



**NOW IS
THE TIME!**

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IN THE HUMAN HEART
ECCLESIASTES 3:11

ANNUAL REPORT

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH
2023

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PASTOR'S REPORT

BEN BETZ

"Hello Church Family!" I wanted to start with this welcome, because we are a family! Families go through many ups and downs but remain together through thick and thin. We have had another year of ups and downs, but we have remained faithful to what is essential. As a family we are to preach and teach the good news of Jesus Christ. What a joy it is to see the fruit of our labours and to see hearts respond to His call. As I write this, we have four party hats on display as witness to the church family sharing Jesus.

I truly thank God for all the wonderful things which have transpired over the last 12 months. Although we have had some setbacks, our health has suffered and there have been delays, we have still seen God faithfully care for us and help us, both personally and as a church to grow closer to Him. We believe the church has been moving forward in so many different aspects. Our vision of Loving God, Living Life and Reaching out for Jesus is helping to shape us as we allow our focus on God to direct our thoughts, programs and changes. Essentially, we are striving to be a church where God is our priority, where we choose to live in such a way that it reflects our love for Him and connects with others evangelistically and through mission. We are also aiming at raising and releasing new leaders, caring for our church plant in Gungahlin and teaching the whole truth of the Gospel.

As you are aware, it is my job to look at the preaching topics for the year. Last year we finished our series on "Streams in the Desert" and this year we wanted to follow on from that by looking at "Now is the Time".

The assurance and gentle confidence we have as we are challenged to know that God has put Eternity in our hearts and wants us to share it with others. It has been good to see our students, elders, staff and lay people preaching when available, we are blessed to have a rich diversity of talent share on various topics which come under this theme

The engine rooms of the church (Elders and Deacons) have been working hard over the past year to manage and maintain the church in many and varied capacities. This has been such a blessing to me, the staff and the church family. You can read in their reports all the work which has been accomplished over the past year. I once again want to thank both Andrew Muir chair of Elders and Mike Prunty chair of Deacons for the ongoing blessing of their leadership and the two teams they represent. It is appropriate now to also thank Paul Robertson for his many years as an elder as his term of office has closed and he won't be standing for re-election. It is also appropriate to thank Mike Adams for his role as treasurer over the past financial year. Mike has been diligent in his work and keeping us on track with financial matters. Mike has stated he will step down from this role at this AGM. It is with heartfelt thanks to Paul and Mike for their commitment and servant hearts.

Once again, I am humbled by the champion team of paid staff, each has their own gifts and abilities which are a real asset to this church. Our paid staff team now consists of: myself (Senior Pastor) fulltime; Andrew Edwards (Associate Pastor) four days per week; Antoinette Hildebrandt (Office Administrator) three days per week; Sharnay Harrison (Children & Families) two and half days per week; Helen Betz (Spiritual Director) one day per week; Jordan Harrison (in charge of the Gathering) one day per week and Suanu Ikoro (Church Planter) one day per fortnight. Please take time to read their reports to see the work they do to get a greater understanding of the diversity of gifts they bring to the church.

We have so many great events happening in the life of our church family and so many people who are committed to facilitating them.

I get excited about the various avenues we provide for people to connect with our community, these are essential to create open doors for people who don't know Jesus yet to start knocking on His door. These include Playgroup, Alpha, Homegroups, Bible Study, Women's/Men's Ministry, Prayer groups (Sat and Wed), Young Adults, Youth, Kids church, Worship, school programs at Stromlo and Arawang, our newly appointed Missions team and Insight Counselling. To all of those who help serve, run, set up, pack up, pray, love, clean and connect your contribution does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you for your heart and acts of service.

Our church has a solid team of volunteers and we love the passion and commitment they bring, which is a vital part of church health. Some of you have been serving in your roles for many years and church could not function without you. All our services, programs and behind the scenes works, largely because of those of you who volunteer. So, I truly want to thank you all for your hard work and commitment. However, there is also a real need for more volunteers. We want to be a church that is known for our diversity and commitment by everyone within our church. For this reason, I urge you to pray into where God is calling you to serve within our church. We are especially looking for volunteers to help with Kids Church and IT/Projector on Sundays, people gifted in music for Worship and volunteers for Playgroup on Tuesdays.

When we think of making disciples it can come in all different forms, two formalised groups we run are the Internship program and Spiritual formation. Our internship program has been running now for almost 7 years and our Spiritual formation group has now run for two years and we are into our third year. We didn't imagine when we first decided to start these programs that they would have the momentum they carry. We have been so blessed by all those who have enrolled, they have really stepped up in their Christian walk. These programs are open to people of all ages, and I truly hope these initiatives will continue to grow and others will enrol in the programs for 2024.

Mission and ministry are an essential part of any church work and are certainly a big part of ours. Mission Exposures and Mission Week are both opportunities for us to learn more about God at work here in our community and abroad. Just recently our first short term mission trip in some time took place, with a team heading off to Tanna in Vanuatu. The interns came back with many stories of God at work and this displayed God's compassion and His favour. We also ran a new community focused outreach event at the beginning of this year. Ideally, we would love to see a small team of people take this on and grow it into another avenue for our local mission work. In faith we are also planning some new mission adventures for the year ahead including a trip to Uganda in January, plus another spiritual retreat into Israel and Jordan. Again, we ask you to see if God is calling you to be part of any of these adventures. Some of our church members have heeded that call and we want to recognise the Overett's in Sweden, The Mellet's in Zambia and Merinda Forward in Germany. How wonderful to have members from our church serving across the globe. All these mission events allow us to contribute in various ways to God's call for mission both locally and abroad. Please continue to pray where God may be calling you to serve or support this necessary work.

One of the core values of the C&MA is faith-based risk. This value always stirs my heart because I know it is often when we leave our comfort zones behind us, God works more clearly. We need to risk more for the Kingdom. As you will see the new budget will reflect some of the struggles we have been having as a church. The costs of maintaining a church such as ours has many extra costs.

Paying staff, insurance and contributions are expensive and take much of the income, we have aging buildings, a large property and maintenance requirements. I realise the cost of living is increasing and money is getting tighter. So, this is why it will be a year of faith-based risk when it comes to finances. May God guide each one of us individually as to our tithes and offerings as this year will be a challenge.

Post Covid and the hurdles we have had to endure, we the leadership look ahead and are already doing some intentional praying and planning to fully embrace what we are capable of in this church. We are called to make disciples, to raise and release new leaders, and to open ways for missions and missionaries to embrace their callings.

We do this with you as members, with this property and in this community and we trust you value these also. If so, we ask for your ongoing prayer, service and support. When we all work together a great deal is accomplished for God and we are excited about what God has ahead for us. We hope you are too.

Finally, Helen and I would like to thank all of you for trusting us to lead you, serve you and speak into your lives. Thank you for accepting us as leaders, even when we have been unwell and our ability to give and lead has been diminished. Thank you for playing your part as a valuable family member and contributing in your way to growing the Lord's Kingdom.





ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

ANDREW EDWARDS

Greetings Church Family!

The past 12 months have been full of the blessings of The Lord, and for that, I am eternally grateful! Being a Pastor is not an easy gig, and my role, although busy, is one that brings me great joy as I'm blessed to serve God and His local church at WVAC.

I am blessed to serve alongside such a talented and Godly staff team who seek God first in all things. To be part of a team where each member's strengths complement the other's weaknesses is amazing – a true representation of the “members of the body” illustration Paul uses in Romans chapter 12.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ps Ben and Helen for their Godly leadership of our church and staff team and for the selfless way they have poured into my life and pointed me to Jesus.

You have both been an immense blessing to me, as I know you have also been to many, many others.

I have worked hard this year to maintain a healthy work/life balance and reduce the hours I work outside of those I'm employed for. It's not as easy as it sounds, and while I've made a reduction, there's still more to go to ensure that the balance remains healthy.

My role continues to be wide and varied as I oversee numerous ministries and support Ben in his role as Senior Pastor.

Discovery Internship meets every Monday during school terms from 9am – 3pm. Discovery gives people a unique opportunity to explore and discover more about who they are, expand their faith, develop their gifts, and discover what serving in a local church, local community and in a missional context is all about. Students are offered a wide range of opportunities to discover, sample, learn, and explore who God has created and called them to be and how they can live Christ-centred and surrendered lives.

