

## MINUTES FOR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE BEAUMARIS UNITING CHURCH – ST MARTINS

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Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Meeting Started: 7:31 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9:36 pm

**Opening:** Carol Parker led the devotion by talking about 1 Peter vs 5-7. "Casting all your care upon Him, for he cares for you" & Jeremiah 1:15 – "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you: I ordained you in the prophet to the nation." Carol spoke of our glorification of God in a large sense but that we all need to value & acknowledge the personal relationship each of us has with God.

**Attendance:** J. Small, A. Davies, M. Thorburn, C. Parker, P. Stewart, G. Hinde, W. Hinde, F. Green., N. Toovey, S. Toovey, J. Graham.

**Apologies:** Rev. Scott Finlay.

**Acceptance of the draft agenda:** Accepted unanimously.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** have been circulated and it was proposed by N. Toovey and seconded by J. Graham that the minutes be accepted with an amendment to piano charges from \$55 to \$54.55 + gst = \$60. Agreed by consensus.

### **Business arising from minutes:**

1. To be covered in reports & general business

### **Reports:**

- 1) **Minister's Report** – Rev. Scott Finlay - read by Jenny Small on his behalf
- 2) **Worship Committee** – Met on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Scott talked about the book "The Seasons of the Spirit", he's hoping to use that in services next year to work in with Lectionary readings. The report was delivered at the meeting by G. Hinde.
- 3) **Care Committee** – A list of possible people for Scott to visit was compiled and Jan Graham will forward it to Scott.
- 4) **Mission Committee** – delivered by email and spoken to by Nick Toovey.
- 5) **Property –Manse Report** submitted by Marg Thorburn and distributed by email then spoken to by Margaret.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report** – delivered by email and spoken to by M. Thorburn –  
**Mission & Service Contribution to Presbytery-** Presbytery has asked for \$366 per month as our contribution. M Thorburn proposes that our contribution be \$370 per month or \$4,440 per annum be given. Seconded by N. Toovey Agreed by consensus.

#### ***Deep Spring Counseling Service amendment required to Banking details***

Treasurer Margaret Thorburn moved:

That the existing Westpac account number 158550 (BSB 033033) be amended in name from 'The Uniting Church Beaumaris Black Rock Parish Deep Spring Counselling Service' to 'Beaumaris Uniting Church Deep Spring Counselling Service' and that the address for statements is to be amended from 'The Secretary (old account name) 6 Deauville St Beaumaris VIC 3193' to 'The Treasurer (new account name) 6 Deauville St Beaumaris VIC 3193'.

That the signatories required be amended to two of Margaret Thorburn, Guy Thorburn, Alison Davies, Jenny Small.

Seconded by C. Parker Agreed by consensus.

That online access be enabled for each of the above signatories, as well as the two to 'authorise/sign' facility. M. Thorburn moved that the upgrades be accepted. Seconded by J. Graham. Unanimously accepted.

- 7) **Fete Committee** -delivered by Wendy Hinde. Delivered by W. Hinde and spoken to.

8) **Safe Church** – Carole Parker said there was nothing to report.

F. Green moved that all reports be accepted. Seconded by C. Parker. Unanimously accepted.

**Business arising from reports:**

	<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1	<b>Purchase of new projector and daylight screen.</b> W. Hinde moved that we organise to purchase a new projector and new motorised daylight screen that runs on a track. Seconded by N. Toovey and warmed to by all but following a lengthy discussion, P. Stewart to find out how a new projector can work in with the existing sound system. He recommended a larger screen than quoted for so that it fits in with the 16:9 format that Scott uses (and most new computers). Wendy & Philip to confer on this, with the aim of finalising at the next meeting and being mindful that Scott is keen for a fully functional AV system ASAP.	PS & WH

