

ANNUAL REPORT

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Woden Valley
Alliance Church



Colossians 3:2a

LIFE IN FOCUS

"Set your mind on things above..."

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SENIOR PASTOR

Another year has flown by and looking back, I truly thank God for all the wonderful things which have transpired over the last 12 months. Although there will always be setbacks, challenges and delays in life, ministry, and in the church, we have still seen God faithfully care for us individually and as a church to help us grow. We believe the church has continued to move forward in so many different aspects. Our vision of Loving God, Living Life and Reaching out for Jesus is helping to shape us as we allow our focus on God to direct our thoughts, programs and changes. Essentially, we are a church where God is our priority, we chose to live in such a way that reflects our love for Him and connect with others evangelistically and through mission. We are also aiming at raising and releasing new leaders, looking at church planting and teaching the whole truth of the Gospel.

ben betz

SENIOR PASTOR



As you are aware, it is my job to look at the preaching topics for the year. Last year we finished our series on “Now is the Time” and we have moved into a theme we called “Life in Focus.” For while we can know God in our head, and we can offer Him that which is safe and easy, it is so much harder to boldly follow Jesus and live daily for Him with courage. We are distracted with so much in our multimedia world, we become tired and overwhelmed with news and wars, consequently we look to ourselves for answers but that is not where we need to look, our focus needs to change. Therefore, we felt the theme of focusing on the things above will remove us from the weight we struggle with here in our daily walk.

It is a challenging and inspiring series as we look at allowing our lives, our decisions and our world to be shaped by being “Risk Takers” for the Kingdom of God. Many of you have shared how blessed you have been by our time of community worship and teaching. It has been good to see our students, staff and elders also preaching and I very much appreciate those who have given a message when asked to. Once again, we were blessed with Helen’s creative services especially the extra effort she puts in for Easter and Christmas.

I am humbled by the champion team of paid staff, each who have their own gifts and abilities, which are a real asset to this church. Our paid staff team now consists of Andrew Edwards (Associate Pastor and Interns Director) at four days a week; Antoinette Hildebrandt (Office Administrator) three days per week; Sharnay Harrison (Kids Church, Play Group and Stromlo High) two and a half days per week. Helen Betz (Spiritual Formation) one day a week; Jordan Harrison (The Gathering coordinator) one day per week and Suanu Ikoro (Church planter) one day per week. We did have some sad news! Sharnay resigned from her role as Kids Church coordinator. But the good news? Sharnay applied for a Youth Leaders role which the elders endorsed meaning she now works at two days per week instead of two and a half. Plus, extra good news! Talitha Woodburn has accepted the role of Kids Church coordinator at a half day per week.

Please continue to pray for us in our various roles. Sometimes church ministry can be very taxing and can weigh heavily on our hearts when we feel we are under attack, unappreciated or misunderstood. This year particularly we have had a large increase in those who have needed pastoral care. There has been sickness, operations, domestic struggles, new diagnosis and costs of living which have taken a toll on many of you and kept us quite busy. Remember we are a family and when one of you hurts, we hurt. When one celebrates, we celebrate and when one grieves, we will grieve with you.

The Elders and Deacons have been working hard over the past year to manage and maintain the church in many and varied capacities. This has been such a blessing to us all. Feel free to read Rhonda Coleman’s Chair of Deacons report regarding the things that the deacons have been working on, and Andrew Muir’s report for information regarding the elders and what they have been up to at an eldership level.

Our church also has a solid team of volunteers who work across the week in various programs both in the church and in the community. We love the passion and commitment which ultimately, they show firstly to God, and next to the various areas they serve in. Our volunteers are a vital part of church health. I want to thank this team for their hard work and commitment. I want to thank the elders for their richness of wisdom and their undivided support, and I also want to thank the deacons for their work behind the scenes which often goes unnoticed. There are four people I would like to mention in particular, the first being Alberto Meme. Alberto has chosen not to stand again as an elder after 12 years of faithful service. Alberto was an elder before I came to this church and his wisdom will be sadly missed. Please keep praying for Lina as her health has been deteriorating and Alberto is required to help her more and more in this regard. Next is Josh Vear. Josh has been a deacon for 9 years now, he was a deacon just before I came to this church. It has been a blessing to work with Josh and his quiet behind the scenes work has been appreciated. The third is Rhonda Coleman who taking on the role of Chair of Deacons has decided to resign from the position of Chair but remain on the Deacons Board. Fourth is Mike Prunty who has diligently taken on the role as Treasurer for the past year and has indicated that he would be finishing in this role. From all of us at the Church thank you Alberto, Josh, Rhonda and Mike.

We have so many great events happening in the life of our church family and so many people who are committed to facilitating them. I get excited about the various avenues we provide for people to connect with our community, these are essential to create open doors for people who don't know Jesus yet to start knocking on His door. These include Playgroup, One Voice community choir, life groups, bible study, women's/men's ministry, prayer groups, Young Adults, Youth, Kids Church, worship, pastoral care team, Stromlo and Arawang school ministry, mentoring, missions teams, church planting and Insight Counselling. To all of those who help serve, run, set up, pack up, pray, love, clean and connect, your contribution does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you for your heart and your acts of service.

Our Internship program has been running now for over 7 years and our Spiritual Formation (SF) for over 5 years. These intense and intentional 18 months interns and 12 months SF discipleship training courses, has added another aspect to our church life and created another way in which people can learn more about God's word and His calling on their lives. This is open to people of all ages, and I truly hope these programs continue to grow over time.

Mission and ministry are an essential part of any church work and is certainly a big part of ours. Mission Exposure and Mission Week are both opportunities for us to learn more about God at work here in our community and abroad. As part of growing people's heart for mission we had our interns head off to Tanna Vanuatu mid-2023 and a group of our young leaders went off to Uganda in January. It was a joy to see them really all flourish in their gifts and abilities on the mission fields. What a blessing to see our next generation take on such a challenge, and thank you Andrew, Jordan and Sharnay for taking on the leadership of these mission trips. Don't forget one of the great ways we can help be missional at home even if we can't get away is through the OCC Christmas boxes, I always get excited by the amount of boxes we as a church send off each year, thank you volunteers and donators. As I write this, we also have two families ministering overseas. Gary and Jayne with their children in Central Asia and Nico and Linda with their children in Zambia. Please continue to pray for them and the challenges they face daily to minister in a foreign environment.

One of the core values of the C&MA is faith-based risk. This value always stirs my heart because I know it is often when we leave our comfort zones behind us, God works more clearly. We need to risk more for the kingdom! You will see the new budget will reflect some of the new initiatives we are planning as part of this. Our afternoon service although small is stable and I believe will continue to grow as it develops a culture which is informal, varied and relational. We are also responsible for our church planting in Northern Canberra with Suanu and Victoria which is a campus of our church. We are continuing to address ways in which we can continue to impact the local schools and surrounding suburbs. The costs of running a church of our size are ever increasing. All of this will involve faith-based risk, it will bring us out of our comfort zones and it will require everyone working together.

With all this in mind, as we look ahead at our vision statement as a church, we are already doing some intentional praying and planning. This is to fully embrace not only what we are capable of in this church but more importantly what God longs to do by the power of His Holy Spirit. As members, as part of our church family and community, we value your prayer and support and encourage you to be praying for revival, for pastoral hearts and to be people ready to share the Gospel of Jesus in our community and in our streets. We are excited about what God has ahead for us. We hope you are too.

Finally, Helen and I would like to thank all of you for trusting us to lead you, serve you and speak into your lives. Thank you for accepting us as leaders even when we are tired, make mistakes or our leading has been below your expectation or ours.

Thank you for playing your part as a valuable family member and contributing in your own unique way to growing the Lord's Kingdom.

Ben

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Greetings Church Family!

The past 12 months have been full of the blessings of The Lord, and for that, I am eternally grateful! Being a Pastor is not an easy gig, and my role, although busy, is one that brings me great joy as I'm blessed to serve God and His local church at WVAC.

I am blessed to serve alongside such a talented and Godly staff team who seek God first in all things. I have never worked in a team quite like this and I want to acknowledge and thank God for the team here at WVAC. We are truly blessed to have such a team of hard-working individuals dedicated to seeing God honoured and His Kingdom grown.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ps Ben and Helen for their Godly leadership of our church and staff team and for the selfless way they have poured into my life and pointed me to Jesus. You have both been an immense blessing to me, as I know you have also been to many, many others.

andrew edwards

ASSOCIATE PASTOR



I have continued to work hard this year to maintain a healthy work/life balance and reduce the hours I work outside of those I'm employed for. It's not as easy as it sounds, but I am getting better at it and the benefits for me, and my family, have been many.

My role continues to be wide and varied as I oversee numerous ministries and support Ben in his role as Senior Pastor.

