

**ST. FAITH'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
NARRABEEN**

**ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING of
PARISHIONERS**

SUNDAY 3rd March 2013 12.30pm

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PARISH OF NARRABEEN'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF PARISHIONERS.

Sunday 3rd March 2013

AGENDA

1. Prayer.
2. Receive the declarations of those persons then present.
3. Determine whether a quorum is present.
4. Elect a minute secretary.
5. Receive apologies.
6. Give directions as to the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting at or after its conclusion.
7. Ministers' Reports
8. Receive and pass or otherwise determine on the financial statements of the wardens and
to receive any report from the wardens about the exercise of their other functions.
9. To receive and pass or otherwise determine on any separate financial statement of any
organization of the parish.
10. Receive notification of the name of the person appointed by the minister as a warden.
11. Elect 2 qualified persons to be wardens (18 years or over, communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia, not the minister's wife, not both husband and wife, not
an employee of the parish, not a prohibited person.)
12. Appoint a person of or above the age of 21 years to audit the statements and accounts of
the wardens. (Not a warden)
13. Determine whether or not
i) qualified persons should be elected and appointed as members of the parish council (members not less than age 18, communicant member of the Anglican church, not a prohibited person), and if in
the affirmative,
and ii)

- a) without specifically electing a person from each congregation
 - Resolve whether to have 3,6, or 9 members elected by the members of the parish as a whole and elect those membersOR
- b) with a person to be elected from each congregation –
 - i) Resolve whether to have 0, 1, 2, or 3 elected by the parish as a whole, and elect those members now or after the election in (ii).
 - ii) Members of each congregation present and voting separately to elect one member from their congregation.

Note that the minister has the right to appoint one for every three elected.

Note that the parish council may fill any vacancies among its elected members not filled at the annual parish meeting, or any casual vacancy which may arise later.

14. Elect nominators in accordance with the Nomination Ordinance 2006.
(5 persons 21 years of age or older, parishioners of the parish and communicant members of the church, not employed fulltime by the parish, not a prohibited person, and a husband and wife may not both be members of the Nomination Board at the same time.)
15. Other Reports
16. Response to matters arising from last Annual Parish Meeting
17. Make such recommendations as it may want on any matter connected with the business of one or more congregations of the parish, including any matter which it is appropriate for the wardens or parish council to deal with.
18. Close

ST. FAITH'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES

Sunday 18th March 2012 at 12.30pm

Chairman: Rev. Kerry Nagel (56 present.)

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1. Kerry Nagel opened in prayer at 12.34pm.
2. Receive the declarations of those persons present.
3. A quorum present.
4. Ruth Watson elected as minute secretary.
5. **Apologies from:** Carol Squires, Phil Lamb, Lloyd Bennett, Rob Jacobs, Andrew and Peggy King, Max Krause, Tim and Jo Harpur, Barb and John Storey, Helen Channon, Rod and Judy Macdonald.
6. Minutes to be read at the first Parish Council Meeting
7. **Ministers' Reports** received and accepted.
Kerry Nagel gave a verbal summary saying that the recent studies in 2 Peter reminded him that we are slaves of Jesus Christ. We are to be focused on growing Christ's Kingdom and being slaves to that.
At WAC they have stopped the 4.30 service and incorporated it into 9.00am but will re-start it in the future. The new building at the ARV will be completed later in the year. The Parish continues to support Grant in his role at the Rugby Chaplain. Kerry introduced Tadhg Parker, who is on a scholarship with St. Faith's to learn more about ministry to equip him, including learning about sharing the gospel. Kerry noted that the Scholarships are a program for people to learn about ministry but not necessarily to lead on to working in ministry.
The new 4.00pm service at St. Faith's is continuing to grow.
We now need to look at what we have learned about 'Church Planting'.
8. **The Financial Statements** were received and accepted.
Stuart Neilson (Treasurer) spoke on matters concerning them. Noting that there was around a \$4,000 surplus for 2011 but \$40,000 was drawn down from our Provision Accounts, which contributed significantly towards having the surplus. Also there were a number of very generous large donations that helped. The general offertories in 2011 were only marginally bigger than in 2010, at \$24.50 per person per week. The War Vets contributed to the cost of Tony Bradford.
From the Diocese we received a grant for Warriewood and a mission grant for Kerry Nagel.
On the expense side we gave just over 5% of our budget to mission - \$30,000 going to CMS, Interserve and various others and \$10,000 to SRE. The cost for our staff and the rent for the Warriewood being the major part of our expense.
Warriewood made a small deficit.

