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Wodonga Lutheran Parish

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Annual General Meeting

Book of Reports

2018

Vision

God's vision is that through the mission and ministry of our Parish we would see the love of Christ come to life as His spirit changes and transforms people and **builds them into a Christian community.**

Mission

God's purpose is for our Parish to work together to minister to one another, to recognise opportunities to preach the good news and to empower people to **commit to sharing Jesus.**

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Agenda

Date:	25 March 2018	Time:	12.30 p.m.
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Item	Description	Responsible
1.	Welcome and introductions.	Chairperson
2.	Attendance Sheet for Voting Members.	Secretary
3.	Apologies	Secretary
4.	Opening prayer.	Pastor
5.	Acceptance of minutes of previous AGM.	Chairperson
6.	Review of actions from previous annual general meeting	Chairperson
7.	Parish Chairperson's report	Chairperson
8.	Congregational Pastor	Pastor
9.	Treasurer's report	Treasurer
10.	Lay Assistants	Pastor
11.	Redevelopment	TM
12.	Savers Corner	MD
13.	Ladies Fellowship	MH
14.	Statistician	HG
15.	Questions to Parish Council/Pastor	Chairman
16.	Proposed resolution	Moved by
	"That the moneys generated from the sale of land currently occupied by St John's Lutheran Church be assigned to the construction of a new Church and Administrative facilities. The money is to be held as a reserve in the WLP Lutheran Layperson's League (LLL) account and managed by the Treasurer."	PE
	"That the VLC Fee Schedule as presented to Parish members for 2018 be adopted."	AG
	"That the salary of the Parish Office Assistant be increased by the value of \$5.00 per week effective from 1 January 2018."	Treasurer
17.	Acceptance of Budget and financial statements.	Treasurer
18.	VLC – Chairman and Principal's Report	AG
19.	VLC Business Manager's Report	GW
20.	Acceptance of VLC Budget and financial statements.	AG/GW
21.	Acceptance of annual report	Chairperson

22.	Appointment of the auditor	Treasurer
23.	Call for Nominations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCA Convention of Synod Representative 2018. • ChildSafe Coordinator. 	Chairperson
24.	Election of Parish Council nominations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retiring members of Parish Council. • Retiring Lay Assistants. • Nominations. 	Chairperson
25.	Acknowledgement of positions of responsibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WLP Statistician. • Savers Corner. • Group Collector. 	Chairperson
26.	Election of VLC Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retiring members. • Nominations. 	Chairperson
27.	Meeting close	Chairperson

Welcome and Introductions

Conflict of Interest and declaration:

“Any member participating in this Annual General Meeting is required to let the Chair know if they have any perceived or known Conflicts of Interest as per the items listed in the Agenda for this meeting. This will be noted in the Minutes.”

Declaration of Attendance and Acceptance of Apologies

- Members in attendance to sign the Attendance Sheet provided.
- Acceptance of Apologies.

Minutes of the AGM 2017



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Wodonga Lutheran Parish

Minutes for 2017 AGM held at St John's Church on Sunday 5th March 2017.

1. Welcome

- 1.1. Chairperson Adrian Gutsche, declared the meeting open at 12:35 p.m., welcomed all present and declared the AGM a fully constituted meeting with enough members present to vote.

2. Present

- 2.1. As per the AGM attendance & voting registration sheet in the Minute book there were:
 - 2.1.1. 61 members of the Parish; and
 - 2.1.2. 1 Pastor recorded.

3. Apologies

- 3.1. As per the AGM attendance & voting registration sheet in the Minute book there were 13 apologies recorded.

4. Devotion

- 4.1. Led by Pastor Jaswanth Kukatlappali.

5. Correspondence

- 5.1. In: Nil recorded for the AGM.
- 5.2. Out: Nil recorded for the AGM.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 6.1. Correction to item 8.2.5 word changed to EQUIP rather than QUIP. Pastor Jaswanth noted he forgot to thank Wendy Dwyer in item 8.1.7 and asked that it be mentioned in this years minutes.
- 6.2. Moved Paul Vogelsang and Seconded by Elke Haslam that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 1st March 2016 be accepted as presented with correction noted above. **CARRIED.**

7. Business Arising from Minutes

- 7.1. Report on Option 6: "Build a church facility at Victory Lutheran College and undertake a no-profit development at Havelock Street Site". Other options "Do Nothing" or "Renovate and upgrade current site".
 - 7.1.1. Tim McInnes, on behalf of the Plant and Equipment Committee, gave an overview of the process undertaken to date in regards to the 6 options investigated. After the Parish's approval to investigate further option 6 last year the Parish Councils is recommending this option be taken up but was looking for final direction and approval from the Parish members.
 - 7.1.2. Members were referred to minutes of previous minutes from AGM's and special Parish meetings.
 - 7.1.3. A question was asked whether a Financial/Business Plan was available. A business plan from the parish as such is not required due to no money being borrowed. The financial figures can be provided on request to the Plant & equipment committee.

Wodonga Lutheran Parish
Wodonga, Yackandandah
and Victory Lutheran College

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- 7.1.4. A question was asked as to the period of time without a church. The expectation is that the Parish would be required to worship in a temporary location for up to 3 years. The final time would be dependent on how popular the development is and how quickly it sells;
- 7.1.5. A question was asked about the availability of a temporary worshipping space. John Thompson indicated that the Parish is more than welcome to use facilities at the college and while final details would need to be worked through but it wouldn't be a problem;
- 7.1.6. A question was asked about special services requirements such as weddings & funerals. John Thompson indicated that his experience at other schools with a worshipping space in the grounds was that the students treat services such as funerals with the utmost respect. Other options such as other Lutheran Church on the border were mentioned.
- 7.1.7. Question was asked if appropriate to use Luther Hall as a place of worship due to caveats placed in the government funding used to build it. Glenn Wright indicated that this could be an issue that would have to be worked through. One possible solution raised from the floor was for the church to rent a space.
- 7.1.8. Question was asked about sub-dividing the current church site and using funds to redevelop the site. This option along with others have already been investigated and found not to be viable in the longer term. One of the main issues is the long term viability with a constant income stream required, other than weekly offerings, and so far option 6 is the only one that gives this possibility. No other information or options have developed in the mean time to change this.
- 7.1.9. Comment from the floor indicted that: We are hamstrung in our Mission & Ministry at the moment by being pre-occupied with keeping a roof over our heads; we can rent Luther Hall to counter the funding caveats and there is no issue with using the hall for weddings and funerals.
- 7.1.10. Pastor Jaswanth gave thanks for the Plant & Equipment Committee's work to get the Parish to this decision making point.
- 7.1.11. Comment from the Parish Council is that if approval from the Parish is given to proceed with option 6 there is no turning back although, there will be at least a 6 month planning and preparation period before the final viability will be known. The developers need a clear mandate to allow them to invest the money required (at their own risk) to start this process to determine final viability.
- 7.1.12. Jenny Simboras moved and Seconded: by Paul Vogelsang:
The Wodonga Lutheran Parish go ahead with option 6 which entails a development on the Havelock St site and a move to the Victory Lutheran College site where a new Church will be built. Voting was conducted with a secret ballot, John Alatalo asked for it to be noted that he abstained from voting, Pastor also did not vote. **CARRIED 52 votes to 9.** Post meeting note - discrepancy found between number of registered attendees at 62, of which 2 abstained, and number of votes cast at 61. However even if 1 vote taken from highest tally the result still stands.

8. Parish Reports

- 8.1. Pastoral Report – As Tabled by Congregational Pastor Jaswanth Kukattapalli.
- 8.2. Chairpersons Report – As Tabled by Adrian Gutsche. Adrian highlighted:
 - 8.2.1. Contrary to what was mentioned in his report recent surveys indicate that the numbers attending church have remained stable and haven't declined.
- 8.3. Treasurer's Report – None tabled due to Merv Keller's health. The chairperson Adrian noted:
 - 8.3.1. Much public thanks to both Merv & Rhonda Keller for their many years of service in this role for the church as well as the still ongoing work to ensure the finances are still being looked after.
 - 8.3.2. A question was asked if the District has been paid for last financial year. The answer was yes.
 - 8.3.3. The general profit & loss statement from the last available Parish Council meeting was requested with figures from December & January given.

- 8.3.4. Moved: Adrian Gutsche and Seconded: by Paul Vogelsang that the budget from last year be accepted as an interim until a new treasurer is appointed. Also that Heather wage be increased by \$5 per week and that ATS are the Church auditor for 2017.
CARRIED.
- 8.4. Saver's Corner – As Tabled by Maria Davidson.
- 8.4.1. It was noted that this year saw a 30% increase in profits from last year to a round of applause.
- 8.5. Women's Fellowship – As Tabled by Marie Hill.
- 8.6. Parish Nurse – As Tabled by Angela Uhrhane.
- 8.6.1. Angela has recently resigned from her role and thanks the Parish for the opportunity to serve in the role. She also offered to assist with training anyone interested in taking on the role.
- 8.6.2. Adrian Gutsche gave much public thanks to Angela for her years of service to the Parish as their nurse.
- 8.7. Victory Lutheran College Principal & Chairperson's Report – As Tabled by John Thompson & Alan Wiebusch.
- 8.8. Victory Lutheran College Finance Report – presented by Glen Wright the Business Manager for VLC.
- 8.8.1. Question was asked if the VLC fee schedule needs to be presented to the Parish at the AGM. Fee schedule is approved by VLC College Council every year.
- 8.8.2. Question was asked about what the new loans budgeted for in 2018 & 2019 were for. 2018 is for development of year 5/6 building in line with moving to triple streaming in primary school. This would be in conjunction with a 50/50 state government grant the college has applied for with notification expected in May/June. 2019 is for the next stage in redeveloping the primary school.
- 8.8.3. A question was asked about the current and projected debt per student figures and where it stood against industry benchmarks. The current debt per student is in line with what is expected for a growing school, which VLC is.
- 8.8.4. Moved: Phil Suter and Seconded: by Kevin Weincke that the VLC Budget be accepted. **CARRIED.**
- 8.8.5. Moved: Karen Starr and Seconded: by Roger Farrell that the VLC Reports be accepted. **CARRIED.**

9. General Business

- 9.1. Parish Constitution & By Laws:
- 9.1.1. Amendments have been made to the draft copies of these documents as were issued to the Parish for comment.
- 9.1.2. Changes to definition of a member of the church in that they need to commune at least twice a year.
- 9.1.3. Moved: Susan Edwards and Seconded: by Marie Hill that the changes to the draft Constitution & By Laws documents for accepted and forwarded to the District Constitutions Committee for approval. **CARRIED.**
- 9.1.4. Comment was made that the Parish logo needs to have the LCA logo incorporated and that the current logo hasn't been formally accepted by the Parish.
- 9.2. Regularisation Call for Pastor Jaswanth.
- 9.2.1. Pastor Jaswanth excused himself from the meeting while the Parish discussed his Regularisation Call.
- 9.2.2. The Parish's commitment statements made to a Pastor in our call documents was read out as a reminder to all.
- 9.2.3. A number of statements of support were made in support of Pastor Jaswanth's work amounts the Parish over the past 2 years.
- 9.2.4. Moved: Pastor Ernie Kiss and Seconded: by Marie Hill that the Parish Regularise Pastor's Jaswanth's call. **CARRIED.**
- 9.3. Letter requesting review of Parish service times.
- 9.3.1. Letter read to the Parish asking that it consider swapping the service times for Sundays between Wodonga and Yackandandah. The aim is to allow families with children the chance to attend before Sunday sporting commitments.

