

WILLETTON UNITING CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 17th November 2024

1. OPENING DEVOTIONS

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Congregational Meeting held on 19th May 2024.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards :

Letter from Vicki Banks tending her resignation as a Member of the Church Council.

Outwards:

Letter to Vicki Banks thanking her for her service to the Church Council. This letter was written on 12th October 2024 due to the delay in the Congregational Meeting.

5. ELECTIONS

- Office Bearers of the Congregation:
 - (a) Chairperson
 - (b) Secretary

- A nomination has been received from Wilma Wilson to become an Elder of this Congregation. A vote by secret ballot will be held.

6. REPORTS:

- * Church Council
- * Minister
- * Finance - Income and Expenditure to 30th September 2024
 - Projected Budget 2025
- * Property
- * Music Ministry
 - Outreach Concerts
- * Friendship Circle

- * World Day of Prayer
- * YouthCARE
- * Non Perishable Groceries for Fremantle
- * Ladies Evening Fellowship

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Close of Meeting:

WILLETTON CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

NOVEMBER 2024

Membership of Church Council

Elders: Lesley Kenny, Deirdre Russell, Diane Boon, John Boon, Chris Malan, Barbara Bennewith (Treasurer), Lyn Burking, Bruce Read (Chairperson)

Councillors: Julie Maddocks, Ed Kenny (co-opted congregational chairperson) Wilma Wilson (co-opted congregational secretary)

Minute Secretary: Vivienne Rowney

Minister: Rev. Toby Keva

Purpose/Function of the Church Council:

“The Church Council shall give priority in its life to building up the Congregation in faith and love, sustaining members in hope, and leading the Congregation to a fuller participation in Christ’s mission in the world. This priority shall be reflected in the agenda of its ordinary meetings” (Reg 3.1.2(a))

Rev Toby Keva has continued his full time ministry, which is supported by the Council. His leadership in worship, pastoral activities together with his introduction of new ideas and style is very much appreciated.

Toby and his family will be moving house in January 2025. They will move from their current house in Rockingham to our manse in Willetton.

The Church Website has been boosted with Lisa Breukelman becoming our “webmaster”. Thank you Lisa for your great work.

From a property viewpoint it became apparent that the carpet in the hall was becoming unsafe. After investigation and receiving quotes it was decided to go ahead and replace with Vinyl Planking. The Council also agreed to ask the Congregation to support this with fund raising. Thank you to all who donated to offset the cost, which to date has covered approximately half of the cost.

Another reason for replacing the flooring is to hopefully encourage more people to use the hall and therefore provide more income. There has been some enquiries, but nothing to fruition as yet. If any of the Congregation members know of somebody wishing to hire a hall for a function please remember we may be able to assist.

It has come to light that the Church and manse may be undervalued for insurance purposes. The Synod is encouraging all congregations to use a Management Survey company to assess the value of buildings. The Council agreed that this should happen and we await the reports. A busy bee was held in October to get the grounds looking tidy. There was a great effort from those who attended. There are some people among us who do not wait for a busy bee to be arranged and quietly give their time and work in the garden, fixing small maintenance matters and other jobs. Our building is not new so there always seems to be something needing doing. A big thank you to all those who work behind the scenes.

Following the Fun Fair this year the Council circulated a survey to Congregation members to get their feedback. There was a very good response to this with most people giving a positive

response to the event. It was agreed by the Council to go ahead and have the event again next year.

It was also agreed that having the Fun Fair on the Easter weekend was not the best timing and

5 April 2025 has been chosen.

Elder and pastoral partner training was held on Saturday 21 September 2024. and was well attended.

I represented the Congregation at Synod on September 13, 14 and 15 and at Presbytery on November 9.

We were privileged to host the Service of Recognition for Ministers who have retired or died, on 14 September 2024. Thank you to all who contributed to this successful event.

During the year Vicki Banks resigned from the Council. We thank Vicki for her valued work for the Council and look forward to her ongoing contribution within our congregation.

Next year will mark 50 years since the congregation moved from the Rossmoyne Hall to our current building in Herald avenue. The Council has agreed to celebrate this event and 13th August 2025 is the suggested date.

The Council is looking for a person or persons to arrange this function.

From a financial point of view, the Council is aware that once again we are running at a deficit budget. Spending is being kept to a minimum, but with rising costs this is getting difficult. Our main income is from offerings and hall hire. We are all asked to give these our prayerful consideration.

