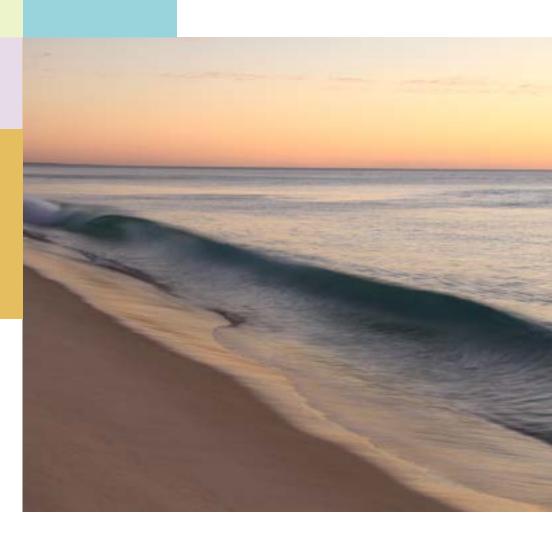
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# ANNUAL REPORT

2021

## **Elders Report**

#### BRIAN SMYTH CHAIRMAN OF ELDERS

Over the last number of summers we have seen devastating fires ravage our country. We see the impact that they have on many lives through loss of personal belongings, stock and also the immeasurable mental scars that it leaves on people's lives.

We also see the countryside and the impact it has on the land, and I often wonder how it will ever recover from the scorching heat that has burnt all the vegetation.

These two images were taken about 4 weeks after a devastating bush fire just north of Perth. The area was totally scorched but within this short period of time amongst the devastation this new life had emerged from the blackened ground and started to bring colour back into the void of darkness.

In last year's AGM report I wrote these words:

"I said in 2020 that it was a year like no other and we were all looking forward with hope to 2021. We have seen that COVID is not defined by years or boundaries and 2021 has still been a year of adversity and struggle for many of us, even without COVID thrown in. However, against this backdrop my hope is that you have still been able to sense the powerful presence of our Father within your life, and there have been moments of pure joy and refreshment within your Spirit."

Well here we are at the end of 2021 and it sometimes appears that nothing has changed and the world is still struggling through COVID. Many of us are having trouble seeing the new growth amongst the many blackened aspects of our world.

However, I do believe there is definitely new growth appearing here at True North through the testing times we have experienced these last years. I still do believe that against this background there is hope and that there is the sense of the powerful presence of our Father in all that is going on.

At my work place we have a phrase we try and adhere to which is: "YOU MATTER"

#### Ephesians 4:29

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.





The phrase YOU MATTER, and this verse has been a real reflection for me over this past 12 months. Do I portray the power of this verse in the words I use and the manner in which I speak to people? In the day to day moments of life do I really believe the phrase – You Matter? My prayer is that I will be able to portray this more and more and that each of us may consider these powerful words of Paul as we involve ourselves in people's lives.

As an Eldership we have continued to seek our Father's leading, not to be anxious through these times but in all situations to be constantly praying and thankful for the provision of our Father because each individual person MATTERS to our Father. Our diversity is our strength.

To our team of amazing volunteers here at True North who use their gifting to enhance the outreach of True North into the community. You each bring to life the phrase YOU MATTER as you serve willingly. From the Eldership, we wish to acknowledge each of you and are forever thankful for your choice to serve and honour our Father here at True North with a smile and joyful spirit.

To our staff you have continued to pursue the presence of God and to lead from a humble spirit and we are forever thankful for your leadership and service to the tribe here at True North. There are still many challenges we each face but to our staff we say thank you. You are a blessing, and we love your willingness to lead by example.

To Dean our Senior Pastor, once again thank you for your passion to serve our Father and us, your tribe, here at True North. Life changed this year as you and Lisa added the joy and blessing of Asher to your family unit. Dean your continued wise leadership and optimism keeps on astounding us, but we are forever thankful to our Father for your desire to see the Kingdom grow as we pursue the presence of God. Thank you also to Lisa as you continue to support Dean, your wisdom and love is a valuable gift to your partnership with Dean here at True North.

We have been encouraged to read a book for those who are engaging at City Campus these past months. It is titled "Reappearing Church" and one of the chapters focus' on: "RENEWAL IN AN ANXIOUS SOCIETY"

And One of the phrases in this chapter says: "Live with a peaceful presence in an anxious system, and you will become a healing agent of renewal."

Fire can ravage our landscape, but it can't take away the new life that will appear from the devastation, eventually it will bring renewal, and hope will rise from this blackened environment. For renewal to come each small seed MATTERS, each drop of water MATTERS but more than anything YOU MATTER to our Father, and through his presence we can all become a healing agent of renewal not only to our True North family but to the community of people who we interact with each day.

#### **Grace and Peace**

Brian Smyth Chairperson and on behalf of the Eldership at True North Church

#### **Eldership Team at True North**



**Brian Smyth** 



**Graeme Jones** 



**Dawn Turner** 



Jarrod Heglund



Alan Cockram



Dean Groetzinger

## **Senior Pastor Report**



#### ■ **DEAN GROETZINGER** SENIOR PASTOR

Remember flying? In airplanes?

It's becoming a thing again this year, which is great, especially if you have loved ones or work interests in other parts of the country or world. But for the past couple of years what had once been commonplace became an incredibly scarce experience. Earlier this year I was nostalgically looking back at the experience of a long haul flight. If you've ever taken a flight longer than 10 hours, or especially into that 14 - 15 hour zone, there's a certain rhythm to it:

There's the feeling of freshness and excitement as you take off, looking forward to going somewhere new, enjoying those first few hours as you settle in, eat some food, maybe watch a movie you'd been hoping to see. There's also the feeling at the end, when the captain tells you they are beginning the descent, and you know you are so close to arriving in the destination you were so excited to head toward. Those first couple of hours and even that last hour or two can often go quite quickly and be full of excitement.

But in the middle...that can be a different story.

Some of the initial excitement wears off and the reality of how long the distance is sets in. It can be uncomfortable at times, the taste of airline food starts to get old, sleep can be elusive, passengers next to you can become a source of irritation. As you hit that middle point



you are further and further from the initial excitement, and yet the destination still feels so far away. I've sat on flights staring at the little plane icon on the map of the journey wondering, "Are we ever going to get there? Are we actually making any progress?"