- 9.3.2. Various comment where made from the floor in support for both keeping and changing the services times.
- 9.3.3. Moved: Sheryl Parsons and Seconded: by Pastor Ernie Kiss that a survey be conducted on whether to change Sunday service times. **CARRIED.**
- 9.4. Review of Family Services.
 - 9.4.1. Will be twelve months in July since they started;
 - 9.4.2. Comment from the floor and general agreement that the term Intergenerational Service being used specifically for these services is not correct as all services are considered to be this.
 - 9.4.3. Financial loss experienced when these services are held due to overall attendance being less then when the 3 normal services held.
 - 9.4.4. General support from the floor for the fellowship experienced at these services.
 - 9.4.5. Moved: Susan Edwards and Seconded: by Kerry Donker that the Parish services continue on the 1st weekend of the month. **CARRIED.**
- 9.5. VLC Parish Pastor Financial Support
 - 9.5.1. Pastor Jaswanth excused himself from the meeting while the Parish discussed this issue.
 - 9.5.2. Concern was raised as an agenda item about the time Pastor Jaswanth was spending at the college to support them during the vacancy and whether the college should be contributing financially.
 - 9.5.3. Comment was made that the chief concern should be about Pastor's workload rather than who pays as we are all one Parish, also when Pastor Tim spent a significant amount of time supporting the congregation during their vacancy the college supported this unconditionally.
 - 9.5.4. Concern was raised that by spending more time at the college Pastor Jaswanth wasn't able to contribute fully to the ministry of the Parish.
 - 9.5.5. John Thompson indicated that he was not expecting the College to over burden the Pastor.
 - 9.5.6. Part of Parish Councils role is to support Pastor with his work load and help with his priorities when it becomes too great.
 - 9.5.7. Moved: Phil Edwards and Seconded: by Ruth Fraunfelder that VLC recognise the extra work load for Pastor within the college and consider a financial contribution towards that. **NOT CARRIED.**
- 9.6. Moved: Pastor Graeme Zweck and Seconded: by Craig Laughton that greetings from the Wodonga Lutheran Parish be sent to Rhonda & Merv Keller **CARRIED.**

10. Election of Office Bearers

- 10.1. Parish Council. Pastor Jaswanth took the Chair and asked for nominations from the floor for Chairperson. Adrian Gutsche did not renominate due to College Council duties. Nominations for Chairperson & Auxiliary Member Paul Schirmer where taken from the floor, all others via nominations committee prior to AGM.
 - 10.1.1. Chairperson: Phill Edwards.
Moved Pastor John Simboras, Seconded by Pastor Ernie Kiss. **CARRIED.**
 - 10.1.2. Treasurer: Paul Vogelsang.
 - 10.1.3. Secretary: Peter Lade.
 - 10.1.4. Auxiliary Members: Tim McInnes, Adrian Gutsche, Karen Starr, Jenny Simboras, Andrew Enever, and John Alatalo.
 - 10.1.5. Auxiliary Member: Paul Schirmer.
Moved Phillip Edwards, Seconded by Nicole Keller. **CARRIED.**
 - 10.1.6. Craig Laughton withdrew his nomination for Auxiliary Member.
- 10.2. VLC College Council. Adrian advised that nominations will be taken and presented to the Parish in Apr/May for ratification.
- 10.3. College Pastor. Adrian Gutsche advised of the establishment of a call committee so please consider contributing if asked to join.
- 10.4. Pastor Jaswanth requested that all appointed members be installed during an upcoming church service at a date to be agreed.

11. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at: 3.20. p.m.
Closing Prayer & Blessings by Pastor Jaswanth

Secretary

Peter Lade: _____ Date: _____

Chairperson

Phill Edwards: Phillip Edwards Date: 28 May 2017

Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

1. Paragraph 7.1.12 Motion: WLP2017-06 Redevelopment of Havelock Street. This item is covered by the Project Manager's Report in Motions and General Business below.
2. Paragraph 9.1.3 Motion: WLP2017-05 Wodonga Lutheran Parish Constitution and By-Laws. The draft was submitted to the LCA Victorian District, however, because it was based on the 2011 LCA Model Constitution which was superseded by the 2015 Version has been rejected. Parish Chairman is waiting on the revised model constitution to be authorised.
3. Paragraph 9.2.4 Motion: WLP2017-09 Pastor Jaswanth's Call be regularised. Conducted by Bishop Lester on 27 August 2017.
4. Paragraph 9.3.3 Motion: WLP2017-07 Survey be conducted on whether to change Sunday Worship times.
5. WLP audited financial report dated 10 March 2017 was placed on notice to the Parish.
6. VLC audited financial report dated 23 March 2017 was placed on notice to the Parish.

Motion: The Minutes of the previous AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed By:

Seconded By:

Report – Parish Chairman

Wodonga Lutheran Parish (WLP) stepped out in faith and met many challenges around our finances and the milestones on the redevelopment. Pastor Jaswanth's report highlighted the strategic work undertaken in the governance of the Parish to comply with the Lutheran Church of Australia's (LCA) requirements. Governance continues to challenge people's perceptions about the role of governance and there is work to be done in embedding good governance this coming year. For example, the Parish Council's and College Council's focus needs to be on planning and ensuring compliance with LCA and ACNC requirements as well as Government regulations.

Professional Standards. Wodonga Lutheran Parish must demonstrate a commitment to our people by undertaking LCA training and providing a Safe Place. The LCA has committed to the SP3 program of Safe People, Safe Programs, Safe Places to ensure we comply with community and our own expectations in this area. I attended the Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) workshop in Melbourne in December on the mandatory reporting scheme that came into place in: Phase One on 1 July (for those operating schools) and Phase Two on 1 January 2018 for religious organisations. As a Parish we did not comply with the regulations at Phase One, although, the College did put in place separate arrangements. To ensure we are meeting our responsibilities the Parish needs a SP3 Coordinator as currently this role falls solely to our Pastor and to the College. If you feel lead to this area, please speak with me at any time to gain an understanding of the role. Carolyn has two excellent reviews in the LCA NSW Newsletter – September 2017 and December 2017 which I recommend all members read.

Our Parish. Parish membership statistics are recorded in LAMP as stable over the last 10 years; however, these figures are not representative of who we are as a worshipping community. Attendance at services has declined over the last 5 years from a high of 108 per weekend or 5,976 people in 2014 down to 86 people per weekend and 4,383 people in 2017. This decline needs analysis, so I have tasked Pastor Jaswanth to exercise his spiritual oversight of our Parish through the evaluation of our mission and ministry. This will be coupled with a Parish survey to assist Pastor Jaswanth by seeking input and views from Parish Council and our members examining our own role in that ministry and mission.

Wodonga Lutheran Parish												
	Services	Attendance					Services	Holy Communion				
		Total	%	Avg	Max	Min		Total	%	Avg	Max	Min
2018												
2017	138	4,383	100.00%	86	238	28	119	3,259	100.00%	76	176	25
2016	137	4,323	100.00%	88	246	46	110	3,004	100.00%	76	148	45
2015	150	5,031	100.00%	94	385	31	115	3,412	100.00%	88	206	48
2014	154	5,976	100.00%	108	441	34	113	3,510	100.00%	88	197	49
2013	154	5,171	100.00%	94	391	31	89	2,355	100.00%	76	149	38

Figure 1 – Worship Attendance 2013 to 2017



Our Parish make-up

	2015	%	2016	%	2017	%
Membership - Total	193		211		159	
Confirmed Members	125	65%	135	64%	124	78%
Voting Members	98	51%	108	51%	115	72%
Female Members					93	58%
Male Members					65	41%
Adult Members					122	77%
Children, Young 0 - 5					5	3%
Children, 6 - 12					16	10%
Young People 13 - 17					16	10%
Households/Family Groups					82	

Figure 2 – Who we are

Parish Council. The Parish Council program of work included reviewing policy and procedures during the year then implementing and adopting new governance procedures. This focus includes our Parish office and administration. In October I conducted a survey of Parish Council members to establish a baseline of knowledge and experience and to determine areas for improvement in 2018. Attendance by members as shown in the table below demonstrates a high level of commitment to the work of the Parish. We lost two members of the council during the year yet maintained a strong commitment to supporting our Parish.

Responsible Entities Attendance

Meeting Date	14-Mar-17	4-Apr-17	16-May-17	20-Jun-17	18-Jul-17	15-Aug-17	19-Sep-17	17-Oct-17	21-Nov-17	9	%	Remarks
Phillip Edwards	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	9	100%	
John Alatalo	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	3	33%	
Andy Enever	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	7	78%	
Adrian Gutsche	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	9	100%	
Jaswanth Kukatlappali	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	8	89%	
Peter Lade	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	5	63%	Resigned Nov 17
Tim McInnes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	9	100%	
Paul Schirmer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	8	89%	
Jenny Simboras	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	8	89%	
Karen Starr	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	6	75%	Resigned Nov 17
John Thompson	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	5	56%	
Paul Vogelsang	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	7	78%	
Totals:	11	12	10	9	10	9	8	10	5	84		
Percent	92%	100%	83%	75%	83%	75%	67%	83%	42%		83%	Median Result

Figure 3 – Parish Council Meeting Attendance 2017

In 2018 we will look at a work schedule that builds on the 2017 workload. I pass on my thanks to the members of Council for their perseverance and understanding of the program of work started in this area. The Parish did not have a Secretary for half of the year and Parish members are encouraged to consider this important position for 2018.

VLC College Council. The College is performing in accordance with school systems benchmarks and expectations, returning a surplus of \$342,081.00 for the FY. The Council needs to direct more effort towards governance as a committee of the Parish rather than operational matters of the school. For example, there are policies and procedures outstanding that we as a Parish require to demonstrate good governance. Policies such as the management of volunteers are required. There is also a need to provide regular reporting back to the Parish on the operations of the College. These reports would enhance the promotion of the College in the Parish and keep members informed on how the College is functioning. In Adrian's report he has flagged the establishment of a policy sub-committee to progress some of these issues.

The Parish conducted a Call Process for a College Pastor, however, were unsuccessful in the time frame available to locate a pastor. As a result, the College has employed a Chaplain – Andrew Dewhirst for 2018. To identify the areas of responsibility between the Congregational Pastor and Chaplain I wrote an operational document laying out the expectations of our Parish. A new Call committee for a College Pastor needs to be formed in April this year and you are encouraged to volunteer for service on this committee.