As I write this, our 2022/23 Intern group has one week left of their 18-month journey. It's been a challenging and rewarding time leading this group as we've sought to learn from God and grow into the people He has made us to be. Our Mission trip to Tanna Vanuatu was certainly a highlight as we practised what it means to live completely on God's agenda and see Him move mightily as we obediently surrendered ourselves to His will each day. I encourage you to seek out those who have been through the Internship program and ask them to share with you what God has done and continues to do in their life!

I'm excited that the Discovery Internship will be offered again in 2024/25, with applications opening in the last quarter of 2023. I strongly encourage you to consider how you will intentionally grow in your discipleship journey in 2024 – perhaps God is asking you to take up the Discovery challenge.

The Worship Ministry continues to be a blessing in both our morning and afternoon services. Our desire is to seek God for His leading as we create worship spaces that are God honouring and sensitive to the Holy Spirit. It's wonderful to have a multi-generational band most weeks, with younger musicians learning how to use their gifts and talents to worship the Lord. A huge thank you to our amazing team of volunteers who serve diligently each week, enabling us to have quality, God-honouring worship both in-house and online.

The worship ministry really needs more volunteers to serve in our bands and production team. Our current volunteers are stretched, most serving in multiple roles and often without opportunities for a break. If you're interested in sound, projection, video, streaming or can sing or play an instrument – I would love to have a chat with you!

Impact Youth has continued to provide a safe and welcoming place for young people to engage with each other and with God. It caters for young people from Yr 6 to Yr 12 at school and is run by an amazing team of young adult volunteers.

The youth enjoy a wide range of high-energy activities, quiet reflection spaces, excursions, and camps, as well as time spent in God's Word each week. A big thank you to those who have come and shared their faith stories with the young people over the last year and helped to run an event or program – it truly takes a community of believers to help grow our faith. And, of course, a huge thank you to Sharnay, who leads the youth team, and to our amazing leaders, Sarah, Jonah, and Kiara.

As WVAC's Risk Management Officer, I've continued to oversee compliance with our policies and procedures to ensure that we continue to be a safe place for all who walk through our doors and attend our various events and ministries.



Reporting requirements to Government and the Alliance National Office continue to increase, requiring more of my time. This is a necessary part of church governance, and it's important that we do our best to stay current with the requirements and regulations. A big thank you to Antoinette, who works with me to make sure we meet all our obligations.

Safe Ministry training is a requirement for anyone who volunteers in any area or program at WVAC. Thank you to everyone for getting on board and completing your training. Accreditation is current for three years; please ensure you complete your online training and remain accredited; we'll send you a reminder when it's due and will be here to assist if required.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in making WVAC a safe place for all.

Alongside these roles, I've also been involved with the Gathering, taught Christian Education at Arawang Primary, led and taught in church services, continued to serve on the Board of Elders, created video content for our ministries and services, managed the worship team, all our production gear, online services and Sunday morning services, trained and developed team members, managed the Church and Mission Centre IT systems, participated in prayer and planning retreats, mentored leaders, and prayed with and supported many in our church family and wider community. There's always something that needs to be done!

Finally, thank you for your continued prayers and support for me and my family. Samantha, Anabelle, Levi, and I are blessed by the love, care, encouragement, and prayers we regularly receive.

Let us continue to obediently surrender every area of our lives to the One who laid down His very own to save us!

COVENANT LIFE

Twenty seven people attended a Covenant Life Family Worship (Sunday service) on two or more occasions this financial year. Five of these were either children or youths under 18 years of age.

Consistent weekly church attendance was a major challenge. The highest number of attendees at a weekly service was 17 people.

This financial year, we:

- commenced a market stall evangelism program at Gungahlin Market place East, near the Electorate Office of Hon. Dr. Andrew Leigh MP, Federal Member for Fenner
- moved our church services from the Belconnen Community Centre to Gungahdera Homestead, Otway Street, Harrison, Gungahlin; and
- fully implemented the WVAC safe church policy.

SUANU IKORO
Church Plant Pastor



THE GATHERING

JORDAN HARRISON
Ministry Assistant

For 18 months now I have been leading Woden Valley Alliance Church's afternoon service entitled 'The Gathering.' Through the end of 2022 and into 2023, God has continued to grow the community and we now have a core group that regularly attend. It is my hope that this will provide a foundation for new people to join the service and that The Gathering continues to expand and grow.

Throughout 2022/23, the role of 'The Gathering' is as an incubator, providing opportunities for those who want to grow and participate in the Kingdom of God. Throughout this time, we have had many people step up into speaking roles, including but not limited to the church Discovery Internship and Spiritual Formation students. My role with these people has been to coach and support them so that they can step wholeheartedly into what God is asking of them. One fantastic addition to The Gathering is that we have a growing worship band who has stepped up and provide a space of worship for us. This is a change to video worship that was the norm previously. Joe Ree has led this group, and we are grateful for his contribution and that of the other worship team members (including our sound people).

A key part of The Gathering's ethos is to support people connecting with God in various ways. As a result, The Gathering doesn't have a standard for what a typical service will look like.

There have been some notable event highlights, which have included: The Breakthrough Session led by Rob Holland, having David Chotka with us, a night where we connected to God via art, an ACTS Worship Night, The Interns Tanna Nights and the Easter Passover meal, where we participated in a Seder Passover Meal together.

I have also been busy in other areas of church life. This has included running various ministry and silent retreats; mentoring and coaching young adults; co-leading a home group, providing pastoral care for the people of our church in areas such as conflict resolution, family counselling and emergency response, (especially in areas of suicide and depression). I am building connections with other ministry groups across the region, including the Australian Centre for Culture and Christianity and the Cooma Baptist church where I am preaching once a month. Sharnay and I travelled to Cairns last September on a Mission Trip as part of my studies with ACOM and to Perth for the national C&MA Council in February. I am also pursuing licencing as an official CMA pastor and complete my Master of Intercultural Ministry.

It's been a busy year, with undoubtedly more things to follow. Please be praying for me as I continue to pursue God's calling to be a part of Woden Valley Alliance Church.



ELDER'S REPORT

ANDREW MUIR
Chair

On behalf of your Elders at WVAC I would like to thank you for the support that you have given us over the past year in both prayer and deeds. Being an Elder is not a responsibility we take lightly and consider it a great privilege to serve God and the church in this manner.

This year we have deliberately taken time out to reflect on our roles as Elders and also had an instructive interactive session on this theme with David Chotka during his recent visit. One outcome of this is for your Elders to meet and pray for the church prior to our Sunday morning service.

We see our primary purpose is providing spiritual oversight to the church and support to our Senior Pastor and his team. As such, we are greatly appreciative of the leadership provided by Pastor Ben and Helen.

We also continue to extend an open invitation to the congregation to engage with any of the Elders issues that may be of interest or concern to you.

The theme for this year has been challenging to us all and it has been encouraging as we move into the second half of the year to see a change in momentum in the spiritual life of the church. I believe that this is the start of greater things to come.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of the men that serve you as Elders with a special thankyou to Paul Robertson who is taking a well earned rest after six years on the Board including 5 years as Secretary.

ALPHA

ANDREW MUIR
Ministry Coordinator

We have recently completed an Alpha course that ran from May to July on Sunday evenings in the Mission Centre. Although smaller than previous Alphas it was provided to give an opportunity for people to invite their friends and contacts in conjunction with the outreach events scheduled earlier in the year.

Thank you to the team of volunteers who faithfully provided leadership, food, teaching, friendship, prayer and encouragement for the 12 weeks of Alpha.

Whether Alpha is provided again next year will depend upon the level of interest within the congregation.

DEACON'S REPORT

"God is not a God of disorder but of peace"

1 Cor 14:33

At the August 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM), five deacons were re-elected to the Board as well as two new deacons. The Board elected Mike Prunty as Chair and Paul Britt as Secretary. Mike Adams was confirmed as the new Treasurer, having previously been nominated by the Elders. The deacons accepted assigned specific areas of responsibility, Josh Vear (units), Hannah Hildebrandt (kitchen and Mission Centre), the newly elected Rhonda Brennan (church hall) and Peter Burns (grounds). The Senior Pastor, Ben Betz, is an ex officio member of the Board and, as well as adding continuity and spiritual guidance, reports each month on relevant matters for consideration from the Board of Elders and ministry leaders.

In the past year, a church expenditure was new cabling in the church roof associated with a generously donated new, rear facing TV screen and bracket. This has proven to be very much appreciated by those seated at the rear of the church who can clearly see what is being presented on stage.