Discovery Internship meets every Monday during school terms from 9am–3pm. Discovery gives people a unique opportunity to explore and discover more about who they are, expand their faith, develop their gifts, and discover what serving in a local church, local community and in a missional context is all about. Students are offered a wide range of opportunities to discover, sample, learn, and explore who God has created and called them to be and how they can live Christ-centred and surrendered lives.

Our 2024-25 Intern group is well underway with four students excitedly (and at times tentatively) pursuing a deeper relationship with Jesus as we meet each week to grow as His disciples. Sharnay has joined me in co-leading this group for 2024-25 and I'm grateful for her and the gifts and skills she brings to the Intern program.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the Internship program and for those undertaking the journey in 2024-25.

The Worship Ministry continues to be a blessing in both our morning and afternoon services. Our desire is to seek God for His leading as we create worship spaces that are God honouring and sensitive to the Holy Spirit. It's wonderful to have a multi-generational band most weeks, with younger musicians learning how to use their gifts and talents to worship the Lord. A huge thank you to our amazing team of volunteers who serve diligently each week, enabling us to have quality, God-honouring worship both in-house and online.

It is a pleasure and an honour to worship with you all each week and I thank you for engaging with all the aspects of worship each Sunday. I am greatly encouraged as we read scripture together, speak out words of prayer and praise, stand quietly before the Lord and of course raise our voices in praise and worship to our great God!

Impact Youth has continued to provide a safe and welcoming place for young people to engage with each other and with God. It caters for young people from year 7 to year 12 at school and is run by an amazing team of young adult volunteers.

The youth enjoy a wide range of high-energy activities, quiet reflection spaces, excursions, and camps, as well as time spent in God's Word each week. A big thank you to those who have come and shared their faith stories with the young people over the last year and helped to run an event or program – it truly takes a community of believers to help grow our faith.

In July this year Sharnay transitioned from her role as the Children's Worker and began as our Youth Worker, working 1.5 days a week to lead this important ministry. We're grateful and blessed to have Sharnay in this role and we're looking forward to seeing our young people grow in their relationship with Jesus in the years ahead.

Along with Sharnay, I would like to say a huge thank you to our volunteer youth leaders; Jonah, Joe, Nicky, Steve and Sarah for sharing their faith, serving our young people and pointing them to Jesus.

Life Groups have continued to be havens of care, support and growth as they gather together to go deeper in the Word. This year we ran our Life Groups 2x8 program to encourage more of our congregation to join a life group which saw the creation of new Life Groups and new attendees which has been very exciting! Thank you to all who lead a Life Group, host a Life Group and support our Life Groups.

I also want to thank Alberto Meme who has been the Elder overseeing Life Groups for many years at WVAC. Alberto is stepping down from his role as an Elder and I want to publicly thank Him for his years of diligent service to our church and for always encouraging us to grow closer and go deeper with Jesus.

As WVAC's Risk Management Officer, I've continued to oversee compliance with our policies and procedures to ensure that we continue to be a safe place for all who walk through our doors and attend our various events and ministries.

Reporting requirements to Government and the Alliance National Office continue to increase, requiring more of my time. This is a necessary part of church governance, and it's important that we do our best to stay current with the requirements and regulations. A big thank you to Antoinette, who works with me to make sure we meet all our obligations.

Safe Ministry training is a requirement for anyone who volunteers in any area or program at WVAC. Thank you to everyone for getting on board and completing your training. Accreditation is current for three years; please ensure you complete your online training and remain accredited; we'll send you a reminder when it's due and will be here to assist if required. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in making WVAC a safe place for all.

Alongside these roles, I've also been involved with the Gathering, taught Christian Education at Arawang Primary, led and taught in church services, continued to serve on the Board of Elders, created video content for our ministries and services, edited Sunday sermon videos, managed the worship team, our production gear, online services and Sunday morning services, trained and developed team members, managed the Church and Mission Centre IT systems, participated in prayer and planning retreats, mentored leaders, and prayed with and supported many in our church family and wider community.

Finally, thank you for your continued prayers and support for me and my family. Samantha, Anabelle, Levi, and I are blessed by the love, care, encouragement, and prayers we regularly receive.

Let us continue to obediently surrender every area of our lives to the One who laid down His very own to save us!

Blessings



COVENANT LIFE

It is with great pleasure and honour that we present this brief report to you, on behalf of the Covenant Life Alliance Church Family.

At our last AGM in August 2023, we told you we had moved to a new worship centre at Gungaherra Homestead, Harrison. We are pleased to advise that we are still conducting our worship services at this facility.

Our preaching theme for the 2024 Calendar year is “Send the Light”. All our Messages are designed to reflect this theme, including “wired to serve”, “the miracle of Pentecost” and “Fruit of the Spirit”. We have continued our monthly evangelism campaigns at Gungahlin place, as well as our discipleship programs, including weekly Bible study, New Believers’ Class and prayer meetings.

suanu ikoro

CHURCH PLANT PASTOR



This year, one person accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. We believe the party in Heaven would have been awesome for this wonderful new creation.

During Missions Week in June, Sister Jo visited and ministered to us. We were greatly encouraged by her private observation at the end of the service: *“Suanu, you have an amazing multicultural Christian community here. It is not so much about the numbers, but more about the togetherness, peace and presence of God that I perceive here”*. Indeed, we have a truly remarkable multicultural and intergenerational community at Covenant Life. We are regularly engaged in community activities. Photos and key information on these events are publicly available on our [Facebook](#) page.

We are grateful to God for the opportunity and privilege to serve. We truly appreciate the love and dedication of our wonderful Covenant Life Family, including the children, youth and young adults who serve willingly and joyfully. We are grateful to the financial support and prayers of our brothers and sisters at WVAC.

May the Lord continue to bless you all.

Suanu



ELDER'S REPORT

Another church year has passed and it seems just a short time since our last AGM. At that time recommendations were made concerning our future direction as a Church which had financial implications for our paid staff. On behalf of the Board of Elders I would like to thank the church community for their generosity and support of decisions made by the collective church leadership. It is wonderful to be a part of a church that is generous with its time and financial resources.

On a personal note I would like to express my deep appreciation to fellow elder Alberto Memme who has decided, after many years serving the church as an elder, to take a well-earned rest. Thank you Alberto for your consistent wisdom and Christ centred focus in our regular meetings and you will be sorely missed.

andrew muir

CHAIR OF ELDERS



I also pay tribute to our united eldership team of Alberto, Nick Mogensen, Craig Woodburn, Luke Behrendorff. Andrew Edwards and Ben Betz. Thank you gentlemen for your prayerful approach to church leadership.

Since the last AGM we have had two times of retreat as elders to listen to what the Lord is saying to His church, both individually and collectively, and to be guided in our decision making by Holy Spirit. These are important times and I was also privileged to represent the Board of Elders at the annual staff retreat in November to consider the preaching theme for the coming year. This year's theme of Life in Focus has encouraged us all to continue to keep our eyes upon Jesus, whatever challenges that we face in our faith journey.

I would also like to thank our Senior Pastor Ben Betz for his Christ centred leadership of the church and the way he models this in his own life. You inspire us Ben by your humility and desire to honour Christ as you lead the WVAC. Also a big thank you to Helen, Andrew, Antoinette, Jordan and Sharnay for all that you do as you minister to the church with your gifts and talents.

Finally on behalf of all of the elders I express my appreciation for each of our wives who have willingly released us to serve His church as your elders.

Respectfully submitted

Andrew



DEACON'S REPORT

God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

I Cor 14:33

At the August 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM), six deacons were re-elected to the Board as well as one new deacon, Joe Ree. The Board elected myself as Chair and Paul Britt as Secretary. Mike Prunty was confirmed as the new Treasurer, having previously been nominated by the Elders. The deacons accepted assigned specific areas of responsibility, Josh Vear (townhouses), Hannah Hildebrandt (kitchen and Mission Centre) and Peter Burns (grounds), Joe(Church building).

In March 2024, Paul Britt resigned as a deacon and subsequently Hannah Hildebrandt was elected Secretary. The Senior Pastor, Ben Betz, is an ex officio member of the Board and, as well as adding continuity and spiritual guidance, reports each month on relevant matters for consideration from the Board of Elders and ministry leaders

rhonda brennan

CHAIR OF DEACONS



In the past year, significant church expenditures were on maintenance, including carpet cleaning, major irrigation repairs and extensive tree pruning. The church is a large estate, including the ageing residential units and Missions Centre. Constant vigilance in supporting the infrastructure is required. Mike Prunty spends much time attending to upkeep, including submissions for dead/potentially dangerous tree removal from ACT Government and Pastor Ben is proactive in attending to regular necessary maintenance as it arises. We have several maintenance people who also attend to maintenance including - lighting in the carpark, a regular gardener and plumber when necessary.

Townhouse 1 is currently vacant. However it is being used for the Mellett family when they return for a month mid October and for other mission workers as needed.

Thankyou to all those who support the Deacons fund with your donations. This enables the deacons to help those in our church community in times of need or with encouragement gifts, including to those supporting local mission work.