**Correspondence:**

- 1 IN: 19-09-2018 – Roger Wilson – re permission of church council to run and organize 42<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Eve Carols on 24-12-2018 at the Beaumaris Community Centre. Distributed to council members after the Meeting on 19-09-2018. Letter sent to Roger on 1/10/2018 from Treasurer outlining auditors’ requirements and giving permission subject to those.
- 2 OUT: 19-09-2018 – Paull Cross – re why he sent us the 5 emails warning us about Michael Evans of Black Rock being a child molester and pedophile – asking for evidence and reason we were notified and which Michael Evans it was. No response to the email or further correspondence has been received.
- 3 IN: 20-09-2018 – Kiri Johnston, Regional Admissions Coordinator – South/East, Uniting AgeWell – thank you letter for allowing her to come and present at the Information Session organized for the Beaumaris Uniting Church on 9<sup>th</sup> September plus details of how to go about getting Home Care Packages for residents in Beaumaris. Distributed to church community on 30-09-2018
- 4 IN: 21-09-2018 – Dr Deirdre Palmer, President of the Uniting Church in Australia – pastoral letter on Church Governance
- 5 IN: 21-09-2018 – Janet Cousens, CEO Act For Peace- Today is the International Day of Peace
- 6 IN: 22-09-2018 – John Jeffries – Partners In Ministry Training – details of seminar on the Welcoming Church on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October in Box Hill. Distributed to Church Council on 30-09-2018 Also IN on 1-10-2018 & 11-10-2018
- 7 IN: 24-09-2018 – Helen Beeby and PPE Communications Team – Re Presbytery Newsletter “Newsbeat:” – deadline for contributions to October edition is September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 8 IN: 25-09-2018 - Chris Barnett , Children & Families, Centre for Theology and Ministry - Port Phillip East Children & Families Ministry Update – September – October PLUS Survey
- 9 IN: 27-09-2018 – Maria Megas, Community Hearing Advisor, Australian Hearing – offer to conduct hearing screening tests at meetings held at the church. Sent to Church Councilors but on reflection and research – sent a letter declining their offer on 30-09-2018
- 10 IN: 27-09-2018 - Uniting World – Does aid make a difference? – distributed to Church community on 30-09-2018
- 11 IN: 2-10-2018 - Anne Kim Safe Child Project Officer PPEP – Re Changes to Safe Church Training Obligations
- 12 IN: 2-10-2018 – John Massey – Re the Loxley family would like some form of memorial to Loxley by way of a plaque or perhaps some item that may be of benefit to the church as over her lifetime she gained great comfort from the church both spiritually and socially. He looks forward to discussing the details
- 13 IN: 7-10-2018 – Jeff Gardner – Re 2019 Mission & Service Allocation for BUC. Forwarded to M. Thorburn & J. Small
- 14 IN: 9-10-2018 – Ian Firth (Mr.), Presbytery Secretary, Secretary Pastoral Relations Committee – Presbytery Mission Development Committee Event to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November
- 15 IN: 10-10-2018 – Sharon Hollis, Moderator, UCA Vic Tas – Re- Pastoral letter from the UCA President re National Apology to survivors of Institutional Sexual Abuse – Distributed to the Church Community on 14-10-2018

- 16 IN: 10-10-2018 - P. Stewart – re bequest to BUC in July 2007 of \$1,200 by the McConnell family in recognition of Claire. It has been used to make CDs of services and podcast of sermons.
- 17 IN: 15-10-2018 – Thea McCroary - General Manager Sales & Marketing – Church presentation of In Home Care options – requested by Nick Toovey
- 18 IN: 18-10-2018 – Ian Firth (Mr), Presbytery Secretary, Secretary Pastoral Relations Committee – Minutes of August Presbytery meeting
- 19 IN: 17-10-2018 – Theresse Bailey Sales Administration Century 21 Bayside Living – re Fete boards – approval of artwork. Responded 18-10-2018
- 20 IN: 18-10-2018 - Ian Firth (Mr.), Presbytery Secretary, Secretary Pastoral Relations Committee – Minutes of August Presbytery Meeting, sent to all on Church Council on 18-10-2018
- 21 IN: 19-10-2018 – PPE Communications Team – Re- Newsbeat - Presbytery of Port Phillip East newsletter: Deadline for November issue is October 23, 5pm. I sent an article about our forthcoming Twilight Fete on 20-10-2018 along with the flyer graphic.
- 22 IN: 21-10-2018 – by mail – PC Audio Visual – flyer on Professional Installations and Sales
- 23 IN: 22-10-2018 – Nick Standaar, Donor Services Mobile Logistics Officer, Australian Red Cross Blood Service – RE- Blood Bank visit to the church next week, an up to date flyer along with collection times.

