Focus	\$9,375.00	2.4%	\$4,000.00	1.0%
BCUC Cares	\$1,916.95	0.5%	\$715.51	0.2%
CAP	\$0.00	0.0%	\$174.55	0.0%
Specific Fundraisers	\$0.00	0.0%	\$2,419.85	0.6%
Total Living Beyond Ourselves	\$51,772.08	13.3%	\$49,893.91	12.9%
Administration	04.450.77	4.40/	05 040 04	4.50/
Office Supplies	\$4,453.77	1.1%	\$5,643.81	1.5%
Church Council	\$104.54	0.0%	\$169.50	0.0%
Admin software&system(Elvanto)	\$378.54	0.1%	\$0.00	0.0%
Total Administration Communication	\$4,936.85	1.3%	\$5,813.31	1.5%
Internet & Telephone	\$5,592.51	1.4%	\$5,203.39	1.3%
Advertising	\$1,082.44	0.3%	\$2,103.31	0.5%
Total Communication	\$6,674.95	1.7%	\$7,306.70	1.9%
Facilities	40,014.83	1.770	97,000.70	1.070
Audio, Visual & Lighting	\$2,645.40	0.7%	\$712.56	0.2%
Air conditioning	\$3,964.95	1.0%	\$5,805.95	1.5%
Consumables	\$86.15	0.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
Cleaning Expenses	\$11,859.89	3.0%	\$9,593.12	2.5%
Gardens	\$23.29	0.0%	\$267.88	0.1%
Maintenance - Regulatory	\$22,822.45	5.8%	\$20,263.78	5.2%
Maintenance Church Other	\$3,709.75	0.9%	\$2,976.14	0.8%
Food Handling	\$30.31	0.0%	\$86.32	0.0%
Health & Safety	\$170.00	0.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
Furniture	\$2,224.91	0.6%	\$240.00	0.1%
ICT equipment	\$1,984.85	0.5%	\$1,650.92	0.4%
Electricity & Gas	\$41,727.37	10.7%	\$18,994.31	4.9%
Manse Costs	***************************************		4.2,22	
Greenhill regulatory&insurance	\$8,158.54	2.1%	\$8,057.84	2.1%
Greenhill Maintenance	\$2,926.15	0.7%	\$5,461.64	1.4%
Kennaway regulatory&insurance	\$6,060.26	1.6%	\$9,086.76	2.3%
Kennaway Maintenance	\$13,691.24	3.5%	\$518.39	0.1%
Portrush regulatory&insurance	\$7,914.40	2.0%	\$8,625.10	2.2%
Portrush maintenance	\$1,440.75	0.4%	\$2,324.59	0.6%
Total Facilities	\$131,440.66	33.6%	\$94,665.30	24.4%
Finance	,			
Accounting and Auditing	\$5,969.28	1.5%	\$4,133.59	1.1%
Finance Software&Systems(Xero)	\$90.91	0.0%	\$0.00	0.0%
Sundry Expenses	\$499.84	0.1%	\$4.34	0.0%
Total Expenses	\$391,198.52	100.1%	\$318,957.14	82.1%

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Operating Profit	-\$482.98	(0.1%)	\$69,322.12	17.9%
Non Operating Income				
Non Operating Expenses				
Transfer To Reserves	\$374.81	0.1%	\$204.98	0.1%
Church Renovation Fund	\$0.00	0.0%	\$5,000.00	1.3%
Manse Renovation Fund	\$0.00	0.0%	\$4,000.00	1.0%
Total Non Operating Expenses	\$374.81	0.1%	\$9,204.98	2.4%
Net Profit / (Loss)	-\$857.79	(0.2%)	\$60,117.14	15.5%

GIVING REVIEW

Members of congregation who participate in the choices available for giving through electronic means and envelopes are thanked for their ongoing financial support. This is the main source of our income which assists the various operational activities within and beyond our church including the ministries of: worship, personnel, living beyond ourselves including the Synod Support, our facilities and administration.

Early in 2020 the wise decision was made not to hold an annual giving renewal programme and following on from this the Covid 19 lock down occurred necessitating closure of the church for the safety of or congregation. This naturally affected our giving income particularly through loose giving which is provided by those people using this option when attending our church services.

As a reminder I am readily available on Sundays or by email and phone to assist any member of the congregation as required with regards to their giving choices. All communications and details surrounding giving are kept strictly confidential.

Ray Nicholson

Recorder

2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



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Balance Sheet [Last Year Analysis] December 2019