When appropriate, new projects are undertaken. One such project was the cleaning of the large drainage pits near the driveway entrance to the church. These were cleaned manually by our newest and fittest deacon, Joe Ree with grateful assistance from Sunny. A thankyou to our congregation, many of you help with clearing of leaves in autumn, moving of chairs, setting up for events etc. It is much appreciated.

The Board has been successful in gaining a rebate of \$5000 on the upgrade of lighting, to LED lighting, in the Mission Centre through The Sustainable Business program. Old existing lighting will be replaced, and new cost effective lights installed.

An ongoing initiative that has continued to prosper this year, is the recycling of bottles and cans as a fund raiser. Thankyou all for supporting this venture. The Board is particularly grateful to Kevin Woodcock and Mike Prunty who enthusiastically collect recyclables from the church and cash them in, in bulk. The funds raised go to bless our Compassion child Doreen in Uganda and support our overseas missionaries.

A special thankyou also to Josh Vear who has decided to step down as a deacon after serving the church for over 10 years. We have appreciated your careful considerations and involvement.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the Elders for their encouragement and my fellow Deacons, once again, for their willingness to dutifully serve by helping the church administration and upkeep of the property.

Rhonda

THE GATHERING

Wow! To think it's been another whole year since we had a round of AGM reports, and that means that it has also been another year of me leading Woden Valley Alliance Church's afternoon service, The Gathering.

A question I've been asked a fair bit recently is, 'What is The Gathering?' Now, that's a great question. Above all, The Gathering will always be a place honouring God, with consistent Godly teaching and worship. Yet, it's also a place where connecting with God can happen in various ways. Sure, some weeks will be what you'd typically expect at church with worship and a sermon. However, in other weeks, we do things a bit differently. This can include everything, from discussions and debates to reflective activities (both group and individual), prayer sessions and various standout special events. All this is only made possible by God's grace and leadership, which guides our community of attendees in building each other up in maturity, faith and character.

jordan harrison

THE GATHERING



Over the last year, we have experienced various preachers, including people from the Spiritual Formation group, and we also had a wonderful Christmas Celebration meal together. Heading into this year, we've had testimony nights for different mission trips, a fantastic Easter event, and no less than six separate events (some big, some a bit smaller) for each week of Sabbath month.

Honestly, there's been so much happening at The Gathering, and with that, I just want to thank all the volunteers who have helped make things happen. This has included upfront roles such as our guest preachers and worship team (led by Joseph Ree) and a myriad of behind-the-scenes roles, including those serving in areas such as sound and projection, afternoon tea, event prep and set up people, etc. While there are too many people for me to thank individually, The Gathering wouldn't happen without all these people. I am also immensely grateful for my wife, Sharnay, who has greatly helped and supported me.

On top of leading The Gathering, I've also been serving Woden Valley Alliance church in various ways. Together, Sharnay and I led a team of young adults from our church for three weeks of missions in Uganda. This was followed up by us co-leading WVACs first young adults retreat for the church. And finally, we both also co-lead our home group as well.

In addition to these things with Sharnay, I've been leading a second Bible Study for new believers on the book of Romans, I have been helping many people in the church via pastoral care and family counselling, which in the last 12 months has had an increased focus on crisis care relating to suicide and depressive disorders. I've also been looking for opportunities to share the gospel with people, with this happening in more ways than I could mention. Then, somewhere in the midst of all this, I'm also managing to study a Masters of Counselling (Christian) with the Australian Institute of Family Counselling.

It's been a busy year, but serving WVAC has been a blessing.

Jordan

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This past year has gone by so quickly and with each ministry that I am involved in, it has been a blessing to see the steadfast and consistent hand of God moving and working.

Kids Church has continued to gather on Sunday mornings, (excluding our family services once a month and during the school breaks). At the beginning of 2023 we started to look at the life of Jesus and the footsteps that He walked. We have been following a timeline of the events that occurred in Jesus' life, drawing from all four Gospels and have continued to focus on this throughout this year as well. It has been a really interesting and engaging way to dive deeply into the different experiences and teachings of Jesus.

During the year we have had to move from four rooms down to three rooms, due to a shortfall in volunteers. And although we have gained some more leaders, (which has been greatly appreciated), the team's continued prayer is that more people will volunteer for this important ministry.

sharnay harrison

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Those who serve continue to be a real blessing. I am so grateful to all of them for playing their part, in helping out through running activities and lessons, to leading songs and supporting each other in their various roles. As of 30th June, I have officially stepped down from my role as the Children's Worker for the church. It has been a huge blessing and joy to serve the church through Kids Church over the past several years and while I will miss this ministry, I can't wait to see what God has in store for the future of Kids Church. I am very excited for Talitha Woodburn and this opportunity that she has as the new leader of Kids Church.

At our Kreative Kids Playgroup, (which is held at the church weekly during school terms), I work alongside an amazing team of volunteers. The team continues to work together to provide a space for the families in our community to attend. Sadly we have had to say goodbye to a lot of families as their children have moved on to school, but we have also had new families join us which has been fantastic. There is a real sense of community that is being created and fostered in playgroup as the families connect with one another and with the volunteers during our Tuesday morning program and also throughout the week as well. We continue to see the fruits of this ministry through our engagement with the families that attend, and look forward to all that God has in store for playgroup into this next year.

The Shine Girls Group has continued to run at Stromlo Highschool over the past year. Unfortunately, due to various reasons on both ends, I have been unable to attend as consistently as I would like. When I am able to make it, there has been a steady number of girls attending each week, and it has been a real blessing to be able to be involved in the work that I am doing with this diverse groups of girls.

I have been working with a different group each semester, engaging with girls from all four of the year groups. I believe that God has placed me in this ministry space to provide a safe environment for these young people to be able to relax and discuss whatever struggles, questions, and thoughts that they may be dealing with. Each week we explore a new question or topic, looking at how to deal with stress, worries, understanding our emotions, identity, and many other areas. We also spend time each week looking at how to get through the week-by-week struggles we all face and to celebrate the joys and excitements of our weeks as well. I am really looking forward to continuing my work with Stromlo Highschool and with the girls that attend my groups.

As I step into the position of Youth Worker, I thank God for His guidance and joy and look forward to being used by Him here in the coming year.

Sharnay

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

As part of the Women's Ministry this year the team felt there was a greater need to be more proactive in caring for those on the mission field. While we know that they are being provided for financially, we acknowledged that their emotional and pastoral needs were often unmet. We have tried to focus on a specific worker each month, praying for their needs and writing them words of encouragement.

We have also had a emphasis on having women from our congregation share at our meetings. This has been a great encouragement as the women from our church are real about their faith and their experiences.

The two major events from the past twelve months was our One Day Retreat and the Mother's Day High Tea.



antoinette hildebrandt

WOMEN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

All the Kings Daughters

Our guest speaker Jill Reay-Smith spoke on our Identity in Christ. We looked at being women of excellence; being fit to be queen, standing against the plots of Satan and being clothed in royalty. Everyone who attended came away feeling encouraged.

Mother's Day High Tea

Rhonda and the team did a magnificent job with our High Tea fundraiser for the Mellett family. We were able to raise \$1355 towards their support. Helen Betz spoke on Honouring Godly Women.

Our other events during the year were;

Gingerbread Cookies

Iva made over 240 biscuits for us to decorate at our Christmas themed event. Lyn Brain shared her story with us.

Love Blooms Here

Vanessa Woodburn shared about her trip to Cambodia and the family's work with Kim Chau in the local schools.

Let Your Light Shine

Robyn East shared about being a light in a dark world and we made tea light candle holders.

Soup for the Soul

Fiona Robertson spoke at our Soup evening. it was a lovely time of food and fellowship.

