

Morialta Uniting Church

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION 10.45 am, SUNDAY 29 JULY 2018

In attendance: 66 Apologies: 15

Chairperson: Margaret Cargill Secretary: Christine Secombe

1. WELCOME

In opening the meeting and welcoming those present, Margaret

- · acknowledged that we meet on the land of the Kuarna people,
- · thanked all those who had helped in setting up and preparing for the meeting,
- highlighted the muffin morning tea, thanked the Beyond Morialta Mission Project Team and other helpers for the day, and reminded those present to make their donations,
- drew attention to the papers before them, noting that these are the same as those distributed by email during the previous week, and
- invited members to record their attendance and any apologies they may know of on the sheets on the tables.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Refer Attachment 1

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The meeting adopted the agenda as circulated and agreed that the order of business be as the agenda.

Papers for attention on tables and circulated by email prior to the meeting included:

- Agenda
- Minutes of meeting of congregation held Sunday 25 March 2018
- Child Safe Policy
- Balance Sheet as of June 2018
- Profit & Loss (Budget Analysis) January 2018 through June 2018
- Church Seating Steering Group Report
- Profile: Rev. Sandy Boyce

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meetings of Morialta Congregation held 26 November 2017 were **APPROVED** and signed as a correct record.

4. MISSION IN ACTION

4.1. Ministry Update (Chairperson)

Margaret began by reminding members that our mission priorities frame and guide all that we are and all that we do, and our discernment of what God might be pointing us towards is ongoing.

To honour a promise in her article in the June edition of *Vision* magazine, Margaret provided highlights of the Church Council Retreat Day held 24 June 2018. The highlights are informed by reflections provided by the Elders who participated:

- · time to talk without business agenda!
- neighbourhood walk
- Magill Village concept a potential link?
- a sense of renewed optimism and opening of new questions.

Margaret concluded with a request for volunteers to form a team to assist with hall chair set up/down, a reminder to be mindful of power usage, and an invitation to the Urban Mission Network Gathering at Morialta at 6.00 pm on 30 August.

A question about installing solar panels on the roof of the hall was referred to the Property Operational Ministry Team.

4.2. Child Safe Policy

Margaret pointed members to the copy of the *Child Safe Policy* on the table and signalled that she had signed the document at the meeting of Church Council on 17 July when Council resolved to adopt the *2018 Child Safe Policy* and to communicate the policy to the congregation at today's meeting, by electronic and hard copy means.

Margaret explained that the *Child Safe Policy* is a response to recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and applies to all Ministry practitioners, lay employees, lay leaders, members and volunteers on behalf of Morialta Uniting Church.

Its purpose is to

- · create a safe place for all people with focus particularly for children and young people
- · eliminate the risk of abuse, misconduct and the misuse of positional power
- ensure that all cases of suspected abuse and misconduct are handled thoroughly
- · ensure that leaders and programs are safe
- ensure that all people are respected and valued.

In signing the Child Safe Policy, we commit to

- · safe recruitment, adequate training and continued discipling and mentoring of leaders
- having clear Codes of Conduct
- · responding to allegations or other disclosures of harm or abuse
- providing an open safe environment
- understanding and valuing diversity.

In our commitment to and working towards a culture of safety for all,

- If we drive or care for vulnerable people, including children, on behalf of MUC then we should complete:
 - Driver's Declaration Form (once only), and
 - Application for a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (valid for 3 years)
- · Forms are available from the office and help is available with completion if desired
- The letter advising approval should be shown at the Church Office so that an up-to-date record can be maintained.

