



Church Council Update May 2024

At the Council meeting held on May 16, 2024, the following items were discussed:

Preparation for the Annual General Meeting

It was noted that all the required paperwork would be circulated prior to the meeting. The audit of the 2023 accounts has been finalised.

John Coppock is stepping down as Chair of the Congregation and was thanked for his work over the years. It will be necessary to elect a new Chair and a new Secretary.

Finance

Whilst unexpected expenditure on several items had brought about a lower result than budgeted, the overall performance for the year remained well ahead.

Property

After a lengthy delay, it was pleasing to note that the cleaning of the east, west, upper and lower colonnades has been completed, and the results are apparent in the glow of the windows.

The water-damaged section of Mingary has been repaired.

After a long wait, we can now access the Hall from the 120 Collins courtyard. Council expressed its appreciation for the good work done by those who maintained morning tea provision under trying circumstances, during this time.

Project Control Group (PCG)

The most recent meeting of the PCG, which is charged with overseeing the revitalisation of the church building, received the first draft of the budget projection which indicated that funding of what we would like to achieve will be difficult.

A report on a preliminary meeting with Heritage Victoria made it clear that work remained to convince them of the soundness and suitability of our plans.

Margaret notified the Council that she wished to retire as Chair of the PCG but remain a member. Peter Anderson was elected in her place.

Contact & Care

The after-church lunches, facilitated by Contact & Care, have been well received and will continue.

Visit to the Church

A community group have sought to tour the church on June 27, and will be hosted by Ann Kinnear and Lyndell O'Brien.

Brian Smith

Secretary