**Business arising from Correspondence:**

	<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1	2019 Mission & Service Allocation for BUC	MT
2	The Massey family would like some form of memorial to Loxley – Nick Toovey to speak to John Massey	NT
3	Seminar on In-Home Care by Prestige In Home Care – Nick Toovey suggested it be held in February and will follow up with Thea McCroary.	NT

**General Business:**

	<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1	Review of Elder’s Duties – as we have a new minister it is timely that we review the role of Elders in church services – Scott to review and report back any further recommendations but the principal issue is the need for Elders to be at the church by no later than 9:00am. They should be the first at the church to open up and last out after locking the doors and ensuring lights and heaters are all turned off. Must allow enough time to ensure the hymns numbers are sorted, a glass of water is at the lectern for the minister and that there is time for quiet reflection with the minister prior to the service starting.	SF & all Elders
2	Property Bookings – Licence Agreements for 2019 are being completed	MT & AD
3	Margaret Beaumont’s suggestion for a defibrillator at the church – further discussion required in 2019	Church Council
4	Church Booking Calendar – Alison has set up an Excel Calendar for 2018 and 2019. Once sorted for 2019 it will be placed along with current License Agreements in a secure section of the website for Church Councilors only.	AD
5	Bequests to church to be acknowledged – details to be added to the list as they come about. To be finalised early in 2019	AD & WH

6	Church Cleaner - ? Accountability – can the property committee please outline the cleaning requirements and how often each task needs to be done? Somehow, we need to set out a schedule for the cleaner and get it signed off. Can we roster church councilors to arrange times when they can ‘drop in’ and let them know they are valued and get some feedback as to what they do, when, and how? Everyone needs to feel they are being supported and are doing a worthwhile job. If we don’t visit and offer any feedback, we can’t be critical if our cleaners don’t give 100% to our requirements.	MT
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**Next meeting**

Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 7:30pm (**NOTE:** this will be the third Wednesday of the month as M. Thorburn away for the 28<sup>th</sup> November). The meeting will be held in Meeting Room 2 at the Church.

Marg Thorburn is to lead the devotions.

**SIGNED:**

JENNIFER SMALL, Chairperson, Church Council \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALISON DAVIES, Secretary, Church Council \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MARGARET THORBURN, Treasurer, Church Council \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Treasurer's (Finance, Property and Manse) report for Beaumaris Uniting Church Council Meeting 24 October 2018

## **Tasks completed since September 26, 2018 CC meeting (4 weeks)**

### **Finance**

- Close monitoring of cash flow, banking and payment of bills & ministerial supply
- Chasing of outstanding hall income – third term
- Completion of 2018 Licence Agreements for Red Cross, Calisthenics, Kinder, Little Feet Music
- Manse follow-ups for new lease and payment of 2018 Land Tax
- Property committee meeting 4 October
- Completion of Treasurer's finance and property reports for this 24 October 2018 CCM

- Financials	\$ at end of September 2018
Bendigo Bank	9,196
UCA general a/c*	177,838
Net accruals as at 31 July	3,702
Total	190,736

The UCA general a/c now includes \$3,908.37 transferred from the old 'development fund' 15 August.  
Net accruals includes Term 3 hall rental paid in October, plus \$2,481 GST owed to us for the year to 30 June 2018 as well as \$1,583 of GST owed to us for the months of July-Sept 2018.

### **MANSE Report – see separate**

### **MISSION & SERVICE contribution 2019 – decision required**

- Presbytery have asked us to increase our 2019 contribution from \$359 p/month = \$4,308 for 2018 to \$366 p/month = \$4,392 for 2019, a 1.95% increase. A 3% increase would take it to \$370/month or \$4,440.