The church is a large estate when the ageing residential units and Missions Centre are included and constant vigilance of the supporting infrastructure is required. Regular maintenance is necessary and, when appropriate, new projects undertaken. One such project was the urgent repair of sewerage pipes near the units. The church was fortunate to have Chris Lusk offer to manually dig down several metres to expose the broken clay pipes enabling a plumber to replace the clay pipes with plastic. This saved the church paying for expensive mechanical excavation works.

Early in 2023, under the guidance of Helen, Ps Ben, Hannah Hildebrandt and several other volunteers set about transforming the College area of the Mission Centre. The result is a bright, spacious, multi functional area for use by students and support staff. A visit to the library area will reveal all.

Regular readers of the Deacon's annual report may recall that some three years ago we replaced the conventional church car park lighting with LED lights. After initial success, the lights became unreliable and it was necessary to replace them with more efficient and effective lights that came with a five year warranty. This has proved to be successful.

At the request of a member of the church, a safety handrail was installed at the side of the church's steepest driveway. Ps Ben was in his element creating this rail, which has now become affectionately known as "South Canberra's light rail"!

An ongoing initiative that continued to prosper this year, is the recycling of bottles and cans as a fund raiser. The Board is particularly grateful to Kevin Woodcock who enthusiastically collects recyclables from the church and cashes them in, in bulk. The funds raised go to bless our Compassion child Doreen in Uganda and support our overseas missionaries.

Currently, the Board is considering additional disabled car parking options and a better way of indicating the church driveway entrance for those uncertain of the entry point.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the Elders for their encouragement and my fellow Deacons, once again, for their willingness to dutifully serve by helping the church administration and upkeep of the property.

MIKE PRUNTY
Chair

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

We have continued with another wonderful year of discipleship programs with our intern and Spiritual Formation students. This year I have concentrated on looking after our SF students for all their needs and assisting with interns mainly for academic registrations, retreats and helping to organise the recent mission trip to Tanna. So, whilst I mainly care for the Spiritual Formation students, I still connect with the interns regularly.

At the tale end of 2022 we saw 6 students complete their SF program and another 6 new students enrolled for 2023. Again, we have several students who are studying with ACOM although we also have a few students who are just doing the discipleship program without the academic studies. We meet once a month on a Monday evening and hold three retreats throughout the year. Our evening sessions, interactive learning, sharing of stories, being challenged and encouraged in the faith journey is a blessing to be part of and I delight in seeing people grow closer to Jesus as they learn more about their Heavenly Story.

It seems incredible that my initial desire to establish some discipleship programs within our church has now been running for 6 years! Each program has had between 4-6 students in it and so the number of people who have now been part of these has really grown. Personally, I believe this has been a blessing for both individuals, their families, and our church community.

This means discipleship continues to be a great aspect of our church and is a wonderful way to help people grow in their faith. I believe as a church we are reaping the benefits especially in our young adults' group, our afternoon service The Gathering and in the depth of character and conversation emerging across the board. As this is ripples out, it strengthens relationships with people as well as God and encourages others.

I am grateful for the trust which has been given to me to use my gifts to serve within the church and pray it continues to encourage and inspire others. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this way.

HELEN BETZ

Ministry Coordinator





CHILDREN & YOUTH

This past year has gone by so quickly and with each ministry that I am involved in, it has been a blessing to see the steadfast and consistent hand of God moving and working.

Alliance Kids

Kids church has continued to gather on Sunday mornings, excluding our family services once a month and during the school breaks. The program for the remainder of 2022 focused on the lives of different people throughout the Old Testament and how God used them for His work. At the beginning of 2023 we started to look at the life of Jesus and the footsteps that He walked. We have been following a timeline of the events that occurred in Jesus' life, drawing from all four Gospels. We have continued to focus on this throughout the year and plan to continue with it for the rest of the year.

There are some challenges that we continue to face at Kids Church which mainly involves not having enough volunteers to run the program consistently each term. Unfortunately, we have sometimes struggled to maintain four rooms and have had to occasionally shuffle things around to have only three rooms instead. We have gained a few more leaders over the course of this year which has been a huge blessing, but the team's continued prayer is that we will still gain some more volunteers.

Kids Church has fallen into a nice rhythm and structure after being disturbed by COVID-19 and I am excited by the possibilities of what God wants to do in this next year of Kids Church. All my volunteers continue to be a really big blessing and I am so grateful to all of them for playing their part in helping out through running activities and lessons, to leading songs and supporting each other in the various roles.

Playgroup

Over this past year I have continued to work alongside the amazing team of volunteers for the Kreative Kids Playgroup, which is held at the church weekly, during school terms. We have had to say goodbye to some of our volunteers during this time but have welcomed some new volunteers to the team as well. The team continues to work together to provide this space for the families in our community that attend. We have also had to say goodbye to a lot of families as their children have moved on to schools, but we have had a few new families join us over this past year as well which has been really great.

There is a real sense of community that is being created and fostered in playgroup as the families connect with one another and with the volunteers during our Tuesday morning program and also throughout the week as well. Kreative Kids Playgroup continues to look and pray for more volunteers who can work alongside the current team to provide this amazing ministry to the families in our community.

Shine

The Shine Girls Group has continued to run at Stromlo Highschool over the past year. Unfortunately, due to various reasons on both ends, I have been unable to consistently attend during some of the school term. When I am able to make it there has been a consistent number of girls each week attending. It has been a really big blessing to be able to be involved in the work that I am doing with these different groups of girls.

Over the course of a year, I have been working with a different grade each term, covering all four year levels within a year. Earlier this year I asked if I could have one grade for a whole semester, rather than just a term, and we gave that a try over the past semester. It was a great opportunity to form stronger relationships with the youth and to build a place where they were comfortable and open.

The focus of the group has changed a little bit over the past year, due to a number of reasons. I believe my ministry in this space is to provide a safe environment for these girls to be able to come to relax and to explore whatever struggles, questions, and thoughts that they may be dealing with each week. I do this through different activities which focus on getting them to work with their hands in creative ways, allowing them to speak and act freely while in the group. I have found that this has already proved to be effective and am blessed to be invited into the lives of these youth as we talk about different things that vary between fun and deeply serious. I am really looking forward to continuing my work with the Stromlo Highschool and with the girls that attend my groups.

Youth

One of my joys over the past several years has been volunteering to run the Impact Youth Group at the church. This past year we have seen several different changes and growths occur in the youth group. We have welcomed many new faces as the youth group has continued to grow in numbers each term. We are now sitting at roughly twenty youth members, although each week our numbers tend to vary between 10-15 in attendance. It is the leadership team's prayer that we will continue to see a rise in attendance numbers each week and more consistency with the youth members that we have.

One of the biggest blessings with the youth group is that majority of the youth that attend do not attend our church and there are a handful of them who are not from Christian families and who do not attend any church at all. We have found that youth group is an incredible setting to share the love of God with all the youth and we are continually amazed at how He shows up and works through the youth group.



Over the past semester the youth group has focused on the testimonies of the leaders, those in the community and people from history and the Bible. It has been a blessing to have had so many different people from the church come to share their stories with the youth and to spend an evening with them.

This semester we are beginning to look through the book of Luke with the youth each Friday, shifting the focus from the testimonies of others to the testimony and life of Jesus Himself. The youth group is blessed to have an incredible team of leaders who continue to work hard to provide a space for the youth to feel comfortable, safe, and loved as we strive to share the love of God with each of them.

I am really looking forward to where God leads me over this next year in these ministries and how He continues to guide me and provide for me in the work that He has called me to do.

SHARNAY HARRISON
Ministry Coordinator

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's ministry now has a core leadership team of men, for whom I am very grateful, who plan and run our monthly activities. Special thanks to Nick, Tim, Scott, Rob, Josh and Joe for your commitment and support of our men this year, along with so many others who've helped in practical ways throughout the year.

One key goal this year remains unchanged: to strike a balance between physically engaging and social events. We aim to create numerous opportunities for men to forge meaningful relationships, uplift and motivate each other, and foster a welcoming environment for friends who don't attend church.

