



# Snippets

from Parish Council

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## Farewells...



January was the last Parish Council meeting for Fr Nicholas and Marg Carr. We will miss them both dearly. Council thanked Fr Nicholas for all he has done for the Parish, his ministry has been a blessing to us all and we asked that God will bless him and his family richly in his new Parish.

Council also expressed their deep appreciation to Marg for her time and many talents as a warden. Marg has been and is a blessing to us all and the Parish. We will miss Marg's enthusiasm and hard work and hope to see her back after a well deserved break.



A fabulous farewell lunch was held on Sat 31st Jan 2015 for the Whereat Family and was attended by visitors from neighbouring parishes along with many of our own parish family. Thanks to your generosity Nicholas was presented with a new Microsoft tablet and keyboard and a plant for Gwenn.

## Who's who

The running of a parish involves a wide range of tasks and activities, these are grouped together into portfolios.

Sometimes a member of Parish Council will oversee a particular portfolio and at other times someone from the parish take on this responsibility. On the last page of the snippets is a table that outlines a "who's who" for portfolios for this year.

## Welcome Rev'd Canon Bruce Henzell...

Bruce, has been looking after us while Fr Nicholas was on leave in January and will be our locum from the end January 2015 until Easter, then he has a subsequent commitment. Bruce will be available for four days per week, the office has a copy of his roster.



Bruce is husband to Rhyl, father of four and grandfather to 6 ranging in age from 13 years down to 4 months. Bruce is already familiar with St George's having led some training courses here in the past. Ministry appointments have taken him and the family first to Papua New Guinea (3 yrs), St Lucia (1 yr locum) then Ipswich (3yrs), Charleville (4.5yrs) and Mt Gravatt (20yrs) before joining the Ministry Education Commission (3yrs) where he finished in 2006. Rather than return to parish ministry Bruce chose to pursue his passion for adult Christian education and consultancy. Locum work during these last 8 years has included a couple of lengthy stints, at Ballina (2009) and Kangaroo Point (2011-12) respectively.

In July Bruce and Rhyl moved from Holland Park to Victoria Point and are thoroughly enjoying the sea breezes as well as catching up with a number of friends who were previously members of St Barts Mt Gravatt but who saw the light of a sea change earlier and now worship in Cleveland or Waterloo Bay. He is very much looking forward to being involved with Christ's friends in Christ's work in Waterloo Bay.

## AGM - Part 2...

Is set for **11am Sun 15th Feb 2015**. A new time for the meeting has been organised to encourage wider participation by all three congregations (and in particular younger folk).

Childminding has been organised in the hall during the meeting by Rev'd Sarah Leisemann - thanks Sarah.

Motions and submissions need to be submitted to Fr Bruce Henzell or one of the wardens 10 days prior to the meeting.

All welcome - Please bring something to share for a "pot luck lunch" afterwards.

## Building Maintenance

Rob, Terry and Tony will prioritise the list of maintenance work to fix or organise working bees to:-

- Repair the retaining wall at the Ministry Centre. The earth has been cut back so that 2 or 3 terraced walls can be installed, the earth replaced and the garden made good. Russell Hockaway has obtained quotes for a dry brick wall design.
- Investigate why the flushing mechanism in the cistern in the male toilets is sticking.
- Service the whirly birds in the Ministry Centre one of them is not turning.
- Replace fluorescent tubes that have been in service for a long time.
- Complete electrical tagging (very overdue). We may have Parish family member who can do this for us.
- Investigate an alternative to tagging all cords. If RCD's are fitted to all power circuits then testing of cords is not required under the legislation. This is a preferred option as this will be a one off cost. Quote to be prepared.
- Clean gutters at St George's properties, buy a fire blanket for St George's hall and ministry centre kitchen.
- Replace the Ministry Centre gutters.
- Fix the Exit lights in St George's Hall not working.
- Paint the Parish the Ministry Centre externally

Thank you to all our willing workers who look after all of our Parish properties.

## Money Matters...

We started the 2014 financial year with an estimated budget deficit of **\$11,460.00**. Through carefully managing operating costs, limiting maintenance to essential items and with the blessings of bequests, gifts and many fundraising efforts we managed to balance the books and make a slight surplus of **\$1,253.58**. Thank you everyone for using your time, talents and gifts for the benefit of the parish.

A nominal deficit budget was submitted to AGM - part 1 so that we would have a budget in place for the Parish Review. A discussion paper was circulated to everyone in the Parish and we committed to review and revise this budget before the AGM - part 2.

Archdeacon Greg's review found our financial future lacking and raised doubts about our ability to fund a full time priest. After constructive meetings with Bp Alison and Archdeacon Denise our financial forecasts have been redrafted based on returning the ministry centre for use as a rectory, thus avoiding \$26 000 a year in housing allowance and implementing a stewardship campaign to improve offertory during 2015.

The revised budget will be circulated and will be submitted to the parish at the AGM - part 2 (15th Feb 11am) for approval.

## May Fair

Vicki Sweeney has volunteered as the Fair Coordinator for April and the day of the Fair - thank you Vicki. We still need help with the following please:-

- Logistics coordinator - organise team to erect, dismantle stalls
- Audio equipment coordinator - microphone & music
- Raffle convenor
- Helpers for the garage sale
- Plant stall convenor
- Jumping Castle Convenor - collect fares & maintain safety
- Merry go round - collect fares & maintain safety
- Candy Floss operator - make & sell candy floss
- First Aid - Be available for minor injuries, must have a first aid certificate
- TLC for volunteers - Cuppas and nibbles to sustain them!

If you can help please call or email Vicki or Aline

## Who's who?

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