But no matter how small the progress feels in the moment, with a little perspective you begin to realise that you are getting there. No matter how incremental that little plane moving on the screen is, it is still moving.

In many ways that's how I feel about 2021 for our church at True North. For our tribe, 2021 really represents the halfway point of a 10 year vision developed in 2016:

"Over the next 10 years, we will become a centre for renewal as we passionately pursue the Presence of God."



10 YEAR VISION

"Over the next 10 years, we will become a centre for renewal as we passionately pursue the Presence of God."

It was (and is!) a God-sized vision we felt Him calling us to: to believe our church could be part of flipping the script of church being on the decline, headed toward extinction. We believe God wants us to be part of a renewal movement as we pursue the Presence of God together. We believe we could see not only our church flourish into the future, reaching future generations, but also to help catalyse renewal and movement in other churches as God would lead.

As with any great journey, the middle was always going to be a challenging, yet the middle point of this particular journey has coincided with a once in a generation pandemic that added a little extra headwind. As even the 'novel' experiences of 2020 stretched further and further into 2021 (and even further into 2022 as well), for many the journey started to feel particularly 'lonnnnnng.'

Yet in spite of all of this, when I look at 2021, I am so inspired and encouraged by the progress we are making toward the vision God has called us to. In the moment, it can feel like little to no progress is being made, that the little plane on the screen is just not moving or certainly not moving fast enough! But when stepping back and reflecting on the year from a different perspective, I am amazed and grateful for how far we have seen God taking us as a church toward this vision, even through the trying times of these past couple of years.

When we formulated our 10 year vision, we also formulated 4 "Big Rocks" (key priorities) for the first 3-5 years which would move us toward the vision:

2+1 - establishing True North in two locations, Mullaloo and Merriwa and seeking God for the next location

Re-imagining Evangelism - helping our entire church catch a vision and strategy for what sharing the Gospel can look like in today's context

Re-framing Spiritual Formation - shifting the conversation on discipleship from knowing about God (information) to knowing God (transformation)

Leadership Pipeline - developing a pipeline of leaders at all levels who take responsibility for the mission, with a focus especially on the next generation

In 2021, we really began to see the fruit of focusing on these priorities. In each of them, we are seeing clear progress as we move toward becoming a centre for renewal. As you read through this report, I hope you will see and celebrate as I do, that as we continue to partner together as a church, we are in fact seeing God bring His purposes and His vision for True North to fruition. We are five years into this vision, into this particular journey, and we know we are not there yet. But we can look and see extraordinary things happening in our midst, ways in which God is working out His plans for renewal in us, so that we can play our part in seeing a wider renewal of His Church here in Perth and beyond.

As we look back on 2021, I invite you to celebrate with us all we have seen God do not just over the past year, but over the first 5 years of a vision to become a centre for renewal as we passionately pursue the Presence of God.

## Big Rock #1:2+1

While it may be hard to imagine now, back in 2016 when we set this big rock in motion, it wasn't just about the +1 part (looking for the next location). The "2" was about prioritising the need to establish ourselves in two permanent physical locations, Mullaloo and Merriwa.







In 2016, our church had been for the previous two years a church of one location. Prior to that, we had seasons with a 'base' in Mullaloo, and a 'portable' location in various set up / tear down places in the greater Clarkson area. "2+1" was about recognising we were about to open "The Block" in Merriwa (read more about "the Block" on page 19 and 20), sending out a crew from True North to launch and establish a new location in Merriwa while also maintaining strength and vitality in our existing location of Mullaloo.

It is easy to miss it now, but multiplying our church into two healthy, sustainable campuses was a huge step of faith to take. By God's grace, five years later we have two healthy and thriving campuses.

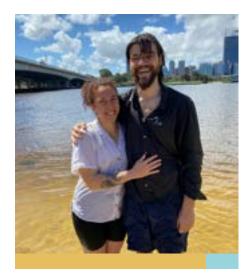




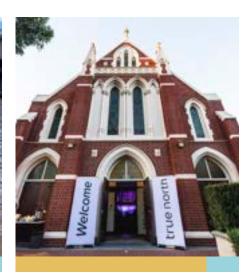
## **City Campus**

2021 was a year of preparation and caring for our city congregation. We had weekly services with an average attendance of 25 people meeting in a few different locations.

Across the year, we walked together with the existing congregation of around 10 - 15 people, to get to know one another and journey together as we sought God's plans for the future.









Early on in the year, Dean spoke with the church about it being a season for 'following the cloud.' In Exodus, the people of God for a season are incredibly mobile, led by God through the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, instructed to simply move when the cloud moves and stay when the cloud stays. The year was about seeking to follow God's leading, one step at a time, knowing it would not always be clear 'what was next,' but to simply follow a step at a time.

The church had been meeting in a rented unit on Aberdeen Street where they had been for several years. While not an easy decision to make, through the time of journeying together it became clear it was not a viable location for the future and the lease was ended in the middle of the year. From there the Sunday gatherings moved to Sheridan College, and were always a great time of fellowship, inspiration and encouragement.

One amazing sign of renewal in the making was the first two baptisms in years to take place in the City church in August. A couple attended the morning service and felt prompted to be baptised, and a day later John Ingham baptised them in the Swan River in the heart of the city! We know this is just a small taste of what is to come in this renewal project.

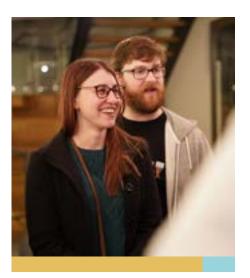
The second half of 2021 was also spent in finding the next location from which to re-plant for the future, and God opened incredible doorways of connection with Ross Memorial Uniting Church. By the end of 2021 we settled on moving there to begin the re-planting process in earnest in 2022, where a core group is now meeting to pray, plan and prepare to launch the new location in the second half of this year.

## **Yanchep Campus**

Though the City location was a surprise to us, for several years now we have felt a calling to plant in Yanchep. The greater Yanchep area is one of the fastest growing areas in the whole of Perth and will become a major city centre in the future. From Two Rocks down to Alkimos, the population is planned to nearly quadruple over the next 20 years, from 32,000 today to 125,000 in 2041. We know God has positioned us to be part of reaching the future in the greater Yanchep area.