The Council is in need of a secretary. We are all indebted to Vivienne Rowney who has done a fantastic job as our minute secretary. The position of Council Secretary requires attendance at 4 or 5 meetings and the processing of a very small amount of correspondence. Please give this your serious consideration. I would love to hear from you.

Bruce Read

Chairperson, Willetton Church Council.

Proposal: That the report be received.

Minister's Report for the Congregational Meeting

on 17th November, 2024

Cafe Church

The last Cafe Church was held on 30th June. The topic of the day was the Handbook on Governance, Goals, and Plans for Willetton Uniting Church 2023-33. It was an opportunity to introduce the document to and explore it with the people in our church. I was encouraged by the level of enthusiasm and participation that the people showed on the day. During the table group sessions, people took the questions presented seriously and got involved in lively discussions with others around their table. I have collected the feedback papers and am looking forward to compiling the feedbacks into a more structured format to give us more ideas as we continue shaping and reevaluating the strategies into the future.

Confirmation Group

The group meet every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3.30 pm. There are six participants in the group, three are in the process of becoming confirmed members of our church. Since our last congregational meeting, the group have met three times on 19th June, 18th September, and 16th October. In each gathering, the group discussed a particular topic related to Christian faith via questions, activities, meditations, prayers, Bible readings, and/or quotations from 'experts' in the field.

Elders Meeting

The Elders meet bimonthly on the first Sunday of the month. The Elders have met twice this year on 18th August and 6th October. During the meeting, each Elder shared the pastoral concerns of the people under her/his list. The pastoral list has also been recently updated to reflect those who have recently passed away, the new people who have joined our congregation, and those who have left our fellowship. At the moment, we need more people to become Elders and/or Pastoral Partners to further share the responsibilities of caring for the people in our church. This is crucial especially during those times when an Elder is sick and is unable to carry out her/his pastoral duties.

Elders and Pastoral Partners Workshop

A training for the Elders and Pastoral Partners was held on 21st September. The workshop covered a number of topics, including pastoral styles and boundaries. Following the workshop, the Elders and Pastoral Partners discussed some pastoral concerns of the people in the pastoral list.

Welcomers Training

On 26th June, a training was held for people who have been asked to help as Welcomers. During the training, we first talked about the qualities and characters required to become an effective Welcomer. We then explored the duties of a Welcomer on a Sunday and talked about each duty in more details. The Welcomer will work alongside a Greeter on Sunday.

The main role of the Welcomer is to welcome, befriend, and accompany a Newcomer, and to make a follow-up contact during the week.

Stewards

A meeting for all the Stewards was held on 26th May immediately after the worship service. The goal of the meeting was to revisit the list of duties that had been compiled before and to help the stewards re-familiarize themselves with those duties. The list was then updated by removing some duties that had been redundant and adding new ones into the list. All the Stewards are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the current list and to review it regularly, especially when they are rostered on a Sunday.

Meditation Group

I have led exercises for the Meditation Group every fourth Thursday of the month. The exercises are from the book, *Sadhana*, which is a meditation guide book by the renowned Indian Jesuit, Father A. J. De Mello. During each exercise, the participants are invited to focus and reflect on different parts of their body or aspects of their life or the surrounding environment.

Special Services

Some special services were held in succession earlier this year. They were: ANZAC Commemoration Service on 28th April, Country Women Association Centenary Service on 5th May, Mother's Day on 12th May, and Pentecost Day on 19th May. Each was a joyous occasion.

Guest Speakers

Steve McKinnon, the WA State Manager of Prison Fellowship, gave a presentation in our Sunday service on 4th August. Prison Fellowship is a Christian not for profit organization that works with prison inmates and their families. Steve talked about the history, values, purpose, and work of the Prison Fellowship. He also shared stories about the life of inmates who had been transformed by the ministry of the people who volunteer and work for the Prison Fellowship.

Rev. Dr. Andrew Williams, the General Secretary of WA Synod, preached in our Sunday service on 25th August. Andrew's focus reading was Ephesians 6:10-20, which talks about the spiritual armor of God. His talk was very interactive and engaging, using his cycling hobby and gears as examples. He even brought his own bike to the church!

In our Sunday service on October 13, Chaplain Jenny Schleusener from HMAS Stirling shared her experience as a female Chaplain in the Royal Australian Navy. Jenny based her reflection on the readings for the day, which were Mark 10:17-31 and Hebrews 4:12-16.