I have requested Pastor Jaswanth to lead us in fulfilling our responsibility to witness for Christ and promote and guide the mission activity of the Parish; in the College as part of the Mission and Ministry Evaluation (Key Ministry Area 4). To ensure that the Parish Mission and Vision are followed in the College, I have requested that Pastor Jaswanth and Chairman Adrian establish a mission and ministry team at the College. This has been acknowledged in Adrian's report, however, the link to the Parish Mission to the College needs to be the driving force behind the Mission and Ministry team's terms of reference and focus to create a shared vision.

This proposed mission and ministry team presents a significant opportunity for members of our Parish to build healthy, caring and significant relationships with families of the school community.

Savers Corner. The work of Savers Corner for our Parish under the management of Maria and her team is outstanding particularly their support to VLC and the donation of money to the Women's Fellowship group. The future of Savers Corner once St John's relocates is uncertain and all members are encouraged to provide feedback to Parish Council on if or how we can continue this service to our community. Savers Corner is not properly recognised in our Constitution and this needs to be resolved so that it falls under the control of Parish Council in a practical sense.

Ladies Fellowship. This group of 15 members faithfully meet to undertake bible studies with the support of Pastor Jaswanth and other pastors during the year.

Lay Assistants. I brokered a meeting between Pastor Jaswanth and the two Lay Assistants in May 2017 to map out how this ministry area can support both the Pastor and the Parish. Jason Zweck has advised in February 2018, that he is stepping down from the Lay Assistants role to focus his energy on his role at the College. Jason has been a Lay Assistant since around 2013 and we pray that Jason's work is a blessing to the College and the Parish.

Chairman. On taking on the role of Chairperson of the Parish at the 2017 AGM, I set three goals for 2017.

1. Build a new Church facility at the VLC precinct.

I produced a project definition to cover the proposed redevelopment of the Havelock Street site as the first phase of the relocation of St John's to Victory. Tim Mc Innes was appointed as the project manager.

As reported by Tim in this Book of Reports we have worked through compliance issues with the LCA Victorian District, however, a change in scope by Alatalo Brothers offers a better solution. The project remains on track as reported below pending confirmation of commercial viability.

2. Improve our Risk and Compliance Management.

The Parish now has a Policy Manual bringing all the processes, forms and procedures together in one location. The Policy Manual is a living document that continues to be developed over time. Collective risk has not yet been addressed and there is resistance to some of the activity or process risks. See my comments above about providing a safe environment for our member, visitors and the community. St John's have not submitted a SafePlace Questionnaire to LAMP since 2013 and will action this when the new version of LAMP comes on line later this year. The Parish is not able to report to the Parish on risk management as required by Section 4 of the Governance Manual at this time.

3. Improve our Financial Position and Outcomes.

The financial outcome for 2017 returned a small surplus, however, the result is a testament to our members for their level of offerings and giving. It needs to be noted that Wodonga this financial year paid the Victorian District assessment for 2016 and 2017 to bring our contribution to the Church up to date. 2018 promises to be tight financially, however, we have a committed membership who seek to see the Church grow. I commend to you the good work of our Treasurer Paul and the many people in our Parish who freely contribute of their time and resources.

Conclusion

In closing on behalf of Parish Council members and the Parish members I acknowledge the service of Mr Merv Keller a faithful servant of the Parish who joined Parish Council not long after arriving in Wodonga which he served over 21 years.



22 February 2018

Report – Congregational Pastor

Grace and peace.

I give thanks to God for yet another year of blessing. As I reflect on the year 2017 and present my report, I would like to join in with the Psalmist in saying:

⁷The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done. See what amazing things he has done on earth. (Psalm 46: 7-8)

As Lutheran church understands, God's presence dwells amongst His people through the Word and Sacrament ministry. The mini miracles are given to us as we receive the Word, forgiveness of our sins, body and blood of Christ, so we can confidently say, the Lord is with us. Having said these words, let me present my report for the events of 2017.

Congregational Work mainly involved:

Preparing and delivering sermons – In 2017, apart from regular sermons we have also studied 1 Corinthians as per lectionary. The mid-week Lenten meditations had dramatic monologues: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Micah, and Zechariah in preparation

to the Easter weekend services. The year concluded as it began, with the Advent journey also having dramatic monologues: Isaiah, Micah, Habakkuk and Zechariah, although this time preparing us for the arrival of the Christ-child. This series culminated on Christmas day services. In light of WLP's current context, my pastoral intention of monologue series is this: to lead people into a deeper knowledge of how different prophets proclaimed the on-going presence of God amongst the people of God, even in the business the Israel community which was in transition (pre-exile, exile, post-exile).

In addition, to encourage people in their Christian walk that our God is faithful and as promised, in time, gave us ultimate hope – Jesus Christ.

Teaching of the faith – To adults, the instruction journey unfolded through Bible Studies. To coincide with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, A Man Named Martin Luther Part 2 & 3 study series was picked. Around 28-30 people participated in the Bible study journey at 4-5 different locations. I would like to thank the leader and hosts of each group: Andrew Enever – John/Jenny Simboras group, Sheryl Parsons group, Sue Housego – Lenore de Garis/Henry & Ingrid Eggers group, Pastor Jaswanth's group, Jan and Roger Farrell's group. Pastoral intent, to explore and grow in Lutheran identity. I am thankful to all who attended this study series and hope it has been a blessing for your journey. One highlight is a guest attendee from Mount Barker attended Part 2 of the Luther study at my group, it was a blessing to see a young person get into the study. To the young people, instruction journey unfolded mainly through – regular Children's address, First Communion instruction-received by 3 young people from Burrow family, and Confirmation journey - currently 6 students are receiving instruction. Apart from this, devotion times at Ladies Guild, M&M team meetings, Parish Council, private counselling sessions, visitation devotions were the other avenues of teaching and instruction.

Leading liturgy – As part of the role, preparing and leading liturgy relevant in the WLP was also a priority in 2017. The year saw not just regular service but special services: such as Easter/Christmas, Family services, baptisms, funerals, welcome and farewell rites, Lenten mid-week, Victory services – staff opening & closing service with Holy Communion, the beginning of the school year with Staff installations and the end of the year services, Argus Learning Centre opening service. Each worship service is unique and requires a certain type of preparation/presentation, but the highlight was preparing the WLP 50:500 Reformation thanksgiving service with Pastors: Ernie Kiss, John Simboras and Graham Zweck. I thank not only the retired Pastors but also the Lay readers who led services in my absence. I specially thank Heather Grealy for her support in the office, music Co-ordinator, band, Lisa Enever, ushers and volunteers, Principal John Thompson and staff at Victory and everyone who enabled mission and ministry in this way.

Pastoral care and visitation – The Pastoral care and visitation is always a challenging time as the range of issues vary from ministering to the sick, the grieving, the dying, the ones with uncertain future, problems in marriage, the lonely, the distressed and the suffering, etc. Then there are challenges in terms of ministering to new connections of the church, visitors, baptism enquiries, visitors, specific pastoral acts of private confession absolution, blessing Houses, etc. Due to confidentiality I cannot disclose any names, but I will say that each time I ministered in such critical situations I was encouraged by the faith of the faithful Christians. So, in a way every Pastoral care/visitation opportunity was a mutual time of blessing. The ministry of Lay assistants is critical in providing support when Pastor is

unavailable or tied with another work commitment, I thank Alex Sweatman and Jason Zweck for their service as Lay assistants. Also, I am grateful to Pastor Graham Zweck, Pastor Ernie Kiss, Pastor John Simboras, Sheryl Parsons, Marie Hill, Sue Housego, Tim McInnes, John Alatalo, and Ida Scholz for accompanying me this year as I visited people in their homes and hospitals.

Office Support – I thank Heather Grealy for her support in a busy and challenging year. Heather's work in building PowerPoint presentations throughout the year, maintaining parish statistics, maintaining & updating parish registers on funerals, baptisms, weddings is commendable. However, it was a challenging year as far as changing to NBN. Due to technical difficulties beyond our control. The parish office had been left without phone connections or internet connections many a times, and my sincere apologies if this caused any inconvenience. Another major challenge for parish office was in drawing rosters: given the number of requests for people names to be removed outweighed requests to serve on the rosters. A dire need resulted in Holy Communion distribution practice being changed. A shortage of people willing to serve on rosters will increase the work load on those volunteers who are already serving causing burnout. The limited volunteer base is a real issue in the Parish, it was discussed in the Mission and Ministry team meetings and reported to the Parish Council, this will need to be reviewed by Parish in 2018. Having said that, special thanks to those who served in parish office while Heather was on leave, especially, Lenore de Garis, Pastor Ernie Kiss, Tammy Gutsche, and Laura Thompson.

Councils – The work of the Parish council and College council is commendable. Under the direction of Phillip Edwards, the focus of the parish council had been on bringing the policies and manuals of WLP up to date. To a new Parish council team, it was a challenging year in the governance space, but also a busy one with Call process, the WLP 50:500 Reformation celebrations, etc. As far as College council is concerned they are to be commended for fantastic celebration of 25 years of Victory Lutheran College, the blessing of Argus Learning Centre, and many countless blessings at Victory.

District related commitments – Pastor's Conference, Ordination We are Listening (OWL) dialogue session in Shepparton in September to provide response to CTICR document on ordination topic. Resident Camp Pastor for the LCA Vic/Tas district Christian Life Week (CLW) Orange camp held in Tandara, Halls Gap in October. It was truly the highlight in my past year, serving approximately 40 campers with a team of young adults. As the feedback continue to flow, I am humbled to see how God has worked in the lives of these young people, even parents in their letters informed us of the transformation they witnessed in their young ones as a result of this camp.

The scheduled Professional Standards Training workshop at Wodonga was cancelled due to low interest. While it was a disappointment to see this after so much of campaign to undertake the training, the good news was some people undertook the training in Jindera later and are in a position to serve the parish, if required.

Belbin Team Training – The introductory training workshop was held 26th of Nov at St. John's. Led by Pastor Brett Kennett, Congregational Support Pastor for the LCA Vic/Tas District. This training was meant to build various leadership teams for effectively serving together. The district extended its support to WLP leadership teams recognising our context of redevelopment and possible relocation. Thank you to all those who completed questionnaire and observer's requests, Pastor Brett will continue this training in 2018.

Supporting Ministries and Special Teams in 2017:

Savers Corner – Special thanks to Maria Davison and her team of faithful volunteers as they serve the wider community through Saver's Corner. The special opening of Saturday mornings also brought a few visitors to the savers corner.

Music – I give thanks to God for the faithful services of Susan Edwards (WLP music co-ordinator) and band members. Their contributions enabled music for our parish in the past year. While there are many highlights (ex: Reformation thanksgiving service, Family services etc,) in general, I have received positive feedback from Parish members of how music enhanced their experience of worship services. However, as Susan has done several times, anyone with musical talents/singers is welcome to join the band. In 2018, we look forward to introducing a sung liturgy, and we pray to God to provide a confident singer to lead us in this area.