#### YANCHEP MARKETS

**YANCHEP CAROLS** 

YANCHEP ALPHA

In 2021 we took several key steps towards planting in Yanchep:

- 1. Carols: We continued the Yanchep Carols, a major bridge building event which is now becoming part of the fabric of the community for thousands in the area
- 2. Markets: We began operating the Yanchep Twilight Markets at the Lagoon in the summer months, serving the local community and establishing relationships and a presence in the area.
- 3. Alpha: We ran our first Alpha in Yanchep itself, meeting at the YHUB facility on Yanchep Beach Road. Our goal is to connect locally, seeing people to come to faith for the first time or return to faith for those who have drifted away. As we continue to run Alpha in the area, we believe we will continue to build a community of faith from which to plant the church.

From here, we are continuing to run bridge events, Alpha, and connecting believers in the greater Yanchep area to one another in 2022. What a privilege to be part of how Jesus is building His church in this new and fast growing area of our city!

## 2+1 Summary

Five years ago, we did not know what or where the +1 exactly meant, but by the end of 2021, it is amazing to see how God has led us to the first steps in seeing renewal in two more locations!

## **Big Rock #2: Spiritual Formation**

One of the key sermon series we did in 2021 was called "Live by Love," focusing on Jesus summary of faith as learning to "love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves." Learning to live by love represents the point and focus of what spiritual formation is all about.

The goal of time spent in the Presence of God, the goal of developing habits of Scripture reading, prayer, silence, solitude or other spiritual disciplines, is ultimately so that we become people who love God and love others, as we are transformed by His love for us.

Across all we do, we seek to help people establish a pursuit of the Presence of God in their lives. Information can be helpful, but transformation comes through a living and dynamic interaction with the Presence of God. Whether at our Imagine conference for extended experiences of pursuing His Presence, through our generational ministries, our Sunday services, our retreats and camps, our small group or journey group settings, we week to do all things with the intention of seeing people both encounter the Presence of God, and also to develop the habits and rhythms of life which bring transformation.

#### ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ACROSS TRUE NORTH

SUNDAY AVERAGE ADULT ATTENDANCE 583

KIDS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 121

**TOTAL GIVING** 

\$1,159,035.00





Two of the most common numbers when reporting on how a church is doing are Sunday attendance (adults and kids) and giving. While these numbers certainly don't tell the whole story, they help create a starting point for a conversation.

Though we often use the word attendance, a better way of looking might be to ask how many are regularly gathering for worship? Throughout both the Old and New Testament as well as church history across the globe, God's people have gathered regularly for the purpose of worship. When it comes to spiritual formation, gathering for worship is in no way an end point or even the goal, but it is a helpful starting place for an indicator of loving God over the other competitors for first place in our lives. Gathering for worship is part of the process of stepping out of alignment with the rhythms the world operates by, and beginning to centre one's week around God.

Likewise, how much is given in terms of finances is neither an end point or goal of spiritual formation, but rather another place to begin a conversation on worship of God. However, without any context, the amount given is nearly irrelevant to look at! One of the most famous stories of giving in the Bible is the story of the poor widow who put only a few cents into the offering, while many rich people put in large amounts. Jesus used the moment to teach his disciples it was the widow who put 'more' in than all the others, because she gave all she had. Context is everything when it comes to giving!

We thank God that in 2021, through all of the challenges our church has collectively experienced, together God's people at True North gave \$1,159,035.57. As a point of reference, this was approximately 7% less than our giving prior to the pandemic (2019: \$1,244,558.02), or roughly 4% less than 2020 (\$1,202,080.57). For all of the challenges this past two years has brought, our church has stayed faithful and resilient in worshipping God through our finances and investing in His mission here at True North! Through your giving, we are able to continue making progress in our vision to be a centre for renewal as we passionately pursue the Presence of God.

### **Church Online**

#### **22,171 Views**

#### 664 Subscribers

#### 96 Avg. Live Viewers

Church Online has become a vital part of our Sunday services, especially during the pandemic but also to provide digital options to reach people for Jesus.

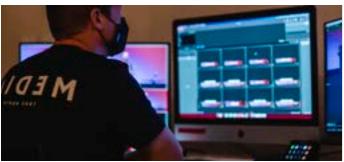
It has allowed people from all different areas and stages of life to stay connected or find their new home at True North. We often see people who are isolating due to covid, FIFO workers, new people checking out True North or volunteers catching up on missed gatherings.

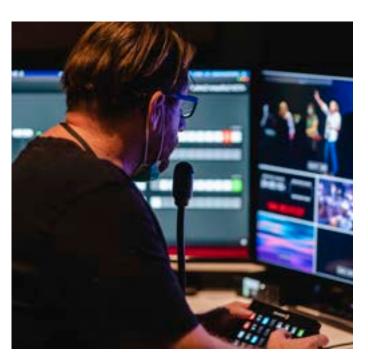
Our goal is to break down any barriers that could prevent someone from physically attending, keeping our family connected and helping new people get a feel for what to expect on a Sunday as part of our tribe.

In 2021, a huge highlight was our Carols events. These were a great time especially for our team to stretch our skills we have learnt over COVID and bring it to our community! With our new equipment and growing team we were able to achieve an incredible level of coverage and quality production for both Yanchep and Heathridge carols. We also managed to livestream the carols with almost 7,000 viewers joining in for our special event.

We received many comments on the live stream thanking us for making peoples Christmas! And comments afterward wondering how we could afford such a media team! We were able to answer that we are all volunteers bringing the light to our communities!







"Sunday morning live-streams have kept me connected even when my job takes me to regional and remote places around WA. From a campsite on the Dampier Peninsula, the backseat of a 4WD going in and out of reception in the Kimberley, Collie, Bunbury, Broome, Jerramungup, Esperance and Hopetown; just to name a few. Tuning in to see familiar faces brings me a sense of community beyond the physical walls of the church's buildings."

"I would be lost without our church online services. Thank you for all you do to make that happen."



"The live streaming is excellent. For those of us who travel, the work done by the team connects us to the church. Well done."

### **Generations**



#### TRUE NORTH YOUTH

TNY exists as a youth ministry to inspire and encourage young people in their faith and to equip them with the basics to follow God! Our culture values are Fun, Faith and Family.

2021 was a great year of youth ministry! Our theme for the year was 'forever free'. All year we leaned into the idea that God sets us free from all things that try to hold us back and we can live a great life full of purpose in him! While we were locked and restricted physically we didn't want that to be the picture of our lives spiritually.

Through this year, young people were set free from sin, addiction, bad habits, old ways and stepped into the true freedom that only comes from Christ.