	December 2019						
		This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	% Difference		
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1-0000	Assets						
1-1000	Cash On Hand	******					
1-1100	Westpac Working Account	\$24,416.47	\$84,548.81	(\$60,132.34)	-71.10%		
1-1200	UC Invest Working Account	\$134,511.31	\$46,220.99	\$88,290.32	191.00%		
1-1210	BCUC Admin Debit Card	\$1,866.63	\$0.00	\$1,866.63	NA		
1-1999	Petty Cash Fund	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
1-2000	Cash Investments	*** *** ***	********	*****	4 5004		
1-2300	RenovationFund UCI233189	\$25,192.02	\$24,817.21	\$374.81	1.50%		
1-3000	Investments held for Mission	60.00	\$60 100 E6	(000 400 E0)	100.000/		
1-3100 1-3200	Mission Trust Fund UCI 160328 Future Mission a/c UCI220683	\$0.00	\$62,136.56	(\$62,136.56)	-100.00%		
1-3200	Mission TD UCI 240901	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$471,681.31	(\$471,681.31)	-100.00%		
1-5000	Receivables	\$0.00	\$257,175.76	(\$257,175.76)	-100.00%		
1-5200	Trade Debtors	en nn	\$201.50	(\$204 E0)	100.009/		
1-5200	Refundable bonds/deposits	\$0.00 \$3,271.29	\$291.50 \$3,311.57	(\$291.50)	-100.00% -1.20%		
1-5400	•	\$3,271.29 \$13.071.81	4 - 7 -	(\$40.28) \$863.18	7.10%		
1-5400	Prepayments Total Assets	\$202,729.53	\$12,208.63 \$962,792.34	(\$760,062.81)	-78.90%		
	Total Assets	\$202,129.55	\$302,732.34	(\$700,002.01)	-70.30%		
2-0000	Liabilities						
2-0100	Revenue received in advance	\$15,620.00	\$0.00	\$15,620.00	NA		
2-0210	Hire Bonds	\$1,300.00	\$3,226.00	(\$1,926.00)	-59.70%		
2-0215	AV Support Clearing A/c	\$0.00	-\$210.00	\$210.00	100.00%		
2-0220	Accrued Expenses	\$19,775.45	\$1,400.00	\$18,375.45	1312.50%		
2-1000	GST Liabilities	4.0,	**,	4.0,0.0			
2-1010	GST Collected	\$577.59	\$390.74	\$186.85	47.80%		
2-1030	GST Paid	-\$1,568.58	-\$1,883.32	\$314.74	16.70%		
2-1300	PAYG Withholding	\$0.00	-\$359.00	\$359.00	100.00%		
2-3000	Living Beyond Ourselves						
2-3100	Trust Funds - External Bodies						
2-3180	Christmas Bowl	\$951.80	\$1,671.05	(\$719.25)	-43.00%		
2-3260	Lenten Appeal	\$111.10	\$0.00	\$111.10	NA		
2-3320	Schools Ministry	\$695.10	\$518.95	\$176.15	33.90%		
2-4000	Employment Provisions						
2-4100	Long Service Leave Provision	\$142.17	\$1,436.41	(\$1,294.24)	-90.10%		
2-5000	Capital Expenditure						
2-5100	Church Property	\$633.64	\$633.64	\$0.00	0.00%		
2-6000	Building Mantenance Reserves						
2-6100	Church Renovation Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
2-6200	Manse Renovation Fund	\$19,742.96	\$19,742.96	\$0.00	0.00%		
2-7000	Long Term Liabilities						
2-7100	Mission Trust Fund commitment	\$0.00	\$790,993.63	(\$790,993.63)	-100.00%		
2-7200	Manse Renovation Commitment	\$463.50	\$88.69	\$374.81	422.60%		
	Total Liabilities	\$63,444.73	\$822,649.75	(\$759,205.02)	-92.30%		
	Net Assets	\$139,284.80	\$140,142.59	(\$857.79)	-0.60%		
3-0000	Earlite						
3-0000	Equity Accumulated Funds	\$140,142.59	\$80,025.45	\$60,117.14	75.10%		
3-0900	Current Earnings	-\$857.79	\$60,025.45	(\$60,974.93)	-101.40%		
3-0300	Total Equity	\$139,284.80	\$140,142.59	(\$857.79)	-0.60%		
	. Oth Equity	\$135,204.00	Ģ140,142.JJ	(4007.73)	-0.00/6		

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26 August 2020

Audit Report Burnside City Uniting Church

I have audited the Profit & Loss statement and the Balance Sheet of the Burnside Uniting Church (the Church) for the year ended 31st December 2019.

The Church Council is responsible for the preparation of these statements and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of its members. I have conducted an independent audit of the statements in order to express an opinion to the members of Church Council. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, are appropriate to the needs of the Church Council.

In examining these statements, I was provided with:

- the journal entries made by the Congregation Bookkeeping Unit (CBU) on behalf of the Church using the MYOB accounting system;
- statements for the Westpac and UC Invest accounts;
- the documentation provided by the Church to the CBU to enable the entries to be recorded in MYOB (e.g. Tax Invoices, receipts, offering banking records);
- · relevant correspondence between the CBU and the church; and
- the documentation relating to the lodgement of the quarterly BAS.

The audit included an examination, on a test basis, of this documentation.

Profit & Loss Statement

Receipts

The Church receives income from a range of sources including cash offerings collected at worship services, offerings made by electronic bank transfers, interest, donations, hire of property and rental of the properties at 7 Kennaway Street, 380 Portrush Road and 420 Greenhill Road.

The income was received by a mixture of cash deposits and electronic transfers.

Cash deposits

The Church has procedures that require the people counting the offering to record details of the offering and other income on an offering summary. A banker uses this information to prepare a 'Deposit Notification' for CBU. The 'Deposit Notification' provides the following information to CBU:

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- Description e.g. envelopes, morning tea, hire or the name of specific event or project;
- > the relevant MYOB account code; and
- the amount received for the item.

In testing, I was able to reconcile the amounts recorded on these summaries with the receipts entered into the accounting records.

It is not practical for the Church to maintain an effective system of internal control over the collection of the other cash receipts prior to their entry into the accounting records. Accordingly, the audit in relation to cash receipts was limited to the amounts recorded in the accounting records.

