



2024

**ANNUAL
REPORTS**

Dear Members of our Parish,

Welcome to our AGM for 2024.

As well as the enclosed reports, you will find the proposed budget for 2024-2025 prepared by the Parish Council.

If you need any items or issues clarified from the Reports, please contact myself or Rev James immediately.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the AGM. However, if you would like to foreshadow a question please contact myself or Rev James directly and we will table at the meeting.

On behalf of Parish Council, we look forward to welcoming you on Sunday 4th August for our Soup and Sandwich lunch meeting.

With Kind Regards

Sarah-Jayne Holland
Parish Secretary

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

Sunday 4th August 2024

1. Welcome/Open meeting with Prayer
2. Present
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (Sunday 16th July 2023)
5. Reception of the Electoral Roll
6. Ministry Report
7. Church Warden's Report
8. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
9. Approval of 2024/25 Draft Budget
10. Election of Guardian for Areegra 2024/25
11. Election of Parish Councillors
Parish Council in 2024/25 is to consist of twelve members. One third of these will be appointed by Rev James. Nine parish council members are to be elected, from nominations received.
Two church wardens, secretary and treasurer will be elected by Parish Council members at the next Parish Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 27th August 2024
12. Election of an Auditor
13. Election of Parochial Nominators
14. Election of Safe Church Officer
15. Meeting Closed in prayer _____

Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 16TH JULY 2023

1. **Present:** Rev. J. Wood, chair; S. Holland, A. Golder, M. Boyle, R. & L. Witney, K. & J. Taylor, B. Clarke, R. & A. Dart, A. Kreegher, J. Martin, S. Callaghan, A. Callaghan, E. Moloney, S. Peters, P. Hewitt, M. Dart, G. Holland, J. Bibby
2. **Apologies:** Graeme Holland, D. & F. Holland, C. Helms, S. Taylor, N. Taylor, M. & L. Woodward, S. Lindsay
Moved: B. Clarke Seconded: J. Taylor **Carried**
3. **Minutes of the 2022 Meeting:** Amendments made to attendance. Confirmed to be true and correct (Sunday 31st July 2022)
Moved: A. Dart Seconded: G. Holland **Carried**
4. **Electoral Roll:** Reception of the Parish Roll
5. **Ministry Report:** As Tabled.
Moved: A. Dart Seconded: J. Bibby **Carried**
6. **Church Wardens' Report:** As Tabled
Moved: K. Taylor Seconded: R. Dart **Carried**
7. **Treasurer's Report:** The balance on 30.06.2023 was \$ 40,120.96 with total receipts for the period 01.07.2022 – 30.06.2023 \$90,166.89 and expenditure \$100,353.80.
Moved: A. Golder Seconded: J. Martin **Carried**
8. **2023/2024 Budget:** Estimated expenditure for the current financial year is 84,000. The Budget is approved and accepted.
Moved: S. Peters Seconded: G. Holland **Carried**

*Discussion was held about Ritchie's Community Rewards. Rev to advertise in Pew sheet again, anyone needing help to sign up to contact A. Kreegher. Parishioners are also reminded items no longer needed and placed at Wheatlands and proceeds of sale can be distributed to the parish.
9. **Other Reports:**
 - a) **Catering:** As Tabled
Moved: J. Martin Seconded: **Carried**

*J. Taylor moved a vote of thanks and congratulations to the catering team for all their time and hard work. Received by acclamation.
10. **Elections 2023/2024:**
 - a) **Guardians:** Rev. James announced the appointment of Bill Powell, Areegra.
Received with acclamation.
 - b) **Church Warden:** Rev. James appointed Jill Martin as rector's warden.