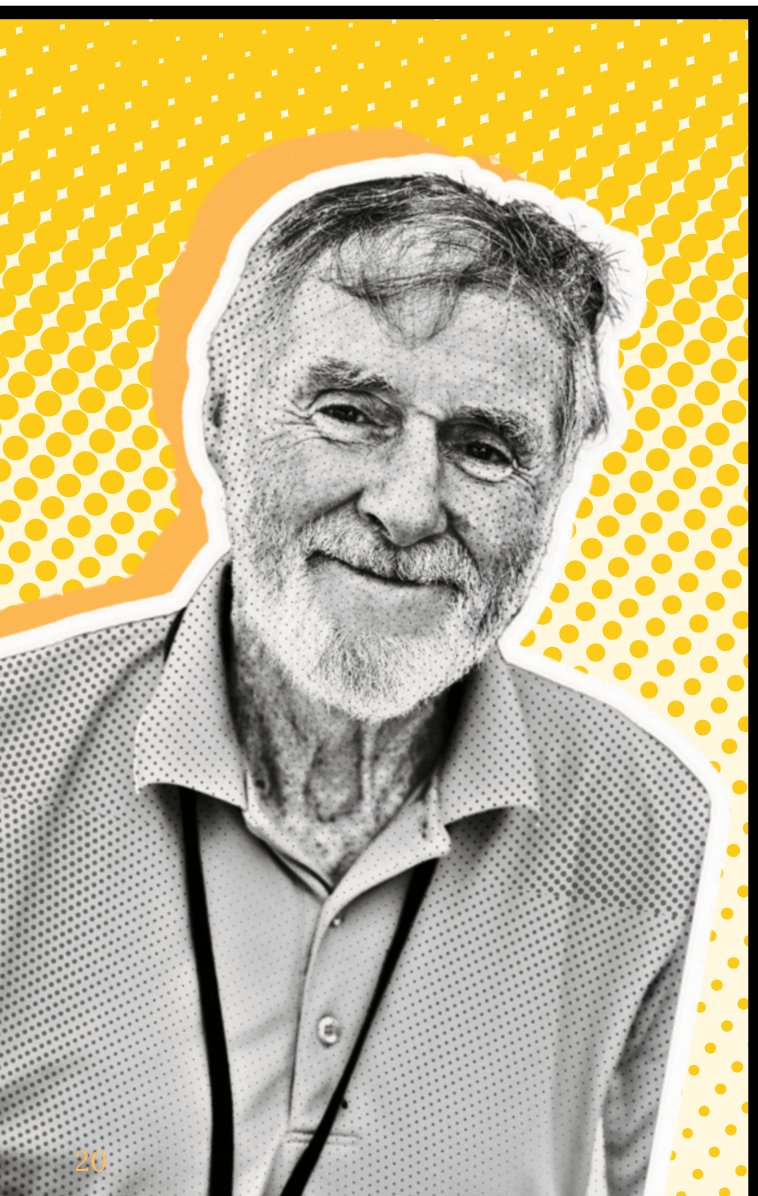
Many thanks to my wonderful team (Iva Plessnitzer, Vanessa Woodburn, Robyn East, Rhonda Coleman and Lisa McAlister)

A special thank you Lisa McAlister and Rhonda Coleman who have faithfully served on the team but have stepped down due to other commitments.

A BIG welcome to our new team member Georgie Harriss. We look forward to having you join us!



PRAYER MINISTRY



Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Eph 4:6

This year, as we commenced the series of Life in Focus, prayer was the first of the spiritual disciplines to be explored. Prayer is a foundational value for us individually and for our church corporately and all that we do needs to be soaked in prayer.

Many of our Life Groups have specific times of praying for one another and that is a real blessing for those attending these groups. In addition the church has a prayer team of 20 people plus our elders, who are committed to pray for others in need including those within and outside of the church.

andrew muir

PRAYER COORDINATOR

Prayer requests can be sent to myself, or to the pastoral staff, either directly or through the church website.

On a personal note the prayer for my son-in-law Ollie, who was on death's door for many weeks late last year, is the reason he is still alive. There is power in prayers of faith that leave us in awe and wonder of our amazing God.

The elders meet for prayer before the morning service and opportunities to join in corporate prayer are available on Wednesday morning in the Mission Centre from 7.30 – 8.30am (see Andrew Muir) or on Saturday night from 7.00-8.00pm (Dennis Terracini) through Zoom. We would love to see more people join in these times of prayer.

An opportunity to receive prayer from the prayer team after each morning service is available. It may be for healing, for encouragement, for direction or for confession. Whatever the need these prayer times are confidential and are not discussed with others.

Finally the Alliance week of prayer requests are circulated to church members in late July and a monthly zoom meeting for Alliance missionaries and partners takes place on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

So let us not be a church that receives not because we ask not but a church that by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, lets our requests be made known to God.

Andrew

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Discipleship continues to be a great aspect of our church and is a wonderful way to help people grow in their faith. This year has been no exception. Last year we had 6 SF students enrol in our Genesis discipleship program, some choosing to add ACOM subjects to their load, whilst others chose to do the program without the academic studies. This year we had another 4 students enrol, again some also studying with ACOM and some without. We meet once a month on a Monday evening and hold three retreats throughout the year. Our evening sessions include interactive learning, sharing of stories, and being challenged and encouraged in the faith journey. Personally, I find it an absolute blessing and privilege to see people grow closer to Jesus over the course of the year, as they learn more about their Heavenly Story.



helen betz

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

I believe as a church we are reaping the benefits especially in our young adults' group, our afternoon service The Gathering and in the depth of character and conversation emerging across the board. This ripples out, strengthens relationships with people as well as with God and encourages others in their faith journey too.

Most of my work is focused on spiritual formation, running retreats, pastoral care and doing some preaching every now and then. I also oversee any SF student or intern needing to register with ACOM for their studies and helping sort out some of the logistics associated with the realm of formal education. This is more than enough to fill up my allotted time each week.

Overall, I enjoy my ministry here and I am grateful for the trust which has been given to me to use my gifts to serve within the church. I pray it continues to encourage and inspire others.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this way.

Helen



MEN'S MINISTRY

Alliance Men has had a change in tempo in 2024. We finished the 2023 year strongly with monthly fellowship events but have only held one fellowship event in 2024, a men's breakfast, with a friend serving overseas as our guest speaker. We had a strong attendance, a great time of sharing and plenty of ministry time afterwards.

craig woodburn

MEN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR



Throughout the whole year, with only brief breaks, two weekly men's bible studies have continued to meet with a third will begin shortly.

The first, on Wednesday mornings, begins at 7:30am at Waramanga Café and is typically attended by 5 or 6 men. We share and prayer for each other as we negotiate the challenges of everyday life, celebrate the blessings of seeing God at work, study the Word, all before we begin our busy days. Other men are most welcome to join us of course.

The second study is coordinated by Dennis Terracini and is held electronically via Zoom, beginning at 7am each Friday. This is a great way to start the day with the bible and prayer and to be encouraged, especially if you need to rush off to work a bit earlier, or travel is a challenge. We've even had men join from interstate whilst travelling.

The third study will meet for 20 weeks, commencing Sunday 11th August, meeting after church for an hour plus an occasional shared lunch. This study will focus on Christian masculinity; the 20 characteristics of a Godly Man as defined in the bible. The study will be guided by the acclaimed book "The Measure of a Man".

We have some great fellowship events planned for the rest of 2024, and hope to get started more effectively with fellowship events early in 2025!

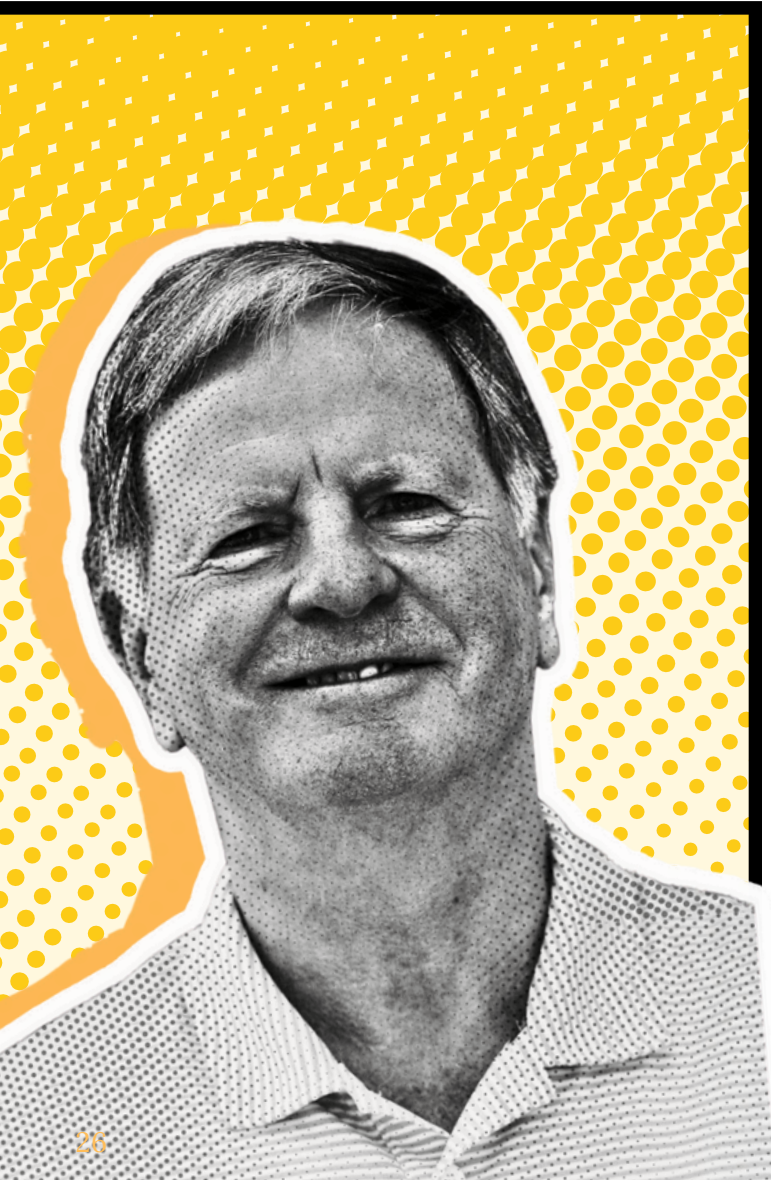
Craig



TREASURER'S REPORT

“God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:6-7) and indeed we are blessed at WVAC to have many such cheerful and generous people.