In testing I was able to reconcile the amounts recorded in the accounting records with the amounts deposited.

Electronic deposits

In testing the amounts received electronically, I was able to reconcile the deposits recorded in the financial statements with the deposits shown in the bank statements and General Ledger.

Expenditure

In testing the expenditure shown in the financial statements, I was able to reconcile the amounts shown in the Profit & Loss statement with the receipts and Tax Invoices reviewed.

Salaries and oncosts - long service leave

On 31 December a General Journal entry was made to adjust the provision for long service leave. The provision as at 31 December 2018 had recognized the possible liability for the payment of long service leave to the administrator, youth coordinator and playgroup coordinator.

The journal entry reduced the balance of the provision by \$1,294.24 and the salaries and oncosts of the administrator (\$691.94) and youth coordinator (\$644.14).

As no salary payments were made to the youth coordinator during the year, the amount shown for salary is -\$644.14.

From the documentation provided, it is not clear as to the reason for the reduction in the amount of the provision for administrator. Further, in testing the amount paid to the administrator, I noted general journal entry 84 made on 2 February treated an amount of \$13.50 paid to Adelaide Milk Supply as a salary expense of the administrator.

Electricity & Gas

The Profit & Loss Statement shows an increase of \$22,733.06 in the amount paid for electricity and gas. This is due to the cost of the solar panels (\$21,972.72) being treated as an electricity expense. As the solar panels are an asset that will last for several years, it may be more appropriate for the panels to be treated as an asset with the cost being recognized as depreciation during the period held.

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Balance Sheet

Assets

In testing the assets shown in the Balance Sheet, I was able to reconcile the balances shown for operating accounts and investments with the balances shown on the bank statements.

Liabilities

Included in the liabilities is an amount of \$15,620 for revenue received in advance. This is a distribution from the Mission Trust Fund.

In testing the balances shown for the other liabilities, I was able to reconcile the balances shown with the documentation provided. This documentation included a review of the balance of the hire bonds to correctly reflect the closing balance.

GST and BAS

My testing of income and expenditure included a check of the way in which the transactions reviewed had been classified when preparing the BAS. All of the transactions reviewed had been correctly classified.

Opinion

Subject to the qualification set out above, I have formed the opinion that the financial statements audited fairly represent the financial position of the Church and its cash flows.

I provide this certification in accordance with Paragraph 3.8.7(c) of the Regulations of the Uniting Church in Australia and the certification should not be relied upon for any other purpose.

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2021 BUDGET AND COMPARATIVES

Detail	2019 Actual	2020 Budge	2021 Budget	Commentary on assumptions & exceptions (excl 2020 Actual distorted by Covid)
Income	-390,716	-397,160	-394,160	
Offerings	-289,216	-295,000	-297,000	- 2021 estimated by Recorder. (Consistent with \$18k reduction in loose giving during
Interest	-1,242	-2,000	-1,700	Q2 Covid period)
Donations	-15,706	-8,000	-8,000	
MTF Disbs/Grants	-1,054	-16,000	-16,000	- 2021 Budget matches MTF disbursements with Living Beyond Ourselves giving (for
Fees charged	-29,812	-30,000	-20,000	- Assumes recovery of church hire income from 2020 is incomplete first time)
Rent charged (Manses	-51,090	-46,160	-50,960	
Reimbursements	-2,398	0	-500	- 2021 budget for photocopier reimbursements (2019 actuals were Manse costs)
Sundry	-197	0	0	
Expenses	391,199	433,051	435,001	
Salaries	173,988	196,741	217,939	- Assumes no changes to staffing from 2020 (ie 1.4 Ministers, full time administrator
Other personnel costs	468	1,300	6,500	- includes \$5k provision for proposed intern program & pastoral worker)
Music & Worship	9,523	13,000	10,000	- based on actuals for 2018-2020 (with three services)
Ministry & Teaching	3,583	8,200	5,200	- ditto
Hospitality	2,252	2,500	2,500	- ditto
Living beyond ourselve	12,346	6,800	16,000	- Assumes full application of funds from MTF in 2021 to direct outward giving
UCA SA Support	39,426	43,100	40,563	- UCA support estimated on 2020 forecast income levels
Facilities	91,249	92,500	85,458	- Per Facilities Team budget for year - reduction reflects actual trends in 2019/2020
Manses	40,191	51,610	34,540	- Per Facilities Team budget for year - shows effect of catch up from 2018 to 2020
Administration & finance	18,172	17,300	16,300	- reflects introduction of Elvanto/Xero and savings on Synod CBU fees.
Reserves	0	9,000	9,000	
Reserves Increases	0	9,000	9,000	- accumulation of reserves not yet reducing expense
Grand Total	483	44,891	49,841	
	Deficit	Budgeted	Budgeted	- increase in underlying budget deficit driven by income reductions, but remains
		Deficit	Deficit	manageable. External giving significantly increased from previous budgets.

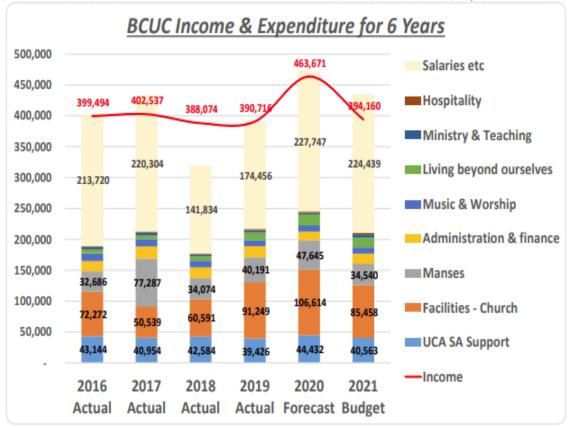
This simplified summary compares the 2021 budget with its 2020 predecessor and the 2019 Actual results. The adopted budget deficit for 2019 was over \$(103)k, but that included two full time ministers.