c) Parish Councilors: The following 11 people were nominated

Russell Dart	Nominated by S. Taylor	Seconded: J. Martin
Sandra Taylor	Nominated by R. Dart	Seconded: J. Martin
Adrienne Kreegher	Nominated by F. Holland	Seconded: S. Peters
Ken Taylor	Nominated by B. Clarke	Seconded: R. Dart
Sarah-Jayne Holland	Nominated by A. Golder	Seconded: A. Kreegher
Jill Bibby	Nominated by S. Lindsay	Seconded: J. Martin
Fiona Holland	Nominated by S. Peters	Seconded: A. Kreegher
Andrew Golder	Nominated by: J. Taylor	Seconded: B. Clarke
Brian Clarke	Nominated by K. Taylor	Seconded: R. Dart
Suzanne Peters	Nominated by P. Hewitt	Seconded: E. Moloney
Jill Martin	Nominated by: A. Dart	Seconded: S. Taylor

Rev James' appointed Brian Clarke and Suzanne Peters to Parish Council.

Remaining nominations duly elected and 1 position remains vacant.

*M. Dart moved a vote of thanks for all the work of parish council each year.
Received by acclamation.

d) Parochial Nominators: The following 2 people were elected

1. Sarah-Jayne Holland	Nominated by G. Holland	Seconded: M. Dart
2. Russell Dart	Nominated by K. Taylor	Seconded: R. Witney

e) Supplementary Parochial Nominators: The following 2 people were elected

1. Jill Martin	Nominated by A. Dart	Seconded: R. Dart
2. A. Kreegher	Nominated by R. Dart	Seconded: J. Bibby

f) Synod Representatives: The following 1 person was elected with 1 position and 2 supplementary positions remaining vacant.

1. Sarah-Jayne Holland	Nominated by G. Holland	Seconded: L. Witney
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g) Auditor: Jenna Schulz

Nominated by A. Golder Seconded: J. Martin

h) Safe Church Officer:

Sarah-Jayne Holland Nominated by J. Martin Seconded: J. Bibby

11. Meeting Closed: 12.56pm.

AGM - Priest Report - August 2024

“A ship is safe in the harbour, but that is not what ships are made for.”

(John A. Shedd)

God is Good!

We have so much to be thankful for in our corner of the world. It is not always peaceful despite our best efforts - for life can be challenging from time to time. In one of my programs in the region, a gentle mentor talks about ‘steering the ship’ - when things aren’t quite going to plan. It has been a simple and effective reminder to the ‘skipper’ of that particular ‘ship’ - that they can steer it further into the storm - or into a quiet ‘bay’ to regather thoughts and courage for all that lies ahead.

I hope that you feel you are an adequate ‘skipper’ for your own ship - as we navigate the ‘world’ as a community of faith.

I want to thank Fr Michael for his attentive and reliable pastoral care in our community. You are treasured in our midst and most appreciated.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to our Parish Council who remain faithful to good governance, good humour and good stewardship of the abundance of riches that maintains our ministry unit. Your contribution to our community life together is not underestimated, especially when many of you are making significant contributions to our wider community and regional interest groups and clubs.

Further, there are a number of people who seen or unseen make a significant contribution to keep gardens watered and tidy, vestry accoutrements clean and orderly, volunteer on the catering team, and clean the church. Thank you!

As always, ‘Thank you’ for having me as your priest. It is my privilege, as we seek to build a stronger community and embark upon our celebratory endeavours over the next 12-24 months honouring the faith, hope and love of many people past and present in the last 140 years.

It has been almost a year since a ‘stop-work’ order was placed on our Boys’ Shed Project. Understanding the valid reasons for this decision by the Yarriambiack Council was challenging, to say the least, and thanks to the Wardens we were able to negotiate our way through to understanding how to resolve some of these issues. Less clear, are several other reasons that have inhibited us from finish this project in a timely manner.

We have accepted a quote from Onley’s Builders (Pomonal) which has also been endorsed by the Diocesan Property and Finance Committee. We are still trying to find a Building Surveyor who will help us to finish the project to comply with State

Building Legislation. I am most grateful to Jeffery Armstrong's tireless encouragement and leg-work in providing professional expertise.