Banking details have remained the same with the Westpac Bank.

Budget for 2012 is suggesting a 5% or more increase in offertories. The January/February figures have increased and look positive. On average we have 477 people per week and an increase in giving of just \$1.20 per person we will be able to meet our budget. If everyone could increase their giving by this amount it would a big difference. People may think that a dollar doesn't make a difference but if everyone gave \$1 extra that would mean an extra \$25,000 per year. If we don't meet these figures we may need to cut staff. Please pray about the needs and give generously. God has been generous to us.

The Funeral Fund – an initiative of Jim Bannister, and is available to parishioner's for their convenience.

The PIN Fund (non-tax deductible) and the Necessitous Circumstances Fund (Tax deductible) are available for people to donate to and are used to help both parishioners and those outside the Parish.

CEBF fund (Tax deductible) but if you looking for a receipt for tax I would recommend you should donate to the Necessitous Circumstances Fund.

- The Foundation Fund is used for parishioners to deposit their funds in and the church receives the interest. The fund goal is \$2,000,000.00 but we are well short of that with only \$550,000.00.
- Stuart asked if there were any questions from the floor – none were forthcoming.
- Questions that had been emailed previous to the meeting had already been dealt with.

9. All Financial Statements including Gumnut Kindy and The Cottage Counselling Centre were accepted.
10. **Wardens:** Dr. Timothy Harpur and Mr David Whiles were elected to be Parish Wardens, Mrs Mandy Nabb was later appointed as Rector's Warden.
11. **Appointed Auditor:** Mr David Curnow was announced as the Wardens' appointed auditor. All agreed.
12. **Determine whether of not there is to be a Parish Council.** Dr Philip Selden spoke on the Senior Minister's right to appoint 1 member for every 3 elected and then moved to have a Parish Council of 6. All agreed.
13. **Those nominated and elected to Parish Council were:** Mrs Debbie Rodd (Morning Church), Messrs David Tucker (The Gathering); Bob Saville (Traditional Church); Peter Shaw (Night Church); Phil Lamb (WAC). Larry Tolnay (Traditional Church)
14. **Parish Nominators elected in accordance with the Nomination ordinance 2006:** Mesdames Pru Selden, Jo Harpur, Michelle Madder and Messrs John Moore and Peter MacGregor.
15. **Other Reports:** The other reports to the Parish were all accepted.

16. **Kerry Nagel reported on questions from previous AGM.** He reported that all questions had been attended to and resolved except for the question regarding the purchase of another house for WAC's minister. It was decided to leave that on the Agenda.

17 **Questions to be presented to the Parish Council:**

- Judith Baker had 2 questions: 1) Regarding the Church Grounds – could the Parish Council look into having a maintenance group to do the gardens? 2) Carpet needs to be looked at being replaced and also the cushions.

- Isabel Bennett: Spoke about our Mission Statement “being transformed” is good wording. She is deeply concerned about the false teaching in society regarding marriage and can the Parish Council look into this.