Previous budgets have not separately considered Mission Trust Fund Disbursements and their interaction with external giving (Living Beyond Ourselves), but the 2021 budget matches these for the first time.

The forecast 2020 deficit (after eight months) was \$(18)k, but the actual figures differ significantly from budget due to COVID 19 and other unique effects, all of which are illustrated and explained in the following summaries.

BURNSIDE CITY UNITING CHURCH





BURNSIDE CITY UNITING CHURCH MISSION TRUST FUND

The Mission Trust Fund is delighted to report that the following requests received from Church Council have been

distributed:

Mission Focus Group \$ 5,000
Worship space Rear Wall Projector \$10,620
BICC Schools Ministry \$ 6,000

Sadly, the Mission Trust Fund experienced the loss of one of its valued managers, with the death of Trevor Olsson earlier this year. As per the MTF Constitution, this Vacancy was filled by Angus Paton. We believe that Angus has the necessary skills and experience to be an effective and committed manager. We are seeking that his appointment for the remainder of the Late Trevor Olsson's term of 4 years be confirmed at the Congregational meeting.

Mike Croft & Deb May will continue to serve until the end of their 4 year terms.

Donald Sarre was elected for a 2 year term, this term is expiring and he is seeking re-election.

Rex King was also elected for a 2 year term, however at our last meeting advised that he does not wish to seek re-election. We have valued Rex's contribution and enthusiasm. The MTF Managers will seek to have a suitable person appointed in accordance with the Constitution. Please speak with Deb May if you know someone who could be a suitable Manager.

Acts 20: 35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'

MISSION TRUST FUND	
Statement of Income & Expenditure	
For the period 1 January 2020 TO 30 September 2020	
Interest Received	8,852.66
Distribution Australian Equity Fund	6,421.35
	15,274.01
Less Burnside City Uniting Church Mission Support	
B I C C Schools Ministry	6,000.00
Surplus for period	\$9,274.01
Add Surplus bought forward	34,711.25
Undistributed Surplus	\$43,985.26
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	
As at 30 September 2020	
Investments	
UC Invest - Cash at call (1.05%)	43,985.26
- Term Deposit No1 (16.01.20)	0.00
- Term Deposit No2 (30.10.20 1.6%)	140,119.82
- Aust Equities Fund (Cost \$625,000)	634,645.63
TOTAL ASSETS	\$818,750.71
Trust Reserves	
Mission Building Fund	512,069.82
General Mission Fund	250,050.00
Fittness Facilities Fund	3,000.00
Aust Equities Fund Asset Growth	9,645.63
	\$774,765.45
Add Undistributed Surplus	43,985.26
TOTAL FUND	\$818,750.71

MISSION FOCUS GROUP - Antoinette Morris

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

While we are not physically doing this, we are trying to enable those who go out in our name with financial support and prayerful support.

This has been a "no-event" year and we find ourselves spending the budget allowance at the end of the year. Our aim is to support three areas; local, national and international.

We have requested that money be sent as follows:

- \$1,000 to Pastor Julia working in Oodnadatta
- \$1,000 to Christmas Bowl Appeal
- \$1,000 to Frontier Services for Outback Links program
- \$500 to be decided
- \$500 to be decided
- \$1000 in reserve for any natural disaster emergency fund

From the Mission Trust Fund an amount of \$9,375 each year for three years will support a Fijian woman doing the Woman in Ministry Scholarship Program in the Pacific, aimed at training women to help educate against domestic violence. Amalaini has studied both on-line and at the Davuilevu Theological College during the year, but is hopeful of being able to be on campus next year.

Christian Pastoral Worker support is being paid for this year from another source.

Two of our members have retired recently leaving us with a small group – If you have a passion for this vital part of our Uniting Church outreach, please contact Benji or Antoinette.

Prayer points:

New members to be added to our number,
Pray for all the women studying towards Ministry in the Pacific

Amalaini

would appreciate your prayers as she finishes her studies and goes into a leadership position within the Methodist Church in Fiji.

She expresses her thanks to BCUC for financial support.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Despite the uncertainty of this year, I am delighted with the response to Operation Christmas Child. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we have been able to send 143 shoeboxes of gifts to children in developing countries, bringing them hope for the future.

All the boxes from SA an NT are going to Malawi in Eastern Africa this year. Malawi is a land locked very poor country with a population of 15 million.

Please continue to pray:

That each child who receives a shoebox will know it has been sent with love and with God's blessing. May the Greatest Journey Program teach the children some of the wonderful Bible stories.

That the transportation from the warehouse in Adelaide to the final destination will be uneventful and swift.

Romans 15:13. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with the power of the Holy Spirit.

May this verse be inspirational to us and also to the children, as they come to know Jesus.

Di Croft Convenor



KIDS MINISTRY

I am pretty sure that most reports will begin with "What a year!!" but God continues to walk before us, beside us, behind us and among us.

