

5.2. Moderator, Uniting Church SA Synod

Margaret summarised the process for nominations for the role Moderator-Elect to be taken to a meeting of the Synod.

The meeting responded with acclaim to Margaret's announcement that Rev Bob Hutchinson's name will be amongst those going before the meeting of the Presbytery & Synod on 28-29 June.

6. SCENARIO CONVERSATIONS, continued from the meeting of the congregation held 31 March 2019

Margaret reminded the meeting of the document that was introduced at the 31 March meeting and the process set up for conversation over the intervening weeks at which there was 100% support for now being the time for some action to move forward, and the main questions were

- about the Magill Village concept – refer attachment 2 below
- how good are we at communication/invitation with our area?
- is funding available to help us implement our decisions.

This meeting provides the promised opportunity to delve more deeply into the Scenario 2 concept and for everyone present to speak into the discernment process.

Property

The state of the bluestone building and the cost of repairs is on people's minds as are the substantial needs in maintaining the manse.

Chris Ayles informed the meeting that the Property Operational Ministry Team has initiated processes for investigations, costings and options for both buildings.

Magill Village

An outline of the concept is on both the Campbelltown and Burnside Council web sites (refer attachment 2) At this stage, it seems the main emphasis is around infrastructure, streetscapes and places to gather.

Morialta UC's Vision Statement

Margaret invited the congregation to hold Morialta UC's Vision statement in mind in thinking about the Magill Village concept and to note the synergies:

Morialta Uniting Church seeks to be an inclusive community that holds to the way of Jesus, expressed through love, service and hospitality.
We offer, for all ages, learning opportunities, spiritual expression, action for justice and social connection.
We understand the Chapel St properties to be a community resource.

Scenario 2

A Magill Village Community Centre Hub, actively welcoming folk across cultures and age-groups, and offering a range of programs, including worship.

Potential features

- for worship, prioritise ambience friendly to children, youth and un-churched newcomers: flexible seating and active participation.
- We are open to worshipping permanently in another location when repair costs to the bluestone building become prohibitive?
- 'Mission' is connected to our life in community: welcoming strangers, justice making, service, small group belonging, lifelong learning of faith?
- Prioritise spending on salaries, premises fit for our priority purposes?

Margaret invited table conversations to investigate our views summarised under the headings Pluses, Minuses and Interesting to explore (refer summary at Attachment 3), and asked the congregation to speak to a member of Church Council if more ideas spring to mind.

Where to from here?

Margaret suggested a Steering Group to give energy to moving forward and to help pull together the learning from today.

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Bruce Ind and Rhonda Amber responded. Margaret invited others who may wish to volunteer to contact her.

The result of that group's work will go to Council's June meeting for further discussion and discernment and we will move towards decision-making at the meeting of the congregation on 4 August.

7. CLOSING REMARKS

Margaret reminded that the congregation that this had been a special meeting and the next meeting on 4 August will be a full meeting and receive all the usual reports.

Margaret again thanked everyone who had helped with the meeting, and thanked members for their participation.

8. MEETING CLOSE

Margaret declared the meeting closed at 12.15 pm and Rev Bob Hutchinson concluded with prayer and a blessing.

Next meeting, 10.45 am Sunday 4 August 2019

Diary Dates

Sunday	21 July	2pm-4pm	Second Wind Ensemble concert
Sunday	4 August	10.45 am	Meeting of the congregation
Sunday	29 September	2pm-4pm	Adelaide Connection Jazz Choir
Saturday	23 November	All day	Mighty Magill Christmas Market
Sunday	1 December	10.45	Meeting of the congregation

For noting: Margaret will be overseas 29 June to 22 July.