Looking back, we've organized a variety of events since the last church AGM. From a car maintenance teaching session for both men and ladies, to a watery campfire and BBQ (ask one of the men if you want more details), a men's breakfast, bushwalks and recently a handball and pizza night (which was amazingly popular). This year we've also helped with house moves and there has been more than a few informal activities amongst the men, some quite adventurous

The constant throughout the year has been our discipleship and prayer catchup on Wednesday mornings before work at a local cafe. We welcome any men who wish to join us in sharing their stories, seeking encouragement, reading scripture, and praying together. These gatherings last just an hour, starting at 7:30 am.

As I look ahead, we have some fantastic events planned for the rest of the year. From bouldering and a campfire "steak out" combined with a dad joke competition, to a campout at Ben and Helen's property near Tarago, a weekend retreat near Nowra, and a relaxing game of lawn bowls, the upcoming activities promise to be exciting and enjoyable.

Our passion for serving both the church and the broader community continues, and we are always open to new ideas and opportunities to make a positive impact.

If you're a man seeking fellowship, growth, and adventure, we'd love to have you join us. Please feel free to share your ideas with any member of our team, as we joyfully trust God in all our endeavors. Let's journey together as we build lasting friendships and grow in faith!

CRAIG WOODBURN
Ministry Coordinator



PRAYER MINISTRY

*Praying always with all prayer and
supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to
this end with all perseverance and
supplication for all the saints.*

Eph 6:18

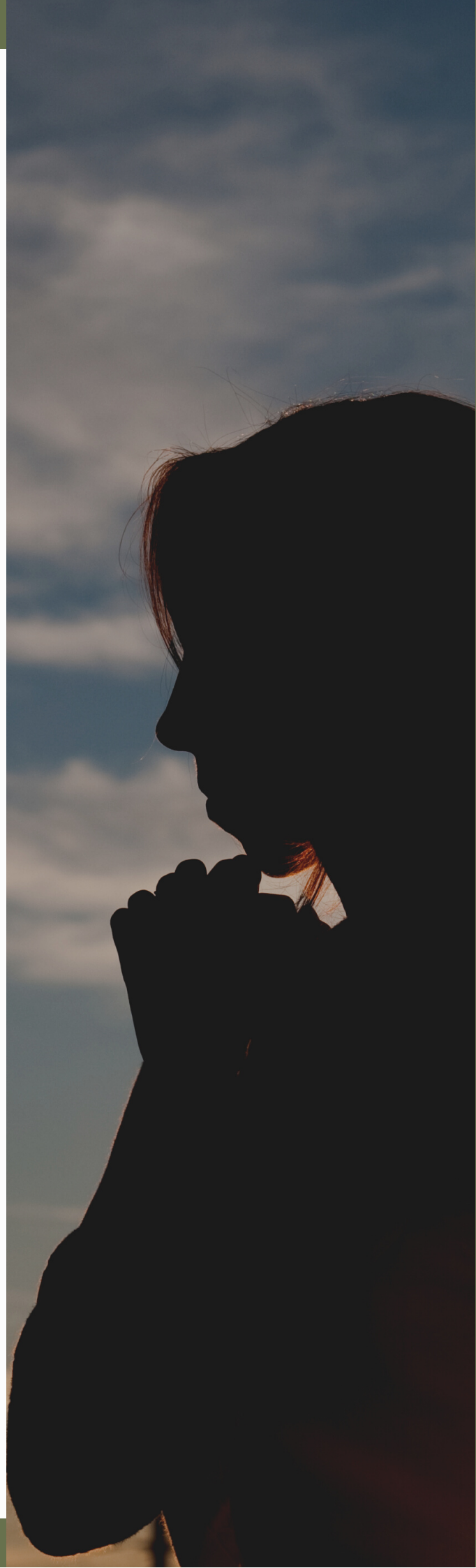
As mentioned in last years report we continue to hold two regular prayer meetings in the Church each week. The first is held on Wednesday morning, from 7.30-8.30am, with a focus on praying for spiritual breakthrough in the church, for our church leaders and for our local community. The second meeting is held by Zoom weekly on Saturday evening from 7-8pm and is led by Dennis Terracini with a focus on praying for those within the church.

We would love to see other prayer meetings spring up in our midst and if this is something that you are interested in doing please come and have a chat with me. We cannot pray too much but we will never know what blessings that our church may miss out on if we pray too little. An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend these meetings which I believe are vitally important for the spiritual life of our church.

The prayer team is also available every Sunday morning after the service to pray with people

As a reminder the prayer team also prays for prayer requests sent to the church from people in our congregation and elsewhere. Requests for prayer can be sent either to Pastor Ben or myself or through the church webpage or the Church Central app.

ANDREW MUIR
Ministry Coordinator





ALLIANCE WOMEN

*"They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts,
"On the day that I make them My jewels."
Malachi 3:17a*

Our theme for 2023 is "The Jewels in His Crown." Over the course of the year we are looking at different types of gems and how they relate to our relationship with God.

Some of the events this year included:

Becoming a Bright Gem for His Crown

Elizabeth Chotka shared with us what it means to shine for Him and Scott Coleman shared with us the history of the Crown Jewels. He brought some of his Royal collection for us to look at and try on.

Painting Party

We had a painting party, raising over \$900 to help Samara and Sarah go on the mission trip to Tanna. Vera Krisko-Jowe shared about what it means to go on mission.

Hidden Treasures

Merinda took us on a treasure hunt through the Women's Garden at Old Parliament House.

What's Cooking with Aruna?

Aruna Williams showed us how to cook a delicious Indian meal which we enjoyed afterwards. Jeanette Willis shared her story with us.

Christmas in July

We were treated to a range of Christmas delights including Plum Puddings, Minced Pies and Shortbread. There was some excellent musical entertainment and we enjoyed hearing from Jo Hazell. We were able to raise \$1165 for the Mellett family in Zambia.

We are really excited about our one day retreat coming up in October called *"All the Kings Daughters"*. Our guest speaker will be Jill Reay-Smith. We hope you will join us.

A BIG thank you to the team, (Iva Plessnitzer, Rhonda Coleman, Vanessa Woodburn, Lisa McAlister, and Robyn East), for your hard work and support!

A special thank you to Merinda Forwood who has served faithfully on the team but has stepped off as she serves overseas.

ANTOINETTE HILDEBRANDT
Ministry Coordinator

LIFE GROUPS

First let me say thank you to all the Life Group leaders for the time dedicated to this ministry; for their faithfulness in running the bible studies throughout the year and sharing their Bible knowledge with the group.

As a leadership, we believe that the knowledge of the bible is very important for the spiritual growth of the believer and the church. This not only consists of studying the bible but also in building deeper relationships with other believers; supporting each other, praying for one another, sharing the burdens and sorrows that sometime we experience in life. We also believe that being deeply rooted in the Word of God prevents the spread of false doctrine and protects the church from false prophets. That is why we are encouraging everyone to join a Life Group in our church.

Sadly, not everyone is participating in this wonderful ministry with only around 50% of our church attending a life group. We would like to give opportunity for everyone in our church family to study the bible together with fellow believers. For this reason we have set up a bible study that can be done through an app called WORDGO where each participant doesn't need to join the group physically, (except at the beginning and the end of the course). They can study the chosen topic on their own, followed up by the group leader. At the end of the study the group would meet together to share what they have learned. The first one will start soon under the leadership of Scott Coleman. We hope this will be a new way to do bible study and will meet the needs of those who cannot physically join one of the conventional Life Groups in our church.

ALBERTO MEMME
Ministry Coordinator



TREASURER'S REPORT

MIKE ADAMS
Treasurer

We are grateful to God for his provision of sufficient finances to enable us to complete the various outreach programs planned for last year. The many financial challenges that we have faced since the beginning of the COVID pandemic continued to be of concern and have resulted in a deficit (loss) for the fourth consecutive year. WVAC has, so far, managed to maintain sufficient cash reserves to cover any shortfalls. However, rising costs and any failure to meet budgeted income will continue to present problems in the coming financial year, and clearly maintaining a deficit budget cannot be sustained indefinitely.

To achieve a balanced budget for 2023/24, either costs must be reduced, or income must be increased. Reducing costs would mean reducing staff hours or ceasing some church programs. Neither of these options are desirable and, if we want our church programs to continue, we will need to receive an estimated total income for the 2023/24 financial year of **\$482,607**.