I remain hopeful that despite the stumbling blocks that we have had to negotiate over the last year, and coupled with the fact that the Boys' Shed Project continues to function from the Rectory garage every school week of the year - we are able to offer this safe, engaging and visionary project to young people within our community who require the socialisation, challenges and encouragement from peers through our woodwork activities. As you know, we are grateful to the Leith Charitable Trust for funding to ensure that the Boys' Shed Project has adequate tools, materials and hardware.

The Warracknabeal Primary School Chaplaincy or GROW Team continues to support students, staff and their families in providing quality programs to enhance wellbeing and school engagement at a profound level. Programs this year have included: Yr5 Rock and Water, Yr1/2 Rock and Water, Citizenship Celebration, G-Force Hands On opportunities for boys, and CHILL Zone during Tuesday lunchtimes. The GROW Team have also instigated this year a Yr5 Peer Leadership program. Term 3 will see the return of the SHINE Program for Yr5&6 girls.

The GLAD Program - also funded through the Leith Charitable Trust has seen me facilitating programs in WSDS, Beulah Primary School, Horsham Special School, Hopetoun Kinder and Hopetoun P-12 College. All programs are specifically tailored to specific school needs and cater well for the neurodiversity of many students across our region (whether diagnosed or not).

The GLAD Program is not only fun to be involved with from a personal level, but as a professional allied educator I am afforded a great deal of responsibility in helping young people build selfconfidence and self-reflection in their issues and connections with peers and mentors. As I have said before, as your representative through the GLAD Program, the Anglican Church is showing our wider community that we are not afraid to enter the world - as it is - and seek to proclaim the Gospel message in thoughtful action and deed.

Our Project Regenerate 2020-2025 is nearing its target time line. (Where did all that time go?) I have and will continue to encourage Parish Council to think about whether we keep Project Regenerate going or is it time for a change and focus? I am really open to what other people may think - especially seeing that we have an opportunity to continue to raise our profile in the community and potentially inspire another series of events and activities related to our 140th years of prayer, worship and public service.

As I mentioned in my report last year, “Using our 140th birthday as a ‘mission activity’ offers opportunities for us to:

- a) grow our faith community,
- b) be creative about how we engage other community groups and interest groups,
- c) explore ways for us to develop ‘out-reach’ as part of the Gospel imperative, and
- d) have some fun along the way.

I still hold to the plan to ‘launch’ our birthday in Holy Week 2025 with the fourth ‘Walk of the Cross Pilgrimage’ and following Easter celebration - and conclude Easter 2026 (the anniversary year of our foundation). All ideas are welcome at this stage.

I look forward to another year of faithful and fruitful ministry together.

“May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and those you love, this day and always.”

With every blessing,
Rev James Wood
07 July 2024

ANGLICAN PARISH OF WARRACKNABEAL - PARISH COUNCIL

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure - July 1st, 2023 to June 30th, 2024

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Areegra	2540.00	Assessment	12382.00
Warracknabeal Offerings	47963.00	Cost of Priest	46125.22
Diocese – FSL	406.01	Insurance	4536.00
Diocese Interest	8138.56	Stationery	2544.53
Catering	1200.00	Church Requisites	380.50
Diocese -Long Service Leave	4240.22	GWM Water	2471.57
Funerals	1150.00	Mileage	1927.74
Areegra Guild	92.90	Gas	235.00
Chaplaincy	30420.00	Telstra	1163.83
Grain Donation	16424.74	Power	2864.81
Parish Centre	60.00	Advertising	629.18
Wheatlands Warehouse	375.88	CFA	215.28
Ritchies IGA	152.58	Yarriambiack Shire	796.60
ABM Advent	45.00	Playgroup	715.00
Lent Appeal	50.00	Christian Emergency Food Centre	590.00
Parish Luncheons	3904.00	ABM Projects	2539.00
Christian Emergency Food Centre	590.00	Wimmera Cancer Centre	650.00
GST Collected	1664.76	ABM Advent	45.00
GST Refunded	3653.00	Lent Appeal	50.00
		Graincorp	501.55
		BiRite Washing Machine	544.55
		Carpet Clean & Dry	340.00
		Youtube Subscription	92.67
		Microsoft	99.09
		Website	598.95
		Web Host	30.00
		Loud Signs	136.36
		Special Projects Acc	451.00
		Regenerate Acc	1779.00
		ATO – GST Paid	572.00
		GST Expense	1192.37
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	123070.65		87198.80
Bank Balance 1/07/23	<u>40120.96</u>	Bank Balance 30/06/24	<u>75992.81</u>
	<u>163191.61</u>		<u>163191.61</u>

