

ST MICHAEL'S UNITING CHURCH



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE JUNE 2021

An update from the June Church Council Meeting.

Mingary Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding

The Council approved revised Terms of Reference for the Mingary Committee, which reflect the restructuring of the Mingary Counselling Service. A new Memorandum of Understanding between St Michael's and the Cairnmillar Institute is being progressed.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Council agreed that the AGM, which was postponed due to the recent COVID outbreak, will be rescheduled once restrictions allow for a minimum of 100 people in the church. A new date will be advised as soon as possible.

Communion Services

We will resume celebration of communion when masks are no longer required indoors.

Inclusiveness

Council discussed St Michael's understanding of inclusiveness, and strategies that might be employed to strengthen a culture of inclusiveness (as distinct from 'acceptance') in the congregation.

Conservation Management Plan

There have been a number of meetings with architects Purcell in relation to the Conservation Management Plan including a meeting with members of the Household Committee to present and discuss the Church's Condition Report. The Condition Report will provide a detailed and prioritised list of infrastructure and building related items that require attending in the medium to long term. This will ensure that there is a long term plan for the effective and efficient management of building maintenance issues including the replacement of portions of the church roof.

Programs

The Dean Lorraine Woolley noted the current future programs including Mindfulness Meditation; the Public Squares Program; Poetry Discussion Group; and the Searchers Program.

Cairnmillar Counselling Service

The Cairnmillar Report noted that the transition of the service from the overall management of St Michaels to staff from Cairnmillar was proceeding very well. There are currently seven 6th year students and three 5th year students providing clients with counselling. Elise Wald, Cairnmillar's Director of Clinical Services, is on site on Mondays and Thursdays. Students continue to work remotely on Tuesday and Wednesday. Supervisors Liza Ng and Gerke Witt each provide supervision for a day and a half each week.