Hayden Wiseman

On 15th September, people in our church and beyond were treated to beautiful music by the violinist, Hayden Wiseman who was on a tour in WA. Hayden is an accomplished violinist who is a graduate of Western Australia Academy of Performance Arts (WAAPA). He now collaborates with churches around Australia and overseas, playing beautiful hymns, worship

songs, movie scores, and classical pieces for them. Hayden played some of his music and shared some his stories during our worship service on the day. He then performed his own solo concert in the afternoon. His musical skill and talent were greatly appreciated by those who attended.

Induction Service

On 28th September, we celebrated the induction service of Rev. Lyall Reid into the chaplaincy in the Royal Australian Navy. The service was co-led by Rev. Kaye Ronalds (the member of the Religious Advisory Committee to the Services of the Defence Force), Rev. Lyall Reid, and myself. It was attended by a number of guests, including Rev. Ian Tozer (the Moderator of WA Synod), clergy members of WA Presbytery, and HMAS Stirling Chaplains and their spouses. A special morning tea was held after the service to welcome the guests.

Music Team

Deirdre Russel has sadly resigned as an organist due to personal illness. Deirdre's ministry spanned not only decades, but also multiple generations. I wish to thank her for her faithful service in our church. Currently, there are only two organists available for the music roster: Janice Barret and Barbara Bennewith. We need to identify and encourage more skillful and talented musicians to be included in the roster. We are currently exploring ways to get some of the local music students to play in our worship service. Some financial incentive may be needed to make this a reality.

Funerals

A service of the celebration of life were held for the following people:

- Graham Foote on 12th June in our church.
- Frank Rennie on 7th August at Seasons Funeral Home in Cannington.
- Robert Suann on 14th October in the West Chapel of the Fremantle Cemetery.
- Donald Moore on 4th November in our church.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Rev. John Phillipson was held on 26th October in our church. The service was well attended by members of John's family, friends, and colleagues, including past Moderator, Rev. John Dunn, who organised the service, and the current Moderator, Rev. Ian Tozer who preached in the service.

Presbytery and Synod Meetings

I attended the Presbytery meeting on 15th June in Floreat Uniting Church. The theme of the meeting was United Together. Rev. Judy Sanderson from Applecross delivered an outstanding sermon about the theme, reflecting on her experience growing up in an African-American family in the United States. During the meeting, the Presbytery inducted a number of ordained Ministers to fill the various roles in the Presbytery.

Bruce Read and I attended the last annual Synod meeting that was held on 14th–15th September at Scotch College. The meeting was facilitated by the Moderator, Rev. Ian Tozer and was also attended by the President of the Uniting Church, Rev. Charissa Suli (the youngest and first CALD person to be elected as President) and the Chairperson of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress. Rev. Mark Kickett. A verbal report will be given during our congregational meeting.

Leaves

Since our last meeting, I have taken the following leaves: Annual Leave from 8th to 28th July and Study Leave from 28th October to 10th November.

Rev. Toby Keva

WILLETTON UNITING CHURCH				
Income & Expenditure to 30 September 2024				
		\$149,889		\$149,889
		BUDGET 9 MONTHS 2024	9 MONTH ACTUAL 2024	
Income				
Offerings		\$70,500	\$65,841	-6.61%
Facilities Use		\$4,875	\$10,817	121.89%
Other		\$2,812	\$12,415	341.50%
Manse		\$25,350	\$30,020	18.42%
	Sub Total	<u>\$103,537</u>	<u>\$119,093</u>	15.02%
Expenditure				
Ministry		\$83,355	\$83,805	0.54%
Parish Operating		\$5,422	\$9,283	71.21%
Property		\$16,125	\$23,898	48.20%
Chaplaincy		\$1,500	\$1,000	-33.33%
Mission & Service		\$3,825	\$3,780	-1.18%
Manse		\$8,978	\$12,245	36.39%
	Sub Total	<u>\$119,205</u>	<u>\$134,011</u>	12.42%
Net Operating Result		-\$15,668		-\$14,918
Operating Balance		\$0		\$0
Balance at 30 September 2024		\$134,221		\$134,971

Equity Accounts for period to 30 September 2024

	Bal	Income	Exp	Balance
Transfer Accounts	\$1,300	\$2,023	\$3,323	\$0
Group Accounts	\$1,728	\$600	\$932	\$1,396
Other Accounts	\$2,902	\$2,533	\$2,801	\$2,634
Fund Raising	\$10,334	\$825	\$300	\$10,859
Sub				
Total				\$14,889
Final Balance all accounts @ 30 September 2024				\$149,860
Represented by				
Cheque Account		\$ 10,551		
Fixed				
Deposit		\$ 30,000		
Bonus Saver A/c			\$ 107,328	
GST owed by ATO		\$ 1,981		\$149,860

NOTES

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Income: Offerings are not sustaining budget projection.
Property use high due to Shapedisability paying to 30 June 2025.
Other includes \$7750 fundraising for vinyl.