- Peter MacGregor: Noted the number of times Jim Bannister's name comes up in the reports and how St. Faith's has benefited from his initiative in particular the area of the Bible College, Gumnut, the Cottage administration, funds. Peter noted that all the Wardens have made good, wise decisions over many years about many areas of St. Faith's and we have all benefited from it. He asked if a note of thanks can be sent to Jim and other wardens for their good decisions and great legacy. Kerry replied Jim did not want any special thanks but that there had been a painting and a “thank you” in the Traditional Service given to Jim.

- Jean Brittle: Asked that the website be kept up to date as people today search for churches via the web.

18. **Meeting closed at 1.20pm** in prayer by Kerry Nagel.

Rector's Report to AGM March 2013

Once again I want to first express my gratitude to all for the privilege of serving as Senior Minister at St.Faith's. It is an honour to serve with the team of Staff that oversee the St.Faith's family of churches. They will report separately on each of their areas of responsibility. I would also like to thank Ruth Watson for her work in managing our Church office, and Lisa, Nina and Christine who serve there as well. Before reviewing some of our ministries and addressing some ideas for the future, let me respond on behalf of Parish Council regarding the questions and requests from the last AGM.

Firstly, the Parish Council considered the matter of housing for the Minister at Warriewood. Funds are not currently available to purchase a house for this purpose. We discussed the possibility of redeveloping the property at Acacia St Collaroy Plateau, (The Venue) for staff housing. (see below)

Second, the last AGM requested that Parish Council look at having a maintenance group to do the gardens. This has yet to be acted on, though the wardens have been monitoring the grounds and property.

Third, there was a request that the carpet be replaced and cushions be checked. The carpets are due to be replaced next month.

Fourth, there was a request that Parish Council consider the false teaching in society re marriage.

Finally, there was a request that the web-site be kept up to date. We have just launched a new web-site, and our office staff are now able to update the content. We will continue to work at keeping the content up to date.

With regard to our ministries, our Warriewood congregation (meeting Sunday 9am) moved into the new building in the ARV complex at the end of last year. This facility has already shown itself to be a great improvement. Better space for a larger congregation, space for children's ministries, and out-door space have all helped the ministry better serve its members. We are already seeing growth in numbers attending as a result, and in particular, more families joining the church. The Parish Council decided last year not to proceed with the appointment of another full-time minister to work at Warriewood Anglican Church and with the Anglican Retirement Village in the Chaplaincy role there. This decision was due to concerns over our ability to fund the position. However, we have proceeded to employ a part-time chaplain to assist Grant in the ARV (Ernie Burgess), and we have also taken on Oliver Holland as an Apprentice, based at Warriewood. The members of WAC are funding the staff there. My hope is that the numbers at WAC will continue to grow, such that we are able to employ another full-time person soon. Grant is discussing with Warriewood congregation members the possibility of commencing another congregation at Warriewood (also Sunday Morning) to make it possible to have one contemporary style service, and one more Traditional Anglican service, to better serve the people concerned. This would also provide more room for growth into the future.

At Narrabeen, our Traditional service continues to serve its mainly more mature members, our Morning and Night church services have started strongly in 2013, and our Arvo church congregation has continued to grow. This congregation has the greatest scope for growth in numbers, and we are putting resources into facilitating this growth. Dave Miers is now leading this ministry, while also leading the Youth Ministry. Ben Molyneux continues to pastor our Morning and Night Church congregations, and I am encouraging all our staff to

emphasize discipling and training of members for ministry in general as a focus this year.

Neil Souter continues to lead The Gathering+ Congregation, and to oversee our Sunday Club. We are considering some renovations to the Old Church+, to enable The Gathering to move down to this site. Regarding our Women's Ministry staff, Rosemary MacGregor has been on maternity leave, and Charis Duce has done a great job of supporting this area of our ministry.

With regard to building plans, let me take this opportunity to outline what I am hoping to see happen over the next few years. The Schedule will depend on funding available, on what God does in growing our existing ministries, and on staff input regarding the best ways forward as we see where growth occurs.