## **Outstanding & Urgent Priority for October-November** (MRT away 23 Nov-3 December)

### **Finance/Property**

- As far as possible finalise 2019 licence agreements for Red Cross, Kinder, Calisthenics, ballet school and Little Feet Music
- Advise Presbytery treasurer and accounting services of 2019 M&S contribution
- Other Property Committee meeting follow-ups;
- Finalise set up of Treasurer@Beaumaris UC email address (currently not sending emails from this address)
- Deep Spring Operating a/c – # signatories =>2 – ie Alison Davies + 1 of G/M Thorburn + arrange online access
- Submission of 2017/2018 GST
- 2019 BUC budget

**BEAUMARIS UC-ST MARTIN'S: ACTUAL JAN-DEC  
2018**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Actual 9mths to 9/18
<b>Income:</b>													
Offerings	4629	4256	3996	6443	4307	4160	5089	3970	4626	0	0	0	41476
Hall & Kinder Rentals	0	0	0	360	505	9356	435	4025	4330	0	0	0	19011
Other Income - Donations	0	0	10000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10000
Other Income - Fundraising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	50
Interest	3	5	5	4	4	2049	4	4	4	0	0	0	2083
Share of Manse Income	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	0	0	0	0	0	0	9000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6132</b>	<b>5761</b>	<b>15501</b>	<b>8307</b>	<b>6316</b>	<b>17064</b>	<b>5528</b>	<b>7998</b>	<b>9011</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>81619</b>
<b>Outgoings:</b>													
Worship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth/Donations Ph/Website/Bk	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Chrgs	28	29	27	28	27	27	28	27	27	0	0	0	249
Printing/Stationery	132	160	467	129	94	94	94	115	94	0	0	0	1381
Mission & Services	359	359	359	359	359	359	359	359	359	0	0	0	3231
Other Costs/capital equipmt	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	82
Supply/Ministry Buildings - St Martin's	859	878	1197	1109	875	1302	3254	5040	5040	0	0	0	19552
1533	2431	5662	989	1581	1061	7576	2647	6307	0	0	0	29786	
<b>Total Outgoings</b>	<b>2910</b>	<b>3856</b>	<b>7712</b>	<b>2614</b>	<b>2936</b>	<b>2944</b>	<b>11393</b>	<b>8188</b>	<b>11827</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54381</b>
<b>Net cash movement</b>	<b>3223</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>7789</b>	<b>5692</b>	<b>3381</b>	<b>14121</b>	<b>-5865</b>	<b>-189</b>	<b>-2817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27239</b>

**ANALYSIS OF ACTUAL INCOME**

B - envelope & plate	1526	1637	1501	2290	1503	1705	1976	1291	2171	0	0	0
B - Direct Offering	3103	2619	2495	4153	2804	2455	3113	2679	2455	0	0	0
<b>Total - Beaumaris</b>	<b>4629</b>	<b>4256</b>	<b>3996</b>	<b>6443</b>	<b>4307</b>	<b>4160</b>	<b>5089</b>	<b>3970</b>	<b>4626</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**ANALYSIS OF BUDGETTED OUTGOINGS**

**Staff:**

Supply/stipend Workers Compensation	859	878	1197	1109	875	1302	3254	5040	5040	0	0	0
<b>Staff total</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>1197</b>	<b>1109</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>1302</b>	<b>3254</b>	<b>5040</b>	<b>5040</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Worship/Youth**

Service Costs (candles, flowers for funerals)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Licensing fees CCLI&Licensing		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Worship total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Shared admin &amp; communication etc</b>													
Phone, Website, Bank Fees	28	29	27	28	27	27	28	27	27	0	0	0	
Printing & Stationery:	132	160	467	129	94	94	94	115	94	0	0	0	
<b>Total Admin/Communicatn</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Other Costs:</b>													
Non Specific	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Furniture & related	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	
Fete related expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Capital Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total other/capital</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Buildings:</b>													
B - Phone - kinder	38	37	42	39	60	46	43	43	50	0	0	0	398
B - Water	0	204	0	0	253	0	0	221	0	0	0	0	678
B - Electricity	125	213	154	139	245	213	266	363	170	0	0	0	1888
B - Gas	98	0	98	0	157	0	229	0	282	0	0	0	863
B - Service of FES	90	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	180
B - Service of Hygiene serv'ses	0	0	0	211	0	0	0	600	0	0	0	0	811
B - Cleaning	488	600	761	600	600	803	738	600	777	0	0	0	5966
B - Rates (FSL + waste)	0	852	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	852
B - Garden Maintenance	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	360	0	0	0	404
B - Other Maintenance	650	525	45	0	266	0	6210	820	4668	0	0	0	13184
B - Insurance	0	0	4563	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4563
<b>Total Buildings</b>	<b>1533</b>	<b>2431</b>	<b>5662</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>1581</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>7576</b>	<b>2647</b>	<b>6307</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29786</b>