The church met the challenge posed at the the last Annual General Meeting (AGM) and in the past financial year the total offertory exceeded budgetary expectations by 10 per cent. As Treasurer I was delighted and thus presented the Deacons and Elders with the challenge of how to best use these extra funds. Tempting as it was to simply save these funds for a “rainy day” the Deacons elected to spend a portion to professionally repair the church irrigation system and prune some large trees. In addition, an further payment of \$5000 was made off our Alliance Development Fund (ADF) loan. The loan balance as at 30 June 2024 now stands at \$140,222.



mike prunty

TREASURER

Utility costs for power, heating and water in the ACT are increasing and add significant expenses to the church budget. Providing financial support to the church remains strong in the new financial year, it is proposed to take advantage of an ACT government (\$5000) rebate to partially pay for upgrading the Mission Centre to more effective and efficient LED lighting. This in the longer term will yield significant savings.

The budget proposed for this financial year is based on receiving total offerings of \$28,595 a month, which is \$937 a month more the previous year. This will enable the church to meet the estimated operating costs and allow for a small pay rise for the support staff, some of whom have not had an hourly pay increase for several years.

A significant increase in the cost of insurances is also provisioned for and it is worth noting insurances of all types cost the church approximately \$14,000 a year. With the increasing cost of building materials and the ever present potential for litigation, there is little that can be done to mitigate these ongoing costs.

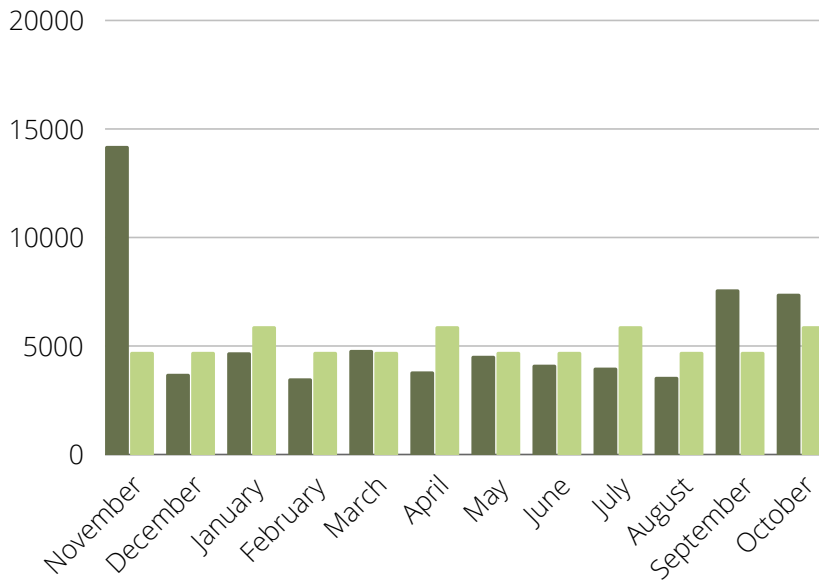
Further information on the proposed budget and Faith Promise to date are included in the AGM report.

In conclusion as Treasurer, I would like to acknowledge the essential ongoing work done by Antoinette Hildebrandt. As the church bookkeeper she deals with the day to day payroll, invoicing and receipting, allowing me to concentrate on the overall church finances and budget.

Mike



FAITH PROMISE GIVING 22-23 YEAR



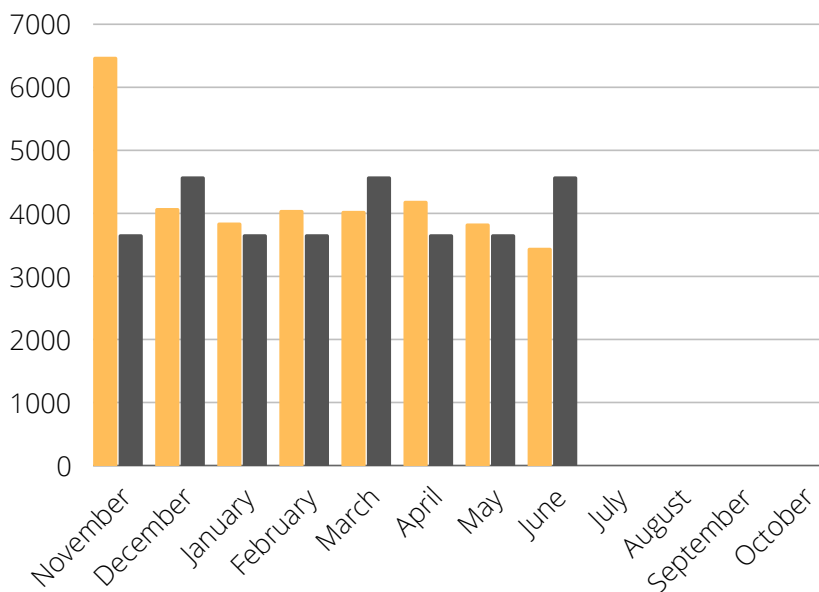
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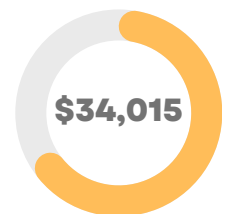
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\$61,500



