



Church Council Update May 2023

At the meeting of the Council, held on May 18, the following items were among those reported and discussed:

Construction of 120 Collins Street Building

The Council has been informed that the next phases of construction have the potential to disrupt access to the church building and alter the current means of moving from the church to the hall. Contingency plans are now being developed for these eventualities.

Church Revitalisation

Invitations have been sent to four firms to tender for the position of lead consultant on the church revitalisation project and a decision is expected within the coming month. Council reviewed the priority list for the project, selecting those to be given top priority and those which will be included only if the budget allows.

Finance

The Treasurer reported that the financial performance continues to be ahead of budget.

Environmental Action

The Church now uses CoPower, a supplier of green energy supported by the UCA, as its provider of electricity.

A draft response to the consultation paper issued by Yarra Yarra Presbytery on the Synod Climate Action Plan was reviewed by council. After discussion the response was to be rewritten and is subject to approval by Margaret on her return.

Newcomers

Newcomers are being welcomed and connected during morning teas. It was reported that some of the younger attendees want to know more about Progressive Christianity and consideration is being given to how best to meet this request.