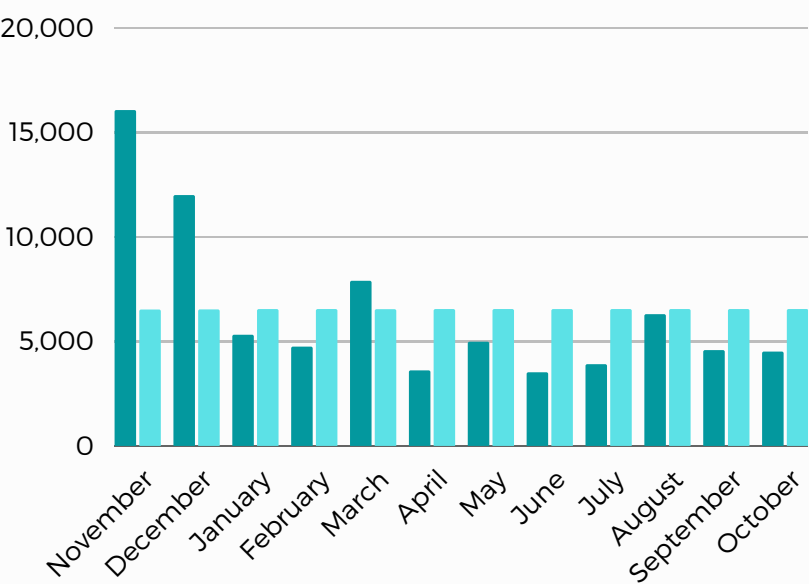
\$150,712 of this total income is expected to be raised from Unit Rentals, the Missions Centre, the Internship Program, Other Income and Special Offerings. The remaining **\$331,895** can only come from the General Offering received from members. This equates to **\$27,658** per month, which is **\$2,160** per month more than we received last financial year.

If the budget is approved, then we must understand that we as members of WVAC are also accepting the responsibility to make it work. The General Offering will be closely monitored each month to ensure that the church finances are able to sustain the budget for the remainder of the financial year and if the necessary income target cannot be achieved the situation will be reassessed with a view to possibly cutting some church programs and reducing costs.

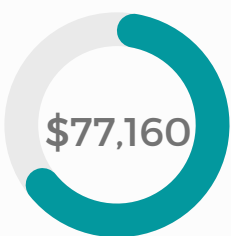
Thank you for your trust and confidence in electing me as your Treasurer for the past year. It has been an honour to serve as a member of the Board of Deacons, but it is with regret that I must advise that due to health issues I have decided not to stand for re-election for the coming year.

FAITH PROMISE

FAITH PROMISE GIVING 21-22 YEAR



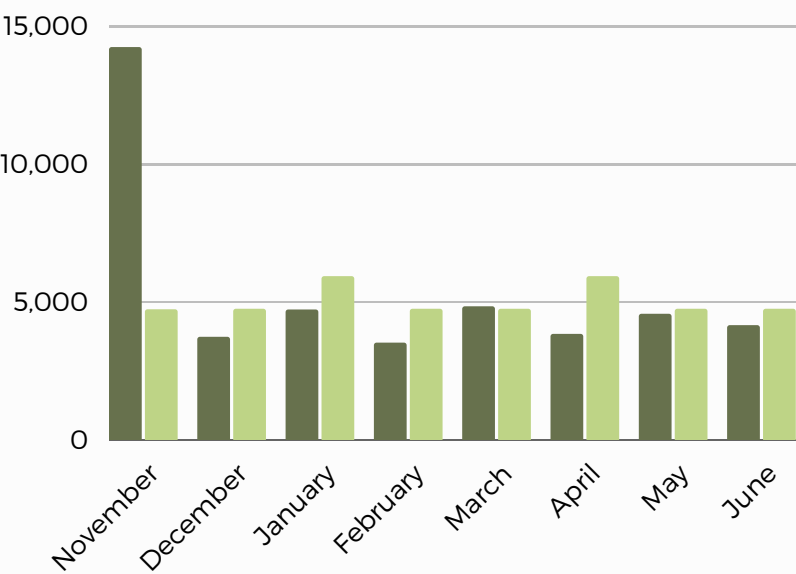
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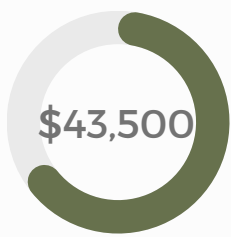
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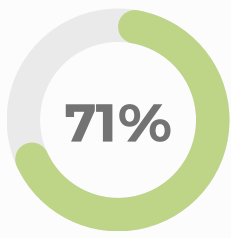
FAITH PROMISE GIVING 22-23 YEAR



**GIVING
TOTAL**



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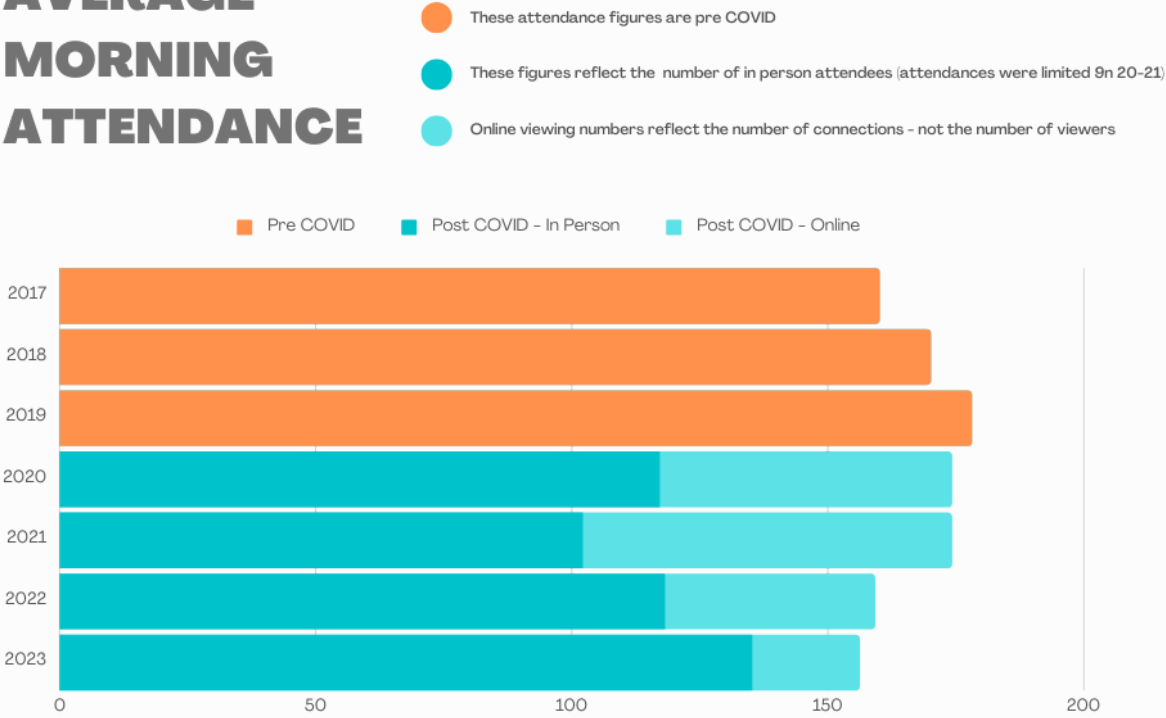


BUDGET

	ACTUAL 22-23	BUDGET 22-23	BUDGET 23-24
INCOME			
General Offerings	\$305,968	\$313,670	\$331,895
Special Offerings	\$7,312	\$6,500	\$0
Other Income	\$16,667	\$15,012	\$12,900
Discipleship Programs	\$31,187	\$27,722	\$36,200
Unit Rentals	\$58,870	\$55,652	\$54,340
Mission Centre Income	\$19,027	\$19,620	\$19,440
Covenant Life Church Plant Income	\$27,325	\$25,600	\$27,832
Total INCOME	\$466,355	\$463,776	\$482,607
EXPENSES			
Pastoral Support <small>(Actual includes leave provisions)</small>	\$267,055	\$259,160	\$263,294
Pastoral Expenses	\$24,574	\$28,603	\$28,603
Church Ministries	\$24,464	\$20,958	\$20,939
Outreach Ministries	\$10,036	\$10,916	\$12,041
C&MA National Contributions	\$20,230	\$20,695	\$21,789
C&MA Conferences	\$6,898	\$5,200	\$5,900
Meeting Hall Expenses	\$30,849	\$28,169	\$29,830
Operating Costs <small>(Actual includes depreciation)</small>	\$32,077	\$16,248	\$16,735
Discipleship Program Expenses	\$16,910	\$16,800	\$23,800
Unit Expenses	\$8,943	\$8,244	\$9,047
Mission Centre Expenses	\$18,422	\$16,509	\$16,852
Mortgage & Interest Payments	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Covenant Life Church Plant	\$16,430	\$20,274	\$21,777
Total EXPENSES	\$488,887	\$463,776	\$482,607
Net Surplus/Deficit	(\$22,532)	\$0	\$0