M&M Team – The team's support in active mission and ministry is vital to the functioning of the Parish in 2017. Whether it is Bible Studies, Reformation celebrations, organising for family services, ordering resources such as tracts, encouraging families, etc, this team collaborated and worked with a heart to serve.

Vacancy at VLC & Call Committee – As a result of discussions with the district and the LEVENT, the Bishop has set us a direction to issue a call. Under Pastor Ernie Kiss's leadership, a call committee had been set up. Meetings and reading profiles of available Pastor's on the call list and working through the process has been a learning curve to a new team of volunteers in 2017. This call committee will go live after Easter once again, but we give thanks to God for clarity this year and the provision of Andrew Dewhirst as the chaplain for College.

Reformation 500 celebrations – This was a once in a life time opportunity to celebrate 500 years of the Reformation. WLP has celebrated this event with a wider community engagement. Planting 500 trees in the Belvoir Park on 4th of June, Screening Luther movie on the 25th of August at the Cube, and Reformation Thanksgiving service along with publishing history booklet compiled by Pastor Ernie Kiss on the 29th of October. I give thanks to God for the dynamic leadership of the planning committee Jenny Simboras, Sheryl Parsons, Alison Reed and Jaswanth Kukatlapalli. I thank Albury/Wodonga parklands and Wodonga City Council, The Border Mail, Staff of the Cube, the Hospitality staff and students of Victory, volunteers and ushers at the Longest Lutheran Lunch. The stage display by Jenny Simboras at the thanksgiving service and other services in the parish should be acknowledged at this time.

Commitments in Wider Wodonga area – Attended and was involved in the 70th Anniversary of Bonegilla migrant centre organised by Pastor Christian Fandrich of Jindera and Burrumbuttock Parish.

Regular attendance at the LCA North-East Zone meetings. Providing theological input as required.

Also, attended world day of Prayer at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. WLP participated in the Wodonga Christian Minister's Fellowship (WCMF) organised Stations of the Cross with a display stall from Savers Corner. I had the privilege of serving on the WCMF planning committee for this joint witness for the Cross and the Easter through church related mission and ministry organisations in Wodonga City. Also, attended Bible Society bi-centennial celebrations in Albury. Met with Benambra MLA Bill Tilley in June along with other WCMF and Christian representatives to raise concerns on the proposed bill on Euthanasia.

Concluding Words:

As I draw this report to a close, I would like to give thanks to God for David and Kayla Cherry, who having received the call to study at ALC accepted and relocated to South Australia. Not only that, David had a successful year academically, and Kayla found work at Adelaide. As far as mission and ministry is concerned, when a church is active, not only in catering to the needs of the ones among them but supports and encourages a call to ministry, whether a Seminary student or a teacher or a leader to serve on wider church boards, that is a positive indicator of church in mission. In that regard, I am grateful to WLP for all the support you have extended to David and Kayla Cherry. Keep them and everyone else in ministry in your regular prayers.

Thank you all for your support in the past year, your words of encouragement and challenging chats to reflect on a few adopted practises. If there is anyone else's named that was missing from this report, I seek your forgiveness. Finally, I give thanks to God my Father for the privilege to be able to serve Christ the Son with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Jaswanth Kukatlapalli

15 January 2018

Report – Treasurer

To the members of Wodonga Lutheran Parish

May I first thank God for the opportunity to act as treasurer for His church/parish. May I also thank the members of this parish for trusting me with the position of treasurer. Lastly allow me to acknowledge the long-term efforts and commitment Merv Keller provided to the parish as our former treasurer.

Let's begin. Our bank balances as of the beginning of 2017 were \$70,162.81 in the LLL account and -\$1,138.69 in our operating Westpac account. At the end of 2017 the respective balances were \$65,147.34 and \$3,371.11. This represents a change of -\$5,015.47 and \$2,232.42 respectively giving a net shift of -\$2,783.05.

On the positive side of our books charitable collections and miscellaneous collections were up thanks to the hard efforts of volunteers and their work needs to be recognised. BBQs, cake stalls, longest lunch, Luther film night totalled just over \$3,000.00 – no mean feat. Total offerings for 2017 were \$116,285.10 which was below the budgeted \$143,100.00.

On the negative side of our books expenses have been as expected except for a new lease contract for our new photocopier and our contribution to the Victorian District for 2016 and 2017 lumped into 2017.

Overall total income was \$139,257.92 and total expenses were \$134,969.78 giving us a surplus of \$4,288.14.

What lays ahead for us? We are still waiting for a green light or red light from the developers, until that happens we cannot speculate too much. Income has been in a steady decline for some years now and it has been budgeted that income for 2018 will be \$133,700.00 whilst expenses will total \$143,939.20. This leaves a deficit of \$8,793.20. Add this to the decrease in our bank balances we have a decrease in assets of at least \$11,000.00 per year. As you can gather this situation, although not desirable, is sustainable for a few years only as deficits will keep eating away at our bank balances.

Fortunately, our previous treasurer and parish council members recognised this trend and started taking action, I refer to the proposed redevelopment here. If left unchanged the long-term outlook would not be a desirable outcome.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Vogelsang

Treasurer

Wodonga Lutheran Parish.

WODONGA LUTHERAN PARISH INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

01/01/2016 through 31/12/2017 (in Aus. Dollars) (Cash Basis)

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Category Description	01/01/2016- 31/12/2016	01/01/2017- 31/12/2017
INCOME		
Charitable Collections		
ALC	0.00	649.00
ALWS		
Luther Film	0.00	478.20
TOTAL ALWS	0.00	478.20
Bibles For Victory	60.00	70.00
David Cherry	0.00	1,156.00
Lentan Appeal	0.00	30.00
TOTAL Charitable Collections	60.00	2,383.20
Donations		
Funeral	0.00	1,300.00
Hall Hire		
Other Donations:Hall Hire	700.00	50.00
TOTAL Hall Hire	700.00	50.00
Hartley Schubert Estate	0.00	5,000.00
Lotte Winkler Estate	29,784.47	0.00
Lutheran Community Care	110.00	0.00
Mission	0.00	1,000.00
Music Ministry	1,000.00	0.00
Savers Corner	2,738.99	2,000.00
TOTAL Donations	34,333.46	9,350.00
Interest Received	955.99	1,797.54
LCA - Mission Grant	0.00	2,613.00
LLL		
Deposit		
Interest Free Giving	5,172.26	4,861.83
TOTAL Deposit	5,172.26	4,861.83
TOTAL LLL	5,172.26	4,861.83
Miscellaneous Income		
BBQ	0.00	591.30
Cake Stall	0.00	666.00
Reformation 500th	0.00	644.75
Year Books	40.00	65.20
TOTAL Miscellaneous Income	40.00	1,967.25
Offering		
Ash Wednesday	227.20	181.75
Christmas	986.15	0.00
Easter	3,373.40	2,050.20
GZ	0.00	1,253.00
Parish Service	14,650.05	17,192.20
REG	30,995.00	30,135.00
Special		
Christmas	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Special	0.00	0.00
St John's-Saturday	23,252.40	18,160.70
St John's-Sunday	32,514.15	31,296.45
Yackandandah	15,485.65	16,015.80
TOTAL Offering	121,484.00	116,285.10
S School		
Offering	10.40	0.00
TOTAL S School	10.40	0.00
VLC		
Tim's Rent Reimbursement	4,760.00	0.00

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Category Description	01/01/2016- 31/12/2016	01/01/2017- 31/12/2017
Tim's Salary Reimbursement	18,566.52	0.00
TOTAL VLC	23,326.52	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	185,382.63	139,257.92
EXPENSES		
Appeals		
ALWS		
Other Appeals:ALWS	0.00	478.20
TOTAL ALWS	0.00	478.20
Lenten Appeal	0.00	30.00
TOTAL Appeals	0.00	508.20
Aust. Lutheran College	0.00	649.00
Buildings		
Church		
Electrical Work	0.00	120.00
Electricity Use	1,782.82	1,676.54
Gas Use	775.86	802.80
Other Buildings:Church	631.55	42.80
TOTAL Church	3,190.23	2,642.14
Hall		
Electricity Use	1,411.38	1,527.45
Gas Use	780.91	899.82
TOTAL Hall	2,192.29	2,427.27
Havelock St Plant		
CFA	262.27	393.04
Insurance	2,846.58	3,056.20
Rates		
Water	1,379.80	1,379.10
Other Buildings:Havelock St Plant:Rates	552.00	278.15
TOTAL Rates	1,931.80	1,657.25
Signage	0.00	235.00
TOTAL Havelock St Plant	5,040.65	5,341.49
Manse		
Heating Repairs	0.00	372.73
Insurance	996.93	1,070.40
TOTAL Manse	996.93	1,443.13
Office		
Electrical Work	230.00	0.00
TOTAL Office	230.00	0.00
Yackandandah		
Electricity Use	558.90	545.58
Insurance	413.82	444.40
Rates		
Water	147.62	149.99
Other Buildings:Yackandandah:Rates	351.55	119.55
TOTAL Rates	499.17	269.54
TOTAL Yackandandah	1,471.89	1,259.52
TOTAL Buildings	13,121.99	13,113.55
Core Workshop Training	0.00	280.00
David Cherry	0.00	1,156.00
JFB		
Other	1,258.09	0.00
TOTAL JFB	1,258.09	0.00
LCA		
Funds Levy	3,060.00	3,136.00

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Category Description	01/01/2016- 31/12/2016	01/01/2017- 31/12/2017
Vic Dist		
Budget	0.00	20,000.00
Workcover		
Pastor	550.00	596.62
TOTAL Workcover	550.00	596.62
TOTAL Vic Dist	550.00	20,596.62
TOTAL LCA	3,610.00	23,732.62
Mission		
Conference		
Other Mission:Conference	300.00	0.00
TOTAL Conference	300.00	0.00
Longest Lunch	0.00	197.78
Luther Film Night	0.00	1,299.09
TOTAL Mission	300.00	1,496.87
Nurture		
Baptism Material	98.18	0.00
First Communion	34.55	0.00
Martin Luther 500th Materials	0.00	117.00
New Members	34.18	0.00
Other Nurture	0.00	60.00
TOTAL Nurture	166.91	177.00
Office		
Audit	960.00	1,000.00
Computer		
Broadband Connection	741.22	767.68
Cartridge	159.73	52.64
TOTAL Computer	900.95	820.32
Petty Cash	211.89	175.51
Phone		
Other Office:Phone	1,424.20	1,091.11
TOTAL Phone	1,424.20	1,091.11
Photocopier		
Copies	851.55	1,278.11
Lease	0.00	836.11
Other Office:Photocopier	0.00	222.89
TOTAL Photocopier	851.55	2,337.11
Postage		
Other Office:Postage	11.82	0.00
TOTAL Postage	11.82	0.00
Reckon Software	0.00	151.13
Supplies	119.18	0.00
TOTAL Office	4,479.59	5,575.18
Pastor Jaswanth		
CEP	350.00	460.00
Convention	430.00	0.00
FB	4,781.67	16,419.05
Fringe Benefits	7,306.97	0.00
Pastors Conference	0.00	545.00
Salary	47,209.96	46,867.08
Superannuation	5,779.27	7,419.48
TOTAL Pastor Jaswanth	65,857.87	71,710.61
Purchases for R'ment		
Year Books	0.00	98.18
TOTAL Purchases for R'ment	0.00	98.18
Safe Church Training	315.00	0.00