Other highlights included:

- Yanchep: Our first youth gathering in Yanchep was in May. It was a huge success! We had over 30 new youth attend from the local community that night, many who have since attended regularly.
- Camp: The return of our annual camp after a year off in 2020 and was back in a big way! We had 120 young people after a year of up and down attendance
- **Unite Nights:** Our UNITE nights (youth services) were on another level this year!

Another great shift and growth for TNY as whole was

in the development of young leaders. We made a shift from 'impressing to involving' which means we used the year to get youth involved in every aspect of ministry. This meant serving and leadership opportunities and being involved in the planning and process of all things at TNY.

#### TRUE NORTH YOUNG ADULTS

True North Young Adults is a space for young adults to connect, belong and be lead in their faith.

In 2021 we held regular fortnightly gatherings where we saw a consistent 40-50 Young Adults gathering around food, good relationships, worship and God's word.

Our Young Adults also took steps further in their faith. There were opportunities to seek after the presence of God, pray with and for one another and bring people along. On one Sunday night we saw 3 people baptised.

There are many individual stories of the year that has been, one person on social media said YA nights were "some of the best nights of their life", another said that because of YA they "found a real and authentic faith and community". These are just a couple of the many impacted at TNYA.

### **Generations**



#### TRUE NORTH KIDS

True North Kids exists to connect kids to each other to connect them to Jesus. In 2021, we expanded our focus not just in the connections between kids, but between tribes where kids could belong!

We realise that the kids we get to serve are only with us for a short time- at the most, 1 hour per week for 11 years of their lives!! So some key focuses for us in 2021 were how we were connecting our older kids especially to help equip them for their rest of their faith journeys; what irresistible environments we were creating, and what knowledge about God we were imparting to them through relevant and engaging teaching.

We had a lot of fun moments of 2021:

Film festivals, games with leaders and friends, family services, Christmas Eve Parties + more! Some of the big highlights definitely were:

NEW Years 5-6 spaces: The engagement of older primary kids in church and helping them to find a place to belong is a key to their transition to youth ministry and lasting faith. At both of our campuses we made a shift to a separate Years 5/6 space they could call their own, and hang out with their friends and leaders.

EASTER FEST - There was so much joy on Easter Sunday as kids invited their friends to a fun festival event with live bunnies, slime egg throwing, face painting and

more. 239 kids attended this event, with 62 new people visiting! This event was a pivotal moment for our kids as they looked to again invite friends to a big event at church after a year of building restrictions.

PRAYER CARD CHALLENGE: As a church doing a 40 day fast and prayer in the lead up to Imagine Conference, we loved being able to create the same content in trading cards for our kids.

Each week, kids were given a pack of 7 cards for the week as well as some others that they could trade with each other as they prepared for prizes at Imagine Conference. Although we went into a lock down period in the middle of this time, the highlight of these prayer cards was a small team who prepared the remaining cards and were able to drop a pack to the home of every child who had been a part. Such a powerful illustration for our kids - the church will never stop and you can pray to God anytime + anywhere.

INCREDIBLE LEADERS: We could not serve our kids and equip them in their faith the way that we do without our incredible teams.

Last year we had 133 people regularly serving in our Sunday Program - 51 of these were kids or teenagers serving each other. We love seeing people using their gifts to serve and grow as part of our tribe.

### **Generations**

#### SUPER TUESDAY

I commence this report in exactly the same way that I commenced last year's report. "This has certainly been a very unusual year for Super Tuesday." Due to Covid restrictions during the year we have been open, then closed then open etc., Being a very vulnerable group due to age and health issues we have had a fluctuation of members attending on a regular basis.

During 2021 our average weekly attendance was 109 members. There were many highlights during the year including two Bus trips to Toodyay and Rockingham. Another highlight was celebrating the life of 6 of our members who were over the age of 90! All 6 gave a brief insight into their journey culminating by having a huge birthday cake celebrating their 544 collective years!

During 2021, as usual, we supported many local and overseas projects giving \$17,588 and bringing our giving over the past 7 years to \$109,953. During these years, Super Tuesday members have become an extremely outward focused group with a heart to support those less fortunate which truly has shown the hand of God at work in these generous people.

In addition to our Super Tuesday weekly meetings, we have Super Fit exercises on a Monday which has had a weekly average of 63. Profits from the exercise class have gone toward our Super Tuesday fund raising.

To end the year, 131 enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Party at our Merriwa Campus. At the Christmas Party it was announced that I, Glen Vawser, would not be co-ordinating Super Tuesday in the future and that Alan Cockram had agreed to takeover. I know Alan will do an excellent job. The past 13 years has been an incredible journey and I know without the Lord guiding me I could not have done this.

It would have been impossible to keep Super Tuesday running during 2021 without the 9 committee members who worked extremely hard keeping us focused and running effectively in spite of all the Covid restrictions. Thanks to a wonderful committee.

In my report for 2020 I closed by quoting Psalm 100: 4-5 and again I quote: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. his faithfulness continues through all generations.



#### SUPER MONDAY

Although 2021 was an unusual year we had an amazing year for Super Monday. We did see an increase to 50 people attending.

We have not only seen seniors join but also older people with special needs which is helping with their social interaction. It is pleasing to see so many friendships that have been formed at Super Monday that have also gone beyond Super Monday these friendships have led to small groups or couples having coffee or game groups on different days also some have gone on trips together we have seen previously lonely people now form friendships and have even seen a relationship bloom (your never to old). Our activities included our Christmas in July which they all look forward to Nicks cooking.

We were able to have our Cancer Council Morning tea, a high tea with all the trimmings and lots of fun and amazing generosity. We raised over \$800 and considering we are a group of 40 to 50 it was wonderful.

Super Monday partner with Merriwa Primary School, we were able to do 100 school hampers for Christmas filled with school supplies socks, toys, school bags and these hampers were filled to the top.

Also at the end of the year we had our Christmas lunch. For some who dont have family it's a chance to come together as one large family to celebrate the special time of year.

## **Imagine Conference**



- FULL TIME ATTENDEES 300
- PART TIME ATTENDEES 92
- IMAGINE KIDS 83

Our second Imagine conference was 2 years and several date changes in the making but it was worth the wait!