STATISTICS

AVERAGE MORNING ATTENDANCE



FORMAL MEMBERS GAINED

Formal Members Statistical Analysis:

103	Membership as at 2022 (WVAC 100- Covenant - 3)
3	Gained
-1	Transferred to Associate Members
0	Deceased
-2	Resigned
103	Current active members as at 2022 (WVAC 101 - Covenant - 2)

BIRTHS

Jireh Butcher Reuben Eldridge Joel Chung

BABY DEDICATIONS

Lily Vear

BAPTISMS

Tim Saunders Kiara Laughlin Jon Jon Basto Jnr
Talitha Woodburn Samara Hildebrandt

NOMINATIONS

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

Board of Elders (3 year term)*

Elder: **Luke Behrendorff** **(3 Year Term)**

Elder: **Nick Mogensen** **(3 Year Term)**

Elder: Alberto Memme (1 More Year)

Elder: Craig Woodburn (1 More Year)

Elder: Andrew Muir (2 More Years)

Ex-officio: Ps Ben Betz

Ex-officio: Ps Andrew Edwards

Board of Deacons (1 year term) **

Deacon: **Joe Ree**

Deacon: **Josh Vear**

Deacon: **Hannah Hildebrandt**

Deacon: **Rhonda Coleman**

Deacon: **Peter Burns**

Deacon: **Paul Britt**

Treasurer: **Mike Prunty**

Ex-officio: Ps Ben Betz

*The Pastor is normally the Chairman but can be elected by the Elders. The Elders Board elects a Secretary of this Board.

** The Deacons Board elects a Chairman and Secretary of this Board.

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

- Ps Ben Betz
- Andrew Muir
- Craig Woodburn
- Colleen Edwards
- Robyn East

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE 52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 28 August 2022

1. OPEN

Andrew Muir commenced the meeting just after 11:30 am. He extended a welcome to all. Andrew was hoping everyone had read the report and explained that everyone should have received an email about the AGM.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Paul Robertson opened the meeting in prayer.

3. MEMBERSHIP LIST

Roll call was completed with 57 members present. Quite a few apologies were expressed and just over half the church membership were attending the meeting. A quorum was achieved.

4. MODIFICATION TO AGENDA

Andrew Muir explained the need for a modification to the agenda. This included a discussion about the constitution and its adoption.

Sam Edwards proposed to adopt the amended agenda and Mike Prunty seconded. The quorum agreed to the change.

5. NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ben Betz presented the Nomination Committee Report. He shared there were 5 people on the Nomination Committee: Ps Ben Betz, Craig Woodburn, Sue Box, Irene Stapinski, and Paul Robertson. He thanked the committee team.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

Board of Elders (3-year term)

- Elder: Andrew Muir (re-nominated for 3 Year Term) Alberto Memme (2 Year Term), Craig Woodburn (2 Year Term), Paul Robertson (1 more year), Nick Mogensen (1 more year), Andrew Edwards

Board of Deacons (1 year term)

- Deacon: Mike Prunty, Josh Vear, Peter Burns, Hannah Hildebrandt, Rhonda Brennan, Paul Britt, Treasurer: Mike Adams, Ex-officio: Pastor Ben Betz

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES (2021)

No questions were raised before this meeting querying any concerns regarding the minutes. The minutes were accepted as presented.

7. SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT

Ben Betz shared it had been a tough and strange year. This was common with many churches across Australia. We had been blessed to be able to conduct the online services during the year. Ben said there appears to be a new culture including an apathy different to what churches had seen in the past. In this strangeness he noted there was also the dynamic in having a hunger to see God move.

Ben remarked that he had many people to thank. In particular, he thanked his wife Helen for their ministry together. Ben said he loved church and the church family; he was sorry to see people leave the church family but was always delighted to see new church family members.

Ben stated that pastoral care was an important role of ministry and that this was a time-consuming element of his ministry.

No questions were asked to Ben regarding the report.

8. ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Andrew Edwards indicated the last couple of years had been a bit crazy and that he wanted to thank the church for supporting the whole pastoral team. Andrew acknowledged the support of his wife Sam, and the prayers and support for his family.

Andrew stated that his strengths and weaknesses complimented Ben's strengths and weaknesses making a great team. He thanked Helen and was pleased to work under such a Godly couple.

Andrew changed his role over the last year. He thanked Jordan for taking on The Gathering service.

Andrew led the Internship program this year and was pleased to see God work in this place, both on an individual and corporate level.

Leading Worship ministry is a big task, Andrew thanked the team, both technicians and musicians for their support. There is room for more people to join the team he remarked.

Andrew thanked Sharnay and team leaders for running the Youth Ministry. This group averages 12 young people from Year 6 to 9 meet on a Friday night.

Andrew and Antoinette Hildebrandt maintained the risk management system making sure the requirements were met. They felt they did a great job meeting the requirements so that we could be above reproach to the world.

Andrew again thanked everyone for their support and encouraged everyone to grow in Jesus.

There were no questions asked of Andrew.

9. COVENANT LIFE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Ben Betz shared that Suanu and Victoria had apologised for not attend the meeting as they were in Sydney preaching.

Ben said Woden Valley Alliance wanted to support Covenant Life in the best way we could. He pointed out that we had proposed in the budget to pay for a day a week for Suanu to work. Ben stated this is an initial proposal of 2 years. Ben labelled it a faith risk we wish to take. Suanu will work on the WVAC site. If we agree to the budget, we are agreeing to support Covenant Life. Ben stated Suanu was trying to find another centre to conduct their church services.

Ben was asked about the size of the Covenant Life membership. He replied, the church regularly had 12 to 15 members in church, that Covid had a big influence while setting up the church and that the venue had created issues.

Dennis Terracini shared that Suanu and Victoria attend the Saturday night prayer group at WVAC and that they regularly pray for WVAC.

10. ELDERS REPORT

Andrew Muir commented that there was not much to add. He thanked the Elders for their efforts; Andrew Edwards, Alberto Meme, Nick Mogensen, Craig Woodburn, Paul Robertson, and Ben Betz.

Andrew commented that it had been a hard year regarding health issues for family members of the Elders and church. He said the Eldership wanted to encourage the ministries within the church and that we are open to queries or comments on any issues.

Andrew concluded by saying it was a privilege to serve the church as an Elder.

(Andrew was later elected as an Elder for the next three years.)

There were no questions asked of Andrew.

11. DEACON'S REPORT

Mike Prunty began by stating that he hoped people had read the report. He indicated the Deacons focus was the finances and maintenance of the church property. Mike said that issues arise that need financial support over the year.

Mike acknowledged the contribution of Graham Dietrich over several years, including being the Chair of the Deacons. He was looking forward to welcoming new deacons to the team and the return of past deacons.

Mike recognised working closely with the Elders.

There were no questions asked of Mike.

(All the Deacons were later elected after the voting online process was completed.)

12. TREASURERS/AUDITORS REPORT

Mike Prunty presented the Treasurer's report by first thanking Antoinette Hildebrandt for doing much of the work. He stated that we would be the envy of many churches financially.

Mike explained we were relatively close to budget for the 21/22 financials.

- GENERAL FUND \$306,330 which was \$3669 (1.2%) less than the approved budget
- Specified giving for the year totaled \$14,486. Love Offering totaling \$6,552
- EXPENSES \$438,291 which was \$12,402 under budget
- SURPLUS/DEFICIT Deficit for the year was (\$11,385)
- BORROWINGS The balance of our Interest Only loan with the CMADF is \$157,861.

There were no questions asked of the auditor's report.

Alan Castle proposed to adopt the auditor's report and Jordan Harrison seconded. The quorum agreed to accept the auditor's report as written.

Members agreed to accept the auditor's report.

13. BUDGET 2020/2021

Mike Prunty presented the budget for 2021/2022. He remarked that a balanced budget was proposed. Mike shared we would be having 7 employees this year, including Suanu. There are no large projects expected this year, but in the back of our minds could be a solar panel system for the church.

