

Holy Cross Melville



Annual Report 2018 – 2019

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Anglican Church
of the Holy Cross
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Church front taken from the carpark

Priest's Report

Because the Parish does not have a Priest or Locum Priest currently, there is no report this year.



One of the ornaments on the western wall of the church

Wardens' Report

The past year has been tinged with a deal of sadness with the loss of our dear Greta Atkinson, a very long serving member of our parish and Revd. Graeme Varvell our Locum Tenens. They are both sadly missed. Both funerals were held at Holy Cross. It was an opportunity to show our love for them, providing a beautiful send off. Following her funeral, Greta's family generously donated a new overhead projector which has been installed. Graeme had requested his funeral be held at Holy Cross. It was a privilege to be able to provide and be part of the service with more than 400 mourners. Our continued thoughts and prayers are with their families.

The Perth Diocesan Trustees (PDT) recently commissioned a review of the Diocesan asset and property maintenance program using Mesh Assets P/L. Throughout the diocese there seemed to be a great deal of concern about using an external provider for the services. These concerns were wide ranging including the increase in cost and efficiencies of not being able to use local trade's people. The maintenance program will be returning to the Diocesan Office Property department but with improved procedures to assist parishes.

At recently presented training for wardens and treasurers by the diocese it was noted, to keep insurance costs down, risk management is high on the agenda. In the future parish council will be looking at all risks and risk prevention. This will include how, who and when maintenance is undertaken – there is no insurance cover for parishioners aged under 7 or over 85 and parish councillors are personally liable for any incidents, if due care is not undertaken. If you see any areas that may present a risk please report it to the Warden immediately. There is a note book in the office to report any risks and any incidents.

General maintenance has been undertaken with the gutters recently cleaned and the gumtree on the north eastern corner recently pruned. Our cleaners and gardening contractors continue to provide us with very good service. Thanks to those who continue to prune the roses and maintain the garden beds. It would be great if we could get a few more volunteers for jobs around the buildings. If you see a job that needs doing please just do it, the warden would be most appreciative. If you notice any small cleaning jobs that need doing please let the warden know or just do them.

A very big thank you to the Parish Council members for their commitment. In particular I would like to thank the Treasurer and the Secretary. They both go above and beyond the call of duty. The warden could not do without them!!

God has blessed us in so many ways. Maintaining our church buildings is a small way we can show and give thanks to our Lord.

Jill Bowman
Warden

The Way Forward (Fresh Expressions)

Over the last 12 months Parish Council has been trying to discern a way forward. It has not been easy as the parish cannot afford full or part time ministry. The use of Sunday supply has in some way supported the parish council to implement some plans.

We have continued to build relationships with our neighbouring parishes including the ongoing developed with the youth group in partnership with All Saints Bull Creek/Leeming Parish. We have held several successful happy hours, shared bible studies and the community carols event. The Christmas Eve service was a joyous event shared by over 130 people.

A meeting between the warden and the Archbishop was held explaining the predicament our parish found itself in. Financially unable to afford ongoing ministry and in grief from the loss of long standing members and Revd. Graeme Varvell. The warden requested permission to continue to build relationships with neighbouring parishes and to engage in a process of Asset based community development with all our neighbours. A leadership team including representative from each parish attended a meeting with Peter Kenyon explaining what the process might look like and how we could engage.

Early in 2019 Holy Cross was very blessed to be able to be assisted by Peter Kenyon in a process using the Asset based community development model. Peter is an expert in this field and generously gave us his time. He facilitated a conversation session which was attended by 45 people, a broad cross section of individuals and families within our parish. Everyone from 8 – 88 year olds contributed to the conversation. The following were questions asked of the group:

- What do we love about Holy Cross
- What do we want to Regain
- What do we want to Change
- What does our future Church look like?

Some 800 comments were collect and collated. Their main points and themes were captured in a document that has been used to develop a working action plan. This plan was used to re-evaluate our mission statement. A new mission and vision statement was developed. The statement will be presented to the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) and is expected to be approved. Following the AMP both the plan and the mission/vision will be presented to the diocesan office.

At this stage the other parishes have not moved forward with the process. It is hoped they will and combined we will come up with a plan that will enable a way forward for all of us.

Please see the attached document for the Mission/Vision Statement and the Plan.

Jill Bowman

Treasurer's Report

Once again I am pleased to report that the income of the Parish has exceeded its expenses with a surplus of \$14,080.85 for the financial year ending 30th April 2019.

On the following pages, I present the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and a report showing the Income and Expenses of the Parish.

As at the 30th April 2019 the Parish's assets exceed its liabilities by \$89,240.66.

The Income and Expense Report has three columns; the right hand column shows the figures for the financial year 2017/2018, the middle column shows the figures for the financial year just ended (2018/2019) and the left column shows the budget figures for the coming financial year, 2019/2020.

The budget for the coming financial year, 2019/2020 has been compiled using historical information and an analysis of trends over the last three years.

In my opinion, the Parish will run a deficit of \$ 2,071. The parish has sufficient cash reserves with the Anglican Community Fund to be able to support this deficit.