It has been both a challenge and privilege to take on the Kid's Ministry Coordinator role this year with some very big shoes to fill. The beginning of the year began with regular attendance of some 10 -15 children. We began by experimenting with

- Room changes
- Curriculums

Heather Walraven and helpers organized a fabulous pancake morning...

..and then Covid hit!

When the church shut down, we were determined to continue to provide discipleship to our church community. What began as a hurried 'pulled-together' series of videos became quite the ministry. We had several of our families produce kid's videos from home. A huge thank you to the Dulongs, Booths, Letchers, Robinsons, Chris Lake, Rowena Trent, Aradhana Gazdar and Marian Harper for these efforts. We even had videos that went on location at the Zoo. (Thanks Chris Letcher). A big thanks to my own kids for stepping in whenever I asked them.

What we couldn't have foreseen was the amount of people outside our community that have accessed these videos. We have had several reports describing how the links had been sent through to family interstate or overseas and how grandparents were sitting down with their grandkids and watching them together. Over the week we were getting anywhere from 50-150 devices logging in to view the videos. To God be the glory!!!

Coming back to face-to-face worship presented many challenges for our leadership team. Kids Ministry was the first to return which was awesome. To reduce numbers in spaces we began a kids' worship service in the hall and downstairs kids room.



"Praise the Lord For he is good"

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Kids' worship included:

- Worship songs all together with lots of actions and shouting
- ♦ Minis headed out to their programme
- Message
- Game/activity
- ♦ Craft
- Prayer

The Minis programme had been adapted to be developmentally appropriate with the children interacting with the same story over two weeks with stories, activity and craft. This format has worked



beautifully for this season but is certainly not set in stone. As the world continues its battle with Covid we will see how things progress. We miss the chance for families to worship in the main worship space together and pray that we can work toward this in time.

We have about 9-12 children that attend regularly which is a drop in numbers, but it is important to note that the children who come are doing so with gusto. It is amazing the volume of singing that can be attained by just 12 children!! Many of our families have not returned after the church closure and this is certainly a concern. It is important to note that this is not just a BCUC problem as churches nationwide are facing the same issue. All this means is that we need to reboot. I feel confident that our community is very much up to this challenge.

Could you all please pray:

- ♦ That our community continues to know the love and grace of God and not be discouraged by statistics.
- For our regular attendees to Kids Worship. That they know the love Jesus has for them and that feel the stirring of His Spirit.
- For our families that have not found their way back to us yet. That they also see God working in their lives and that they know the love and welcome of their church family.
- For new families to feel welcome and at home at BCUC.
- For the Kids Ministry team. That others may feel the call to join our team so that we can spread the load. It is a fantastic and vibrant ministry to be a part of!!
- Finally, for Kids Ministry programmes around the world that have been far more impacted by the pandemic than us. May those in lockdown know that love and hope of Christ.

Nicole Callen - Kids' Ministry

BCUC PLAYGROUP 2020

Playgroup is a place where carers of children between the ages 0-5 come and play with their child/ren. We assist them to develop relationships with other parents in similar circumstances which can forge lifelong friendships between those who attend. It enables us to come alongside them and help them in their parenting journey. We provide different activities within the hall and foyer area and use the outside play area also. Playgroup is co-ordinated by Diane Schutz, assisted by volunteers, Gaynor, Jinitha, Heather, Jackie and Belle (a playgroup mum). It is a missional outreach of BCUC; a place where between 15-25 families from the wider community come with their children and receive support and encouragement in relaxed, positive surroundings. New volunteers are always welcome.



This has been at times a challenging year at Playgroup. Like the nation we went into lockdown in March and didn't run playgroup until the beginning of term 3. Throughout that time of lockdown, I wrote a fortnightly newsletter which I emailed to the families so we could keep in contact with them and encourage them through that difficult time. Since the beginning of term 3 we have been following the requirements to run playgroup in a COVID-19 safe manner. This has proved challenging at times and has required more volunteers to assist, but playgroup is continuing to grow and thrive.

Being able to provide a caring Christian environment for parents of all faiths is a privilege. It is so good to be able to have people from the community use these facilities and to love them with God's love. We continue to pray that God will reveal Himself to these families at Playgroup through the love they receive, the conversations that are had and through the ministry offered.

Diane Schutz

Playgroup Co-ordinator

"But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.""

Matthew 19:14 NLT

SENIORS SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

Over the last few years we have been able to enjoy fellowship together over a meal after the 10:30 service once a month. We closed due to COVID-19.

With current restrictions and change of service time it has not been possible to resume.



Next year we will review the situation and hope that we can again enjoy friendship over a shared meal.

Anita Wheaton

Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Dr. Jon's Pantry

All the changes at BCUC due to the Covid 19 pandemic have not prevented us from offering you our wares.

We have continued to stock the shelves and as the next 'fruit season' is upon us, more of your favourite relish, jams and chutneys will be available.

We hope to give you an update on Dr. Jon as soon as we receive his latest news; at present he is still in London.

Meantime, the lines of a Dutch hymn from my childhood play in my mind:

"LORD, take both my hands and lead your child..."

Anneke, for the Pantry team



CHURCH LIBRARY

We have continued to add contemporary books and DVD's to the collection during 2020. We are keen for you to have a wide range of books, which are informative, enjoyable and will stimulate your Christian faith.

THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN SITTING DOWN WITH A GOOD BOOK OR DVD TO CHALLENGE YOUR THINKING!