PROPOSED BUDGET

- WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE - Total INCOME \$438,176 Total EXPENSES \$443,502
- COVENANT LIFE ALLIANCE - Total INCOME \$25,600 Total EXPENSES \$20,274

Net Surplus/(Deficit) \$0

Tightening financial pressures are starting to be felt and are reflected in the budget for 22-23 which is on page 18 of the Annual Report 2022.

Comments about the proposed budget:

Antoinette Hildebrandt- people can give to Covenant Life Alliance church at any stage.

Ben Betz- This year may be a financial challenge; with 7 staff members we are sewing into the next generation. We are raising and releasing.

There were no questions asked about the budget report.

Mike Adams and Dennis Terracini proposed a motion that the budget be accepted.

Members agreed the proposed budget be accepted.

Alan Castle expressed an appreciation to the office staff.

Members agreed wholeheartedly.

14. CONSTITUTION CHANGES AND VOTE

Andrew Edwards stated the constitutional changes from the Alliance National Office had been sent to members. These changes had been decided at the 2022 National Council meeting. Andrew explained the changes.

Alan Castle asked could only men be pastors? Answer-Yes. What happens if there are no males?

Answer- The church would be led by the board of Elders while a pastor was sought to fill the position.

Why is it pastoral care workers are women? Answer- It is the official title given by the C&MA of Australia to women called to formal pastoral roles within an Alliance Church.

Ben Betz explained again this is from the Alliance National Office. We will not be part of Alliance if we do not pass it.

Dennis Terracini stated we are one of the only countries who do not recognise women as pastors. Ben replied you need to contact National Office if there are concerns.

Josh Vear pointed out the National board presents these decisions for consideration to the Annual National Council of the C&MA held every February. These are discussed and voted upon by the representatives from each church in the C&MA at Council. As such, our church has a say in these decisions through those nominated as formal delegates to Council each year (delegates are usually the Pastor/s).

Jordan Harrison proposed to accept the new constitution changes and Mike Prunty seconded. The quorum agreed to adopt the new constitution changes.

15. RESULTS OF THE VOTE

Paul Robertson announced that the nominations had all been accepted unanimously.

15. CLOSE MEETING PRAYER

Ben Betz concluded the meeting with a reflection on 1 Corinthians 12.

Andrew Muir closed in prayer.

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

A.B.N. 74 017 388 065

FINANCIAL REPORT

30 JUNE 2023

CANBERRA ACCOUNTANCY & AUDIT PTY. LIMITED

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 74 017 388 065

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ELDERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Your Board of Elders members submit the financial report for the Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated for the financial year ended 30th June 2023:

Board of Elders Members

The names of the Board of Elders members throughout the year and to the date of this report are:

Andrew Muir (Chair)

Paul Robertson (Secretary)

Craig Woodburn

Alberto Memme

Andrew Edwards

Nick Mogensen

Bernard (Ben) Betz (Pastor) -Ex Officio

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the year ended 30th June 2023 were carrying on the functions of a local church through the worship, service, instruction, education and Christian Mission of those attending the church in accordance with the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Significant Changes

There has been no significant change in the nature of the activities of the Church that occurred during the financial year.

Subsequent Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which have significantly affected the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in the subsequent financial year.

Operating Result

The Deficit for the year ended 30 June 2023 amounted to (\$23,380.66). (2022 -Deficit (\$11,385.47)).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board on behalf of the Board



Board of Elders Member



Board of Elders Member

Dated at Canberra this 9th August 2023.

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED
AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE MEMBERS OF WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH
INCORPORATED
-UNDER SECTION 60.40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES
AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012

As lead auditor for the audit of Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated for the year ended 30th June 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

(i)no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and

(ii)no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Canberra Accountancy & Audit Pty. Limited
Chartered Accountants
Canberra, ACT



Peter Irving: - Director
Dated:9th August 2023.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30th June 2023, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of change in equity and the statement of cash flows, the detailed income statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the responsible persons' declaration.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 30th June 2023 and its financial performance for the year ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

(a) Giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30th June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and

(b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described under *Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report* section in our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Board of Elders' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of Elders of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ACNC Act. The Board of Elders' responsibilities also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

In preparing the financial report, the Board of Elders is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Elders either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report (Cont'd)

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards board website at: www.auasb.gov.au/home.aspx
This description forms part of our auditor's report.

CANBERRA ACCOUNTANCY & AUDIT PTY. LIMITED
Chartered Accountants

Address: 74 Lindrum Crescent, Holt. ACT.
Dated: 9th August 2023



Peter Irving CA : Director

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue and other income	465,354.69	446,224.02
Depreciation	(17,352.94)	(19,318.55)
CMADF Loan & Interest	(12,000.00)	(17,000.00)
Other Expenses	(459,382.41)	(421,290.94)
Surplus/(Deficit) before income tax	(23,380.66)	(11,385.47)
Income tax expense	0.00	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(23,380.66)	(11,385.47)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax	0.00	0.00
Total comprehensive Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(23,380.66)	(11,385.47)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank	3	162,228.99	180,420.51
Receivables		16,079.06	18,449.46
Prepayments		800.00	0.00
GST Recoverable		3,185.55	3,765.87
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		182,293.60	202,635.84
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Storage Containers - at W.D.V.		3,586.00	3,962.00
Leased Assets - at W.D.V.		1,969.00	4,117.00
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment - at W.D.V.		105,058.00	115,492.00
Streaming Equipment - at W.D.V.		14,310.00	17,851.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		124,923.00	141,422.00
TOTAL ASSETS		307,216.60	344,057.84
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Funds held for Future Distribution		12,928.68	21,346.55
Accrued Expenses		4,792.52	14,770.67
Income in Advance		5,835.22	16,656.06
Lease Liabilities		1,949.31	2,148.00
Employee Liabilities		57,224.27	31,859.94
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		82,730.00	86,781.22
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease Liabilities		0.00	1,793.58
Employee Liabilities		8,467.82	16,083.60
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,467.82	17,877.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES		91,197.82	104,658.40
NET ASSETS		216,018.78	239,399.44
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
General Fund		216,018.78	239,399.44
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		216,018.78	239,399.44

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023**

	General Fund \$	Members' Funds \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	<u>250,784.91</u>	<u>250,784.91</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(11,385.47)	(11,385.47)
Other comprehensive income for the year	0.00	0.00
	<u>(11,385.47)</u>	<u>(11,385.47)</u>
Balance at 30th June 2022	<u>239,399.44</u>	<u>239,399.44</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(23,380.66)	(23,380.66)
Other comprehensive income for the year	0.00	0.00
	<u>(23,380.66)</u>	<u>(23,380.66)</u>
Balance at 30th June 2023	<u>216,018.78</u>	<u>216,018.78</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows of funds from operations			
Receipts from members and others		557,709.22	546,201.98
Interest Received		846.38	8.13
Payments to trade creditors and other supplies		(573,745.18)	(522,589.46)
Net cash provided by operating activities	5	(15,189.58)	23,620.65
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Non - current assets acquired			
Payments for Plant and Equipment		(853.94)	(3,994.55)
Receipts for Sale of Plant and Equipment		0.00	800.00
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Lease Repayments		(2,148.00)	(2,148.00)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash Held		(18,191.52)	18,278.10
Add Opening Cash Brought Forward		180,420.51	162,142.41
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		162,228.99	180,420.51

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
INCOME		
General	305,967.5	306,330.16
Other Offerings	8 8,462.10	6,752.00
Interest Received	846.38	8.13
Camp Fees	9,800.00	9,800.00
Hall Income	4,454.54	2,018.18
Internship Program	11,536.78	2,828.00
ACOM Fees	8,800.00	31,040.00
Unit Rentals	58,870.00	54,070.00
Government Cash Boost	0.00	0.00
Covenant Church Plant	27,324.89	9,561.82
Other Income	10,265.71	6,895.00
Missions Centre Income	19,026.71	16,921.23
TOTAL INCOME	465,354.69	446,224.52
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Pastoral Support	268,271.26	242,556.98
Pastoral Expenses	24,573.56	23,471.89
Church Ministries	24,464.17	19,206.20
Outreach Ministries	10,036.06	6,228.66
C&MA National Contributions	20,229.84	20,253.62
C&MA Conferences	6,897.76	2,693.03
Meeting Hall Expenses	30,801.53	30,259.42
Operating Costs	13,362.08	18,578.76
Depreciation	17,352.94	19,318.55
Internship Program	16,909.93	19,875.94
Rental Units Expenses	8,984.18	11,448.31
Administration Building Expenses	18,421.95	20,319.12
Covenant Church Plant Expenses	16,430.09	6,399.51
CMADF Loan & Interest	12,000.00	17,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	488,735.35	457,609.99
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(23,380.66)	(11,385.47)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS 30TH JUNE 2023

Note 1: Statement of significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and relevant regulations. The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and regulations and the following relevant Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101 Presentation of financial Statements
AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows
AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 110 Events Occurring After Reporting Date
AASB 16 Accounting for Leases
AASB 1031 Materiality
AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

The financial report is for Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated as an individual entity, an incorporated association, incorporated and domiciled in the Australian Capital Territory. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for the purposes of preparing the financial statements and all amounts are presented in Australian dollars rounded to the nearest dollar.