Over 2 days and 3 nights we heard from amazing speakers from all over Perth like our own Dean Groetzinger, Tim Healy, Mark Varughese, Nick Marvin, James Bryant, Sidhara Udalagama and more. We also had great international speakers via video, including Nicky Gumbel.

There were powerful times of prayer and worship, pursuing God's presence together. And on top of that, many spaces for people to eat and hangout in our festival area allowed for great times of connection and fellowship.

Our theme for Imagine was 'Begin Again' and we have heard many stories since Imagine of where God has begun something new in people's lives.

In Imagine kids the theme was "Superheroes Unite" - how God has called us to be a superhero with His power and the unique ways He has made us! We also had fun with ball pits, box forts, laser tag, movie night, silent disco where kids were able to connect together.





## **Global Impact**

#### ■ PROJECTED GIVING \$58.266.45

#### **ACTUAL GIVING** \$59,150.00

One of the ways we love our neighbour is through our Global Impact giving. Each year, 5% of our giving is specifically set aside to go beyond our local context in demonstrating and proclaiming the love of God. In 2021 we partnered with numerous organisations around the world to demonstrate the love of God in extraordinary ways!

International Justice Mission

\$5,000

Opportunity International

\$5,000

Christian Blind Mission

\$5,000

GMP Showers of Blessing

\$5.000

**Open Doors** 

\$5.000

Compassion International

\$10,000

#### **Destiny Rescue**

\$10,000

Destiny Rescue's mission is to rescue kids from sexual exploitation and human trafficking and to help them stay free. This is done through rescue operations, reintegration programs, and prevention efforts. bringing freedom, hope and healing to children around the clock – day and night! Our gift of \$10,000 is sufficient to fund a raid operation, rescuing children and arresting abusers.

#### **Alpha India**

\$4,000

Through the generosity of our church, we were able to fund the beginnings of an Alpha Course in India!

Through local church pastors, Alpha for the first time will now be able to be run in India - funding meals over the course and creating a space for new people to hear and understand the Gospel in community together.

#### **Bushfire Appeal**

\$5,000

GMP Extend WA Bushfire Emergency Appeal was created to support the recovery of people impacted by the bushfires in the hills east of Perth, Western Australia in February 2021. Donated funds were distributed through local churches and agencies with the capacity to identify, support and meet the needs of those impacted by the fires.

## **Global Impact**

#### ALPHA IN INDIA





### **Creative Team**



#### WORSHIP TEAM

At True North Church we are blessed with a number of musicians and singers within our community who have a heart to serve the church with their creative gifts and lead our congregation in worshipping our great God.

When we gather to worship through singing, the songs are prayers lifted up to God. And as we worship Him together, the words of the songs declare who He is, what He has done for us through Jesus Christ.

Our worship teams play a vital role in carrying this heart of worship, and leading the people of True North Church to an encounter with their Creator.

For those serving together on our worship teams, there is a beautiful sense of community and discipleship as we journey together, learning and growing as worshippers. With a variety of ages and levels of musical experience amongst our team members, it is an environment where wisdom and experience can be received and imparted in an atmosphere of encouragement, mentoring and servanthood.

We recognise the value in establishing a leadership pipeline within the Creative team, and over the past year have seen a number of young leaders raised up in our True North Youth band who now lead and serve on Sundays. We have also established the True North Kids band, with primary school age singers and musicians. It has been awesome to see them learn to musically function as a band, learn new songs and even perform in the kids services at the 2021 Imagine.

It is always exciting to see the next generation of musicians and leaders taking up opportunities to learn, grow and serve in the church. Recognising the incredible value in equipping and training younger generations is core to our team.

Music plays a large role in our worship gatherings. Whether it's a Sunday service, Imagine conference, Worship nights, Alpha days, Carols, and many other events, our Creative team faithfully carries that heart of worship, serving the people of True North Church with their creative gifts.

### **Reframing Spiritual Formation Summary**

Collectively as a church, everything we do is ultimately for the purpose of making disciples, those spiritually formed to be like Jesus, who are learning to obey everything Jesus commanded (see Matthew 28:18-21). Those commands are best summed up as loving God and loving others (Matthew 22:40). We celebrate all that was done in 2021 across generations and even across the globe to grow in love for God and others!

## Big Rock #3: Reimagining Evangelism

In 2021, we continued to see the fruits of this priority as a church. In our 'reimagining of evangelism,' there are a few key elements that five years in we now focused on.







- 1. We seek to build bridges to people who are far from Christ. Bridge building is about creating connection and intersection for people with Jesus through his church, whether an individual or through our collective efforts on bridge events (like Carols for example) or bridge facilities (like 115 Collective for example).
- 2. While all of our spaces and ministries are designed to welcome those new to or unfamiliar with faith, Alpha is our primary space to invite someone to take a step. Alpha combines a few of our key beliefs about evangelism into one great space:
  - Getting to know Jesus happens best 'around the table,' where people are able to experience faith in community. Eating together represents a key space for people to experience the Gospel, just as we see in Jesus' ministry.
  - Coming to faith tends to happen most frequently in a gradual, "over time" experience where people can work through all of their questions.
  - Inviting people to a space where someone can hear about Jesus is a simple and effective way everyone
    can be part of evangelism. By creating spaces where people love to be (great parties, great food, great
    atmospheres), we can make it easier for people to invite and bring people to hear about Jesus.

In 2021, we saw great things happening as we continued this focus!



## The Block Bridge Building





2021 also represented the 5th year of "The Block" being open in Merriwa! "The Block" is what we call the entire complex of our Merriwa location. The entire location has been designed to build bridges to the community through multi-use and community building facilities and programs. "The Block" is home to not only True North Church in Merriwa, but also to Compass ELC (child care and early learning), 115 Collective (cafe), and The Point (functions and events centre).

As we celebrate five years of being open, it is incredible to see the growth that has taken place. Compass ELC was home to roughly 65 kids and 20 staff every week day, representing over 200 families from the local community God has called us to serve. 115 Collective continued to grow.

Despite changing restrictions, the past year has seen The Block host a varied range of events including school holiday dance workshops, awards nights, graduations, Christmas functions, and school productions. The Point continues to be a sought after corporate venue with a number of functions already in 2022 and several more in the coming months.

Key highlights of the past year were the inaugural Christmas Carnival over 2 nights in December, which received a fantastic response from the community, who thorougly enjoyed the Carnival's Christmas markets, inflatables, petting zoo, kids acitvites and Christmas movie.