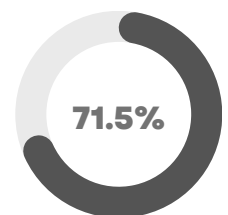
FAITH PROMISE GIVING 23-24 YEAR



GIVING TOTAL



PLEGGED
\$47,700

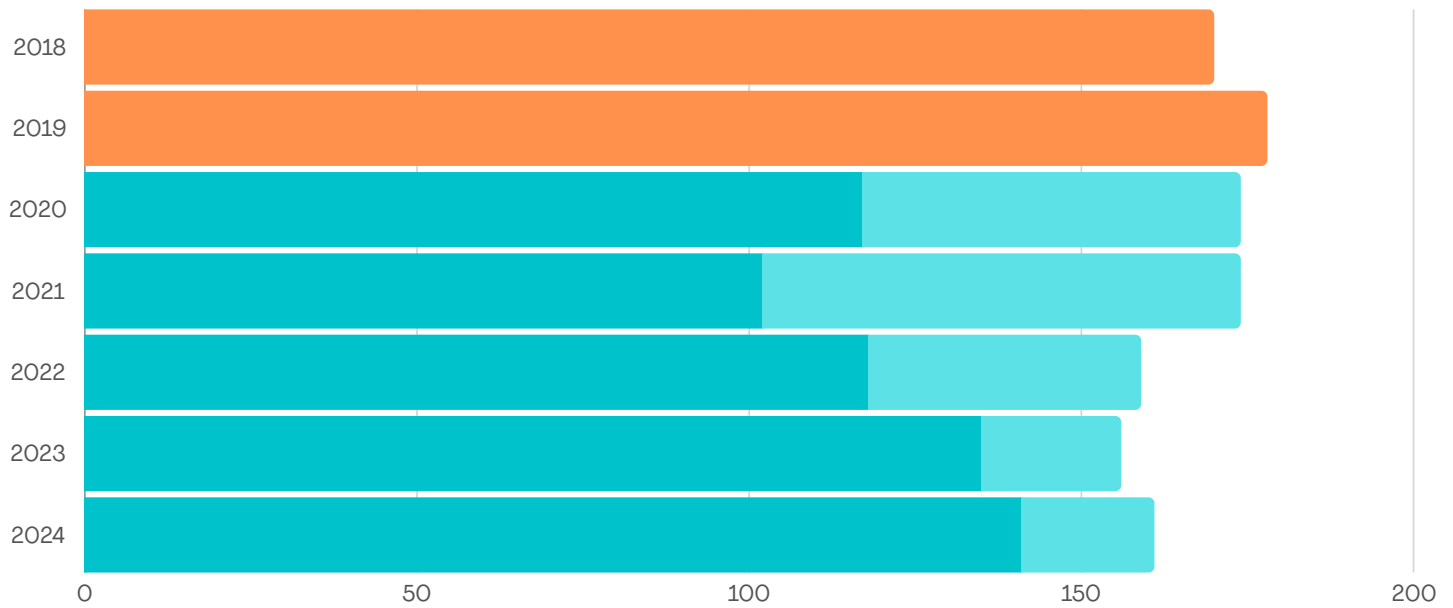


	ACTUAL 23-24	BUDGET 23-24	BUDGET 24-25
INCOME			
General Offerings	\$357,623	\$331,895	\$343,140
Special Offerings	\$5,950	\$0	\$0
Other Income	\$11,936	\$12,900	\$14,840
Discipleship Programs	\$30,305	\$36,200	\$35,830
Unit Rentals	\$56,560	\$54,340	\$50,980
Mission Centre Income	\$17,693	\$19,440	\$18,000
Covenant Life Church Plant Income	\$27,604	\$27,832	\$26,632
Total INCOME	\$507,671	\$482,607	\$489,422
EXPENSES			
Pastoral Support	\$269,559	\$259,160	\$276,645
Pastoral Expenses	\$23,369	\$28,603	\$29,083
Church Ministries	\$19,917	\$20,958	\$21,080
Outreach Ministries	\$9,076	\$10,916	\$10,636
C&MA National Contributions	\$23,368	\$20,695	\$22,463
C&MA Conferences	\$2,650	\$5,200	\$4,050
Meeting Hall Expenses	\$30,035	\$28,169	\$30,783
Operating Costs <i>(Actual includes depreciation)</i>	\$31,461	\$16,248	\$17,822
Discipleship Program Expenses	\$10,153	\$16,800	\$19,830
Unit Expenses	\$7,048	\$8,244	\$7,750
Mission Centre Expenses	\$14,317	\$16,509	\$26,544
Mortgage & Interest Payments	\$17,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Covenant Life Church Plant	\$19,335	\$20,274	\$20,736
Total EXPENSES	\$477,288	\$463,776	\$499,422
Surplus/Deficit	\$30,383	\$0	(\$10,000)
Income from existing savings			\$10,000
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$30,383	\$0	\$0

AVERAGE MORNING ATTENDANCE

- These attendance figures are pre COVID
- These figures reflect the number of in person attendees (attendances were limited in 20-21)
- Online viewing numbers reflect the number of connections - not the number of viewers

Pre COVID Post COVID - In Person Post COVID - Online



FORMAL MEMBERS GAINED

Formal Members Statistical Analysis:

- 103** Membership as at 2023 (WVAC 101 - Covenant - 2)
- 12** Gained
- 4** Transferred to Associate Members
- 0** Deceased
- 0** Resigned
- 111** Current active members as at 2024 (WVAC 109 - Covenant - 2)

BIRTHS

Kaia Behrendorff

BABY DEDICATIONS

Joel Chung

BAPTISMS

Rachel Baldry Kevin Brennan Emily Harriss
David McAlister Alex Zarew

nominations

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

Board of Elders (3 year term)*

Elder: Craig Woodburn (3 Year Term)

Elder: Scott Coleman (3 Year Term)

Elder: Luke Behrendorff (2 More Years)

Elder: Nick Mogensen (2 More Years)

Elder: Andrew Muir (1 More Year)

Ex-officio: Ps Ben Betz

Ex-officio: Ps Andrew Edwards

Board of Deacons (1 year term) **

Deacon: Mike Prunty

Deacon: Micah Woodburn

Deacon: Hannah Hildebrandt

Deacon: Rhonda Coleman

Deacon: Peter Burns

Deacon: Tracey Mogensen

Treasurer: Joe Ree

Ex-officio: Ps Ben Betz

*The Pastor is normally the Chairman but can be elected by the Elders. The Elders Board elects a Secretary of this Board.

** The Deacons Board elects a Chairman and Secretary of this Board.

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

- Ps Ben Betz
- Nick Mogensen
- Craig Woodburn
- Barb Dietrich
- Robyn East

MINUTES OF THE 53rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 20 August 2023

1. OPEN

Andrew Muir commenced the meeting at 11:30 am and extended a welcome to all.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Andrew Muir opened the meeting in prayer.

3. MEMBERSHIP LIST

A roll call was completed with 74 members present, from a possible 104 active members. Even though a number of apologies were expressed, a quorum was achieved.

4. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

At the meeting, Andrew Edwards outlined the amendments and their necessity. The main reason for the changes is to align the rules of each church in the Christian and Missionary Alliance of Australia (C&MA) with those approved by the C&MA National Board. The amendments to Woden Valley Alliance Church's rules considered today reflect the changes made by the C&MA National Board in February 2023. Further discussion ensued from a variety of perspectives concerning the changes, as follows:

a) the potential for the updated rules concerning the need for formal members to be regularly involved in the life of the church. This could encourage discrimination against older people who cannot attend church services in person. However, Andrew Edwards explained that changes from Formal membership to Associate membership, will only be made with care and open consultation between those affected and the eldership.

b) Andrew Edwards noted that new formal membership will only be available to people who at the time are regularly attending WVAC services in person. He also noted that to a large extent, the attendance of individuals at services online, is invisible to WVAC.

c) when asked how long it would take for a person's non-attendance cause them to be considered for transition from formal to informal member, Andrew Edwards explained that this detail is deliberately absent from the rules, to allow the eldership to consider special circumstances, such as health, to be fully taken into account on a case by case basis.

d) when asked why we hold online services if we don't recognise online attendance as counting towards eligibility to maintain formal membership, Mike Adams explained why we, as a church are incorporated. He also explained that the physical attendance is necessary because we could have people who've joined online and therefore contribute to the control our church's decisions, finances, resources, etc without anyone from the congregation having ever met them in person or witnessed their commitment to the church.

e) when asked about the qualifications to be an Alliance pastor, Andrew Edwards explained that there are checks and balances in the National Alliance Constitution, such as a formal interview and examination process that each church references when considering such issues. Peter Laughlin added that there a number of considerations that are made in the calling of a pastor to a congregation, including the elder's recommendation and licencing levels. Whoever has the highest licencing level becomes the senior pastor. He also explained that it's important that if there's more than one pastor, that the elders and congregation call one of the pastors as senior pastor.

f) When asked whether the Covenant Life Alliance Church is a separate congregation of WVAC, Andrew Edwards answered that, as a church plant of WVAC, Covenant Life is currently considered a ministry of WVAC, rather than a separate congregation. They also don't have the minimum of 20 active members yet, to be eligible for consideration as a separate congregation, as covered in clause 8.1 of the rules. Ken Graham added that the purpose of section 8 is to allow a church to recognise a separate congregation by granting their ability to have a say in decisions of the church.

1.RENEWAL OF ASSOCIATE PASTOR CONTRACT

Andrew Muir explained that Andrew Edwards initial call was for 3 years only, and that the congregation of active members must be asked and approve any extensions of contract. The Elders have agreed that they'd like to recommend to the church an extension of Andrew Edwards contract for an additional 5 years. Ben spoke to the varied roles and ministry input that Andrew contributes to our church, and how grateful he is for Andrew's gifts and abilities.

When the point was raised that the church has run a deficit budget for the last 4 years, and the meeting was asked whether the church is in a position to appoint an associate pastor for another 5 years, Ben explained that giving has recently increased, since the financial pressures were explained to the church. Peter Laughlin further explained that an additional calling for 5 years isn't an unwavering commitment that the church cannot adjust if the church finds itself in a budget crisis. There is a review point of our budget schedule for November 2023, at which point, if there is a significant budget shortfall, necessary changes to the church's commitments would be discussed and recommended to the church for approval.

2.NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ben Betz presented the Nomination Committee Report. He shared there were 5 people on the Nomination Committee: Ps Ben Betz, Craig Woodburn, Andrew Muir, Robyn East and Colleen Edwards. He thanked the committee team.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

Board of Elders (3-year term)

a)Luke Behrendorff (nominated for a 3 Year Term),

b)Nick Mogensen (nominated to be extended for a further 3 year term).

Pastors Ben Betz and Andrew Edwards also serve as elders ex-officio due to their roles as senior and associate pastor respectively.

The following elders continue to serve as elders with the following terms remaining:

- c) Alberto Memme (1 year remaining),
- d) Craig Woodburn (1 year remaining),
- e) Andrew Muir (2 years remaining).

Board of Deacons (1 year term)

- a) Joe Ree
- b) Josh Vear
- c) Peter Burns
- d) Hannah Hildebrandt,
- e) Rhonda Brennan,
- f) Paul Britt,

Treasurer: Mike Prunty,

Pastor Ben Betz also serves on the deacons board ex-officio due to his role as senior pastor.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES (2022)

No questions were raised before this meeting querying any concerns regarding the minutes. The minutes were nominated by Jordan Harrison to be accepted as presented; seconded by Mike Adams and voted unanimously.

8. SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT

Ben mentioned that it's now 7 years since he was called to lead at Woden Valley Alliance.

Ben recognises and is encouraged that the DNA runs strong in our church as a training place for release of workers into ministry locally, nationally and abroad. This year we have 13 bible college students in training, and Ben has had 2 people, only in recent weeks, come to him asking how they can go about preparing for service in missions work. And of course, we want to stay bible focused.

The environment in the Australian community is such that church attendance is declining in Australia. We need to stay focused on speaking and teaching the truth from the Word of God. Ben especially thanked everyone who serves the church as a volunteer. Between 80-90 people have completed their training faithfully as volunteers.