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial report, except for the cash flow information has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets

1.2 Significant accounting policies

Income tax

The association is exempt from income tax under section 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. The Association holds deductible gift recipient status.

Property, Plant and Equipment

All assets costing less than \$1,000 are expensed in the year of purchase so as to provide ease of understanding and a more accurate picture of the financial situation of the Association. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. The useful life of furniture, fixtures and equipment has been determined to be 10 years.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS 30TH JUNE 2023 (Cont'd)

Investments

Investments are measured at fair value with gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. The fair values are determined by reference to active market transactions or using a valuation technique where no active market exists.

Investments are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred.

All income and expenses relating to investments that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs or revenue.

Revenue

Tithes, Offertories and Donations Revenues are recognised when received.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Leases

The Entity as lessee

At inception of a contract, the Association assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the Association where the Association is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (ie a lease with a remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low-value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. During the year ended 30th June 2022 the Association had a contract for the lease of a photocopier (5 year lease).

The Entity as lessor

The Entity leases student accommodation units. Upon entering into each contract as a lessor, the Association assesses if the lease is a finance or operating lease.

The contract is classified as a finance lease when the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases not within this definition are classified as operating leases (that being the lease out of the student accommodation units). Rental income received from operating leases in these particular cases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the specific lease.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS 30TH JUNE 2023 (Cont'd)

Note 2: Operating Revenue	2023 \$	2022 \$
Tithes, General Offertories and Donations	314,429.68	313,082.16
Interest Received	846.38	8.13
Rental Income	58,870.00	54,070.00
All Other Income	91,208.63	79,064.23
	<u>465,354.69</u>	<u>446,224.52</u>

Note 3: Cash and Cash Equivalents

Business Account	42,065.91	68,024.78
Savings Account	36,315.37	36,010.35
Redde Account	230.32	234.24
Covenant Life Alliance Church Account	17,078.80	5,562.35
Employee Fringe Benefits Accounts	11,296.81	3,527.73
Long Service Leave Account	25,543.76	20,740.31
Internship Account	29,698.02	46,320.75
	<u>162,228.99</u>	<u>180,420.51</u>

Note 4: Property

Pursuant to a declaration of trust deed dated 8 March 1982 ("the Trust Deed"), The Christian and Missionary Alliance of Australasia Property Trust ACN 000 786 023 ("the Trustee") confirmed that it holds title the property situated at 81 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga. ACT. 2611. ("the Property") on trust for and on behalf of the Woden Valley Alliance Church and the Alliance College of Australia (C&MA Australia) ("the Church"). The trust is known as the Woden Valley Alliance Church Trust and the Alliance College of Australia (C&MA Australia) Trust ("the Trust").

The Trustee holds legal title to the Property on the following terms and pursuant to the Trust Deed:

- 1.The Property is held by the Trustee on trust for and on behalf of the Church;
- 2.The Church is responsible for paying or providing all payments required in respect of the Property for rates, taxes, repairs, painting and all maintenance, insurance premiums and outgoings of all kinds in respect of the Property.
- 3.The Church must indemnify the Trustee in respect of any such payments made by the Trustee on the Church's behalf;
- 4.The Trustee is entitled to be reimbursed by the Church or, where appropriate, to reimburse itself or to pay and discharge out of the trust property all properly incurred expenses which may from time to time be incurred in or about the execution by the Trustee of powers and duties under the trust;
- 5.The loan taken out to purchase the Property is in the name of the Trustee and the Church is responsible for repaying the loan. The Church funds such loan repayments from its own revenue. The amount of the loan repayments made by the Church during the 2023 financial year amounted to \$12,000.00; and
- 6.The trust fund in respect of the Trust comprises of the value of the Property reduced by the outstanding balance of the loan against the Property. The outstanding balance of the loan at 30th June 2023 was \$151,281.44.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS 30TH JUNE 2023 (Cont'd)

Note 5: Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

Reconciliation of Net cash provided by /(used in)

Operating Activities to surplus/(deficit) from

Ordinary Activities	2023 \$	2022 \$
Operating surplus / (deficit)	(23,380.66)	(11,385.47)
Non-cash flows in surplus / (deficit) from ordinary Activities		
Depreciation expense	17,352.94	19,318.55
Lease Payments	2,148.00	2,148.00
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Increase in current assets and receivables	0.00	(10,622.12)
Decrease in current assets and receivables	2,150.72	0.00
Increase in creditors, accruals and provisions	0.00	24,161.69
Decrease in creditors, accruals and provisions	(13,460.58)	0.00
Net cash (used) / provided by operating activities	<u>(15,189.58)</u>	<u>23,620.65</u>

Note 6 : Auditors Renumeration

Audit of the financial report	<u>2,359.09</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>
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Note 7: Contingent Liabilities

There are no other contingent liabilities known at the date of this report.

Note 8: Events after the Reporting Date

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Note 9: Board of Elders (Committee)

The names of the Board of Elders at the date of this report and throughout the financial year are:

Andrew Muir (Chair)
Paul Robertson (Secretary)
Craig Woodburn
Alberto Memme
Andrew Edwards
Nick Mogensen
Bernard (Ben) Betz (Pastor) - Ex Officio

Note 10: Association Details

The principal place of business is 81 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga. ACT. 2611.

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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RESPONSIBLE PERSONS' DECLARATION

**-PER SECTION 60.15 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS
COMMISSION REGULATIONS 2013**

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

(a)there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable: and

(b)the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of
the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits of the Commission Regulations 2013.*



Board of Elder Member



Board of Elders Member

Dated at Canberra this 9th August 2023

UNAUDITED SECTION

Disclaimer

The following statement of financial position of the Woden Valley Alliance Church Trust, and Alliance College of Australia (C&MA Australia) Trust as at 30th June 2023 is unaudited.

It has been prepared by The Christian & Missionary Alliance of Australasia Property Trust.

Under the terms of our engagement with Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated we have not been requested to perform an audit or review in regards to the trust(s) financial position.

No current independent valuation of the property by a professional valuer was supplied.

No audit or review engagement has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

Neither we nor any of our employees accept any responsibility on any ground whatever to any person in regards this statement of financial position.

Canberra Accountancy & Audit Pty.
Limited Chartered Accountants



Peter Irving
Director
9th August 2023

THIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

**Woden Valley Alliance Church Trust, and Alliance College of Australia
(C&MA Australia) Trust**

PO Box 3 Waramanga ACT 2611

Prepared by The Christian & Missionary Alliance of Australasia Property Trust

**Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)
As at 30th June 2023**

	\$
Assets	
Property - 81 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga ACT 2611	
Church building	975,000.00
College/administration building	1,040,000.00
Student units	2,260,000.00
Total Assets	<u>4,275,000.00</u>
Liabilities	
Mortgage Loan - C&MA Development Fund	151,281.44
Total Liabilities	<u>151,281.44</u>
Equity	
Equity of the Trust	4,123,718.56
Total Equity	<u><u>4,123,718.56</u></u>

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2.The Church must indemnify the Trustee in respect of any such payments made by the Trustee on the Church's behalf; and

3.The Trustee is entitled to be reimbursed by the Church or, where appropriate, to reimburse itself or to pay and discharge out of the trust property all properly incurred expenses which may from time to time be incurred in or about the execution by the Trustee of powers and duties under the trust;

4.The loan taken out to purchase the Property is in the name of the Trustee and the Church is responsible for repaying the loan. The Church funds such loan repayments from its own revenue.

