



# Snippets

from Parish Council

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## A word from our Rector...

There have been many highlights since our last Parish Council Meeting but I think the event that has stood out for me was our participation in the Diocesan Pathways Pilot Program Workshop.

A good representation of the parish attended the first workshop on the 9th of April, it introduced us to the basic principles in an interactive format.

On the whole it was agreed that the process was exciting and will give our community the opportunity to look at how we move those we don't yet know, as well as those we do, through the journey of Christian discipleship. I believe this is one of our core roles and fits very well with our vision "To know Christ and make him known".

During the day we were asked to write down all the ministries we conduct at Waterloo Bay. We then looked at a couple of 'pathways' to follow and where to group our ministries under certain headings. Our group chose to focus on youth ministry for this task (other ministries and demographics will be looked at down the track). After doing this we were asked to look at all our ministries and ask ourselves whether there were any that weren't leading anywhere or that might be taking up resources that could be better utilized somewhere else. I, along with others, found this confronting and challenging. I had to question why this was the case?

A rabbi was recently recorded talking about growth and how it could involve some challenge, confrontation and even pain. He spoke of a lobster being a soft creature living in a hard shell. As the lobster grows it starts to feel uncomfortable, distressed and in pain. The rabbi went on to say that in our contemporary culture the norm is to seek medication or solutions that would numb or dull this discomfort. It is explained that if the lobster were to do the same it would never experience any real growth. I think the rabbi expressed it a little better than I did but you might get the point?

I am really excited about the future of our parish community and look forward to exploring the various ways we can go about increasing our discipleship. My sense is that this will lead to growth in many different aspects of our life together. We do many things very well and I look forward to seeing how everything fits together to facilitate, both new and mature, Christian's spiritual journey to see them move to potentially embracing their own active ministry. One of the many things I love about Waterloo Bay is that there is room for all.

God's peace, Scott.



## Parish Council...

Here are the people serving on parish council in 2016

### Wardens

Aline Stinton, Ian Carr, Terry Watkinson

### Treasurer

Pam Monaghan

### Parish Councillors

Annmaree Collins

Helen Cunningham

Jide Oyewole

Margaret Carr

Merilyn Hockaday

Robert Sweeney

Stephen Hausler

Vicki Sweeney

### Synod Representatives

Ann Watkinson, Jim Stahlhut

### Parish Nominators

Ian Carr, Jim Stahlhut, Tony Collins

## Youth Ministry...

### Sunday Programs

KFC is going well with a new roster for this term. We are averaging over 20 children at the 9.30am Family Service with some new families joining us recently. The groups are often too large for the one person on roster so we are thankful for those who help on these occasions. We will compile a bank of people (including males!!) who are willing to help in this way. The older children are keen to participate in the service and so far have been involved in singing, reading and prayers.



### Friday Youth Programs

Scott and Gisela are continuing to lead both JAM and ROCK on Friday afternoons with the amazing help of the grandparents on roster and Alan who helps with ROCK. There is now a roster to provide dinner for the group. The numbers are not large but the young people are enthusiastic and fairly regular in attendance.

### Youth Ministry Leader

The three applicants for this position were interviewed and the successful outcome will be circulated once Bishop Alison has met with the successful applicant and approved their appointment.

### Graduation

We have made the decision to hold a small 'ceremony' as part of the service on May 15 to 'graduate' our students who are in grade 6 or over. As we have a couple who are already in High School and others taking more of a role in the service we decided that this would be good move for them. This will also help alleviate the problem of such a large older group with a wide age range. We need to ensure this group have their own discipleship time either on Sunday mornings or another time. This will be a topic of discussion with the Youth Leader when appointed. We also need to come up with a group name which they will relate to!

### Personnel

Merilyn and Sharon are in the process of compiling lists of those involved in the various aspects of this ministry to have accurate records for ourselves and to meet Diocesan requirements.

Merilyn Hockaday

Youth & Children's Director

## Admin info...

### Office Printer:

**Ink cartridges:** It has been decided to order new printer cartridges when they show up as being low on the screen. That way we can always receive the latest chip technology to address HP's attempt at preventing generic cartridges from working.

**Off-Line problems:** Brian Blinco has been working industriously to fix a static IP address issue that seems to be inherent in this model of HP printer. This issue causes the printer to go into sleep mode and then remain off-line causing annoying back-up of print jobs sent from both the rectory and Office. There are two alternative solutions if this doesn't work including the purchase of a second hand industrial strength machine that collates, folds and staples with a service plan OR leasing a printer with similar functionality to the existing one.

Whilst conscious of budget constraints, we desire to do the best for the parish overall and so it is important to pursue all options. It is false economy for the office staff to spend some of their very limited time in getting the printer to work.

### Website:

The website Home page has been upgraded, making it easier to manipulate the Rolling Slide-show and to include the Welcome and Blogs/Articles in the button section with photos of Scott. The Anglican Church Southern Queensland logo and hyperlink have also been included. I am now pressing towards having the Home-page image scroll timing lengthened to allow sufficient time to read the information now that it displays more than just **photos**.