Margaret concluded by appealing for the paperwork to be done so that we can get on with our ministry, and promising that training for those roles mandated by the policy will follow soon – refer extract from the policy document below:

Safe Church training expectations

It is expected that the following is carried out once every three years

Role	Screening and Authority	CSE	Called to Care	Code of Ethics
Ministry leaders	M	M	R	M
Ministry of Pastors	M	М	R	M
Employees: Children Family & Youth	м	М	R	
Employees : Admin roles	M	E	R	
Church Council members	M	E	E	
Elders	M	E	E	
Key Leaders & Volunteers in roles of responsibility	м	E	E	
Children, family and youth leaders	M	R	E	

KEY: M = Mandatory required by Government legislation / regulations E = Encouraged

R= Required by UC as best practice and with our compliance obligations

CSE = Child Safe Environments: Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect (* full day course initially then refreshers triennially)

4.3. Ministry Update (Minister)

Bob reflected that it is one year since his induction into Morialta congregation. These twelve months have been a season of settling in, getting to know us, and the culture, stories and traditions that are important to us and define us.

Alongside day-to-day ministry, he is participating in Ministry Team meetings, attending to our pastoral needs, and re-aligning our worship experience from one of content to that of context, Bob has been working closely with Worship Leaders and is continuing his post-graduate studies.

4.4. 15th Assembly Report

Bruce Ind and Christine Secombe were both elected by the Presbytery and Synod of South Australia as members of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia for the next three years and attended the 15th Assembly meeting held at Box Hill Victoria, 8-14 July 2018.

Bruce briefly outlined the role and function of the <u>Assembly</u> and opened his verbal report of the 15th Assembly meeting with an acknowledgement that he lives and worships on the land of the Kuarna people and explained that this is the way we introduced ourselves when we spoke to the meeting. Bruce went on to speak of

- the importance to him of the early morning communion service, and how he found in this quiet time that he could recognise the diversity on the floor of the meeting while celebrating the unity that comes from being around the Lord's table
- the variety and vitality of the worship that opened each day's meeting and was led by the various Synods
- the daily Bible Study led by Rev Dr Seforosa Carroll and Rev James Bhagwan with their theme Experiencing God's Abundant Grace and Liberating Hope through 'Talanoa', Hospitality and (Re)Weaving symbolised through and held together by the unfolding of or rolling out of the mat. The mat itself is a symbol in that the mat is never complete even in its completeness as stories are shared, exchanged and heard, the mat is extended, frayed strands removed, new strands added, and the mat is rewoven to include new insights and learning.
- living and working in community for six days, the value of the Working Groups where the
 graciousness of listening and being heard was experienced and held in a tension of diversity and
 unity
- the importance of preparation and participation with over 60 proposals and many reports to be read and re-read
- his appreciation of 300 400 volunteers who supported the meeting and smoothed daily life for members.

Bruce closed with invitations to follow up with him any questions that members may have and to an *Assembly Information Sharing Session* hosted by the Urban Mission Network on Sunday 5 August.

Christine Secombe's reflection is included below (attachment 2)

4.5. Declaration of election of 2019 Presbytery Representatives

As Morialta is eligible to elect two representatives to the Presbytery of South Australia and two nominations have been received. Margaret declared Bruce Ind and Christine Secombe elected.

5. RESOURCING AND ENABLING MISSION

5.1. Treasurer's report, including year to date financial reports

Margaret welcome Gaynor Hallows to her first meeting of the congregation in the role of Treasurer and

pointed members to the copies of the Balance Sheet as of June 2018 and Profit & Loss (Budget Analysis) January 2018 through June 2018 on the tables.

Result for period January to June 2018 Income exceeds budget and expenses are lower than budget giving an operating profit of \$15,745 against a budget deficit for the period of \$16,247.

Income and Expenditure		
January to June 2018		
	Budget	Actual
Total income	107,587	127,603
Total expenses	123,834	111,858
Operating profit/(loss)	(16,247)	15,745
Building project expenses	23,000	33,053
Net profit/(loss)	(39,247)	(17,308)

Although outflows for the building project exceeded budget at 30 June, the net loss for the period, \$17,308, is less than the budgeted loss of \$39,247.

Income

The table below shows a breakdown of the giving, highlights a generous donation, and notes a grant received as well as a higher amount of interest received in the period than budgeted.