ANGLICAN PARISH OF WARRACKNABEAL – BUDGET 2024 - 2025

EXPENSES

Cost of Priest	52000.00
Travelling	3000.00
Assessment	14000.00
Water Rates	2500.00
Telephone & PO Box	1500.00
Power	3500.00
Gas	500.00
Stationery & Church Requisites	2000.00
Insurance	5000.00
Parish Activities & Initiatives	1000.00
Maintenance	1000.00
Mission & Chaplaincy	<u>3000.00</u>
Total Expenditure	89000.00

RECEIPTS 89000.00

Regenerate Account

RECEIPTS			EXPENSES		
Market	55.00		Quick Plumbing		5476.37
Donations	2030.00		Bowens Hardware		6917.50
Wood Raffles	1579.00		Bunnings		1591.58
GST Refund from General Acc	<u>1779.00</u>		Warrack Electrical		1199.89
	5443.00		Darren Jaensch		4290.00
Balance 1/07/23	<u>75130.62</u>		BiRite TV Mount		<u>99.00</u>
	80573.62		Balance 30/06/24		19574.34
					<u>60999.28</u>
					80573.62

Special Projects Account

RECEIPTS			EXPENSES		
Leith Trust	21500.00		Wild Echidna		16691.85
GST Refund from General Acc	451.00		Home Hardware		1320.70
			Bunnings		1815.00
			Carbatec		1034.30
			First Aid Courses		380.00
			Jono & Johnno		71.80
			Boys Shed Mugs		89.40
			Total Tools		<u>250.40</u>
					21653.45
Balance 1/07/23	<u>8739.83</u>		Balance 30/06/24		<u>9037.38</u>
	30690.83				30690.83

Warden's Report 2023-2024

This has been a challenging year with ongoing issues concerning our Boys Shed construction which are still not fully resolved. We have a new builder ready to complete the project but we are still trying to obtain the services of someone to issue a new building permit. Please pray for a successful outcome.

We are looking forward to having some maintenance done in the Parish Centre- guttering, down pipes and perhaps a bit of a paint refresh. The new blinds that have been installed are looking very good and the upgraded sound and video system has been a welcome addition.

Thank you to the catering team for the wonderful work that you do, and to Russell for mowing and maintaining the grounds so well. Thank you to everyone who contributes in any way - big or small. You all help our parish to run smoothly.

Finally a big thank you to Rev James for his tireless work and dedication to our parish. And especially for the energy and encouragement that keeps our spirits up.

Jill Martin
Rector's Warden

Catering Report

This year we have catered for 3 Funerals, 3 Parish Lunches, The Easter Traditional Seder Meal, and The Prelude to Christmas.

Our Parish Lunches have been well received and enjoyed by all who have attended, Donations from these days have gone to The Australian Board of Missions, The Warracknabeal Playgroup, The Wimmera Cancer Centre, The Wimmera Emergency Food Centre, and Rev James Pain Revolution - Outreach Tour.

Our sincere thanks must go to all those who have so generously donated food when asked. We are really appreciative of your generosity.

Thank you
The Catering Team