Expenses:

Parish operating - includes purchase of fridge, monthly MYOB fees,
Audit of account, Youtube reg'n for worship, quantity surveyor for property
valuation.

Property lower at this point as Insurance is not paid until the end of the year.

MANSE SUMMARY

Income	Costs	NET
\$ 30,020.00	\$ 12,245.00	\$ 17,775.00

Note: overpayment Sept of \$2430
Corrected in next quarter.
Actual net result \$15,345

Vinyl SUMMARY

\$ 7,750	\$ 15,832.00	-\$8,082.00
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Willetton Congregation Budget 2025 - PROPOSED

Note: 2024 estimate prepared based on YTD Sept 2024

Profit and loss report	Actual 2023	2024 Estimate	2025 Budget
Income			
Offerings	71428	68540	70000
Offerings - Open Plate	21344	19248	20000
Property use - Other	5488	11317	10000
Total Income	98259	99105	100000
Other Income			
Fund Raising		1170	2000
Donations	2365	1328	1500
Flooring fundraising		8250	0
Manse Income		40026	0
Interest income	2254	2667	2500
Total Other Income	4619	53441	6000
TOTAL INCOME	102878	152546	106000
Expense			

Minister: Stipend	48935	68729	71478
Minister: MV Depn	4465	6292	6300
Minister: LSL	1439	1920	2000
Minister: Insurance	1082	1368	1500
Minister: Beneficiary Fund	6242	9940	10500
Minister: Continuing Educ		233	300
Minister: Resources	740	1834	2000
Minister: Car Fixed Cost	1100	1573	1800
Minister: Manse Allowance	1512	19623	0
Supply MInistry	540	227	760
Miscellaneous	1911	3711	3800
Electricity & gas	2154	2137	3000
Worship	708	871	900
Printing & Staionery	841	941	1000
Synod/Presbytery Attendance		240	300
Name Badges	-45	-80	0
Kitchen supplies	181	300	350
Insurance	15467	10000	10000
Internet	731	845	1032
Church - Maintenance	21428	22603	5000
Rates & Taxes	4367	2392	3000
Cleaning	4260	3415	4560
Manse - Maintenance	3812	6296	2500
Manse - Agent fees		3914	0
Manse - Rates & Taxes		4387	2500
Manse - Other		964	0
Mission & Service	5040	5040	5040
Chaplaincy - Youthcare	2000	2000	2000
Telephone	560		
Travel & accomodation	3000		0
Total Expense	132469	181715	141620
Net Profit	-29592	-29169	-35620

NOTES TO THE 2025 BUDGET

BUDGET SUMMARY	
Income	
Offerings	90000
Property	10000
Other	4500
Total income	\$104500
Ministry	96638
Property	26860

Operating	10382
Chaplaincy	2000
Mission & Service	5040
Total expenses	\$140920
2025 Deficit	- \$36420

INCOME

Offerings – Offerings have decreased. Budget estimate reflects change.

Manse – Toby expects to move into the manse in January hence no income.

Church Property - increased for 2025 in hope we can encourage other groups to use the premises.

(note: Shapedisability have paid \$3,250 ‘up front’).

Other Income – This hard to budget – depends on donations received for various services provided. Eg: funerals.

EXPENDITURE

Insurance – Expected to rise significantly following Quantity surveyor report.

Church Maintenance – we have an aging building. Costs are kept to a minimum but there is always the unexpected.

Manse Maintenance – There may be some expenses prior to Toby moving in.

As most of you would be aware preparing a budget is ‘tricky’ especially in this financial climate.

As you can see the Church will once again anticipate a deficit budget.

The only way we can change this it to increase income, this needs to be by way of offerings and property use.

Expenses are kept to the minimum. But, there is always the unexpected.

Barbara Bennewith Treasurer October 2024

PROPERTY REPORT

Church

The new **vinyl planking** in the hall and entry has been completed.
Thank you to all congregation members who donated to this project.

The **stage area** had not had any maintenance over the years. A loose plank was replaced and the area was resealed.