BEAUMARIS UC PROPERTY COMMITTEE - REPORT FOR 24 OCTOBER 2018 CCM

<b>St Martins</b>	Matthew last cleaned gutters 5 Oct 11 July	
Items completed since 22 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuning of 2 pianos \$360 no gst</li> <li>Electrical Work to switchboard due to overloading \$3477+ gst</li> <li>Installation of 2 new doors on outdoor shed \$1191 + gst</li> <li>Geoff and Tom fixed fence between brick wall and toy shed</li> </ul>	
Other work in progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greg the electrician has completed switchboard work in 2 'classrooms' + Deep Spring room Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>. New exit sign in kinder. Total approx. \$1,800 incl gst</li> </ul>	TM liasing
	<p><b>Red Cross visit 29 Oct – 2 Nov, 2018</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Saturday 27 October working bee to clean windows, sweep car park, paths, weed etc</b></li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fete – cleaning of fans/change of light bulbs etc</li> <li>Fete prep – Lentara bins &amp; excess Friday 9 and Monday 12</li> </ul>	Geoff W will organize Gaye to check booked
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer by John Knight to make &amp; install shelving in walkway corner of main storage room opposite kitchen</li> <li>Need second Hard Rubbish to remove old mower from outdoor shed, plus surplus furniture from indoor store room, + <b>kinder and fete? Aim to put out Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov pm</b></li> </ul>	Gaye W/Tom M to liase w John Knight, can't move workbch until Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov, MRT Book HR 22 Nov
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New projector, screen, wiring etc being has been quoted – concern re cost (&gt;\$10,000) with motorized screen. Waiting on PS&amp;WH/SF to report update with alternative projector?</li> </ul>	Lang bequest to be spent on this + some switchboard work.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase of 4 new chairs of height &gt; blue chairs (dining room style with arms) to use instead of cream wool chairs and for those who need higher chair</li> </ul>	MT has asked Neva to check what we can find on Ebay etc
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues with thoroughness of cleaning – Alison wants list up of when and what they are expected to do. Some rostering of us to check so that they know we are keeping track.</li> </ul>	MRT get list from cleaner in email form distributed
Misc small carpentry & plaster repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quote to replace beading etc in 2 meeting rooms + fix holes in plaster first room off indoor foyer and hole near skylight in sanctuary + kitchen plaster near skylight – <b>one quote received \$3,880 + gst incl painting half of church ceiling</b></li> </ul>	Gaye organising 2 quotes from tradesmen with P/L insurance
Quote for 2nd Deep Spring counselling room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tom and Hindes listed specs. Mostly carpentry – some minor plumbing/electrical – Deep Spring reserve account could be spent on this (approx. \$10,000) – no success followg up Steve Coker <b>JS recommended Mark Lau 0414 896 449</b></li> </ul>	TM will try name JS recommended
Replacemt of fascias, electricy entry point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all rotten ones to be replaced at same time, given non-standard size <b>Tom M will try Mark Pritchard for contacts/Mark Lau</b></li> </ul>	TM
New Kinder space bookings	Weds morning did not suit school readiness program participants, so Sarah Volum has found other premises in Hampton	MRT followg up 2nd similar enquiry
Hall Bookings policy & pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resignation of Helene K from end of year. Property Committee to finalise local person for concert bookings etc (Alison/Nick T?)</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRT &amp; AD to finalise 2019 license agreements and bookings asap and access to calendar etc</li> </ul>	☐ MRT/AD priority

Next Property Committee Meeting 15 November 2018 4pm



## MANSE REPORT FOR 24 OCTOBER BEAUMARIS UNITING CCM

22 OCTOBER 2018

Manse is currently let to tenants for 12 months from 30 October 2017 (\$800 per week from 30 December 2017), i.e. the current lease expires end of this month. Agent has sounded out tenants and they have verbally agreed to a new 12 month lease with unchanged \$800 per week rental. (This rent was agreed to at September 26 Beaumaris CCM after recommendation that \$800 per week was consistent with other comparable market rentals in the area and that the risk of losing the current tenants in trying for an extra \$25 per week was not justified. i.e. we would lose 32 weeks of \$25 per week for every week that the property was vacant.) Application for a new 12 month lease has been submitted to presbytery property committee and we are waiting on written approval to lease going forward from Presbytery/Synod.