Peter Bowman
Treasurer

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	As at 30/04/2019	As at 30/04/2018
Assets	\$	\$
Cheque Account	59,981.30	46,491.67
Building Fund	2,597.84	2,569.44
Term Deposit	21,977.96	21,547.02
Rectory Trust Account	1,217.32	1,204.01
Undeposited Funds	150.00	435.30
Total Assets	85,924.42	72,247.44
Liabilities		
GST	-487.04	232.31
City of Melville (Grant)	0.00	0.00
Synod Assessment	-3,204.68	-6,140.68
Stipend	0.00	0.00
Sundries	375.15	60.00
Total Liabilities	-3,316.24	-5,848.37
Nett Assets	89,240.66	78,095.81

Income

	budget 2019-2020	actual 2018-2019	actual 2017-2018
Income	\$	\$	\$
Giving	24,200	28,131.10	36,316.65
Anglican Messenger		0.00	0.00
Baptism		450.00	0.00
Fund Raising	1,500	647.00	1,200.75
Hall Hire	9,203	11,980.02	11,515.95
Tennis Court Hire	2,704	2,727.82	3,070.01
Children's Programs	1,628	1,738.15	1,935.85
Various / Miscellaneous	0	42.00	0.00
Adjustments & Roundings	0	0.65	0.00
Total Income	39,235	45,716.74	54,039.21
Other Income			
Bequests ¹	0	16,256	32,679.81
Grants	0	0.00	3,000.00
Interest Earned	660	765.56	714.06
Total Other Income	660	17,021.56	36,39.87
GROSS INCOME	39,895	62,738.30	90,433.08

Note

1. A \$10,000 bequest was received from the estate of the Late Richard John Seddon who had been a long serving parishioner of Holy Cross and
A special purpose bequest of \$6,256 from the estate of the Late Greta Atkinson for the purchase and installation of a replacement data projector for the church.

Expenses

	budget 2019-2020	actual 2018-019	actual 2017-2018
Expenses	\$	\$	\$
Clergy	6,729	7,488.04	22,632.64
Synod Assessment	3,640	7,194.11	5,379.12
Anglican Messenger	240	160.00	160.00
Advertising			0.00
Church Stores	120	53.62	443.12
Bank Fees & Charges		5.00	5.00
Cleaning	4,056	4,028.90	3,744.00
Donations	600	166.55	530.92
Equipment Purchases ¹	240	5,951.06	763.64
Evangelism/Outreach		115.89	283.62
Fund Raising	150	145.31	500.00
Insurance	2,000	1,964.66	1,887.90
Internet	850	795.89	554.77
Children's Programs	1,461	1,470.55	1,013.46
Licences & Copyright	500	460.36	546.91
Maintenance	5,700	4,051.82	7,861.60
Morning Teas/Kitchen	480	373.33	566.69
Photocopier	1140	763.33	865.69
Postage/Printing/Stationary	60	\$113.25	141.82
Security	420	414.00	0.00
Sundry Expenses	1440	1,435.48	992.49
Synod Expenses	500	320.00	450.00
Training & Education	720	0.00	1,584.22
Utilities & Rates	7,320	7,265.75	5,546.09
Youth Ministry	3,600	4,297.90	0
Way Forward		275.69	0
Total Expenses	41,966	49,310.49	56,453.70
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(2,071)	13,427.81	33,979.38

Note

1. Includes the cost of the purchase & installation of a new data projector in 2018/2019 year.

Secretary's Report

I have just completed my third year as Secretary, during which time there have been many changes within our Parish; some sad, some unavoidable and some that have resulted in much soul searching about our future church. I feel that the changing times will be challenging and can only benefit all, as we continue to support each other and help to grow God's Church.

My duties:

- Monthly Agenda and Minute taking, 11 per annum
- Updated Parish Directory
- Updated Church Facilities Hiring Agreement- Use of Holy Cross Facilities
- Assisted with Police check of all parish volunteers
- Core member of Community Development Team, facilitated by Peter Kenyon
- Updated Baptisms Register 2009-2019
- Link person with Partners in Mission, Rose Serem, Eldoret, Kenya
- Written draft letters
- Assist the Warden whenever possible

Other activities:

- Annual Community Outreach, facilitate complimentary Baby Massage Course, September/Oct 2018
- 040519 Attended Office Bearers Workshop, Wollaston

I am happy to continue as a member of the Parish Council and as a member of our Church community.

Thank you, Jill for your guidance, knowledge, energy and inspiration while holding Holy Cross together.

Blessings
Susan (Sue) Saunders

Volunteers Report

Thank you to the people who volunteer. The Parish thanks everyone from the dishwashers to the people who prepare and strip the altar. Without your commitment and hard work the Parish would not function.

Food Ministry

Our food ministry is small, however we continue to support families in desperate circumstances directly or through the Willagee Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who provides.

Aged Care

We continue visits to our elders who can no longer attend church services. This is done in their homes, hospitals or aged care facilities.

Bible Study Group

Our bible study group continues to meet fortnightly. We now have six members only. We miss Greta Atkinson's lively inputs and also Betty Smith-Gander who is too ill to attend.