Notes: Income		
Income line	Budget	Actual
Giving envelopes	16,000	17,746
Giving electronic	44,000	44,634
Giving loose plate	5,500	5,219
Interest received	750	2,744
Donations	1,250	10,700
Grants		3,410

Grant of \$3,410

John Powers reported that the grant is for a new cupboard in the kitchen. A deposit of \$1,000 has been paid out and the cupboard is expected to be installed during August.

Expenditure

Gaynor pointed out that most teams/categories had underspent against budget, and the budgeted \$2,000 Sinking Fund contribution has been paid but not recorded by CBU in this format

In drawing attention to expenditure over budget it was noted that

- additional expense for student accommodation is related to moving the students from Chapel St to Fox Ave for the duration of the building project
- the reasons for the photocopier excess are being investigated
- overpayment in admin salaries is a timing issue.

Notes: Expenditure over budget		
Expense line	Budget	Actual
Student accom (Fox Ave) repairs		1,044
Admin - photocopier lease & usage	1,100	2,408
Admin - salaries	13,500	14,567

Balance Sheet

Gaynor advised that the Sinking Fund total of \$38,260 is presently spread across three accounts.

234767	\$20,556	at call
239372	\$ 4,092	term -Dec 2018
239281	\$ <u>13,612</u>	term-Nov 2018

When investment accounts 239372 and 239281 mature, they will be rolled into 234767.

Discussions are underway with the Congregational Bookkeeping Unit in relation to the correct placement in our accounts of the Plant & Equipment (remote antenna and audio mixer for the church) presently recorded in the Balance Sheet.

Long Service Leave liability of approximately \$6,000 will appear from July accounts.

5.2. Student accommodation project report

Chris Ayles reported

- the carpenters have finished putting up the framing, the bricklayers are continuing their work, the
 gutters and roof have been started and the gyprock will begin going up on the inner walls next
 week. The electricity account for the houses is set up and installation of the meters will follow
 soon.
- Burnside Council has notified that the houses will be numbered 24 and 24A Chapel Street.
- the roof and brickwork are scheduled for completion by 3rd September.
 At this stage the work is running about a week ahead of schedule, but that can change at any time with weather events or sub-contractor workloads. Progress on the house nearest the church (24A Chapel St) tends to run slightly ahead of the other.
- Further to previous reports that Lesley Tideman and Anne Ind had been seeking on our behalf
 access to grant funding for white goods and other furniture, it now seems less likely that we will
 meet the criteria for the latest grant round.
- Eight residents are confirmed for next year and three more on the waiting list. There is one booking for 2020.

Outflows to date to meet building costs

Student Accom	modation Buildin	g Project	
Date	Paid from investments	Loan draw down	Interest paid (2.9%)
2017	5,000		
Jan-May 2018	33,053		
June 2018		84,091	
2 July 2018			114
11 July 2018	46,250		
	84,303	84,091	114

5.3. Beyond Morialta Mission Projects report

Beverley Tredrea reminded the meeting of the three projects being supported in 2018:

- assisting the Northern Suburbs Dinka Speaking Faith Community to refurbish their church property at Elizabeth North and supporting the ministry in that place
- supporting the "Rait Mama" campaign, one part of Uniting World's work of providing clean water and a healthy environment for the people of Milne Bay, Papua
- supporting a Community Health and Nutrition project of Uniting World to provide health and nutrition education as well as access to clean water, latrines and healthy food in Timor Leste.

Beverley invited members to attend the Pot Luck Tea today and to remember to bring their special gift in support of Beyond Morialta Mission Projects to the Mission Sunday services on 4 August.

5.4. Church seating project report

In presenting the Church Seating Steering Group Report Jenny Swanbury

- noted that the report is on the tables and had been circulated by email and encouraged members to access the report from either the Church Office or the Morialta web site
- reminded the meeting of the background to the establishment of the Steering Group of Christine Garner (Coordinator), Rhonda Amber, Bruce Ind, John Powers, Bob Hutchinson and herself
- outlined the methodology the Sub-Committee had adopted
- thanked all who had contributed their thoughts and comments, both positive and negative, and reflected on the diversity of the responses
- signalled that costs of chairs, types and styles, weight and colour, and extras such as arms, racks for books etc are being explored
- stated that, in due course, samples of varieties of chairs will be available for the congregation to consider as will a floor plan/design for different configurations and layouts
- reported that a recommendation is expected to be brought to the December 2018 congregation meeting.