No questions were asked to Ben regarding the report.

9. ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Andrew Edwards expressed his gratefulness for an anointed staff team, who encourage and challenge each other actively to serve the Lord effectively in their roles.

Andrew thanked the many people who volunteer their time and service as part of the worship ministry. He also mentioned he'd love to hear from anyone who has a gifting or calling in this area as more volunteers are always needed to lighten the load on those already involved.

Andrew affirmed the church for completing online volunteering training so faithfully, as this helps us provide a safe environment and ministry for the many people we minister to.

Andrew thanked the Youth ministry team, headed by Sharnay.

Andrew expressed his gratitude to his wife, Sam, and their children, for their support this year.

There were no questions asked of Andrew.

10. COVENANT LIFE ALLIANCE REPORT

Suanu highlighted that it's now 3 years since he was called to commence the Covenant Life Alliance Church. He challenged us all to consider Gungahlin as a mission field in Canberra.

The church has had as many as 29 people attend services on a few occasions, with 5-12 people in regular attendance.

He thanked Victoria, his wife, for her faithful service as a prayer warrior, and the few core attendees for their strong and faithful service to this ministry.

There were no questions asked of Suanu.

11. ELDERS REPORT

Andrew Muir thanked the elders for their service in the last year and thanked the church for their privilege of calling them to the Lord's service at WVAC.

There were no questions asked of Andrew.

12. DEACONS' REPORT

Ben expressed his thanks to Mike Prunty as the chair of the Deacons and to Mike Adams for his service as our treasurer in the last year, noting the challenge of the complexity of the role and acknowledging Mike's ongoing health challenges.

Andrew Muir invited the meeting to ask any questions about the deacons' report or any of the other reports from the Annual Report, assuming the reports as read.

13. TREASURERS/AUDITORS REPORT

Mike Adams explained the difficulties of balancing a budget, in an Australia wide environment of decreased volunteering and church attendance. We have had 4 years where we've had a deficit in our financial position at the end of the year. He expressed that we cannot continue indefinitely to do this and that if we commit to the deficit budget that has been tabled today, we need to all commit to making it work.

Questions raised concerning the budget document, and their answers were:

a) Are we paying the church loan off at the moment? Antoinette confirmed that yes, a monthly payment of \$1000 is made, \$600 of which is interest.

b) Are Suanu's costs included in the budget. It was confirmed that yes, this has been included.

c) It was noted that the church currently has 2.5 months of financial reserves, which has been reduced over the years when WVAC has run at a deficit.

d) Will the November financial review extend to current expenditure and staffing levels. This was confirmed.

There were no questions asked of the auditor's report.

Antoinette proposed we accept the Auditors report on the financial statements be accepted as tabled.

Taryn seconded the motion and an overwhelming majority voted to accept the report.

14. BUDGET 2023/2024 RESOLUTION AND VOTE

Ben spoke to the 2023/24 budget, indicating that most of the budget will be put towards staffing and not the buildings or loans, which is a significant blessing to the congregation. He mentioned that about \$65 per member would meet the financial needs of the church, acknowledging though that some do not have the capacity to meet this level of commitment.

Denis proposed a motion to accept the budget as tabled. Taryn seconded the motion.

A clear majority of the meeting accepted the budget.

15. OUTCOME OF VOTING

Andrew Muir received the outcome of the ballots and communicated the outcome to the meeting.

The constitutional changes were accepted by the majority of those in attendance at the meeting.

Andrew Edwards call was accepted by more than 98% of the 76 members in attendance.

All Deacons and Elders nomination were voted as accepted.

15. CLOSE MEETING PRAYER

The meeting was closed by Pastor Ben at 1:30pm in prayer.

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH—PRESENT MEMBERS AT THE MEETING (total of 76)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 74 017 388 065

FINANCIAL REPORT

30 JUNE 2024

CANBERRA ACCOUNTANCY & AUDIT PTY. LIMITED
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 74 017 388 065

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ELDERS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Your Board of Elders members submit the financial report for the Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated for the financial year ended 30th June 2024:

Board of Elders Members

The names of the Board of Elders members throughout the year and to the date of this report are:

Andrew Muir (Chair)
Craig Woodburn (Secretary)
Alberto Memme
Andrew Edwards
Nick Mogensen
Luke Berhendorff
Bernard (Ben) Betz (Pastor) -Ex Officio

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the year ended 30 June 2024 were carrying on the functions of a local church through the worship, service, instruction, education and Christian Mission of those attending the church in accordance with the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Significant Changes

There has been no significant change in the nature of the activities of the Church that occurred during the financial year.

Subsequent Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which have significantly affected the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in the subsequent financial year.

Operating Result

The Surplus for the year ended 30 June 2024 amounted to \$30,382.78. (2023 -Deficit (\$23,380.66)).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board on behalf of the Board


Board of Elders Member


Board of Elders Member

Dated at Canberra this 15th August 2024.

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE MEMBERS OF WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH
INCORPORATED

-UNDER SECTION 60.40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND
NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012

As lead auditor for the audit of Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated for the year ended 30th June 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Canberra Accountancy & Audit Pty. Limited
Chartered Accountants
Canberra, ACT



Peter Irving: - Director
Dated: 15th August 2024.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30th June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of change in equity and the statement of cash flows, the detailed income statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the responsible persons' declaration.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 30th June 2024 and its financial performance for the year ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and 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 registered entity's financial position as at 30th June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described under *Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report* section in our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other 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.

Board of Elders' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of Elders of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ACNC Act. The Board of Elders' responsibilities also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

In preparing the financial report, the Board of Elders is responsible for assessing the entity'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 the Board of Elders either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibility 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report (Cont'd)

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards board [website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx](http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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ACT. Dated: 15th August 2024



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WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue and other income	507,671.43	465,354.69
Depreciation	(15,754.00)	(17,352.94)
CMADF Loan & Interest	(17,000.00)	(12,000.00)
Other Expenses	(444,534.65)	(459,382.41)
Surplus/(Deficit) before income tax	<u>30,382.78</u>	<u>(23,380.66)</u>
Income tax expense	0.00	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u><u>30,382.78</u></u>	<u><u>(23,380.66)</u></u>
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total comprehensive Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u><u>30,382.78</u></u>	<u><u>(23,380.66)</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED
A.B.N.74 017 388 065

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank	3	213,990.08	162,228.99
Receivables		21,379.85	16,079.06
Prepayments		1,000.00	800.00
GST Recoverable		<u>2,465.90</u>	<u>3,185.55</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>238,835.83</u>	<u>182,293.60</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Storage Containers - at W.D.V.		3,247.00	3,586.00
Leased Assets - at W.D.V.		8,407.00	1,969.00
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment - at W.D.V.		94,887.00	105,058.00
Streaming Equipment - at W.D.V.		<u>11,477.00</u>	<u>14,310.00</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>118,018.00</u>	<u>124,923.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>356,853.83</u>	<u>307,216.60</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Funds held for Future Distribution		9,306.53	12,928.68
Accrued Expenses		6,989.60	4,792.52
Income in Advance		19,230.00	5,835.22
Other Liabilities		12,110.66	0.00
Lease Liabilities		8,336.00	1,949.31
Employee Liabilities		<u>54,479.48</u>	<u>57,224.27</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>110,452.27</u>	<u>82,730.00</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease Liabilities		0.00	0.00
Employee Liabilities		<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,467.82</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,467.82</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>110,452.27</u>	<u>91,197.82</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>246,401.56</u>	<u>216,018.78</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
General Fund		246,401.56	216,018.78
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>246,401.56</u>	<u>216,018.78</u>

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WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

	General Fund \$	Members ' Funds \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	239,399.44	239,399.44
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(23,380.66)	(23,380.66)
Other comprehensive income for the year	0.00	0.00
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	(23,380.66)	(23,380.66)
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Balance at 30th June 2023	216,018.78	216,018.78
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	30,382.78	30,382.78
Other comprehensive income for the year	0.00	0.00
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	30,382.78	30,382.78
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Balance at 30th June 2024	246,401.56	246,401.56
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WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows of funds from operations			
Receipts from members and others		609,585.28	557,709.22
Interest Received		753.59	846.38
Payments to trade creditors and other supplies		(556,095.78)	(573,745.18)
Net cash provided by operating activities	5	54,243.09	(15,189.58)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Non - current assets acquired			
Payments for Plant and Equipment		0.00	(853.94)
Receipts for Sale of Plant and Equipment		0.00	0.00
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Lease Repayments		(2,482.00)	(2,148.00)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash Held		51,761.09	(18,191.52)
Add Opening Cash Brought Forward		162,228.99	180,420.51
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		213,990.08	162,228.99

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WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 202