You may find a catalogue on line at the BCUC website: 'Resourses', or a printed copy on the Library stand in the Foyer.

We are always open for suggestions from you. Also, we would be glad to hear from you should you be interested to join the Library Team and assisting with keeping the Library in order, up-to-date and being involved in preparing new acquisitions.



THE LIBRARY IS THERE FOR YOU IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES!

Anneke van de Loo - Library

WOMEN'S TABLE TENNIS

At the beginning of 2020 at 9.30am every Tuesday morning a group of up to 20 women met in the activity room to enjoy playing table tennis. This activity is a wonderful social outlet as we also share morning tea, conversation and celebrate each other's birthdays.

Due to COVID – 19 restrictions the group went into recess in mid-March and anticipate resuming again in 2021.

Each year we financially support several causes and this year we were still able to support the work of Dr Jon and Operation Christmas Child.

New players are always welcome.

Prayer point – To give thanks for the legacy of those who have been a part of the group and for the group to continue to meet each week.

Bible verse – Isaiah 40:31 "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint".

Blessings,

Marlene Richards

MAINLY MUSIC

mainly music is an outreach, pre-evangelism programme for pre-school children, parents and grandparents. Since our average attendance is 22 children plus carers, the Hall and Foyer are full of activity.



We start with half an hour of interesting and active songs and rhymes, some of which teach about God. The children have fruit for morning tea and then enjoy their playtime while the carers have morning tea. Our special days have been water play, animal day, our birthday in early October, Easter and Christmas.

Despite the long break for COVID the programme has gone well. The mm regular team consists of Marie Roberts, June Bell, Ros Spangler, Verna Drexel, Anne Wierenga, Rowena Tennant, Jinitha Robinson, Lisa Price, Karina Klung, Heather Walraven and Chris Lake. Ruth Daws and Malcolm Warrick and are regular helpers.

The families really enjoy mainly music and often stay from when the first child starts till the youngest child leaves for school. We establish warm relationships with the families and are sad when they leave.

Please pray for God's love to break through to the families attending.

Chris Lake



Water Play 15 March 2020

Mark 10:15

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Family Fun @ 5

Unfortunately, due to COVID FF@5 has not been able to occur this year.

SCHOOLS MINISTRY

Tim Wells, the Marden Senior College chaplain, reports:

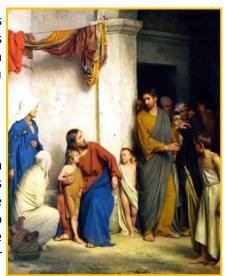
Rightly, we work very hard with students to ensure they are happy and healthy - physically and spiritually. At Marden, this especially means ensuring sound accommodation, sound nutrition and happy and healthy relationships. If these aspects of life are positive and stable, our students at Marden can focus better on their studies and future aspirations. 2020 at Marden has become a year where I am shifting the focus a little more towards our staff and their needs. I am also making daily contact with our Principal.

Sheila Chehade from Burnside Primary School is on the go!

As I walk around the schoolyard during breaks, it may look like aimless wandering. But there are so many meaningful conversations, sometimes tears, requests for help, unloading, encouragement, support etc that I am kept very busy. In a school of over 800 students and around 60 staff, you can imagine the needs. Please keep us in your prayers.

Sarah Mercorella began recently at Glenunga International High School

This term I am particularly excited for the student-led Christian Club which has had a short break during Term 2 (as well as navigating the disruptions due to Covid19) and has looked a little different. The club captains have been working hard to plan a term with fun, exciting and fresh ways to encourage and build faith and relationships for fellow members. We have meetings to explore the Bible, study the Word, have fellowship, bless our peers, and hear from other Christians in Q&A panels and sharing.



For 2020, the Federal Government has funded 44 hours/week of chaplaincy time in the 4 schools which we support and the Burnside InterChurch Council funded 36 hr/wk. We are most grateful for the prayerful and financial support we receive from BCUC for this work.

Keith Maynard, Chair

Matthew 19:14,15 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

Sew 'N Chat

Regardless of the missing weeks of craft and sew, members have enjoyed many weeks together on a Thursday morning. A great fellowship, time of achievement and a time to know all about each other.

All members have worked on craft of their own choosing but have dedicated time and skills to making bead bangles for Operation Christmas Child and made a number of beautiful knitted rugs donated to the dialysis ward of QEH and to the homeless.

We all enjoy our time together. We are blessed that our church has given us the opportunity to meet together during such a challenging time this past year.

Ruth Daws

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Friendship, Fellowship, Fun, Food and Fundraising for mission are some of the key functions of the Women's Ministry group which emanated from the more structured format of the Women's Evening Fellowship. Jocelyn Nicholson advertises our events through email, Newsletter and the Chats magazine inviting all women to attend. Di Croft handles our finances and presents regular reports. The Data Base holds 63 names of those who like to receive information regarding our activities and new members are always welcome.

2020 started with funding and catering for 110 attendees of the Big Week Out held at BCUC on Friday January 17th. Hamburgers, ice-creams and fresh fruit provided a popular option for the young people and their leaders and costings came to approximately \$3 a head.

On Wednesday January 22nd starting at 9am a group of willing helpers spent time cleaning the church kitchens and servery areas followed by morning tea and a short meeting. With the constant use of the church facilities it is always rewarding to see how clean and tidy these areas look after our attention.

