



Snippets

from Parish Council

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Recital & High Tea

A fabulous organ recital was held on the **4th October** at St George's Church. This was followed by a scrumptious high tea in the hall. The Internationally Acclaimed Australian Concert Organist Ross Windsor and the St George's Men's Choir entertained over 40 parishioners including visitors from the Cleveland Parish. A great time was had by all. A special thank you to Ross Windsor, Garry Smith, Leigh Leighton, Marianne Ross, the Choir, and all who cooked or helped to set up, serve and clear away on the day.



Parish Festival 12th Oct

The APWB Parish Festival will be held in St James' Hall, Station Road, Wellington Point on **Sunday 12th October at 9:30am.**



We will be joining together as one parish family on this day. Please join us and also welcome back (and farewell) Graeme Aldom who has returned from Namibia. Why not bring a friend along? There will be Sunday School for the children and a cold pot luck lunch to follow.

Please bring something to share for lunch.

Special Evensong 12th Oct

You're Invited to a Special Evensong on Sunday 12 October, 6pm in the Cathedral, followed by refreshments.



The Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall and The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt invite you to the Installation of:-

- The Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey as Residentiary Canon
- The Rev'd Dr Ralph Bowles, The Rev'd Bruce Boase and The Rev'd Sarah Leisemann as Honorary Canons
- The Commissioning of Mrs Sue Bain and Mr Reg Kernke as Lay Members of Chapter.

RSVP by Tues 7 October, to Lisa Clarke lclarke@stjohnscathedral.com.au or telephone 3835 2239.

1944 Party 25th Oct

You are invited to **St James Church Hall on Sat 25th Oct.**, as some folk in the parish are celebrating a very special birthday this year (born in 1944!).



They would love to celebrate with their parish family. The festivities commence at **7.30pm**. Please byo drinks and finger food to share, punch and nibbles will be provided. For more info please contact Lyn Kay or Brian Blinco.

Thank you Jan Shaw for your years of faithful service to the Parish

Jan Shaw stepped down from her role as Administration Assistant in the Parish at the beginning of the year. For various reasons the Parish has not had the opportunity to thank Jan appropriately. On Sun 5th Oct a small presentation was made to Jan. Jan served the Parish faithfully in her role for over six years. Her warmth and care were appreciated by all who came into the Parish Ministry Centre or spoke to Jan over the phone—Thank you Jan.

Strategic Planning

On Sat 6th Sept, Fr Nicholas and Marg Carr attended one of the workshops that the Diocese has developed to refresh the Diocesan strategic plan. Input from members was encouraged on a number of points and ultimately this will assist in developing a Mission Action Plan. There were approximately 18 people in attendance and both Nicholas and Marg found much of the discussion relevant to our parish. It was an interesting insight into the workings of other parishes. Our Parish Planning day last year, which was a direct result of the NCD, pointed us in the direction of strategic planning but we have not yet fully developed this, something for the parish to consider for 2015?

What's the plan?

Training

On Saturday, September 14, the St George's church and hall were both buzzing with action as the young servers were given instruction at a Server's workshop led by Gordon Hooker. At the same time, many people were attending a First Aid course in the hall. With the wedding flowers that were being arranged for the 3pm wedding that day - it was a hive of activity and a pleasure to witness.

Building Maintenance

To ensure that nothing is missed, **Building Maintenance Request Sheets** are placed in the various buildings .

You can help by listing any maintenance issue on the sheet so that it can be duly attended to.

Pest Control has been completed on all five parish buildings for the control of cockroaches and inspections for evidence of Subterranean Termites.

Children's Ministry

Imogen is planning an exciting program for the children attending JAM and ROCK. The program recommences on Friday 10th Oct and finishes on Friday 5th Dec. The theme for the term is - The Chronicles of Narnia - The Voyage of the Dawn Trader. Thank you to all the leaders, helpers and our wonderful grandparents who lovingly look after these gorgeous kids and prepare tasty and nutritious food each week during school term.

Tina and a band of merry helpers continue to do a wonderful job at mainly music. This is a vital program as it is a community outreach program. For many young families it is their first contact with a church based program.

If you can support the children's ministries in anyway by prayer, preparing food, volunteering please contact **Imogen Sweeney**,



New Warden

Earlier this year Tony Woods stood down from the position of people's warden due to an ever increasing workload.



We thank Tony for his dedication during his time as warden and welcome the very competent Aline Stinton to the position of people's warden until elections take place in February 2015.

Aline was nominated for the position of People's warden by the Parish Council under section 47 of the parishes' regulation canon.

Treasurer's Talk

The Budget Analysis to end August shows that we are continuing to keep relatively within budget.

Income for supporting our theological student, Chris Bates, has fallen behind expenses. Council approval is needed to include this cost as part of our current mission budget if the shortfall isn't met by an increase in giving to support Chris.

It is time to commence planning for the 2015 Parish Budget to take to the AGM.

Administration staff

Thankyou to Marg Carr for presenting a draft of the Evacuation Procedure to the Sept Parish Council Meeting for feedback.

Thank you also to Brian Blinco for initiating the Records Retention policy for the Parish.

Various members of the Parish Council have been in contact with folk who nominated their gifts and talents through the **Mission sheets**. If you haven't received a call yet or still want to return a sheet please call the office to let us know.

Connect To Church Sunday 26th Oct

Sun 26th Oct. The Parish will host Connect2Church Sunday at

- St George's Birkdale—7.15am & 9.00am and
- St James' Wellington Point 9.30am.



All over Australia, Christians will be inviting their relatives and friends along to church. We all know people who used to profess faith in Jesus or at least used to come to church. **Why not invite them back?**