Confirmed **Date**
Margaret Cargill, Chairperson

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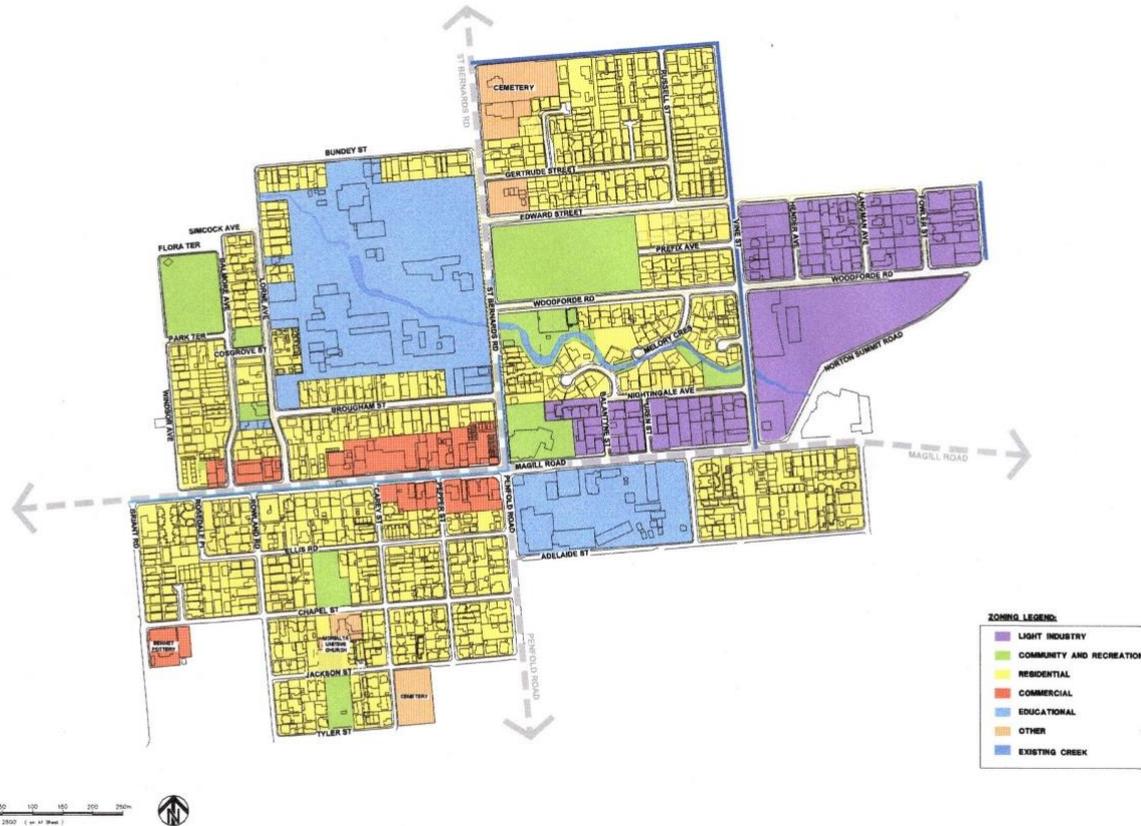
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ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Margaret Cargill	Linda Johnson	Colin Sampson	Helen Stephens
Christine Secombe	Margaret Whibley	Bob Lomman	Kingsley Stephens
John Secombe	Rhonda Amber	Julie Lomman	Averil Nash
John Drew	Brian Hogben	Jan Schroeder	Cynthia Story
Ray Clogg	Pauline Norman	Jey Edwin	Doug Hosking
Aileen James	Valerie Whittle	Jenny Swanbury	Jennie Hosking
Betty Omond	Roger Whibley	Beverley Tredrea	Betty McCormack
Sam Colegrove	Gaynor Hallows	Jill Kerr	Irvine McCormack
Dawn Colegrove	Christine Garner	Joan Morrison	Ruth Carter
Mary Thornley	Tomoko Divett	Marie Elson	Jenny Hancock
Ruth Wise	Barbara Buckton	Sharon Mackenzie	Merv Boundy
Dale Corrigan	Graham Buckton	Craig Mackenzie	Margaret Boundy
Brian Corrigan	Carole Lyons	Katrina Mackenzie	Margaret Peckham
Ruth Pitt	Mary Watson	Matthew Mackenzie	Steve Begg
Helen Drew	Margaret Clogg	Margaret Pittman	
Yvette Piller	Ruth Dunning	Peter Thornley	
Fay Goldsworthy	Pam Ayles	Doreen Matheson	
Joan Wagner	Chris Ayles	Colin Cargill	
David Purling	Rob Webbe	Arthur Tideman	
Judith Purling	Margaret Webbe	Lesley Tideman	
Miranda Clarke	Anne Ind	Bruce Ind	
Bob Hutchinson	Helena Begg		

MAGILL VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP



MAPPING – LAND USE

COMPLETE

Refer <https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/Community-Venues/Precincts/Magill-Village-Precinct> and <https://www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Magill%20Village%20Master%20Plan%20Report%20-%20Final.pdf>

Chapel St has been selected as a typical residential street precinct as it encompasses a number of the qualities that are the focus of this Masterplan.

It has a number of different housing styles ranging from small traditional homes on individual residential blocks to new medium density properties.

As is typical with the wider study area, Chapel Street also has a number of other land uses (Bennetts Pottery, Morialta Uniting Church, open space and a community productive garden). It is anticipated that the Masterplan objectives developed for this street will be largely applicable to other streets in the precinct.

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PLUSES

- The Magill Village concept may offer good opportunities for Morialta UC, but more exploration is needed.
- There are good AV resources here, also web and digital presence.
- While affirming the congregation for its inclusive hospitality, worship and witness in this place, we need to be mindful of the age of the congregation and think about who/what might be here in 4 or 5 years time.
- Community groups are partnering with us and/or hiring our facilities. It may be interesting/helpful to find out if/how they see themselves as part of the Morialta community and come up with strategies for strengthening relationships.
- Mothers of young children seem to live busy lives. Could we be thinking about what can be incorporated into our community hub to assist with that?
- Reach out, move forward, while preserving our history.
- Strong feeling of community here and prefer not to move location.

MINUSES

- Our location. We have a sizeable property with limited visibility and accessibility as not on a main road.
- The style of our church building may be a drawback without making the interior more modern. There is some inflexibility due to heavy, fixed furniture.
- Age and energy are inversely related. This is our dilemma and a challenge to us. That we are losing energy was noted and the suggestion of inviting others to join in was posed, eg Lunch on Chapel guests, wider community. Margaret signalled that registration with Volunteers SA is progressing.
- Knowing the costs for maintaining/restoring what we have would help inform decision-making.

INTERESTING TO EXPLORE

- Subscribe to Community Centres SA <https://www.communitycentressa.asn.au/>
- A community hub is more than church, it doesn't take the place of the church. A community hub is more of a welcoming place, a space for getting together – church attendance may occur but is not the emphasis.
- Build community relationships – Pepper St Art Gallery, Magill School, local childcare facilities and kindergartens.
- Partner with St Georges Anglican.
- There are conversations around the future use of UniSA's Magill Campus. While these are of a different nature and profile to what we're thinking, they are nevertheless interesting to us.
- Further and grow multicultural relationships.
- Seek further conversations with the Magill Village concept group
- Are there other groups that we can learn from?
- Make sure the Library flag is out on Wednesdays during LoC.