



COMMUNITY CENTRE MISSION MINISTRY TEAM Report to Congregation, 25th March 2018

The team of Helena Begg, Anne Ind, Alison Lockett, John Powers and Mary Watson have continued to develop and maintain a range of activities within the Community Centre. Bob Hutchinson has been included in our distribution of agendas and minutes. During the year we farewelled Averil Nash after many years contributing to our team.

Coffee & Chat on Friday mornings continues with a small number of regulars enjoying the opportunity to meet in a pleasant, welcoming environment over a cup of tea or coffee.

The Art Circle continues on Friday mornings with 6-8 artists undertaking their work in pleasant surroundings.

Short bus trips during 2017 were successful with eight passengers to Harbourtown and 13 passengers to Virginia Nursery. In both instances the trips were greatly enjoyed and it is planned to continue to utilise the Burnside Council Community Bus two or three times per year.

Lunch on Chapel continues to be very well patronised with around 35 patrons each Wednesday enjoying a three course meal. Over 50 people are included in the roster to prepare food, set up tables, serve customers and wash dishes.

Friendship group, although small in number are devoted to their games and companionship following lunch on Wednesdays.

Bridge classes were commenced during 2017 and have continued for a small number of participants under the tutelage of Mary Watson.

Tai Chi continues without fuss providing a wonderful opportunity to exercise in a gentle way.

Student Accommodation has required a massively increased workload by many sections of the church, particularly on Anne Ind, in finding alternative accommodation and preparing the 24 Chapel Street property for re-development. It is pleasing to report that we are well placed to continue our student accommodation project with full occupancy and the resultant income stream.

Playgroup numbers at the Tuesday Playgroup have continued at an acceptable number and around ten Japanese families continue attending the Monday Playgroup. In an attempt to keep our fees as low as possible we are no longer affiliated with the SA Playgroup Association.

Community Workshop provides a welcome to 6-10 men as they continue to enjoy the activity as well as friendship over afternoon tea.

English Conversation Group which commenced in 2017 has recently re-commenced for 2018 with mainly Chinese participants who have graduated from or are currently studying Master of Teaching programs at the University of South Australia. Jilly Fox is a welcome addition to our team, bringing experience as an IELTS examiner which provides great support to Margaret Cargill in leadership of the group.

Morialta Music Time commenced in the Christmas school holidays on Thursday mornings. We are deeply indebted to Jane Feast for preparing and conducting the sessions which were attended by ten to fifteen children with their parents/carers. We expect to continue this program during the various term holidays during the year.

None of the above can operate without the wonderful volunteers who are enormously generous in their time and energy which is given cheerfully to further the work of the church in our local community.

John Powers
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