First, in the next few months I would like us to do some relatively minor renovations to the Old Church Area. This will enable it to better serve our growing Youth Ministry, growing Playgroup ministries, our Creche and Morning church, and also The Gathering Congregation. The changes involve building a Full-height wall to provide a sound barrier from the main church area, constructing new storage cabinets, laying Astro -Turf in the outside play area, and creating new doorway to access this area. We will also need to install reverse cycle airconditioning to enable adequate heating and cooling of the area. Funding for this may need to be raised from congregation members, above our budget.

Second, since last AGM, we have decided not to proceed with constructing a new level in this Old Church+building. The Cottage Counselling Centre has been relocated to existing rooms in the Top Deck+area. We are looking at creating a separate waiting room in this area, for clients.

Thirdly, I would like us to follow up on the possibility of redeveloping the Acacia St site, for staff housing. I am advised that we could construct two dwellings suitable for staff housing on this site. This would enable us to house a second Warriewood minister, and also a new Staff member to facilitate growth in other directions. Which particular new staff member we might employ would depend upon what growth and opportunities God opens up for us, over the next couple of years. Possibilities include employing a dedicated Children's Minister, employing new Minister to assist with families ministries, with a view to planting a new Congregation off-site, etc etc. But I believe we need to move to set ourselves up to do this , by constructing the housing first. The cost of renting property for staff accommodation in our area is prohibitive. It seems the best use of resources, to me, to move in this direction. With Parish Council's agreement, we have gone as far as discussing possible House plans with our Head Office, who need to approve them, and also with a project Home builder. With respect to funding, we have some funds in our Foundation Fund, set aside for this purpose (Staff Housing). We would either need to raise or borrow the rest.

Kerry Nagel

2013 AGM Report

Assistant Minister (Ben Molyneux)

Wow! Another year has flown by and what a privilege it has been to serve among you during 2012. As always, let me start by giving great thanks to God for his continual grace and mercy offered freely to us in Jesus . what a great God we worship and serve. The last year has been a challenging one for Yvette and I in different ways, but we are thankful to him for his continued encouragement, which he primarily has given us through his word and through you, his people. We continually thank God for the wise people he has placed around us.

Here's a few brief reflections on the year 2012:



Morning Church continues to be a great source of encouragement, fun and growth. Throughout 2012, we have welcomed a good number of new families into our congregation from various places . some local and some from far and wide. I'm stoked at the way Morning Church makes a good effort to welcome new people and this is often the testimony of those who join us . praise God! It's a great privilege to be able to minister to families and I'm grateful for the ongoing partnership in this with Neil Souter who, with his team of Sunday Club teachers and helpers, does a fantastic job of making Sunday mornings a morning of great fun and learning for our children. I'm also thankful for Rosemary MacGregor and Charis Duce for their faithful work among the women at Morning Church and in our wider parish . praise God for such godly, servant-hearted women who are keen to see people grow in Christian maturity.

Our Gumtrees Playtime (Thursday) has seen some fantastic growth in 2012 such that we've planted a new Gumtrees Playtime group on Wednesday mornings to cater for this growth. A big thanks to Liz Larrea, Natalie Berrill, Emma Morton and the other St Faith's women who are serving in this ministry. It's a fantastic opportunity to reach our local community.

I'd also like to make mention of our Small Group Leaders who faithfully lead and teach us in God's word each week. These leaders are not only a fountain of knowledge, but are also wonderful examples to those around us, living what they teach and loving and caring for those in their groups! Our Small Groups are the engine room of all that happens at Morning Church, so their work is invaluable. I'd also like to make mention of Scott McLean and his work with our musicians at Morning Church. Scott has been a great encouragement and has pushed us, and continues to push us, to ensure that our music enables people to worship God in this special way. Along with Scott, our band leaders Michelle Madder and Brad Duce are always a great source of encouragement as they lead us each week in music ministry. I'm constantly thankful for the many people who serve at Morning Church, making this a community who is fully devoted to loving one another! Praise God!