Due to weather damage the **sign** on the corner of Caprice Place had fallen over and has now been repaired and thanks are extended to those who assisted in this.

Men's **toilet** locks have been repaired and John Murdock is thanked for this.

Busy Bee for the garden held Saturday 19th October was well attended and once again thanks to all those willing workers. The grounds look much tidier. Some of the **trees** are overgrown. Contact will be made with the City of Canning in regard to pruning of Council trees.

Manse

There have not been any issues with the manse since the tenants moved in December 2023.

Toby and his family will be move into the Manse in January 2025. The current lease will expire on 20th December 2024 and the tenants have been advised they must vacate.

An inspection will be carried out prior to Toby moving in to check on any maintenance which is required.

Barbara Bennewith

MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT – Outreach Concerts

Romans 12:6 says: “Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them”. We are encouraged by that suggestion from the scriptures to continue the Music Ministry. The absence of our versatile organist/pianist/choir conductor Deirdre Russell OAM due to a series of illnesses this year has been keenly felt, but those who are still able work musical magic. Both Janice and Barbara work wonders with the Schweelink electronic organ and guide us in our familiar traditional hymns. Minister Toby has brought a new dimension to worship, employing his tuneful tenor voice and guitar strumming to keep us on key with interesting modern works. The main function of the Music Ministry in 2024 has been 3 Outreach Concerts conducted in June, August and October: the first in June specifically for pianists, and the latter two “variety” concerts for a variety of piano, voice and other instruments. The joint aims of the outreach concerts is firstly to raise the church’s profile and encourage local residents to enter an unfamiliar church building, not to worship, but to enjoy entertainment. Secondly to follow the Romans text and give youthful emerging musicians the opportunity for public performance in a friendly, non-judgmental environment. There is evidence that regular churchgoers have resulted from non-churchgoers attending (and/or performing in) a past concert or two, and being made feel they are worthy and welcome. These concerts are not intended to be fund-raisers. We do not expect the congregation to sell tickets, but advertise “admission by donation”. Funds raised in 2024 have been in excess of \$1,000. Income might be considered low for the amount of effort and organisation contributed, but so are expenses, the main one being the annual tuning of the Yamaha acoustic piano before the regular June Classical Piano Recital. This consumes about one-third of that figure. Design and artwork on the advertising posters and programmes has in recent years been donated by a local professional who shares our enthusiasm for the aims of the Music Ministry, and (with Barbara’s encouragement) our OKI colour printer prints them all on-site. Moving the heavy, full-size upright Yamaha from its ‘resting’ position to the ‘performance’ area was becoming more difficult for our ageing congregation and also damaging the carpet. Larger wheels have now been installed on the Yamaha, financed by Music Ministry funds. Hopefully they will solve that problem, and also make it **much** easier to move. All three 2024 outreach concerts have been well attended. Positive comments from performers, congregation members and the wider public encourage me to hope that we could repeat the same number and timing in 2025, with the first piano recital to be held at the end of June.

Lyn Muir October 2024

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE.

The Friendship- Circle has managed to meet monthly. Attendance for the past 5 months has slightly increased. Being welcomed have been Lyn Foote, Vanda Moore, Roberta Gobbo, Jennifer Craymar, Jeanette Dunn & Gloria Sue.

In June Vivienne Rowney HLM offered to be our guest speaker regarding the Centenary this year of The Country Women's Association. Vivienne as a long standing member gave an interesting, meaningful presentation. On show was the recently produced commemorative book, ' Women Of Spirit ' and ' The ' Cook Book, latest edition. Also on show were further items pertaining to the Association. Vivienne was gratefully thanked & Barbar Dinnie HLM -OAM also thanked Vivienne then presented her with a small gift in appreciation. Pleased to add there were three visitors. A much valued meeting.

Each member is called upon to give, from their own selection, the 'Word For Today'.

In Sept. after discussion, it was agreed to donate \$200.00 towards the Flooring payment. Secondly a donation of \$50.00 sent to Uniting Care West.

Cards have been sent to several people. Birthdays , including Hope Argue & Rev. John Phillipson - Congratulations - Thank You - Get Well - & Sympathy. All recorded. Sadly one of our members Sofia Hayhurst died in F.S.H. on the 3rd July, '24. As members of the group & also the church, we are mindful of the present sadness within our congregation.

In Sept. an opportunity for the showing of 3 personal photos taken in years past was well received. ' Show & Tell ' gives for interesting discussion.