6. WIDER CHURCH - REPORTS

6.1. Magill Inter-Church Council

Margaret remined the meeting that Colin Cargill and Carole Lyons have over many years represented Morialta Uniting Church on the Magill Inter-Church Council and that Morialta UC gifts \$2,000.00 annually to support Pastoral Support Workers at Cavan Training Centre, Magill Primary School and Norwood Morialta High School.

The Magill Inter-Church Council's future is unclear and Stephanie Roach, Chair of Magill Inter-Church Council, has invited Margaret to "attend a meeting of all chairpersons and interested members to discuss the future of the Council."

Margaret invited those present at the meeting to resource her for the meeting by completing, anonymously, the questionnaire below (Attachment 3).

6.2. Morialta Uniting Church Netball Club

Margaret welcomed Sandy Barker and Di Hughes and invited them to address the meeting.

Sandy brought greetings from the Netball Club and apologies from Jude Johnson, Chair of the Club.

The club is supported by 33 umpires most of whom are under 18 years old, and there are 21 teams and 213 registered players in the 2018 Winter Season:

Six matches are played each week on the two courts here and courts at Penfold Park accommodate the overflow.

Sandy invited the congregation to the last games of this season's minor round on 4 August

Achievements			
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- the club has a Child Safe Policy and all coaches and team managers have police checks, as do other significant volunteers
- a junior umpire development program for 20 umpires from Morialta, 7 from Rosefield and 2 from St Monica's was conducted here last weekend
- at least 10 teams will play in the major round commencing 11 August
- four Morialta players have been selected in the SA Uniting Church Netball Association (SAUCNA) representative teams and three have been selected in the SA Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association (SAPSASA) Under 12 team
- three umpires have nominated for positions on the SAUCNA Umpires Subcommittee for 2018/19
- Di Hughes conducted a successful SAPSASA mini-carnival on the Morialta UC courts on Friday 22 June.

Coming Up

- Presentation Day will be held at St Peter's Collegiate Girls' School on Saturday 1 September
- Nominations for the Summer Season have closed. Teams will be formed shortly ready for commencement of the competition on 9 October
- Winter Season 2019 commences on Saturday 30 March.

Resurfacing the courts

Di Hughes reported on the Netball Club's efforts at sourcing grant funding for resurfacing the courts and associated works:

- 2017 Funding Granted via Fund My Neighbourhood \$88,000
- 2017 Office of Recreation and Sport (ORS) unsuccessful application for \$59,448
- 2018 Waiting for funding notification from Office of Recreation and Sport (ORS) \$50,230 (if successful can only be used on court surfaces)
- September 2018 TEB Contractors Sporting Surfaces are booked to undertake Court and Fencing Upgrades. This will take approximately 6 weeks.
- shelters, lighting and other improvements will be undertaken if the ORS funding is successful.

NOTE: During the week after this meeting, the Netball Club was advised that the upgrade works will commence during the first week in October 2018.

Margaret thanked Sandy and Di for their attendance and their comprehensive reports. The meeting received the reports with acclaim.

6.3. Nomination of Moderator-Elect

Margaret pointed out the profile of Rev Sandy Boyce on the tables and as circulated.

Proposal: that Morialta UCA nominate Rev. Sandy Boyce for the position of Moderator-elect of the Presbytery of South Australia. **AGREED**

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Resthaven Stories project update

John Powers reminded the meeting that grant funding was received in 2010 from Resthaven Inc to collect and display stories of some of the older people at Morialta at that time.

Stories collected by members of the congregation were featured in an exhibition, 'Dreams and the Dance of Life', coinciding with the 2010 Mighty Magill Market.

John acknowledged Mary Thornley's leadership in collecting and compiling the stories and advised that the book is available now and can be purchased from the church office for \$20.00 and to whet appetites for purchase, John highlighted several of the stories in the bool.