Secondly, give thanks for the start of Arvo Church! We launched Arvo Church in February 2012 and throughout 2012 regularly had 25-30 adults serving and fellowshiping together. I'm excited about the growth that this new congregation allows at our Narrabeen site. In term 4, Dave Miers took the reigns and is now doing a great job at overseeing this congregation.



Finally, Night Church has again seen some encouraging growth during 2012.

Night Church has a solid core group of regular members, which number around 220 on our roll (with about 150-160 there each week). It's been exciting to see growth across all ages at Night Church!! We've had young people begin to come to Night Church, young adults join us, and parents with teenage children or older begin to make Night Church their home! I trust you've all been welcomed and enjoy our time together on Sunday nights.

In 2012 we decided to intentionally invest in ministry to young adults . something we've not done at Night Church for some time. I'm thankful for Dave Miers, Chloe Goy, Bel Hooley and Nathan Gillespie who give this ministry some time and energy and make things happen!! Paradox Café has been a particularly successful pre-evangelistic event that we ran four times in 2012 down at Gloria Jean Narrabeen after church on a Sunday night. These events were timed such that the One.Life Course closely followed, to enable the invitation to hear a clear explanation of the gospel to be easy and available!

Again, a big thanks to those who oversee our music ministry . Nathan Gillespie, Jake Berry and Tim Rodd . and a big thanks to the women involved in our Night Church women's ministry, headed up by Julianne Castle. I'm encouraged by your faithful service and care for the saints at Night Church.

Thinking about 2013, whilst numbers are really important (who doesn't want more people to hear the gospel and be saved?) and I'm super keen to see our congregations grow, I'm really thankful for the people God has brought to St Faith's. As a Pastor, it's an amazing privilege to be able to rejoice with those who rejoice and to mourn with those who mourn (Rom 12:15). It's a privilege to be living life with you all and I want to sincerely thank you for allowing us to minister the word of God to you both in dark, difficult times and in times of celebration. I'm humbled by the opportunity to lead you in this way and I'm thankful for a wife who not only supports me in this, but actively serves alongside me in difficult and challenging circumstances. She's such a gem and I'm so thankful to God for her! In January this year, as many of you know, Yvette and I took some extended time off to refresh for another season of ministry. We were feeling tired . physically, emotionally and spiritually. We're going into our seventh year of full-time ministry at Narrabeen and our sixth year of part-time study at SMBC. We felt that a decent break would serve us, and you, well. During that time off I was able to spend time reading and reflecting on Psalm 119. It proved a great source of encouragement to me and a reminder of my mission as a Christ follower . to seek God with all my heart, to not stray from his commands (Ps 119:10) and to allow him to lead me by his word, the lamp to my feet and the light for my path (Ps 119:105).

I hope that 2013 proves to be a great year for us as a church and for you personally, particularly as you seek God with all your heart and meditate and grow in his word.

God bless, Ben Molyneux

#gathering

A Snapshot of the Gathering:

We meet on Saturday nights 5pm @ the Venue on Collaroy Plateau and in Small Groups throughout the week. We are a mixed congregation made up of people of different ages, stages and backgrounds. Babies, toddlers, young kids, teenagers, young workers, families and older mature people make up our congregation. There are about 50 of us (Children and Adults) that call the Gathering home.

Highlights from 2012

“Summer dinners” every year we begin with Summer dinners where we go back to someone’s house after church for a meal. It is a great way to start the year together in fellowship over a meal. We also hope that they will help new people who may come along get to know us. Thanks to everyone who hosted a Summer Dinner+, you showed great hospitality and it was greatly appreciated by all at the Gathering.

Easter Saturday went well again this year. We packed about 80 people into the venue for our service and Alfred and Kaye Seidal cooked us a whole lamb Spit. The Gospel was preached, fellowship was had and it was a great celebration of what Jesus has done for us.