### Telecommunications ISP (Internet, Phones and Mobiles):

We believe that all communications issues have been resolved. The parish now has a Telstra cable into the property with a new more powerful Netgear modem that reaches the Hall proper and the Rectory.

A new cordless Vtech phone and base station with message bank has been purchased and installed. No complaints from the office staff to date.

### Parish Database:

The Birthdays and Anniversaries aspect of the database are now current up to the month of September. Annmaree has agreed to assist with the data input of the remaining months so as to finalise this aspect. Once this is completed, with the exception of the addition of some outstanding children of parishioners who may require to be input and added to the **Parishioner Under 16** Category, the database should only need updating in respect of new parishioners and amendments.

Ian Carr

Administration Director

## Property Update...

A few jobs have been prioritised for action as follows:

### St George's

- ⇒ Exit lights not working.
- ⇒ Proposal to paint the internal with paint left over from the refurbishment of the rectory.
- ⇒ Vermin reported, baiting programme underway and appears to be working.
- ⇒ Proposal to install new vinyl in the kitchen and a new internal door.
- ⇒ Watch and report is in place on the arch in St George's Hall.
- ⇒ A working bee will be held in early June.

### St James'

- ⇒ The repairs to the fascia and gutter at St James' church are almost complete thanks to Geoff, Tony and Pete for all their hard work.
- ⇒ The vestry has some dry rot.

Thank you to all involved in keeping the gardens tidy and mowing up to date at both properties.

Robert Sweeney

Property Director



## Hall Rentals...

For many years now the parish has charged the same hall rental prices in respect of the rental of both St George's and St James' halls - \$11 per hour. There has never been any official advertising of our halls for rent, it has merely been by word-of-mouth.



A complete review of hall rental prices, agreements and diocesan requirements has been completed and council approved the following changes.

- ⇒ Hall rental will be increased from \$11 per hour to \$15 per hour for new rentals.
- ⇒ Hall rental for existing clients be advised of price increases from \$11 per hour to \$13 per hour as of 1 July 2016 and \$15 per hour to take effect as from 1 Jan 2017.
- ⇒ A Refundable Deposit of \$250 (in addition to the \$25 non-refundable Indemnity Insurance) be imposed on casual hall rentals. This is the amount that would be required of the Insurance Company should a claim be made. It saves any chasing up after the event should damage compensation be claimed.
- ⇒ Advertisements for Hall Hire be prepared and distributed as far and wide as possible within any budget constraints.
- ⇒ Hall Hire signage be prepared and displayed at both centres.

## Money Matters...

Can you believe that we have now completed one quarter of this current financial year? The good news is that our pledges and offerings are very close to our predicted figures, so well done everyone. Our expenses are also 'on course'. We included in our 2016 Budget that as a Parish we would endeavour to raise money for our Youth Ministry Programme but to date we have only received a small amount towards this very important initiative. Financial report to 31 March 2016



	<u>Budget to Date</u>	<u>Current</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>\$40500.00</u>	<u>\$33973.62</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>\$40500.00</u>	<u>\$37824.19</u>
<u>Youth Ministry Program</u>	<u>\$2500.00</u>	<u>\$126.00</u>

Pam Monaghan

Treasurer

## Workplace Health & Safety...

This month myself and several volunteers from Parish Council (the "WHS Committee") met up to write up the draft parish annual safety management plan.



In doing so we compiled a basic plan of checklist completions and identified a few actions that could improve various aspects of safety.

I will soon be organising an emergency procedures briefing for the two services at St George's, similar to that completed at St James. I intend on delivering the briefings which will probably take about 3-4 minutes in the notices section of the services. This would be sufficient for inducting our Parishioners (a further induction may still be required for Parish staff).

Stephen Hausler  
WH& S Director.

## Cent Auction...

The Guild ran a very successful Cent Auction on the 16th April. Doors opened at 12.30pm. With the very reasonable \$5.00 entry fee including a lucky door prize, a sheet of cent auction tickets and a superb afternoon tea.

The auction and commenced at 2pm with a progressive raffle throughout the afternoon. The day was a great success, raising \$1,440.00 towards Guild funds.

Thank you to all who helped with donations of prizes, setting up, preparing and serving afternoon tea and running the auction.

Dawn Williams  
Secretary



## Wrinklies...

The Wrinklies group has not met for some time but now some thought is being given to reviving the Group.



Terry and Ann Watkinson have some information about the group and are interested in obtaining more information before looking into reviving it.

They would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in attending and/or organising group get togethers.

Please contact Terry or Ann with your ideas, name, phone number and how you would like to be involved or help.

Thank you

## St George's Day...

On Sunday the 24th April, all congregations gathered to celebrate St George's day with wonderful services celebrated by Brother Donald followed by a delicious Pot Luck Ploughman's Lunch. Thank you to all who worked to make the day special.

Mar Carr  
Functions and Catering  
Director