8. CLOSING REMARKS

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

9. MEETING CLOSE

Margaret declared the meeting closed at 12.35 pm. Rev Bob Hutchinson concluded with prayer and a blessing.

Next meeting, 10.45 am Sunday 2 December 2018

Diary Dates

Day	Date	Time	Details
Sunday	05 August	Both services	Mission Sunday
Sunday	05 August	2pm - 4.30pm	Peace Expo
Sunday	05 August	5.50pm	Sp@ce
Thursday	30 August	6pm for 6.30pm	UMN Gathering
Sunday	02 September	5.50pm	Sp@ce
Sunday	09 September	Both services	Social Justice Sunday
Sunday	16 September	2.00 pm	Jazz Choir Concert
Tuesday	18 September	2.00pm	Over 80sAfternoon Tea
Saturday	24 November	All day	Mighty Magill Market
Sunday	02 December	10.45am	Meeting of the congregation
Monday	17 December	7.00pm	Blue Christmas

Confirmed	 	 	 Date	 	
Margaret Cargill, Chairperson					

Meeting of Congregation	29 July	2018			Attachment	1.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT Margaret Cargill Christine Secombe	PRESENT Helen Stephens Kingsley Stephens	PRESENT Rob Webbe Margaret Webbe	APOLOGIES Lachlan Mackenzie Matthew Mackenzie
Averil Nash	Sharon Mackenzie	Arlene Lomman Carole Lyons	John Beard
Aileen James	Craig Mackenzie		Marion Beard
Valerie Whittle	Jill Kerr	Dawn Colegrove	Brian Pillar
Brian Hogben	Jenny Hancock	Lorraine Powers	Yvette Pillar
Rhonda Amber Roger Whibley	Lesley Tideman Arthur Tideman	John Powers Bob Hutchinson	Christine Garner Cynthia Story
Margaret Whibley	Colin Cargill	Sam Colegrove	John Drew
David Purling	Gaynor Hallows	Brian Corrigan	Helen Drew
Adam Yearsley	Peter Thornley	Dale Corrigan	John Wagner
Kath Cheel	Mary Thornley	Colin Sampson Ruth Dunning	Jennie Hosking
Rob Cheel	Tiffany Winn		Steve Begg
Jing Luo	Bruce Ind	Doug Hosking	Irvine McCormack Betty McCormack
Margaret Dix	Anne Ind	Linda Johnson	
Margaret Dix Margaret Peckham Barry Peckham Joan Morrison Ruth Pitt Margaret Pittman Pauline Norman Barry Peckham	Doreen Matheson Jan Thornton John Thornton Merv Boundy Margaret Boundy Pam Ayles Bev Tredrea	Jenny Swanbury John Secombe Margaret Clogg Ray Clogg Helena Begg Judith Purling Chris Ayles	Betty McCommack

Meeting of Congregation 29 July 2018 Attachment 2.

REFLECTIONS - 15th ASSEMBLY MEETING, 8-14 July 2018

I found Assembly tiring and exhilarating, and I discovered as soon as I started to read the reports and proposals for the meeting that there is so much about the mission and ministry of the Uniting Church in Australia that I have yet to learn

It was an honour as well as a privilege to have been elected to this unique gathering of the Body of Christ by the Presbytery & Synod of SA as one of the 32 from this state.

I found that members of Assembly cover a wide range of age groups, they come from the breadth and depth of the Uniting Church in Australia and bring a wide diversity of faith experience, theological perspectives, cultural contexts, and ministry and mission settings.

There were many reminders of our cross-culturalness, including greetings from some of our partner churches and Bruce has mentioned the Tongan and Fijian presentation of the Bible Study.

In the lead up to Assembly, we engaged in 40 days of prayer and there were times during the meetings when I was glad to remember that you were thinking of me and I appreciated the messages of support from some of you – thank you.

John was there, too, as part of the tech team and I appreciated his care and support too.