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Category Description	01/01/2016- 31/12/2016	01/01/2017- 31/12/2017
Secretary		
HRS Fees	200.64	326.04
Salary		
Subscription	25.00	0.00
Other Secretary:Salary	13,530.00	13,779.97
TOTAL Salary	13,555.00	13,779.97
Superannuation	1,285.35	1,309.10
Workcover	200.60	181.11
TOTAL Secretary	15,241.59	15,596.22
Synod 2016		
Accommodation	170.91	0.00
Meals	86.91	0.00
TOTAL Synod 2016	257.82	0.00
Tim Jarick		
Car Allowance	1,700.01	0.00
Farewell Gifts	268.16	0.00
Rent	4,128.57	0.00
Research Allowance	227.50	0.00
Salary	9,429.99	0.00
Superannuation	1,794.00	0.00
TOTAL Tim Jarick	17,548.23	0.00
VLC Church Concept	5,000.00	0.00
Worship		
Audio Visual	1,930.50	0.00
Baptismal Certificates	0.00	14.55
Candle	92.00	0.00
CCLI	497.00	503.55
Freight(ACR)	0.00	12.72
Materials	65.00	0.00
Offering Envelopes	0.00	187.00
Performing Arts Lic	77.52	78.53
Wafers	0.00	80.00
TOTAL Worship	2,662.02	876.35
TOTAL EXPENSES	129,819.11	134,969.78
OVERALL TOTAL	55,563.52	4,288.14

WODONGA LUTHERAN PARISH STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - As of 31/12/2017

As of 31/12/2017 (in Aus. Dollars) (Cash Basis)

16/02/2018

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Account	31/12/2017 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
LLL Account	65,147.34
Parish Account	3,371.45
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	68,518.79
TOTAL ASSETS	68,518.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Credit Cards	
Jaswanth's Maxxia Account	-5,684.56
TOTAL Credit Cards	-5,684.56
Other Liabilities	
Employees Tax Deductions	0.00
Payroll Clearing Account	0.00
Tax Control	-509.61
TOTAL Other Liabilities	-509.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-6,194.17
EQUITY	74,712.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	68,518.79

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT



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To:

The Members, Wodonga Lutheran Parish

Scope

We have audited the attached financial report, consisting of Income & Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position & Notes to the Accounts of Wodonga Lutheran Parish for the year ended 31st December 2017. The Parish Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Parish's constitution, and are appropriate to the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used comply with the constitution or are appropriate to the needs of members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this audit report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to the audit of special purpose financial reports. Audit procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in the notes to the report. (These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and UIG Consensus Views).

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organizations of this type, it is not practicable for Wodonga Lutheran Parish to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, offerings and other fundraising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, we are unable to report whether all monies received have been recorded in the books of the Parish, although we have no reason to suspect that they have not been recorded. The Statement of Financial Position as presented is restricted to Current Assets and Current

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Liabilities, and we therefore cannot verify existence to any assets of the organisation, other than amounts held in bank accounts.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph, the financial report presents a fair and true view of the financial position of the Parish as at 31st December 2017 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with applicable Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards.





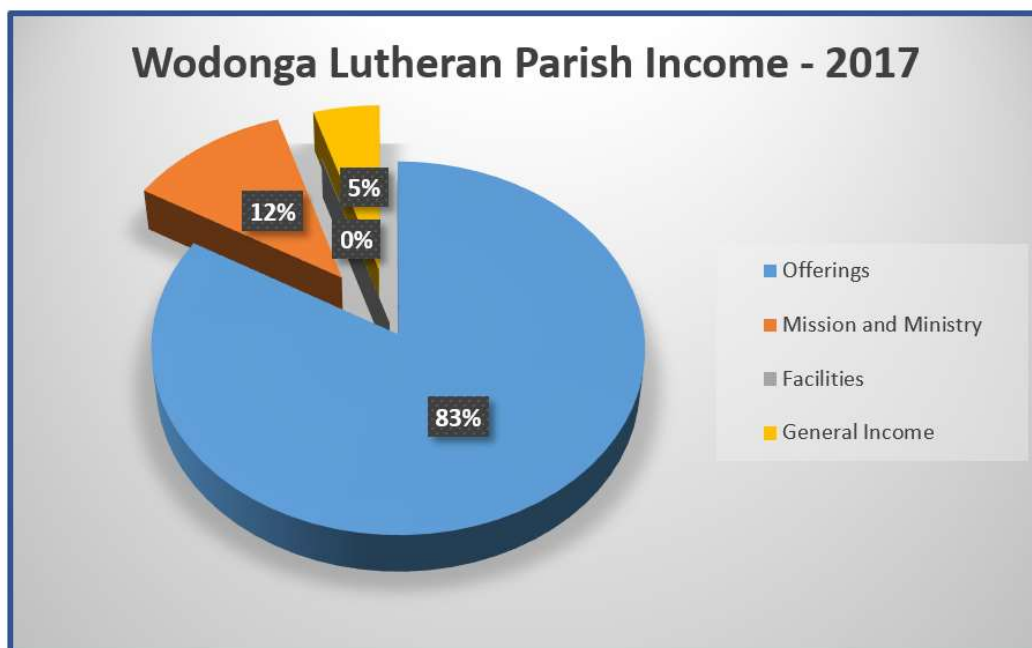
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16th February 2018

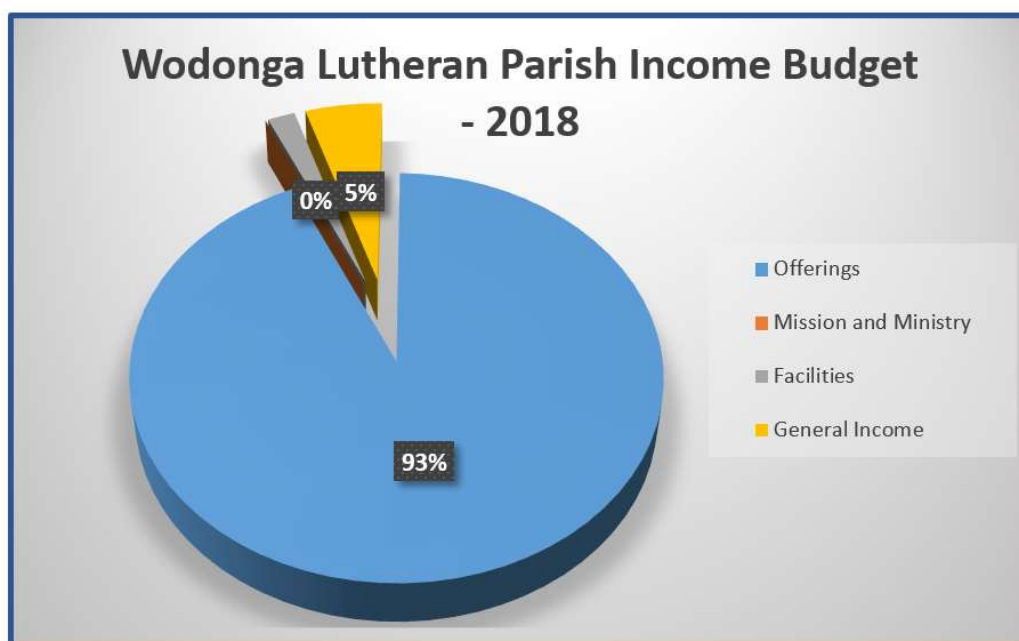
Budget Forecast and Assumption 2018

Income				Expenses			
Church Offerings		2017	2018	Parish Staff		2017	2018
	Ash Wednesday	\$ 181.75	\$ 200.00		Pastor	\$ 72,307.23	\$ 85,396.00
	Easter	\$ 2,050.20	\$ 3,500.00		Office Secretary	\$ 15,596.22	\$ 15,793.00
	Parish Service	\$ 17,192.20	\$ 20,000.00		Totals:	\$ 87,903.45	\$ 101,189.00
	Christmas	\$ 2,457.30	\$ 3,000.00	Mission and Ministry			
	REG: LLL	\$ 30,135.00	\$ 31,000.00		Other	\$ 3,948.00	\$ -
	St John's Saturday	\$ 18,160.70	\$ 20,000.00		LCA and District	\$ 26,948.00	\$ 14,780.00
	St John's Sunday	\$ 31,171.45	\$ 32,000.00		Worship Expenses	\$ 847.35	\$ 660.00
	St Mark's	\$ 14,936.50	\$ 16,000.00		Totals:	\$ 27,795.35	\$ 15,440.00
	Totals:	\$ 116,285.10	\$ 125,700.00	Facilities			
Mission and Ministry					St Johns	\$ 4,304.09	\$ 5,500.00
	Collections/Appeals	\$ 508.20	\$ -		Hall	\$ 2,427.27	\$ 2,500.00
	Donations	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -		Havelock Street	\$ 5,341.49	\$ 5,200.00
	Deceased Estates	\$ 10,072.00	\$ -		Manse	\$ 1,443.13	\$ 1,200.00
	Totals:	\$ 11,880.20	\$ -		St Marks	\$ 1,260.57	\$ 1,400.00
Facilities		\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,500.00		Totals:	\$ 14,776.55	\$ 15,800.00
General Income				Administration			
	Miscellaneous	\$ 14,022.82	\$ -		Auditor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,350.00
	Interest Free Giving	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 5,000.00		Broadband	\$ 615.85	\$ 960.00
	Interest Received	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		Photocopier	\$ 2,029.46	\$ 2,400.00
	Totals:	\$ 20,922.82	\$ 7,000.00		General	\$ 612.09	950
					Totals:	\$ 4,257.40	\$ 5,660.00
Total Income		\$139,257.92	\$135,200.00	Total Expense		\$134,732.75	\$138,089.00
Forecast Result		\$ 4,525.17	-\$ 2,889.00				

Where our money comes from to support the Mission and Ministry of Wodonga Lutheran Parish:

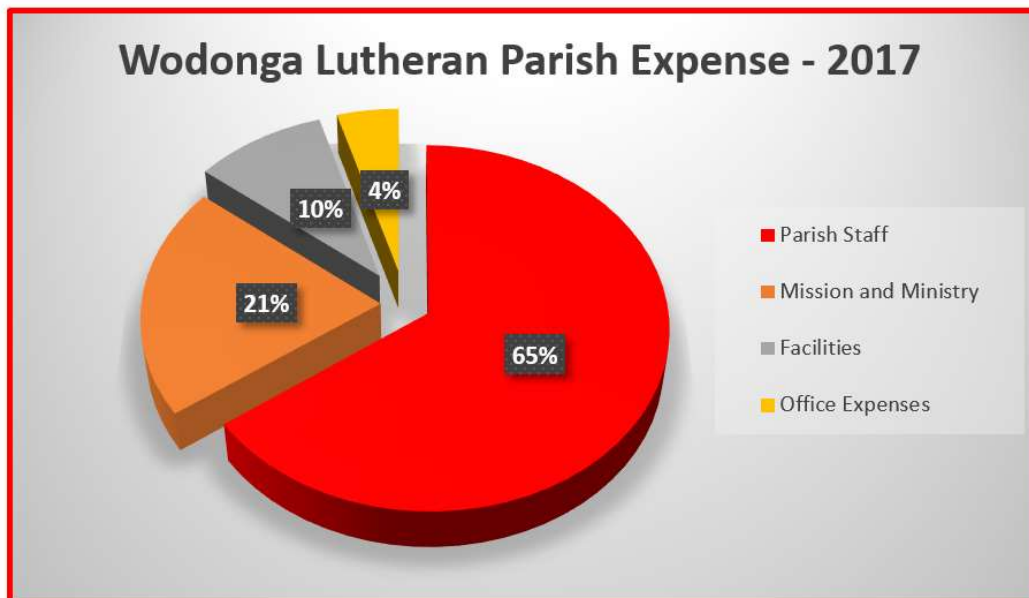


In 2017 83% or \$116,285 of our income came from offerings and giving, 12% or \$16,263 came from Mission efforts and 5% or \$6,659 came from general income streams. During 2017 we received bequests totalling \$6,300 and raised \$1,227 through general fund raising.



In 2018 the plan is for 93% or \$125,700 to come from offerings and giving, 5% or \$7,000 to come from general income and 2% or \$2,500 from facilities.

How our money is used to support the Mission and Ministry of Wodonga Lutheran Parish:



In 2017 65% or \$87,903 was spent on our Parish staff, 21% or \$27,795 was offered to mission and ministry and 10% or \$13,113 was consumed on facilities.



In 2018 the plan is for 77% or \$110,690 to be spent on our Parish staff, 11% or \$15,440 to be offered to mission and ministry and 8% or \$12,150 to be consumed on facilities.

Report - Redevelopment Project

Following the Parish decision at the AGM 2017, I have along with the Chairman and Parish Council members continued to work with the Alatalo Group to rollout the plans for this development.

Over the last six months especially we have reached an understanding with the Victorian District office on the way forward with the sale of the land and an understanding of the MOU and what that might look like. The MOU has been a protracted exercise with the solicitors from both sides trying to cover off on all the risk issues. On the 8th December we received endorsement from the District Church

Council allowing the WLP Council to negotiate the sale of the Havelock St property with the Alatalo Group.

This gives the Parish freedom to work through all the issues with the development and later to look carefully at Phase Two which is to develop the VLC site with a facility to suit the Parish needs.

At the time of writing this report we have not reached a point in the marketing for the Havelock St site where we can collectively say we can go ahead and construct the 22 Units on the site. As much as there is interest here in Wodonga in this sort of development, it is too early to tell if we have sufficient interest to develop.

Written into the MOU between ourselves and the Alatalo group are dates, which constitute milestones for the decisions that need to be made, we are talking late February 2018 as the first of these for that discussion.

The current situation with the sale of land is different from that which was envisaged at the 2017 AGM. Then the land was to be sold off to individual owners as they undertook to enter into a contract with Alatalo.

What we have now is a much simpler arrangement with less responsibility by the Parish, as we will not have to handle the conveyancing of each parcel of land. The Alatalo group would purchase the whole parcel of land as a job lot for the agreed valuation. This amount plus any profit from the sale of the units would pass to the Parish, allowing in time phase two to commence at the College.

We will have plenty of time given the decision to proceed with the development to vacate the current church site and associated buildings.

The next phase (2) will get under way as soon as is practicable we will have sufficient funds to start the construction at VLC sooner than we first thought. Of course, there will be much consultation about what this sort of building might look like and what it might contain for the Parish needs. Some quantity survey work will be commenced in January for this construct.

It is my intent to keep the Parish up to date on progress as we move forward into 2018; there will be a further report on progress at the AGM in March.

Respectfully submitted

Tim McInnes

Project Manager

Report – Savers Corner

Savers Corner has once again been blessed with a fruitful and happy year, despite the background of uncertainty.

This year our funding allocations were the major point of difference, for as a group, we decided to continue to support and maintain our Victory College Scholarships. Unfortunately, this means we had to severely limit donations to other outreach causes.

However, our passion lies with helping young people at the school that the Parish built many years ago, and one that we are very much a part of.

Our financial success means that we will be able to provide Scholarships for three consecutive years. An accomplishment we are all proud of.

Volunteer numbers have fluctuated during the year. A couple left, and before any roster worry, they were replaced with others. Considering the scarcity of people with spare time for volunteering, I could see God's hand in that!

Our quarterly Saturday Market Day Sale has provided some variation to routine by having a wider section of the community visit us, and the added panache of Susan's cake stall on the day.

In conclusion, I need to thank the awesome team of volunteers at Savers Corner. They give so much of their time and energy to serving in their faith community, and do it cheerfully and willingly. Thank you all!

So our year didn't end with the crescendo of a finale after all, instead we look forward to a challenging future.

Respectfully submitted

Maria Davison

Coordinator

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - SAVERS CORNER

1st January, 2017 to 31st December, 2017

EXPENDITURE

Coffee, Milk, Biscuits etc.	200.00
Advertising - Border Mail	161.09
Staff Dinner	300.00
J J Richards (Waste bin)	242.00
Toilet Paper	10.00
Donations -	
- Wodonga Ladies' Fellowship	500.00
- Wod. Luth. Parish 50/500	200.00
- D Cherry (Sem. Student)	500.00
L L L - Transfer funds	10,400.00
Float (Contra)	60.00
Bank charges	10.17
Stickers	10.00

12,593.26

Credit Balance as per Bank
Statement 31/12/17

4,403.25

16,996.51

Plus O/S Cheque (2016) 500.00

17,496.51

INCOME

Opening Balance	339.51
Income Takings for year	17,049.40
Plus Cash Expenses	107.60

17,496.51

L.L.L. ACCOUNT

Opening Balance January 2017	7,123.54
Funds Transferred	10,400.00
Annual Interest	217.95
	17,741.49
Less V.L.C. - Scholarships	6,000.00
W L P - Hall Expenses	2,000.00
Cr Bal as at 31/12/2017	9,741.49

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Wilma Y Trabant

Checked by

Mark Paech C.A.

Mark Paech

20.1.2018

Treasurer

Report – Ladies Fellowship

Our meetings have continued to be based around the Word of God with the main focus being on the Bible Studies in the Lutheran Women magazine.

Last year we completed the studies written by Pastor Matt Thiele on suffering and hope entitled 'Bitter or Better, Responding to Rejection and Heavenly Hope'. The next series were based on Revelation and written by Pastor Maurice Schild with a final set of studies on King David by Pastor Neville Mirtschin. We thank Pastor Jaswanth and Pastor John for leading us in these studies.

Our membership has remained steady at 15 members with an extra 6 subscribing to the Lutheran Women magazine. Attendance has also continued at 5, or less, at each meeting.

We have been able to support LWA and LWV projects again, thanks to a donation from Savers Corner.

Three of our 'younger' members attended the Retreat at Shepparton and four to five ladies attended socials at St Peters Lavington and the Evening Guild Fellowship at St Luke's Albury.

Looking to the future we are very happy to have an extra member join us when she moves back from Queensland.

Wodonga is to host the LWV North East Zone one day Retreat on Saturday, 18th August 2018 and we will be informing and urging all ladies of our Parish to attend.

We go into the future relying on God to lead us and trusting that He, alone, knows what the year will bring.

"I alone know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to give you hope and a future! (Jeremiah 29:11)

Marie Hill

Secretary

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN LADIES' FELLOWSHIP, WODONGA
Annual Treasurer's Report
1st November, 2016 to 31st October, 2017

INCOME

Credit Balance brought forward	177.09
- Guild	195.00
- "Lutheran Women"	190.00
Donations	26.00
Offerings	565.00

Christmas Luncheon	303.00

	1,279.00 1,279.00

1,456.09

EXPENSES

A L W S Christmas Luncheon	303.00
L W V Convention (Donation)	100.00
Luth. Women Magazine	210.00
L W A Vic Membership	195.00
LWV/LWA Projects	500.00
Lutheran Tract Mission	53.00

1,361.00

Less O/S Cheque No. 536	500.00

	861.00
Plus Cr Bal at Bank	595.09

1,456.09

LUTHERAN LAYPEOPLE'S LEAGUE ACCOUNT

Balance Brought Forward	301.22
Donation from Savers' Corner	500.00
31/05/16 Interest	18.76
Less Payment - LWV/LWA Projects Tas/Vic District	760.00

Balance as at 31/10/2016	59.98
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Wilma Y Trabant,
Treasurer

Checked by Mark Paech C.A.

Mh 20.1.2018

Report – Parish Office (Statistics)

10 Year analysis of our membership.

Table 3: Growth Numbers/Rate

Period	Beginning Numbers	Attrition	Addition	Net Gain/Loss	Growth Rate	End Numbers
2017	211	61	9	-52	-24.64%	159
2016	193	4	20	16	8.29%	209
2015	193	14	14	0	0.00%	193
2014	199	6	10	4	2.01%	203
2013	206	4	3	-1	-0.49%	205
2012	186	13	15	2	1.08%	188
2011	167	4	25	21	12.57%	188
2010	164	6	6	0	0.00%	164
2009	213	15	29	14	6.57%	227
2008	201	3	15	12	5.97%	213
Totals:		130	146	16		

Membership losses:

- Funerals x 4
- Lapsed x 47;
- Transferred 10; and
- Under Care x TBA.

To validate our membership, it is proposed that an independent audit be conducted of our core membership of 159 people to verify their details are correct. This process will take some time to complete. Once this task is completed the remainder of our membership records – people under spiritual care will be audited and people contacted to confirm their credentials and involvement with our Church.

Motions and General Business

Motion: - 1

“That the moneys generated from the sale of land currently occupied by St John’s Lutheran Church be assigned to the construction of a new Church and Administrative facilities. The money is to be held as a reserve in the WLP Lutheran Layperson’s League (LLL) account and managed by the Treasurer.”

Proposed By: Phillip Edwards

Seconded By: Tim McInnes

Carried/Defeated

Background: The Parish has approved undertaking the redevelopment of the Havelock Street site that would generate funds to build a new church facility at the VLC precinct. It is important that each phase of the redevelopment is presented to the members for approval and continued direction to the Parish Council. This proposal is for the handling of the money generated from any sale of land and for that money to be held in a reserve fund until allocated to the building of a new church.