Rev. Toby Keva joined us in Oct. - giving information concerning the Prison Fellowship's ' Angel Tree ' project. This is being considered.

Birthdays are always acknowledged. A/ Teas are now kept ' simple ' - we don't need to be lavish!!!!

Many thanks to all for friendship, encouragement, support & to Christine for the Trading Table. Monies raised here goes towards toiletries for the homeless, which are then included, & delivered to Fremantle.

Phyllis Muller

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

The Convener Jan Rose OAM together with Sylvia Stone attended the W.D.O.P. Committee

Meeting on the 16 / 9 / 24 in Highgate, Perth.

The representatives from seven local churches will be meeting on Friday 15/11/24 at Christ The King Anglican Church Willetton (who will be the host church) to commence preparation for next year's service to be held on the first Friday in March.

The Country for 2025 is The Cook Islands, and the Women of The Cook Islands have written the service . ' I Made You Wonderful. '

Phyllis Muller.

YouthCARE

YouthCARE in our area supports Chaplains in our local high and primary schools.

Our local council is called the “Canning River South YouthCARE Council” and its area of responsibility includes the Rossmoyne, Willetton, Leeming and Lynwood High schools and their respective feeder primary schools.

Mr Choy Lee is the Pastoral Care Manager (previous title was - Area Chaplain). Choy is a very busy man as he is required to plan, liaise with the various principals (in some cases a very delicate and difficult job), supervise and support the Chaplains. Our prayers and support for Choy are important.

Thank you to all those who purchased honey at church and sausages from our local Bunnings when YouthCARE was running the sausage sizzle. We are proud to advise that at the most recent Bunnings event six (6) volunteers from our congregation helped with cooking and or serving the many customers. A record amount was received. All our allocation of honey was easily sold and in fact we had to disappoint some of our regular customers. Please don't hesitate to volunteer for future sausage sizzles - it is worthwhile and good fun.

The YouthCARE Council is conducting a Thank You breakfast for the chaplains at Flames Restaurant in late November to show appreciation for and in recognition of the dedication, devotion and hard work by the chaplains.

We are delighted to advise that Barbara Bennewith has volunteered (and has been accepted with open arms) to be the Treasurer for the YouthCARE council. Thank you Barbara for your generous offer. It is good to have members of our congregation active in such organisations.

Pauline and Bruce Read represent our congregation on the local YouthCARE Council and will be very happy to provide further info and answer any questions you may have regarding school chaplains in our area.

An organisation chart showing the names and faces of the chaplains in our area is available on the notice board in our church foyer.

Pauline and Bruce Read

NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES FOR FREMANTLE

We are again very pleased to confirm that our congregation's generous provision of Non-perishable groceries to St Pats in Fremantle has continued throughout 2024.

Our contributions to the homeless and needy in Fremantle are received from us each week by the team at St Pats, then sorted and distributed on our behalf. The need does not diminish.

Thank you to all those in our congregation who consistently bring non-perishable groceries to Worship each Sunday. To restate a recent announcement - If we each brought just one (1) item each week our contribution to this mission outreach would become even more substantial.

Again, we thank the Combined Probus Club of Leeming (Stan and Noreen Snook) for its continued support of our mission project.

Thanks to David and Jaiming Xu, who regularly assist with the packing of bags ready for transport to Fremantle. Thanks also to Christine Erskine who makes and stocks

bathroom/cosmetic bags which are enthusiastically accepted at Fremantle. Your continued support is appreciated and very worthwhile.

Fran, Pauline and Bruce.

LADIES EVENING FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies Evening Fellowship began in the late 1960's when the Methodist Church met in the Council hall in Central Road Rossmoyne.

The original objective was to meet the needs of mothers with young children who supported their husbands while they worked and didn't get the opportunity to socialise. Back then playgroups didn't exist.

There was quite a large group of young mothers who decided to meet for fellowship in various homes. At times there were guest speakers invited including Matron Beryl Grant from Ngala. One highlight also remembered by members was a series Mental Health Workshops which gave the ladies some useful tools as they navigated changes in lifestyle.

The dynamics of the group changed over the years as many of the women began to work. During the latter years of the group members contributed each meeting and donations were given to Frontier Services and our local congregation. The numbers have been dropping but there was still a core group of faithful members meeting each month. Slowly due to ill health and members not driving at night the group has diminished and this year it was decided to abandon the Ladies Evening Fellowship completely.

We give thanks for the many women whose lives were touched by this group for over 50 years

Madeline Suann