Worship at Assembly was amazing – starting with the opening service when we were led by the Minim Choir from Brougham Place and the Dusty Feet Mob from Port August, and where President Deidre Palmer was installed and outgoing President Stuart McMillan was released from that role.

Each meeting day opened with worship led by the various Synods and worship and prayer wove their way through our day.

We met in NAIDOC week and during Assembly we celebrated and honoured Aboriginal women who are significant leaders.

When we rose to speak we included acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the place where we live and worship in our introduction. We did work around sovereignty and treaty and a day of mourning associated with Australia day, and our continuing covenant and conversation with the UAICC.

"Thursdays in Black" is a campaign of solidarity and advocacy against all forms of sexual and gender-based violence. Assembly has participated in this campaign over many years, and as there was a proposal before us regarding domestic and family violence we wore black at Assembly on the Thursday.

Other work covered included disability access, creation and the environment, minutes of appreciation to those who have moved on from their roles, changes to the regulations, a proposal for a major strategic review of the responsibilities of the Assembly, support for the Roman Catholic 2020 Council and for Seasonal Workers, and we welcomed peaceful communications between the governments of north and south Korea.

We elected the President who will follow Deidre, Rev Sharon Hollis of the Vic-Tas Synod, and a new Standing Committee, including two South Australians, Rob Brown and Nicole Mugford and the proposals that we didn't finish our work on, including one on voluntary assisted dying, were referred to that Committee.

I sat at a different table each day of the meeting, met new people, had some good conversations and shared support when things got a bit tough.

In the breaks, there was opportunity to browse displays, follow up particular interests in the national work of the Church, engage in lunchtime forums hosted by Uniting Church agencies, or to just sit and chat.

I made a couple of contacts for Beyond our Walls which I'll follow up after our next full service recording. A similar program comes out of a Presbytery in NSW and I took the opportunity to 'pick the brains' of one of the organisers of that program.

I joined the pop-up choir. That I haven't been part of a singing group for years did not matter, I just enjoyed the experience of being carried along with the group.

The proposal that took most time and was the most difficult was around marriage and I'm sure you will have heard that Assembly adopted two equal affirmations of marriage.

Further, Assembly resolved that Ministers and Uniting Church authorised celebrants may choose whether or not to marry same-gender couples, and Church Councils may choose whether same-gender couples may marry on their properties.

There is some work to be done in our congregation and I imagine we'll discuss this at the next Church Council meeting.

Assembly is preparing resources that will be available September-ish. Meanwhile, the President, our Moderator and the Pastoral Relations Committee are all saying there is no rush for this work to be done. Some Mission Networks in SA have followed up the 40 days of prayer pre-Assembly with 40 days of prayer post-Assembly, while we take a breath and let things settle.

So, I found Assembly tiring and exhilarating. It took me several days to re-gain my equilibrium, and I am grateful for the experience.

Happy to chat anytime.

Christine Secombe 29 July 2018

Meeting of Congregation 29 July 2018 Attachment 3.
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Magill Inter-church Council (MIC) - Local Ecumenism* in Action

Our MIC representatives: Carole Lyons and Colin Cargill

Our \$ contribution: \$2,000 p.a. to support Pastoral Support Workers (PSWs, aka Chaplains) at

Cavan Training Centre, Magill Primary and Norwood/Morialta HS

Our views: Needed for Margaret to take to an upcoming meeting on the future

of MIC

For each statement below, please circle a number from 1 (=strong support) to 5 (=no support)

1. *Being connected with other local churches is important	1	2	3	4	5
2. Supporting PSWs through MIC is important	1	2	3	4	5
3. Supporting the work of the SA Council of Churches (SACC) to encourage	1	2	3	4	5
*local inter- church connection is important					
4. *Learning from and sharing with other Christian traditions can enrich our	1	2	3	4	5
understandings and faith					
5. I would be willing to attend worship in another local church to learn about	1	2	3	4	5
their tradition					
6. I would be willing to be part of a team helping plan MIC events	1	2	3	4	5
7. I plan to attend the SACC PEACE EXPO at Morialta next Sunday afternoon 2-4	1	2	3	4	5
pm					