Motion: - 2

“That the VLC Fee Schedule as presented by VLC Council for 2018 be adopted.”

Proposed By: Adrian Gutsche

Seconded By:

Carried/Defeated



Wodonga Lutheran Parish Members:

The College Council, after taking advice from the Finance Committee, has set the Tuition Fees for 2018 after considering a range of factors, not the least of which is the difference between the cost of running the College and the amount of government funding received. The combination of private and government funding enables the College to provide the resources and infrastructure necessary to offer a quality education to each student.

Victory Lutheran College continues to be one of the lowest fee Independent Foundation to Year-12 Private Colleges in the region. In 2017 our fees on average were 15% below similar Colleges within the local Albury Wodonga area. The long-term aim is to ensure our fees continue to be lower than these similar Colleges but minimise the gap to ensure we optimise student outcomes. As a comparison to similar (same government funding, F-12 & number of students) Colleges in Australia our tuition fees are 25% below the average.

Based on this feedback the College Council is now implementing a 6-year plan to provide additional resources to meet these requirements. A few of the main additional resources that will be provided over the next 6 years include, more teacher aides, extra VCE subjects, integrating technology into curriculum delivery, increased planning time, lower class sizes in junior primary and expansion of the art/drama/music/LOTE into the Senior Secondary.

The average fee increases for 2018 were 6%. The proposed average increase per year until 2023 is 6%pa but subject to review by council each year. The College Council will consider the Commonwealth Gonski funding model and student numbers each year (as these 2 items are the key drivers that may allow fee increases to be set lower than the 6%pa proposed) and overall financial projections before authorisation of fees.

The demand for places is high and we look forward to the continuing growth and prosperity of the College.

Submitted by VLC Council Chairperson
Adrian Gutsche
20 February 2018



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Background: In accordance with the VLC Constitution and By-Laws the fees schedule for the College must be approved by the Parish members. To allow for certainty of the fees schedule the College Council has developed a fee schedule for the next five years to cover the operating costs for the College.

2017 Fee Schedule

Year Level	Annual Tuition Fee	Per Term	Per Month Over 10 months	Per Week Over 40 weeks
Foundation	\$3,160.00	\$790.00	\$316.00	\$79.00
1	\$3,160.00	\$790.00	\$316.00	\$79.00
2	\$3,200.00	\$800.00	\$320.00	\$80.00
3	\$3,440.00	\$860.00	\$344.00	\$86.00
4	\$3,620.00	\$905.00	\$362.00	\$90.50
5	\$3,672.00	\$918.00	\$367.20	\$91.80
6	\$3,872.00	\$968.00	\$387.20	\$96.80
7	\$4,780.00	\$1,195.00	\$478.00	\$119.50
8	\$4,872.00	\$1,218.00	\$487.20	\$121.80
9	\$5,052.00	\$1,263.00	\$505.20	\$126.30
10	\$5,552.00	\$1,388.00	\$555.20	\$138.80
11	\$5,920.00	\$1,480.00	\$592.00	\$148.00
12	\$5,460.00	\$1,820.00	\$546.00	\$136.50

* Year 12 only charged over 3 terms

Sibling Discount

The following discounts are provided for families with more than one child at Victory Lutheran College to the tuition fee component:

	2 nd Child	3 rd Child	4 th Child	5 th Child	6 th Child	7 th Child
Discount	15%	35%	55%	70%	90%	90%

Early Payment Discount

A 4% fee discount will apply to annual fees paid in full before **17th February 2017**.

Payment of Fees

A Tuition Fee Invoice is issued at the commencement of each term.

Fees may be paid:

- Annually (by 17th February, 2017 to take advantage of the 4% discount)
- Term payment plan (interest free, due at end of week 3 each term)
- Monthly payment plan (interest free)
- Weekly payment plan (interest free)

A payment plan form is provided with the initial invoice at the beginning of 2017

Payment Methods

Payment can be received in any of the following manners:

- Cash or Cheque in person at the College Administration Office to either the Bursar, Mrs Maree Weihrauch or the Business Manager, Mr Glenn Wright.
- Visa, MasterCard, EFTPOS (via the Administration Office or Parent Lounge).
- Periodical payment (arranged through your own bank).
- Internet electronic funds transfer (through your own internet banking entity - the BSB and Account Number for the College is shown on the initial invoice and monthly statements).
- BPAY (details are supplied on invoices).
- Direct Debit (please request forms).

Fee schedule extracted from VLC Prospectus 2017.

Motion: - 3

“That the salary of the Parish Office Assistant be increased by the value of \$5.00 per week effective from 1 January 2018.”

Proposed By: Paul Vogelsang

Seconded By: Phillip Edwards

Carried/Defeated

Background: The Office Secretary is a permanent part time position and the salary increase is in recognition of the work being done by Heather in both a paid and volunteer capacity.

Motion: - 4

“That the Financial Report for Calendar Year 2017 be accepted as audited and that the Budget forecast for Calendar Year 2018 as presented by the Treasurer be adopted.”

Proposed By: Paul Vogelsang

Seconded By: Phillip Edwards

Carried/Defeated

Background: It is a requirement of the LCA and good governance that members receive an audited financial report of the Parish and approve the budget projections for the new financial year.

Motion: - 5

“That Asquith, Trotman and Spence (ATS) Accountants of 19 Stanley Street, Wodonga be appointed as the auditor for Wodonga Lutheran Parish (VLC), incorporating Victory Lutheran College (VLC) for the Church Year 2018.”

Proposed By: Paul Vogelsang

Seconded By: Phillip Edwards

Carried/Defeated

Background: In accordance with the [LCA Victoria District Inc \(including Tasmania\) audit procedures 2013](#) requires that all entities are audited in an appropriate manner by auditors with appropriate qualifications. The auditor is to be appointed at each AGM.

VICTORY LUTHERAN COLLEGE REPORT

Wodonga Lutheran Parish - Annual General Meeting 2018



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide excellence for all in a Foundation to Year 12 Christ-centred community, inspiring tomorrow's leaders.

We continue to implement our Strategic Plan – Victory 20 20 - covering the growth of all areas of College life. This is the primary focus of the College Council and Principal in delivery of the services at the College.

STUDENT ENROLMENT:

Demand for enrolment continues to be strong. We have enrolled 61 foundation students across 3 classes for 2018. At the commencement of the 2018 College year, our enrolment will be 747 consisting of 389 Primary (F-Year 6) and 358 Secondary (Year 7-12) students.

During 2017 the College Council undertook a review of enrolment fees with the conclusion of implementing a 6-year funding plan. This plan will be subject to yearly changes based on additional 'Gonski' funding however having the 6-year fee plan provides better opportunity for the College to understand the ongoing funding and budget going forward.

STAFF MATTERS:

We have installed Mr Andrew Dewhirst as our College Chaplain, commencing in January 2018 after not being successful in the calling of a Pastor.

Andrew joins Victory Lutheran College after working at one of our sister Lutheran schools in Adelaide, Immanuel College. He was a Christian Studies and 'The Journey' Teacher in 2017 after stepping down as the Head of Christian Studies which he held previously for five years. Prior to Immanuel, Andrew was Chaplain at Good Shepherd Lutheran College in Darwin for two years and worked at Unity College in Murray Bridge in many leadership and teaching roles.

Andrew is married to Sandra and they have three children Chloe, Hannah and Noah.

We give thanks for Andrew and his family as they join our Victory community and believe that they will be a great addition to our staff and wider community in supporting the mission and ministry of the College.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE:

We greatly appreciate the contribution of the College Council. We sincerely thank all Council members, who continue to provide governance for the College. We are fortunate to have their expertise, commitment to good governance and supportive to leadership and staff. We pray that God will guide our decision as we work on a succession plan to find new Council members to guide the College into the future.

We give thanks for the service of the late Mr Merv Keller who not only has been a huge supporter of the College but had provided his services to the College Council for 20 years. Rhonda was presented a Lutheran Education Australia Service Award at our 2018 Opening Service to acknowledge Merv's service to Victory Lutheran College. He will be missed, and the College will continue in supporting the family.

During 2018 it is planned that the College Council will establish a Policies/Compliance committee to enable new and ongoing policies to be implemented. Policies are a high requirement for ongoing registration as an educational facility within Victoria.

The Finance committee continues to operate effectively and reports to the College Council monthly.

MISSION AND MINISTRY:

After a period of absence since Pastor Tim's call to Pacific Lutheran College, we have appointed Mr Andrew Dewhirst as College Chaplain for 2018.

A high priority for early 2018 is the implementation of a Mission and Ministry team within the College Community. The key purpose of the College M&M Team is to keep mission and ministry "on the boil" in the College community. Build on what is already happening and grow opportunities through all areas of our community. This team exists to encourage acting out the College's vision statement of 'A Christian community – Together in Excellence – Learning Today – Leading Tomorrow'.

The M&M Team will look at strengthening the worship life of the College by investigating and encouraging meaningful ways to share the good news and connect with our students and staff. This includes compulsory times of worship for staff and students but also provide opportunities for voluntary worship for staff, students and parents. This relates to maintaining our Foundation to Year 12 programs in Christian Studies and Service Learning.

TEACHING & LEARNING

Visible Learning 2017-2019

As a College community, we commenced a three-year partnership with Corwin Australia to embed 'Visible Learning' into our teaching & learning community. Staff have been actively involved in a number of professional learning workshops and practically implementing their learning in their everyday teaching.

Year 12 Class of 2017 Achievements

Congratulations to our Year 12 students from last year as there is no doubt that our students worked hard and were rewarded for their efforts. As a College, we are extremely proud of our Year 12 Class of 2017.

We congratulated Hannah Billington as our Victory Lutheran College Dux of 2017 at our Opening Service. Hannah scored an ATAR of 99.35 with perfect scores of 50 in English and Psychology, along with 45 in History Revolutions and 42 in Global Politics. Hannah's outstanding achievement is testament to her work ethic and diligence during the past year and provides an amazing example for our Year 12 Class of 2018.

Congratulations to Cameron Fowler and Anna Campbell who both achieved ATAR scores of 90+.

We also acknowledge a number of senior students who achieved an individual subject result of 40+ which places them in the top 9% of the state:

- Hannah Billington – English, History: Revolutions, Global Politics, Psychology.
- Cam Fowler – Chemistry, Physical Education; Physics.
- Anna Campbell – Biology, Physical Education.
- Rebecca Scott – Health & Human Development, Global Politics.
- Abby Vogelsang – Psychology, Studio Arts.
- Mitch Bartlett – Furnishing.
- Nat Beckwith – Furnishing.
- Olivia Knight – English.
- Tess Levitzke – Health & Human Development.
- Sarah Morgan – Hospitality.
- Cain Terry – Furnishings.

As a Year 12 Class of 2017, over 40% of all our students scored an ATAR of 70 or higher. In Victoria, Victory Lutheran College was the 6th highest ranked regional school and in the top 25% of all Victorian Secondary schools.