More babies: Harry Berrill, Ivy Souter, Charlotte Tucker and Josiah Chapman. We are thankful to God for all these new little children and we love them so much. We pray that they, along with all the other kids will grow to know and love Jesus. We pray also for Amanda and Andrew Kingsmill and Jodie and Scott Crawford as they await the birth of their babies.

The now and into the near future:

“Devoted” At the moment as a church we are doing a 40 day bible reading and prayer challenge called devoted. The challenge is to read God’s word and pray over 40 days together and share what we have been challenged by and what we have been learning and praying. It is only day 10 and already I have been greatly encouraged to see and hear Gatherers speaking God’s word into each others lives. Pray that this will continue throughout the year.

“Scribblers” We have just begun a children’s program called Scribblers+. It is aimed at our preschool and Infant aged kids. Katie Bosler is leading the group and we are all excited about this ministry kicking off. Please pray and give thanks for Katie as she oversees this important ministry.

“Moving” At some stage this year we hope to be relocated down to the Clarke St site of St Faith’s and meet there each Saturday at 5pm. There are a bunch of

reasons for this to happen and I am happy to discuss them with anyone who would like to know. We love the Venue and are sad to be leaving it. We have many found memories there but we also know that this is what is needed, if we are to go forward in serving Jesus and His people. More details about the exact date we plan to begin at Narrabeen will be made available soon.

Please keep praying for us!

Please pray that we will continue to grow deeper in our love for Jesus and be a congregation shaped by His love and grace shown to us on the cross. Pray that we will be faithful in being witnesses in our everyday life. Ask that God will use us to bring many people to Christ and the life changing grace found in Him. Pray for our relocation down to Narrabeen.

Final notes

I would like to thank all the Staff at St Faith's. It is a great privilege to serve Jesus and His people along side of you. I learn so much from you all and I pray that in 2013 we will continue to serve Jesus and His people all the more, bringing glory to Him alone.

Neil Souter



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TRADITIONAL CHURCH REPORT

What was the 8.30 congregation was relabelled 'Traditional Church' last year. As was stated in last year's report, the fact that it is labelled 'traditional' indicates that the service has a more formal structure than other services, in that we use services from the prayer book. During 2012 we made a slight change to the mix of services, using mainly those from *An Australian Prayer Book* (published in 1978) together with a couple from the new Sydney services known as *Common Prayer*. These services are printed out on a card to make following the service easy, particularly for newcomers and visitors, of whom we welcome some most weeks.

Music is an important element in our services. We sing a combination of familiar traditional hymns as well as some of the best of modern compositions. We are thankful for our organist Mrs Helen Channon OAM and the choir, and for Mrs Jan Robinson who assists by playing the piano from time to time,

During 2012 we have seen a steady increase in attendance, even though many of our older members are no longer with us. There is a good range of ages, although admittedly there are more in their senior years. One of the things which is very pleasing is the way that so many of the congregation are involved in the usual rosters, but especially in showing pastoral care and concern for one another, and fulfilling the second arm of our mission statement. Sadly, age prevents many from being actively involved in the third of those aspects, namely impacting the world with Christ's love. However, many still pray faithfully for the spread of the gospel.

A range of other activities occur: men's outings, quilting club, 55 plus, informal gatherings, morning teas at Warriewood and many others. A fair proportion of the congregation meet for Bible study, and those who cannot manage to do so often study the passages in preparation for the Sunday preaching.

I express my gratitude, and of Kerry Nagel, to the many who make Traditional Church what it is. It is such a blessing to have so many members working together for the common good, loving and caring for one another, and growing in Christian maturity.