We were also priviledged to have partnered with Mercy Care and the Outer North Naidoc committee who held their postponed NAIDOC week celebration at The Block in November and we look forward to their event this year!



## The Block Bridge Building









## **Alpha**



Alpha is our key strategy as a church to invite people along who don't know Jesus and give them an opportunity to encounter God. This happens through content, community and conversation. It's a non confronting casual space where people can bring real questions about life and faith and have authentic conversation without being told what to think or believe.

At True North we know that we are called to make disciples of all nations and this is one powerful way we do it.

Through 2021 we ran 5 Alphas which engaged over 120 people across Merriwa, Mullaloo and Yanchep. We saw over 200 people attend the Alpha parties and enjoy a great night of community.

We also had 1 course run through Super Tuesday and we partnered with Alta-1 School to run Alpha for 3 of their school locations - Joondalup, Mullalloo and Merriwa held at Merriwa with 60 students able to encounter the Alpha Content and have great conversation about life and faith.

There are many stories of life change and finding faith through Alpha, including 5 baptisms. One great story, you may have seen on Easter Sunday, was Barry. He called himself an atheist before experiencing Alpha. His whole family has since given their lives to Jesus and are a wonderful part of our True North community.





It is truly hard to quantify the impact Alpha is having with countless stories of finding faith and life change. God has his hand of blessing upon this ministry as we continue to invite more and more people to meet Him through Alpha.

### **Carols in the Park**



#### **YANCHEP 4,000+**

#### **HEATHRIDGE 13,000+**

While 2021 was another year of navigating COVID issues, especially when it came to gatherings and events we were again blessed to be able to hold our Carols in the Park events at both Yanchep and Heathridge almost completely restriction free.

Across the events we once again saw thousands of people from our local community gather on the grass for a great night of carols ending with a great firework finale. One of the highlights of the night was the great media message called "Let it Be Love" to send a message to those there from our theme for the year which was Love. It is such a privilge that as a church we are able to be a part of blessing so many in our community with these great fun family events while sending a message about the reality of Christmas and the hope Jesus brings.





### **Reimagining Evangelism Summary**

Over the past five years, we have learned a lot about evangelism and how we can be most effective in our context today. Our church has been gifted by God with a capacity to build bridges to those in our communities who might otherwise never intersect with God's people, the church, and we continue to creatively build these bridges each year. God has also graced us with a gift of hospitality through Alpha that is creating an incredible space to regularly see people coming to faith in Jesus each year, and 2021 was another year to celebrate each and every story of wanderers who were awakened to new life in Christ!

## Big Rock #4: Leadership Pipeline

2021 was a year we will also remember as the year we sent Pastor Phil Ingham, Tash and their beautiful family to a new work of renewal at Warwick Church!

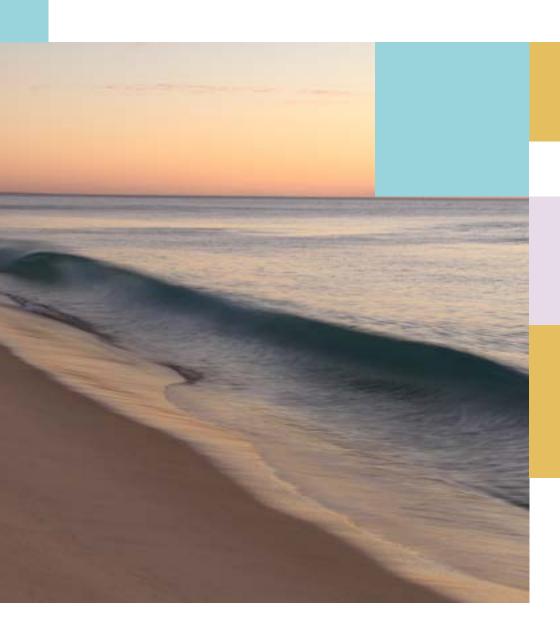


Coming out of the Imagine Conference, the Lord placed a call on Phil to take the role of Senior Pastor at this church just down the road. Warwick Church was actually the church that planted Whitford Church back in 1976, and now was looking for a senior pastor to take them into the next season ahead after a great work of preparation had been done by Julie and John Hutchinson. To call Phil and his wife Natasha pillars of our church, as well as his parents David and Margaret Ingham, would be an understatement! Especially as a 6 year old Phil and his family's first Sunday at our church was the day the auditorium in Mullaloo was first opened!

Phil had been on staff for 17 years, serving in roles in kids, youth, young adult ministry all the way to being a campus pastor for Mullaloo beginning in 2010. His impact for the Kingdom of God through our church has been extraordinary and there was not a dry eye in the house when it came time to commission he and his family for the next season. Though there was sadness on one level to see him go, there was also great rejoicing to think of all this means for the renewal of Jesus' church here in Perth. Phil is an incredible pastor and leader and we know God is going to use him to bring ongoing renewal and revitalisation to Warwick Church that will see many come to know of God's love in their lives, and bring glory to God through His Church!

### **Leadership Pipeline Summary**

Moments like this are exactly what our leadership pipeline is all about. As leaders like Phil are supported, empowered, trained up and sent out, we are doing our part to be a centre for renewal, having an impact on the wider revitalization of the church in our city. As leaders are sent out, space is likewise created for another generation of leaders to be developed in our midst. Across so many areas and ministries within our church, we are seeing new leaders developed and empowered. Five years into our vision, we are continuing to see the centre of renewal begin in our own church and spreading outward from here!



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#### **TRUE NORTH CHURCH AGM for 2020**

27 June 2021 Merriwa campus – 12.30pm

#### 1. Welcome - Brian Smyth

- a. Reflection on visit to Pentecost Island and ritual of initiation for young men.
- b. Book of Acts Jesus ascension. Pentecost Sunday with disciples. Both of these are easy/simple to read about, but have changed the world.
- c. 2020 has had some significant moments that we will look back on as times of positive change.

#### 2. Dean's address

- a. Give God thanks and praise for how He worked in 2020.
- b. Even be thankful for the ways that we had to stretch, where we are not the same as we were.
- c. Paul's thanksgiving in Philippians I thank God for you as we partner/fellowship in our work for Christ.

#### 3. Quorum

a. Number present – Quorum reached. 37 attended.