We are excited to watch the next part of the Year 12 Class of 2017 journey, which for many involves accepting university placements. Our Old Scholars have been offered university courses ranging from Arts to Forensic Science, Computing Studies to Event Management, Nursing to Wildlife and Conversation Biology, Music Production to Speech and Language Pathology. We wish our old scholars all the best and remind them that they are always welcome back in our Victory Lutheran College community.

CAPITAL BUILDING PROGRAM:

Argus Learning Centre

We officially opened the Argus Learning Centre on March 17th, 2017 with Senator Jane Hume representing the Australian Government.

Year 5/6 General Learning Area – 2018/2019

In 2018, we will commence the construction of the Year 5/6 General Learning Area with six classrooms, office & meeting spaces and a central collaborative space.

We thank our Parish members and the Australian Government for their ongoing support with our College's Capital Building Program.

COLLEGE SUPPORT:

We are blessed with a wonderful support team including Parents and Friends, Savers Corner, Wodonga Parish, a dedicated staff and Council, a supportive parent community, and a visionary Principal as leader. We sincerely thank you all for your support in 2017.

CONCLUSION: It is our prayer that Victory Lutheran College continues to be a safe, rewarding, exciting place to learn and for staff to work. God has blessed us in many ways and we will strive to use our wonderful opportunity to share God's loving message of salvation through Christ with our students and their families.

Mr John Thompson
Principal

Mr Adrian Gutsche
Chair

Victory Lutheran College ABN: 47 476 534 312

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	2016 Audited	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 Forecast	2020 Forecast
INCOME						
Tuition Fees	2,461,405	2,715,869	2,772,875	3,060,688	3,472,485	3,896,797
Other Private Receipts	201,039	102,500	183,448	134,140	132,460	134,170
Government Grants	6,825,686	7,448,790	7,631,726	8,147,398	8,974,976	9,807,145
TOTAL INCOME	9,488,130	10,267,158	10,588,048	11,342,225	12,579,921	13,838,112
EXPENSES						
Tuition Salaries	5,252,765	5,735,030	5,810,621	6,459,969	7,134,196	7,788,160
Other Tuition Expenses	524,640	543,025	568,372	639,311	707,039	769,163
Administration Expenses	643,565	787,420	741,598	812,657	874,061	923,394
Buildings & Grounds	486,508	532,180	599,726	645,692	743,301	810,929
Staff Related Payments	617,075	693,105	703,459	799,040	878,566	955,045
General Expenses	679,917	699,845	756,092	819,155	925,680	1,005,830
Depreciation	678,814	916,664	749,396	739,341	775,841	895,809
Interest Expense	310,855	409,462	291,616	328,745	335,766	366,740
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,194,139	10,316,731	10,220,880	11,243,909	12,374,450	13,515,071
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	293,991	-49,573	367,168	98,316	205,471	323,041
OTHER ITEMS						
Capital Grants - BGA	603,354	0	0	945,000	448,741	280,000
Albury Bus Run & Canteen	-53,712	-34,500	-48,275	-43,891	-46,086	-48,390
Profit & Loss	843,633	-84,073	318,894	999,425	608,126	554,651
Non-Cashflow Expenditure	782,372	1,034,668	935,503	897,138	958,735	1,101,260
Capital Expenditure	-2,195,944	-302,000	-294,534	-2,205,000	-1,383,741	-1,895,000
Loan Repayments	-754,019	-704,538	-999,117	-620,255	-774,734	-763,111
Loan Draw-Downs	1,453,158	180,000	96,436	1,065,000	550,000	1,120,000
Other Items	-294,350	7,500	372,425	-54,500	-48,428	-92,343
Net Cashflow	-165,150	131,557	429,607	81,808	-90,042	25,457

Note:

The financial figures for 2017 have been prepared from the books and records maintained at the College and are yet to be signed by the auditor.

The 2018 budget was approved by College Council at their October meeting

Victory Lutheran College
ABN: 47 476 534 312

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2016 \$	2017 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	753,096	1,182,703
Trade and other receivables	315,285	222,118
Inventories	0	1,371
Other current assets	96,840	160,026
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,165,221	1,566,217
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	21,385,464	20,930,602
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	21,385,464	20,930,602
TOTAL ASSETS	22,550,685	22,496,820
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	516,190	877,388
Borrowings	988,800	896,000
Provisions	262,070	275,925
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,767,060	2,049,313
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	0	0
Borrowings	5,799,424	4,989,542
Provisions	568,848	723,718
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,368,272	5,713,260
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,135,332	7,762,573
NET ASSETS	14,415,353	14,734,247
EQUITY		
Reserves	4,938,076	4,938,076
Retained earnings	9,477,277	9,796,171
TOTAL EQUITY	14,415,353	14,734,247

Note: The financial figures for 2017 have been prepared from the books and records maintained at the College and are yet to be signed by the auditor.

VICTORY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Finance Report

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED:

31st December 2017

SUMMARY & KEY FINANCIAL ITEMS

Net Earnings before interest & Depn (excl. Capital Income)	\$1,359,905.58
Net Assets per Balance Sheet	\$14,734,246.77
Net Cashflow	\$429,606.51

COMMENTS

Summary

Earnings before interest and depreciation were used to fund capital expenses and LLL loan repayments.

Capital grants received during the year were zero, as no major buildings were completed.

The Net **cashflow** for the College as stated above shows a positive movement in 2017 (the main reason for the large increase was caused by the due date of prepaid annual school fees being moved forward from 15th February to 15th December. The cash balance held at 31st December 2017 is a solid cash position and holds the College in good stead. This includes funds held for LSL accruals.

Net Earnings before interest and Depreciation increased by \$129,958 in 2017, which was mainly due to 40 extra students.

Total Income increased 11.3%, reflecting the growth in recurrent Government funding and student numbers

Our **debtor level** decreased in 2017, as the focus on reminder notices to parents increased payments received.

Land, Building and Improvements value decreased \$454,862, which is due to annual depreciation being greater than asset additions.

The College monitors performance in conjunction with industry standard KPI's. Our Net Operating Margin now exceeds industry benchmarks.

We have been able to meet our financial benchmarks without restricting resources at the College or compromising on the high educational outcomes.

LLL Loans

Interest associated with LLL loans totalled **\$291,616** (the use of matching deposit sharing by LEVNT has helped reduce our interest expense)

The LLL loan balance as at 31st December 2017 was **\$5,885,542**. This represents a decrease of \$809,882.

As at 31st December 2017, the debt per student was **\$8,220** which is within the acceptable range for a school at this stage of its development.

Forecast

The 2018 budget is summarised on the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The budget for 2018 was presented to School Council on the 26th October and approved by School Council.

This forecasting shows a capacity for the College to meet its debt servicing requirements and the key performance indicators are all within acceptable ranges.

Income will increase in 2018 to over \$11.3 million and is projected to reach \$13.8 million in 2020.

Direct tuition expenses represent 66.1% of the budget.

Increased government funding continues to help our financial position. With 3 classes per year level progressing through Year 7 to Year 12, we have seen a marked increase in senior secondary students in higher years.

Support from families remains crucial to the development of the College and we are blessed to have had this support.

The College enjoys a strong reputation in the community and the Principal and staff are to be commended for their role in continuing to build the VLC brand. The continued improvement in academic results is driving student demand.

Nominations – Wodonga Lutheran Parish

Paul told the Thessalonians, “Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, and are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other” (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

Position	Nominee	Remarks
Parish Chairperson	Mr. Phillip Edwards	
Parish Secretary	Vacancy	(W1)
Parish Treasurer	Mr. Paul Vogelsang	12 January 2018
Parish Council Members		
Continuing Member	Mrs. Jenny Simboras	24 December 2017
Continuing Member	Mr. John Alatalo	(W4)
Continuing Member	Mr. Tim Mc Innes	7 January 2018
Member Vacancy		(W5)
Member Vacancy		(W6)
Retiring Members		
Parish Secretary	Mr. Peter Lade	4 November 2017
Parish Council Member	Mrs. Karen Starr	6 November 2017
Parish Council Member	Mr. Andy Enever	
Parish Council Member	Mr. Paul Schirmer	TBC
Lay Assistant	Mr. Jason Zweck	
Lay Assistants		
	Mr. Alex Sweatman	
Lay Readers		
Wodonga	Mr. Phillip Edwards	
Wodonga	Mr. Roger Farrell	
Wodonga	Mr. Andrew Klein	
Wodonga	Mr. Phil Suter	
Wodonga	Mrs. Angela Uhrhane	
Yackandandah	Mr. Alex Sweatman	
Yackandandah	Mr. John Donker	
Music Coordinator	Susan Edwards	
Persons of Responsibilities		
Savers Corner	Mrs. Maria Davison	Co-Ordinator
Savers Corner	Mrs. Wilma Trabant	Treasurer
Savers Corner	Mrs. Marie Hill	Secretary
Lutheran Women	Mrs. Marie Hill	Coordinator
Statistician	Mrs. Heather Grealy	
International Mission	Mrs Jan Farrell	Link member

International Mission	Mrs Ingrid Harder	Stamp Collector
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Nominations – Victory Lutheran College

Position	Nominee	Remarks
VLC Council Chairperson	Mr. Adrian Gutsche	15 December 2017
Parish Members (3 needed)	Mrs. Claire Roennfeldt TBA TBA	
Parent Representative (to be appointed by VLC Council.)	TBA	
Continuing Members		
Appointed 2017	Mrs. Susan Jacobs Mr. Peter Lade Mrs. Jenny Simboras	
Parent Representative	Mrs Jane Robb	Appointed 2017
Ex-Officio		
Principal	Mr. John Thompson	Non-Voting
Congregational Pastor	Rev Jaswanth Kukatlappalli	Non-Voting
Business Manager	Mr. Glen Wright	Non-Voting
Minutes Secretary	Ms. Jodi Ainsworth	Non-Voting
Retiring Members		
Parish Member	Mrs. Tammy Gutsche	8 January 2018
Parent Representative	Mr. Trevor Ierino	TBA



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Worship Planner – 2018

4 th February	Family Service
11 th February	VLC Staff and Teacher Affirmation
14 th February	Ash Wednesday
4 th March	Family Service – Young People Celebration
25 th March	AGM
25 th March	Parish Service and Palm Sunday
29 th March	Maundy Thursday
30 th March	Good Friday
1 st April	Sunrise Service
1 st April	Easter Day Services
6 th May	Family Service – Bibles for Victory Year 3
13 th May	Mother's Day
20 th May	Pentecost
3 rd June	Family Service – Celebration of Volunteers
1 st July	Family Service
5 th August	Family Service – Celebration of Confirmation
2 nd September	Family Service – Father's Day
7 th October	Family Service – Senior Adults Celebration
28 th October	Parish Service – Reformation Sunday
4 th November	Family Service – All Saints Day
2 nd December	Family Service – Christmas Pageant
16 th December	Carols and Readings – Yackandandah
24 th December	Christmas Eve Service (Mon)
25 th December	Christmas Day Service



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