An inspection of the manse has been arranged for 13 November at which Geoff Wade plus Jill Russell from the manse committee will attend as well as the Buxton agent.

*Balance of \$5,222* as at 18 October 2018 after Manse disbursements made in Jan- June + October 2018 ie = 7 x (\$1,500 B, \$1,000 BR) = \$17,500 (\$10,500 to B, \$7,000 to BR). Early October 2018 we were advised that both the 2017 and 2018 land tax liabilities were issued and payable in July 2018. (MRT couldn't find evidence of 2018 invoice in her files, Synod contact was away August and September and was obviously following up outstanding payments on her return.) This appeared to be bringing forward the 2018 land tax liability by about 9-10 months cf previous two years, but after querying Synod contact and State Revenue Office we were assured that the 2016 and 2017 invoices were issued late and that going forward, timing of the land tax invoice will be such that we are billed in the middle of the year for the current year's land tax liability. We have paid the 2018 land tax liability of \$8,455.

Reserves to be held at end of December 2018 (assuming new lease signed) \$3,000 maintenance reserve. Further disbursements will be suspended until we have first monthly rental payment received under new 12 month lease. If there are no further maintenance items to be paid for in 2018 three more payments (of \$1,500 B, \$1,000 BR) are planned (in November and December).

The implication of the earlier payment of land tax liability cf what we had previously assumed is that in 2019 we will have a \$12,170 Land Tax Liability to pay in July, subject to any instalment payment plan negotiated with Synod. A likely scenario is that we would be making 10 reduced payments of \$2,000 (\$1,200 to Beaumaris, \$800 to Black Rock) with one each in March and June and 8 over the remaining 6 months once the 2019 Land Tax is paid and maintenance liabilities are established.

Margaret Thorburn

# CARE GROUP MEETING

HELD AFTER CHURCH ON 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2018

PRESENT; Shirley Tillett, Suzy Toovey, Jane McLean, Jan Graham.

The emergency envelopes have been updated - some people have died, & some have needed to change their details. We also have some new people who have filled in emergency envelopes.

The Contact People may also need some revising.

We have been in contact with those who are mostly confined to their homes.

- Lois Henstridge is having ongoing back problems.
- Inez Fripp is OK.
- Gwen Secombe finds it difficult to get ready in time for church, but comes to the Wednesday Coffee & Chat Group.

We try to keep in contact with people who have problems, but sometimes we are unaware that even a phone call would let them know we care.

JAN GRAHAM

# MISSION REPORT

**Church council meeting, 24th October, 2018**

Since our last meeting, there has been some traffic following up our successful Aged Care presentation by Kiri Johnston last month. I have received an email from Thea McCroary from 'Prestige In- Home Care' about doing a 20 minute presentation about their services. I replied to her saying I would bring it to Church Council for discussion.

As a natural development of Aged Care, I wonder whether we might benefit from getting in touch with *Dementia Australia* to speak to interested church members and friends about setting up a Bayside dementia support group, unless we can tap into an existing group.

I wonder whether we might discuss looking into being part of an organization "Welcome Dinner" which facilitates hosting dinners for refugee families. They offer several levels of participation we can chat about. I'm grateful to Margaret for this link. Be good to hear about any experience any of us have of this and similar projects.

Not really to do with Mission, I received a call from John Massey wanting permission from the Church to place a plaque somewhere in the Church in memory of his wife Loxley who was a long-time member.

As a matter of interest, it is good to see news of John and Ann Connan's great work in Tonga which we read about from time to time in 'Crosssight'.

Uniting church folks, even retired ministers, continue to be active letter writers on topics of community interest. Rev Ian Higgin's recent letter in 'The Age' about religious freedoms was worth reading.

Nick Toovey.