#### 4. Apologies

- a. Phil and Natasha Ingham
- b. Glenn and Ken Vaswer
- c. Jenny Oehme
- d. Beth Smyth
- e. Lisa Greoztinger
- **f.** Barry Thygensen
- g. Jess Denholm
- h. Dee Jones
- i. Kevin Cosgrove
- i. Jolana Pearce

#### 5. Receiving of the previous minutes

a. Motion – That the minutes of the AGM of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 be accepted.

i. Moved: Matt Denholmii. Seconded: Chris Bailey

#### 6. Reports

a. Motion – That the 2020 reports from the Elders Board and Senior pastor, and the financial statements, be accepted

i. Moved: Rod O'Donnellii. Seconded: Leanne Johnson

#### 7. General business

a. As a leadership, we are keen to respond to anything that needs clarification, so please don't hesitate to come and see myself or any of the elders or pastors. We have had some approach us prior to this meeting which we have responded to.

#### 8. Closing Prayer

- a. Dawn Turner
- 9. Closed at: 12:54pm

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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#### STATEMENT BY THE ELDERS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the Elders & Finance Committee of Whitford Church of Christ inc the financial statements, set out on pages 2 to 12, for the year ended 31 December 2021:

state	ements, set out on pages 2 to 12, for the year ended 31 December 2021:
a.	present fairly the financial position of the Church at 31 December 2021 and the resulting receipts and payments of its operations for the year then ended; and
b.	there were reasonable grounds to believe that the church will be able to pay it's debts on and when they fall due.
Sign	ed in accordance with the resolutions of the Elders and the Finance Committee.
Date	ed at Perth this 29th day ofMarch 2022.
Elde	er en
A	DANS
Acc	ounts Manager
Date	ed:

#### **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

#### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash Assets	3	325,817	492,667
Receivables	4	187,024	30,953
Other current assets	5	40,000	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		552,841	523,620
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Land 19 Scaphella Avenue - @ Market Valuation April 2004		789,487	789,487
Land New - @ Market Valuation April 2004		890,513	890,513
Buildings Existing - @ AON Valuation June 2007		1,425,696	1,425,696
less Accumulated Depreciation		(49,557)	(49,557)
Buildings Ministry Centre - @ AON Valuation June 2007		3,353,304	3,353,304
less Accumulated Depreciation		(193,357)	(193,357)
Buildings Ministry Centre - Improvements at cost		329,468	329,468
Fixtures & Fittings		486,725	486,725
less Accumulated Depreciation		(333,379)	(295,043)
Plant & Equipment		430,736	384,097
less Accumulated Depreciation		(430,736)	(384,097)
Merriwa Land		780,000	780,000
Merriwa Building - at cost		7,058,856	7,058,856
less Accumulated Depreciation		(882,357)	(705,886)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		13,655,400	13,870,207
TOTAL ASSETS		14,208,241	14,393,827
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	6	56,403	118,331
Provision for Long Service Leave		65,076	66,284
Provision for Annual Leave		64,946	59,448
Loan - Church of Christ		180,000	200,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		366,425	444,063

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

#### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for Long Service Leave		16,371	12,174
Loan - CCFS	7 _	7,758,852	7,828,488
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,775,223	7,840,662
TOTAL LIABILITIES		8,141,648	8,284,725
NET ASSETS	=	6,066,593	6,109,102
EQUITY			
Capital Reserve		3,760,174	3,760,174
Retained Earnings		2,335,041	2,424,657
Current Year Surplus / (Deficit)		(28,622)	(75,729)
TOTAL EQUITY	_	6,066,593	6,109,102

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

#### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Retained Earnings \$	Asset revaluation reserve	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2020 Comprehensive income	2,424,657	3,760,174	6,184,831
Profit (loss) attributable to members - General Profit (loss) attributable to members - Building	(72,809)	-	(72,809)
fund	(2,920)		(2,920)
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the association			
attibutuale to inclined of the addocution	(75,729)		(75,729)
Balance at 31 December 2020	2,348,928	3,760,174	6,109,102
Balance at 1 January 2021 Comprehensive income	2,348,928	3,760,174	6,109,102
Adjustment: foundation reclass	(13,886)	-	(13,886)
Profit (loss) attributable to members - General Profit (loss) attributable to members - Building	(44,862)		(44,862)
fund	16,239		16,239
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the association			
attributable to members of the association	(42,509)		(42,509)
Balance at 31 December 2021	2,306,419	3,760,174	6,066,593

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts		2,630,222	2,607,469
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,603,460)	(2,434,630)
Net cash provided by operating activities	8	26,762	172,839
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase / Sell of Furniture, Fittings & Equipment		(46,639)	(48,943)
Purchase / Sell of Merriwa Land & Buildings			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Net cash provided/(used in) investing activities		(46,639)	(48,943)
Cash flows (used in)/from financing activities			
Proceeds (Advance) to ELC		(40,000)	83,803
Repayment of Borrowings (net)		(106,973)	82,399
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		(146,973)	166,202
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held		(166,850)	290,098
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		492,667	202,569
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	325,817	492,667

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### **INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - GENERAL**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
INCOME		*	•
Tithes & Offerings		1,159,035	1,202,080
Property Income Merriwa		975,180	657,917
Sundry Income	2	29,269	441,881
Property Income Mullaloo		82,129	40,835
City Campus Income		182,460	-
Care Ministries		229,843	68,022
Missions		44,768	105,293
Kidzmin/Youth & Young Adults		30,983	7,355
Gifts		52,626	54,199
TOTAL INCOME		2,786,293	2,577,582
EXPENSES			
Administration			
		000	1 500
Advertising		290	1,566
Administration, Accounting & Legal Fees		61,904	27,546
Bank Fees		3,628	3,934
Computer Consumables & Internet		9,594	21,882
Fees & Licenses		27,873	4,702
Printing & Stationery		13,881	11,163
Sundry Expenses		8,016	10,715
Churches of Christ		23,225	21,591
Staff Costs			
Professional Development		5,610	14,474
Staff Amenities		13,145	12,564
Superannuation		99,664	82,493
Wages		1,028,024	1,012,305
Workers Compensation		22,351	13,635
Property Expenses			
Cleaning		72,497	45,142
Depreciation - Building, Furniture, Fittings & Equipment		311,535	265,548
Insurances		34,655	40,565