During the year our studies included "Evangelism" and the "Cross".

Our studies are lively, interesting and a benefit to all who attend and go back as far as Ray Yates' ministry when we had quite a large attendance and had two groups going.

We are happy to change the date or time if it would increase attendance.

Unfortunately, unless we can increase our attendance, our group will cease.

Pat Tebbutt



Children's Ministry

Mainly Music

Mainly music is in its 8th year. The great team of volunteer's continue to provide a caring nurturing environment for the families who attend. This last year has seen a few of us struggling with health issues but as soon as possible everyone returns to be part of the team.

Numbers still continue to fluctuate, this is however, not surprising with the number of alternate services /groups available within the community. We do not focus so much on the numbers now but continue to build quality relationships.

Morning Prayer held before the service continues to be a quiet time of reflection and worship. It offers those who attend a time to reflect on the word as well as an opportunity to pray for the families before they attend an integral part of the mm's success.

This year mainly music Australia asked us if we could host a training session for all the mm groups south of the river. The presenter from mm Australia was very good and the session was very informative fun, enjoyed by all. The training affirmed we are on the right track and doing a great job.

Please continue to pray for the families and the volunteers. Pray we can provide a small step in the path of faith development for both the parents/grandparents and the children.

Jill B

Sunday Club

With Emma Charlton moving on from supporting Sunday Club a few changes have been made. On the 1st Sunday of the month a children's talk is given in the service then activities are held at the back of the church for the children. We give thanks for Emma's ministry and commitment.

A key outcome of the conversation with Peter Kenyon was that families would like a family service to be held on either a Saturday or Sunday later in the afternoon. Parish Council are looking at ways of delivering such a service. The hope is the service would include teaching for the parents and opportunities for the kids to learn with age appropriate activities. The intention is to follow the service with a meal.

Watch this space for the exciting new development. Please pray that God will provide the right leadership team to grow and development family ministry in the parish.

Youth Group

The youth group management team combined of members from both the Parish of Bull Creek/Leeming and Melville meet regularly to further develop opportunities for positive outcomes for the young people who attend. The management team are currently working on developing a mission and vision statement for the group. There was a combined Christmas service last year. The numbers have not grown however, they have remained steady. The thought is that if the correct formula for the delivery of the program is developed then the youth will come.

The Anglican Children and Youth ministry team have offered to mentor Claire Tebbutt, the coordinator. There is a new volunteer, a formation student who is proving to be of great value to both Claire and the kids. This term in place of using both locations, a trial is being held using just one location. This term it is Holy Cross due to our very good facilities. At the end of the term, feedback will be sort from both the youth and the parents to see if having one location will encourage more attendee and simplify the planning.

Please pray for Claire and the team as they grow this ministry, may they develop their skills and the leadership team to support the youth and each other.

MU Australia – Melville Branch Report

We haven't been having monthly meetings as such because of members having health problems. However we do meet with Applecross members at their meetings from time to time, keep in touch with what is happening in the branches and being involved as much as possible.

We are still active in the church.

Our MU Australia theme this year is "Moving Forward Together".

God's Blessings to all
Betty Rushforth
President MU Melville

Multi-Media Team & Church Website

Once again thanks to Michael Arnold for his invaluable assistance throughout the year with the Media for our Sunday worship.

As always, we would warmly welcome others to the Multi-Media team.

For anyone attending our services regularly, you would have noticed that the projector in the church was not producing a clear and bright image. Not only this but because the equipment was so old, it would not interface with modern computers without the use of adaptors. In March 2019 the overhead projector was replaced with a brand new unit. The funding for the purchase and installation was made available from a bequest from the estate of Greta Atkinson. I would like to thank Nigel, Greta's son, for his assistance. When you are in the church and see the images projected on the screen, think of Greta.

The Church Website continues to be updated and can be a source of information about our Parish.

Peter B

Hall Hire

Our hall continues to be hired out to other religious organisation and the broader community.

Users include the Korean Presbyterian Church, Royal Scottish Dancers, Sing Australia and Kindy Dance Time. It has had occasional use for birthday parties and anniversaries, fund raising events and two organisations have used it for training sessions.

We have had positive comments on the accessibility of the hall for people with disabilities.

Please remember if the hall is in use by hall hirers, unless it is an emergency, please do not enter the hall, they have paid for their time.

The hall is a valuable asset and continues to be a significant source on income (\$11,980 for the year). Please promote it within your networks.

Peter B

Tennis Report

The tennis court continues to be a valuable asset to the Parish, last year producing an income of \$2,728.

Joy Worrall continues the task of collecting and accounting for the money from the courts. Thank you Joy.

Located in the heart of Melville, Holy Cross, Melville has one of the best courts in the district. And of course we have the very well maintained lawn and paved area adjacent to the court and plenty of parking. If you know of anyone who is interested in forming a social tennis group, have them contact Peter or Jill.

Court availability is now viewable online. By accessing The Holy Cross Website and clicking on the “Facilities for Hire” area on the main page.

Peter B





Back Cover Photograph:
Gardens at the rear of the church

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