

Church Life Meeting Agenda

Annual General Meeting

Date for meeting: Sunday, 27th August 2017
Time: 10.00am – 11.30am
Chairperson: Janelle Evans
Venue: Nowra Church of Christ Auditorium



Opening & Welcome



Apologies



Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held 26th March 2017



Finance Report



Adoption of 2017 / 2018 Budget



Pastor's Report

Election of Elders:



- a) That Rod Driver be appointed to the position of Elder for a period of three (3) years
- b) That Robyn O'Dempsey be appointed to the position of Elder for a period of three (3) years



Stories



Close

As with other motions brought before the Church, it is hoped to put these motions forward at the meeting without discussion. Because of this you are encouraged to speak to Lee Dobson or one of the elders prior to the meeting with your comments and feedback.



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The meeting was opened as Lee welcomed everyone to the Church Life Meeting (CLM), and he spoke briefly about the wider Church body with reference to the Church Life Meeting (CLM).

Liz then led the gathering in prayer, praise and worship. Following some praise and worship, a short video showcasing a picture of our Church fellowship was shown.

Lee prayed for the HUGS and GLO children to head out to their programs.

Janelle welcomed everyone and then shared about the CLM agenda. The motion of acceptance of the minutes of previous CLM was moved and seconded. Moved – Raymond Carter; Seconded – Phillip Thomas & Iris Thorpe. The motion was carried.

Janelle then presented our financial story: Our giving was \$141,112; Gifts and Donations \$5,065; The manse lease generated \$6827; Worker's Compensation receipts were \$26,760. This provided a total income of \$179,763 for the year.

Janelle then shared about our current weekly giving and our current weekly budget compared with last years figures. This was done to maintain transparency for the Church. Janelle shared to clarify the main details of the financial story to the congregation, explaining that we currently face a shortfall of \$12,543.

Our mission giving has been to GMP (Fiji & Maternal Health), TEAR, Kenya Help, NFNH, SECET and we sponsor two compassion children. Tea and Chat also contributed \$1,525 to Mission.

Janelle shared the property work that has been done, including the costs and that the manse had remained vacated after the previous tenant had moved. Following the vacation of the manse, it became apparent that there were specific maintenance issues that required significant attention, especially the main bathroom drainage and the flow on effects of these issues. A total of \$22,396 worth of work has been undertaken to fix the plumbing and drainage work in the manse to be able to rent the property again. This work has been funded by the Finance Committee requesting a \$25,000 re-draw from the mortgage. Thankfully, the manse is now tenanted again as of last week, for an income of \$390 per week.

Janelle also shared about the faithful and generous gifts and donations that have been received from various people throughout the Church. Those who volunteered to help with the work on the manse and greater property were honoured and thanked, along with some anonymous donors who gave to various specific work towards the needs of the Church property.

Our bank account summary is: Working Account: \$8,366, Reserves Account: \$15,598, Loan Account \$-298,049. Please note that the Loan Account balance doesn't include the \$25,000 re-draw @ the date of the presentation.

Wendy Kettlewell moved the motion that the finance report be accepted and Jason Baldwin seconded it. The motion was carried by the gathering.

Another short video was shown with various "unsung heroes" of the body explaining their involvement in the life of the Church, long with their walk of faith.

Janelle then returned to the microphone to explain the process of moving the motions that are to be voted upon at this CLM.

1. That Julie Lucas be appointed to the position of Elder for a period of three (3) years.
moved by Carli Green; seconded by Janet Jolly
2. That Ps Lee Dobson be appointed as Senior Pastor of Nowra Church of Christ for a period of not less than two (2) years. moved by Jordan Harrison; seconded by Dawn Veness. These motions were then voted upon by those in attendance.

Lee shared:

- the picture that Elisa Hunter (and helpers) are planning to paint as a mural on the end of the Oasis building.
- about a companion piece to the Throne artwork that Fiona Brown worked on. Lee has asked Fiona to undertake an artwork of the Cross to accompany the Throne that she developed previously. At this stage, the funding is not available to complete these pieces for display.
- about upcoming events on the Church calendar, including upcoming ministry, family camp, and Easter services.

Liz Scott was then invited to the stage to share with the gathering regarding a song that she has written called "Legacy". Liz then blessed us all with this musical offering.

Janelle then returned to share the results of the voting regarding the two motions that were present to the Church.

1. That Julie Lucas be appointed to the position of Elder for a period of three (3) years.
This motion was overwhelmingly carried
2. That Ps Lee Dobson be appointed as Senior Pastor of Nowra Church of Christ for a period of not less than two (2) years. This motion was overwhelmingly carried

We then sang a song of praise to close the meeting.