	2024 \$	2023 \$
INCOME		
General	357,622.80	305,967.58
Other Offerings	5,950.00	8,462.10
Interest Received	753.59	846.38
Camp Fees	9,608.00	9,800.00
Hall Income	1,313.55	4,454.54
Internship Program ACOM Fees	18,485.22	11,536.78
Spiritual Formation Group	3,200.00	8,800.00
Unit Rentals	8,620.00	0.00
Covenant Church Plant	56,560.00	58,870.00
Other Income	27,604.10	27,324.89
Missions Centre Income	261.23	10,265.71
	17,692.94	19,026.71
	507,671.43	465,354.69
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Pastoral Support	269,558.72	268,271.26
Pastoral Expenses	23,369.02	24,573.56
Church Ministries	19,916.92	24,464.17
Outreach Ministries	9,076.45	10,036.06
C&MA National Contributions	23,368.36	20,229.84
C&MA Conferences	2,650.49	6,897.76
Meeting Hall Expenses	30,034.56	30,801.53
Operating Costs	15,707.06	13,362.08
Depreciation	15,754.00	17,352.94
Internship Program	10,153.27	16,909.93
Rental Units Expenses	7,047.94	8,984.18
Administration Building Expenses	14,316.66	18,421.95
Covenant Church Plant Expenses	19,335.20	16,430.09
CMADF Loan & Interest	17,000.00	12,000.00
	477,288.65	488,735.35
TOTAL EXPENSES	477,288.65	488,735.35
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	30,382.78	(23,380.66)

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WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS 30TH JUNE 2024

Note 1: Statement of significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and relevant regulations. The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and regulations and the following relevant Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101	Presentation of financial Statements
AASB 107	Statement of Cash Flows
AASB 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 110	Events Occurring After Reporting Date
AASB 16	Accounting for Leases
AASB 1031	Materiality
AASB 1058	Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

The financial report is for Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated as an individual entity, an incorporated association, incorporated and domiciled in the Australian Capital Territory. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for the purposes of preparing the financial statements and all amounts are presented in Australian dollars rounded to the nearest dollar.

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial report, except for the cash flow information has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets

1.2 Significant accounting policies

Income tax

The association is exempt from income tax under section 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. The Association holds deductible gift recipient status.

Property, Plant and Equipment

All assets costing less than \$1,000 are expensed in the year of purchase so as to provide ease of understanding and a more accurate picture of the financial situation of the Association. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. The useful life of furniture, fixtures and equipment has been determined to be 10 years.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS 30TH JUNE 2024 (Cont'd)

Investments Investments are measured at fair value with gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. The fair values are determined by reference to active market transactions or using a valuation technique where no active market exists.

Investments are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred.

All income and expenses relating to investments that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs or revenue.

Revenue

Tithes, Offertories and Donations Revenues are recognised when received.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Leases

The Entity as lessee At inception of a contract, the Association assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the Association where the Association is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (ie a lease with a remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low-value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. During the year ended 30th June 2024 the Association had a contract for the lease of a photocopier (5 year lease).

The Entity as lessor

The Entity leases student accommodation units. Upon entering into each contract as a lessor, the Association assesses if the lease is a finance or operating lease.

The contract is classified as a finance lease when the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases not within this definition are classified as operating leases (that being the lease out of the student accommodation units). Rental income received from operating leases in these particular cases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the specific lease.

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS 30TH JUNE 2024 (Cont'd)

Note 2	Revenue	2024	2023
	Operating Revenue:	\$	\$
	Tithes, General Offerories and Donations	363,572.80	314,429.68
	Interest Received	753.59	846.38
	Rental Income	56,560.00	58,870.00
	All Other Income	86,785.04	91,208.63
		507,671.43	465,354.69

Note 3	Cash and Cash Equivalents		
	Business Account	57,443.24	42,065.91
	Savings Account	46,607.71	36,315.37
	Redde Account	121.43	230.32
	Zeller Account	138.04	0.00
	Covenant Life Alliance Church Account	24,800.86	17,078.80
	Employee Fringe Benefits Accounts	6,560.66	11,296.81
	Holiday & Long Service Leave Account	35,745.73	25,543.76
	Internship Account	42,572.41	29,698.02
		213,990.08	162,228.99

Note 4 **Property**

Pursuant to a declaration of trust deed dated 8 March 1982 ("the Trust Deed"), The Christian and Missionary Alliance of Australasia Property Trust ACN 000 786 023 ("the Trustee") confirmed that it holds title the property situated at 81 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga. ACT. 2611. ("the Property") on trust for and on behalf of the Woden Valley Alliance Church and the Alliance College of Australia (C&MA Australia) ("the Church"). The trust is known as the Woden Valley Alliance Church Trust and the Alliance College of Australia (C&MA Australia) Trust ("the Trust").

The Trustee holds legal title to the Property on the following terms and pursuant to the Trust Deed:

1.The Property is held by the Trustee on trust for and on behalf of the Church;

2.The Church is responsible for paying or providing all payments required in respect of the Property for rates, taxes, repairs, painting and all maintenance, insurance premiums and outgoings of all kinds in respect of the Property.

3.The Church must indemnify the Trustee in respect of any such payments made by the Trustee on the Church's behalf;

4.The Trustee is entitled to be reimbursed by the Church or, where appropriate, to reimburse itself or to pay and discharge out of the trust property all properly incurred expenses which may from time to time be incurred in or about the execution by the Trustee of powers and duties under the trust;

5.The loan taken out to purchase the Property is in the name of the Trustee and the Church is responsible for repaying the loan. The Church funds such loan repayments from its own revenue. The amount of the loan repayments made by the Church during the 2024 financial year amounted to \$17,000.00; and

6.The trust fund in respect of the Trust comprises of the value of the Property reduced by the outstanding balance of the loan against the Property. The outstanding balance of the loan at 30th June 2024 was \$140,222.42.

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS 30TH JUNE 2024 (Cont'd)

Note 5 Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

Reconciliation of Net cash provided by / (used in)

Operating Activities to surplus / (deficit) from

Ordinary Activities

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Operating surplus / (deficit)	30,382.78	(23,380.66)
Non-cash flows in surplus / (deficit) from ordinary Activities		
Depreciation expense	15,754.00	17,352.94
Lease Payments	2,482.00	2,148.00
New Leased Equipment	0.00	0.00
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Increase in current assets and receivables	(4,781.14)	0.00
Decrease in current assets and receivables	0.00	2,150.72
Increase in creditors, accruals and provisions	10,405.45	0.00
Decrease in creditors, accruals and provisions		(13,460.58)
Net cash (used) / provided by operating activities	<u>54,243.09</u>	<u>(15,189.58)</u>

Note 6 : Auditors' Remuneration

Audit of the financial report	<u>2,477.27</u>	<u>2,359.09</u>
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Note 7 Contingent liabilities

There are no other contingent liabilities known at the date of this report.

Note 8 Events After the Reporting Date

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Note 9 Board of Elders (Committee)

The names of the Board of Elders at the date of this report and throughout the financial year are:

Andrew Muir (Chair)
Paul Robertson
Craig Woodburn
Alberto Memme
Andrew Edwards
Nick Mogensen
Luke Behrendorff
Bernard (Ben) Betz (Pastor) - Ex Officio

Note 10 Association Details

The principal place of business is 81 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga. ACT. 2611.

WODEN VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH INCORPORATED

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RESPONSIBLE PERSONS' DECLARATION

-PER SECTION 60.15 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION
REGULATIONS 2022

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

(a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and

(b) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.


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Board of Elders Member


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Board of Elders Member

Dated at Canberra this 15th August 2024

UNAUDITED SECTION

Disclaimer

The following statement of financial position of the Woden Valley Alliance Church Trust, and Alliance College of Australia (C&MA Australia) Trust as at 30th June 2024 is unaudited. It has been prepared by The Christian & Missionary Alliance of Australasia Property Trust.

Under the terms of our engagement with Woden Valley Alliance Church Incorporated we have not been requested to perform an audit or review in regards to the trust(s) financial position.

No current independent valuation of the property by a professional valuer was supplied.

No audit or review engagement has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

Neither we nor any of our employees accept any responsibility on any ground whatever to any person in regards this statement of financial position.

Canberra Accountancy & Audit Pty. Limited
Chartered Accountants



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Director
15th August 2024

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THIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

**Woden Valley Alliance Church Trust, and Alliance College of Australia
(C&MA Australia) Trust**

PO Box 3 Waramanga ACT 2611

Prepared by The Christian & Missionary Alliance of Australasia Property Trust

**Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)
As at 30th June 2024**

	\$
Assets	
Property - 81 Namatjira Drive, Waramanga ACT 2611	
Church building	2,250,000.00
College/administration building	2,050,000.00
Student units	2,900,000.00
Total Assets	<u>7,200,000.00</u>
Liabilities	
Mortgage Loan - C&MA Development Fund	<u>140,222.42</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>140,222.42</u>
Equity	
Equity of the Trust	<u>7,059,777.58</u>
Total Equity	<u><u>7,059,777.58</u></u>

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