A muffin morning tea was held between church services on Sunday February 16th to raise money for the Bush Fire Appeal. A beautiful array of various home cooked muffins was available for a gold coin donation with a total of \$753.15 raised.



The activities planned from March until October were cancelled due to the COVID – 19 restrictions. It was disappointing not to be able to provide the annual Mother's Day gifts to two local Aged Care Facilities in May as this would have been our 10th year, so hopefully we will be able to provide this service again in 2021.

On Wednesday November 4th 9.15 Chris Lake organised the walk along Second Creek which had previously been planned for March. Starting in Hazelwood Park we walked along the creek noting the many historical points of interest, particularly Undelcarra ('under the hill with running water') estate. The walk concluded with coffee at Hazel's Poolside Café and a short meeting and it was noted that it was the first time young children had participated in one of our activities!

The last activity planned for 2020 is getting together for coffee at VP's café (corner of Greenhill and Glynburn Road) on Wednesday December 2nd at 2pm.

A majority of our fundraising comes from catering for functions at BCUC so this year we were also able to support the work of Chaplaincy after the bushfires in the Adelaide Hills and on Kangaroo Island, Uniting Communities and Operation Christmas Child.

Prayer point – As a group we continue to inspire, encourage, and support each other in our relationships, spiritual life, giftedness and our ministry and outreach in the local community and around the world.

Bible verse - John 15: 12 – 15 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Marlene Richards

Blessings,

HIZBIZ

A Men's Ministry Fellowship committee was formed in August 2008 from a representative from each of the four combining United Churches with the aim of facilitating activities that involve males both from within the church and the wider community.

The name Hizbiz, suggested by Peter Morris, was adopted as a short form of "A BCUC Fellowship Group for Men"

Over the past twelve years, meetings have been held monthly except in December and looking back have involved a variety of activities that included lawn bowls, boules, short clips

of interest from the internet, our own members and visiting speakers covering a wide range of topics. There have been theatre visits, film nights, mystery drives, progressive meals, and other places to eat as well as being helpers at the annual Church Picnic.

Over the last few years we have been less active and our year begins with a meal and movie night at BCUC on the last Tuesday in January. This year we enjoyed sharing seafood and an ice-cream (not on the same plate) then a movie "The Genesis Code" about a relationship between faith and science. For the rest of the year our gatherings have all been at the Marryatville Hotel, Kensington, where we meet for lunch at noon on the last Tuesday of every month except December to meet, greet and eat, while sharing with each other our life stories and opinions on just about everything. Not all who come are BCUC people and the gatherings are open to friends and neighbours too.

For more detail contact our leader, Rex King 8372 3002 or secretary Leigh Duffett 8379 5398.

Hebrews 10:25

Hizbiz

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."

CHURCH PROPERTY AND FACILITIES

The Facilities Committee is responsible to the Church Council for the care and maintenance of all BCUC facilities, including the Church and three manses. Typical tasks include facilities planning, budgeting, execution, review and reporting to Church Council and Congregation.

The Facilities Committee met three times during 2020 to manage maintenance activities and some minor new works. Meetings were supplemented by emails and phone calls. Regular preventative maintenance tasks during the year included:

- Testing and tagging of electrical equipment and power cords
- Waste water grease trap servicing and pump out and inspection
- Lift testing and repairs
- Emergency lighting and exit sign testing and repairs
- Fire extinguisher inspections
- Fire alarm testing and repairs.
- Air conditioning service and repairs

Breakdown maintenance and repairs to electrical fixtures, plumbing fixtures, furniture, and technical equipment were undertaken throughout the year as the need arose.

Rainwater leaks in the Church first floor areas have been an issue during the year. Repairs were made to failed roof penetrations and flashing joints. Additional walking platforms were installed on the roof to reduce future joint damage by trades persons walking on the roof while servicing equipment.

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Church cleaning is done by contractors each Thursday evening. High level window cleaning is done twice a year by a specialist contractor as is the cleaning of the foyer carpets and the church hall flooring. Volunteers spot clean carpets in the interim to ensure the property is well maintained. Volunteers also keep the cupboards, storage areas, kitchen and toilets clean and tidy.

The church building is now almost ten years in age and some major future costs will be painting several internal walls that are showing significant wear and tear.



Some new works were undertaken at the Church. A new wooden cross was purchased for the Worship Centre as an alternative to the aluminum cross.

Solar panels were installed on the Church roof in February to reduce electricity cost by approximately \$6,000 per annum. This system has worked well.

The technical equipment in the Worship Centre was upgraded this year with an additional rear projector and screen, a new wide format video camera, and new video processor to enable video streaming to the internet. The Church broadband connection was also upgraded to a high speed NBN connection to allow efficient handling of video files for streaming services.

As well as the Church building, maintenance included the external grounds and equipment. The Playground and Church Carpark were checked & fittings adjusted each quarter. Gardens were maintained by Chris Rogers and lawns mown by volunteers.

BCUC maintains three Manse Properties at:

- ♦ 420 Greenhill Road Linden Park (rented out)
- ♦ 380 Portrush Road Tusmore (rented out)
- ♦ 7 Kennaway Street Tusmore (Minister's residence)

All manse properties are in good condition for their age. Minor repairs were undertaken through the year. Some more substantial maintenance will be needed to the rental properties in future years when budget constraints allow.

BCUC also maintains The HUB, being the large solid brick structure on the Northern boundary of the church car park. This area is currently being used by the basket ballers. Its long-term use and future maintenance is under review.