Philip Selden
February 2013

Women's Ministries at St Faiths in 2012

2012 was a great year of opportunities for the women of St Faiths to be encouraged and challenged. The year took on a different feel from previous years as we trialed a new structure for our women's ministry across the Parish. As a result of a Women's Ministry Vision night held at the end of 2011 and a desire to try something new, separate teams of women from each congregation were established. The aim of these was to coordinate and facilitate at a congregational level, events and opportunities for women to get to know and care for those women in their congregations and to help them care for and love their non-Christian friends and family. As with any new venture there were aspects that seem to work really well as well as aspects that maybe didn't work as well as hoped. Due to this new structure, there were less cross-congregational events for women during 2012, but there were more other opportunities for women to gather together, primarily at a congregational level.

INSPIRE2, was again a highlight of our Women's calendar for 2012. A team of wonderful women from across the various congregations of St Faiths again organized this day. Our theme this year was, "God's Word, God's World, God's Wisdom" and Jenny Salt, our speaker, challenged us with 2 talks from Ecclesiastes, before lunch. About 90 women (almost double that of 2011) from across our St Faiths congregations as well as some of our sisters from Holy Trinity Beacon Hill and St Marks Freshwater joined together for a great day of teaching and fellowship. After lunch, we had 4 seminars on the practical implication of God's wisdom. We covered topics such as evangelism, suffering, death and grief, and the persecuted church. Faithful St Faiths women, willing to use their gifts to serve their sisters in Christ, capably led all these seminars. A huge thanks to them and the wonderful organizing team!!

I was greatly privileged to be involved in leading a group of new Christian women and encouraging them in the start of their Christian walk. This was an amazing opportunity to explain and share the truths of the bible with those that are hearing much of it for the first time!! It was very encouraging.

At the beginning of July, I went on maternity leave and was greatly blessed with the arrival of our fourth child . Timothy on 9th August. Charis Duce kindly took over part of my role, particularly focusing on the Morning Church women. I am very thankful to God for raising up Charis and her willing and servant heart as she continues to minister to the women of St Faiths.

Thank you Rosemary for your faithful, ongoing service to all the women at St Faiths and for continuing to offer your guidance & support in this area of ministry. It is greatly appreciated.

Tea, Pray, Love was a cross congregational event organized by Sue Ross and Sandy Walsh. This afternoon was a great time of fellowship and fun, with both believers & non-Christians hearing how God is working in the lives of some of our women in a very welcoming, friendly environment. Thank you Sue and Sandy and your team of women who organized this afternoon!!

There were also a number of women's bible study groups that met regularly each week around God's word. These are great opportunities for those women in these groups to be encouraged and challenged as women to keep on serving Jesus and living for Him. A big thank you to Sarah Jones for coordinating all the women's groups that meet on a Tuesday morning, and thank you to all those leaders that lead their groups so faithfully.

There is a small group of women who attended the Onelife course who have been meeting weekly with Rowena & Charis to study God's word & grow in their relationships with God. It has been awesome to see them grow in their understanding and their hunger for all that Jesus offers.

It is an encouragement to see & hear of women serving each other in various ways, sharing their faith with others & encouraging each other in their Christian lives.

Thanks be to our great God for opportunities to encourage and serve one another as women. May all we do be for His glory and His purpose of building a people who are His very own.

Rosemary MacGregor and Charis Duce
Women's Ministries

WARRIEWOOD

Grant Gallant's AGM Report March 2013 Warriewood Anglican Church

Warriewood Anglican Church in 2012

Church meeting. In 2012 we held one church service at 9am with children & youth ministry. On average we had about 50 adults plus about 17 children attending each week. Warriewood Anglican Church is blessed to have a diversity of ages from families with young children to the elderly who have retired. It has been an encouragement to me to see this church seeking to love Jesus and each other.

Youth ministry. The Warriewood Anglican youth group called ~~the~~ ~~jqmet~~ on Friday nights (about 20 youth) and Sunday morning for small group. Through ~~the~~ ~~jqwe~~ we were able to reach local youth in the community and share the gospel.

Children's Ministry. The girls group ~~Rainbow~~ (yr 3-6) continued on a Wednesday afternoon run by mum of the church, our ministry apprentice and youth helper. This group attracted girls from the local Narrabeen North primary school.