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - GENERAL

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
	*	*
Interest Expense	194,363	301,350
Rates & Taxes	96,700	144,386
Repairs & Maintenance	47,436	56,677
Ministry Expenses		
Care Ministries	540,289	354,096
Creative Ministries	47,517	94,409
Life Groups / Men's / Women's Ministries /Café	50,429	46,393
Missions - Community	6,186	6,259
World	49,470	39,379
Kidzmin/Youth & Young Adults	46,633	17,617
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,814,915	2,650,391
NET (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS	(28,622)	(72,809)
ADD BACKS		
Depreciation - Building, Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	311,535	265,548
TOTAL ADD BACKS	311,535	265,548
NET OPERATING (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS	282,913	192,739

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - EDUCATION BUILDING TRUST

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
INCOME			
Donation		16,299	15,800
Interest Received		40,000	15 000
TOTAL INCOME		16,299	15,800
EXPENSES			
Other Expenses		59	18,720
TOTAL EXPENSES		59	18,720
NET (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS		16,240	(2,920)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Constitution of Whitfords Church Inc, Division 60 of the Australian Charities an Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 and the WA Associations Incorporation Act 2015. The Elders have determined that Whitfords Church Inc is not a reporting entity and therefore as a minimum applies the following accounting standards to the extent that they are relevant.

AASB 101. Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107, Statement of Cash Flows

AASB 108, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 1048, interpretation of Standards

AASB 1054, Australian Additional Disclosures.

AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-profits

AASB 116 Property, Plant & Equipment

AASB 119 Employee Entitlements

In the opinion of the Board, to best enable members to understand the nature of the Loans, the Board has elected not to adopt AASB 9 Financial Instruments Loans and has retained the Loans at their contracted value as permitted under the Standard.

The Board has chosen not to apply AASB16 Leases to account for the right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability. In the opinion of the Board, accounting for the actual rent expense for the year best enables the user to understand the position and performance of the entity.

Other than electing not to adopt AASB 9 for its Loans and AASB 16 for its Leases, the financial report has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by all other Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the disclosure requirements of the standards mentioned above.

The financial report has been prepared on the accruals basis and based on historical cost, and does not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with previous period uncless, otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

#### (a) Income Tax

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal church activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

#### (b) Property, Plant & Equipment

Land and Buildings are carried at cost or valuation on the balance sheet. The AON valuation of buildings and improvements was for insurance purposes on the basis of reinstatement value. Insurance on buildings has been based on the valuation in the AON report. Fixed assets, excluding buildings and freehold land, are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method.

Depreciation rates:

Plant and equipment

Furniture and fittings

11.25 - 15 %

100 %

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### (c) Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for employee entitlement benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave and they are measured at their nominal value plus anticipated on costs as at the balance date.

#### (d) Taxation

In accordance with the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, the income of the Church is exempt from tax.

#### (e) Non-Current Assets

The carrying amounts of non-current assets, except buildings as noted in Note 1(b), are reviewed to determine whether they are in excess of their recoverable amount at the balance date. If the carrying amount of a non-current asset exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is written down to the lower amount.

		2021 \$	2020 \$
2	Sundry Income		
	Cash flow Boost - ATO		88,780
	Jobkeeper	_ •	315,000
	Other	29,269	38,101
		29,269	441,881
3	Cash Assets		
	Cash at Bank - General	36,733	283,243
	Cash at Bank - Education Bldg Trust	50,746	44,815
	Cash at Bank - Foundation		13,884
	Cash at Bank - Super Tuesday	7,721	7,805
	Investments at Call - General	106,743	112,714
	Investments at Call - Education Bldg Trust	14,867	14,731
	Investments at Call - Baptist Financial Services	9,007	15,474
	Investments at Call - CCFS	100,000	
		325,817	492,666
4	Receivables		
·	Trade Receivables	178,264	28,833
	Floats	8,760	2,120
	Prepayments		-
		187,024	30,953
5	Other Current Assets		
	Advance to Compass Early Learning Centre (Interest free, repayable at call from surplus funds)	40,000	-
	(	40,000	-

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Payables		
Payables	28,660	89,717
Other payables	12,271	20,109
PAYG	7,811	4,856
Superannuation Payable	7,661	6,403
GST		(2,754)
	56,403	118,331
	Payables Other payables PAYG Superannuation Payable	\$         Payables       28,660         Other payables       12,271         PAYG       7,811         Superannuation Payable       7,661         GST

#### 7 Loans

The loan is held with Church of Christ Financial Services, it has has been contracted for a 20 year term and is interest only for the first 3 years then principal and interest. The loan is mortgaged over 19 Scaphella Avenue, Mullaloo and 869 Conolly Drive, Merriwa.

#### 8 Cash Flow Information

### Reconciliation of cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax

Net (Deficit) / Surplus	(28,623)	(75,729)
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to		
operating activities		
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	•	-
Non-cash flows in profit:		
Depreciation and amortisation	264,895	265,547
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(156,071)	29,887
(Decrease)/increase in trade payables and accruals	(61,926)	(75,096)
(Decrease)/increase in provisions LSL	2,989	17,838
(Decrease)/increase in provisions Annual Leave	5,498	10,392
	26,762	172,839

#### 9 Events After the Reporting Period

Due to the current situation of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), we cannot quantify the impact on the income at this point in time. There is a material uncertainty as to the effects this may have on the Church and its operations.

## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT to the members of

## WHITFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST INC. ABN 69 136 339 351

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Whitford Church of Christ Inc. (the Church) which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2021, Income & Expenditure statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the Elders and Finance Committee assertion statement.

In our opinion the special purpose financial report of Whitford Church of Christ Inc. has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Church's financial position as at 31 December 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-forprofits Commission Regulation 2013.

#### **Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Church in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Church to meet the requirements of the Church's Constitution, *Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and WA Associations Incorporations Act 2015.* As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Emphasis of Matter - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

We draw attention to Note 7 in the financial report, which describes the recent spread of the Covid-19 virus. This event has caused a massive dislocation in the economic circumstances in many economies throughout the world. There is uncertainty as to the effects this may have on the Church and its operations. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibility of Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The Elders and Finance Committee are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Church's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Church or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Church's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud
  or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence
  that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the auditor's opinion. The risk of not detecting a
  material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may
  involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtains an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the Church's internal control.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by The Elders and Finance Committee.
- Concludes on the appropriateness of The Elders and Finance Committee use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. If the auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, the auditor is required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. The auditor's conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Church to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluates the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the
  disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a
  manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with The Elders and management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Dated this 11th day of April 2022

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