Brian Richards

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:21-22

GENERATE PRESBYTERY

Generate Presbytery met at Seeds Uniting Church on 14 March 2020. It was a last-minute combination of online and in-person as the global pandemic was developing across our nation. The guest speaker, Dr. Tim Hanna, was excellent. Tim has 30 years' experience in local church ministry and in the last 10 years has been CEO for Compassion Australia.

On Saturday 1 November, across the State we gathered to worship, pray, be encouraged and resourced. To manage the restrictions associated with the global pandemic, we met in five hubs, with a combination of local content and live streaming/pre-recordings for combined content. We had over 220 people meet in the five locations across the State. It seems that the reduced travel was appreciated by many! Team BCUC met in the northern Adelaide hub at The Journey Uniting Church (Ridgehaven Campus).

In the morning we spent some time in worship and prayer. This was dynamic and uplifting. The opening message was delivered by our Chairperson Rev Dr Graham Humphris. Graham's message is available on the Generate Facebook page. Before (the Paella!!) lunch, the business meeting was held via Zoom and the Presbytery resolved several matters unanimously. The afternoon provided resourcing and conversations around what it means to be part of this presbytery, church governance, church renewal and the cost of change in ministry. Key topics included what is essential for church growth, how to be and the need to be relevant, young adult's ministry, the need for continual progression to attract the next generation and the need to reach out to those who do not yet know and love Jesus.



Generate has now grown to 117 congregations and faith communities and celebrated the planting of InVia Faith Community.

Please pray for continued connection and support amongst the presbytery and that we will see people come to faith in Jesus, grow as disciples, courageous leaders raised up and churches planted and renewed.

Andrew Pruszinski

BCUC Presbytery Representative



BURNSIDE CITY UC NETBALL CLUB

We almost didn't have a Winter season, however the players were very grateful to be playing competition! Burnside City fielded 3 teams - 2 senior and one U/15 team. It was a short finals campaign (1 match) and two teams finished runners up which was a great result.

The summer season has started amidst many Covid rules which has become the norm. Burnside City is fielding three senior and five junior teams. There are a lot of new faces and some players who are new to the

game. It's lovely to see them grow individually and as a team each week. It's also wonderful to see the regulars back playing and the many who assist with coaching, umpiring and other duties. We have a wonderful club and couldn't ask for better players and parents.

The club plays on three different week nights - Tuesday (under 17/under 13), Wednesday (seniors) and Thursday (u11/u15). It would be great to see you out there!

Cathie Malyschko

Secretary Burnside City UC Netball Club

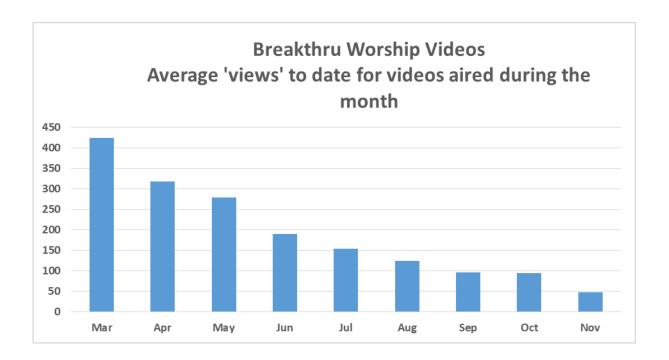
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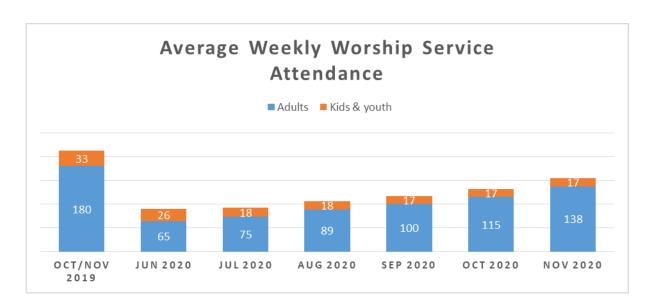


Photos of the two Runners up teams in the latest round of competition

BCUC BY THE NUMBERS - compiled by Benji Callen

"These charts show the average weekly views for Breakthru Worship and the average weekly face-to-face attendance over the last several months. A 'view' may not be for the whole length of the service and it may be more than one person watching. So it's hard to assess fully. There's a trend of face-to-face attendance increasing as online views decrease. It's clear our attendance numbers are not yet back to what they were pre-Covid. Sadly, this trend is common throughout the world. However, every number on the graph represents a child of God who is worshipping the Lord, hearing the Good News of Jesus and being encouraged in their faith. Who have you noticed missing lately and can you give them a call of encouragement?"





In Memoriam

2020 has been a tough year for those who lost loved ones. The restrictions to travel and visiting at those tender last moments have made it hard for many throughout the world and for those in BCUC. Take a moment to reflect on this list of beloved members of BCUC who have gone on to glory, pray for their friends and family. Keep in mind also a number of our BCUC family who have lost loved ones and are still grieving. May they seek comfort from our Lord the good shepherd

"He leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul." Psalm 23:2

Tony Antoniou

Marjorie Beames

Leonie Clarke

Anna Drexel

Ivan Hartwig

Jeanette Hough

Don Jones

Trev Lang

Fred Lathlean

Margaret Millard

Trevor Olsson

Trudi Poddar

Betty Read

Enone Richards

Joan Thomson

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