Warriewood Brook Anglican Retirement Village (ARV). It was a busy year at the village with my chaplaincy increasing to 4 days a week. The Wednesday church in Marcus Loane House (assisted care) continued with about 20 -30 attending each week. There were also numerous small groups meeting each week. Also, more people were trained to help as volunteers in pastoral ministry.

Warringah Rugby Club. Last year I continued as volunteer chaplain to the rugby club. After ministering to one staff member's wife I was involved in her funeral and was able to share the hope of Christ resurrection. I continued to be available to players and staff to talk about life's joys and struggles and talk about God's love in Jesus Christ.

Staffing at WAC. Grant Gallant - minister of church, 4 days as chaplain to Warriewood Brook, & chaplain to Warringah Rugby Club. Pip Taylor was trained for 1 year as a Ministry Apprentice in a range of ministries. Rev Bill Graham continued

to serve at the church and in the village. I praise God for his partnership in Christ.

New Building. WAC moved into a new purpose built facility at Warriewood Brook in October last year and are grateful to the ARV for the fantastic facility.

Please continue to pray for God's people at Warriewood Anglican Church that we would be a light for Christ in Warriewood.

Grant Gallant

ANNUAL REPORT ASSISTANT MINISTER DAVE MIERS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON KIDS MINISTRY

In 2012 Lighthouse (for years 3-4) and Grommets (for years 5-6) continued to be great programs for connecting with kids in our local community. Our leadership teams were significantly younger than in 2011, but we were suitably served by Lisa McDonald and Matt & Rell Weeks as parent helpers. Tadhg Parker and Demi-Rose Reeves were the two key coordinators and did an excellent job at training and empowering our young leadership team. We have on average 35 kids engaged each week with another 35 contacts on our contact list. Grommets had a WINTERCAMP in Collaroy that was well attended.

YOUTH MINISTRY

In 2012 SOULIES Senior Crew (year 10-12) relocated to meet at the same Clarke Street location as SOULIES Junior Crew (year 7-9). This move has enabled our community to share a meal together each week and given the opportunity for the older youth to serve the younger. 2012 kicked off with a new SummerCamp - this provided great momentum to the year. Our key coordinators in 2012 were Rob Hooley, Ellen Stretton, Jake Berry, Stuey Robinson, Alice Glyde and Luke Curnow. And they helped lead a team of 25 other volunteers in this ministry. By the end of the year we were averaging 95 people each week on Friday nights and approximately 50 in our Small Groups on Sundays. There are currently 180 young people on our contact list. Most of our year was spent working through John's gospel. We also launched a new camp for year 10s as part of Confirmation prep called CREED CAMP. This was a valuable time digging into God's word and the historic Christian faith and also building community among the year 10s. In our local high schools, St Faith's continues to help with running Christian groups in Cromer, Manly, Freshwater and Narrabeen. Continue to pray that every teenager on the Northern Beaches would hear the good news that Jesus loves them.

YOUNG ADULTS

The core programs for young adults at St Faith's is Night Church and Small Groups. To help engage this community we also ran a number of events after church or instead of small groups in 2012. Each of these events had good participation and our hope is that these events will be a good way to engage the young adult fringe of night church as well as their friends.

ARVO CHURCH

Ben Molyneux and a small team began this new church service in February 2012. I began leading this congregation at the end of 2012. By the end of the year there were approximately 30 adults and 15 kids regularly meeting at church. Our prayer is that this new church service will continue to grow as it reaches out to our local community with the good news of Jesus. In 2013 there are plans to advertise the church service more broadly to seek to reach out to the many young professionals and families moving into our immediate area.

ONE.LIFE.

As a church we are "radically committed to impacting the world with Christ's love". In 2012 we launched a new outreach course called ONE.LIFE. It is based on Christianity Explored and Mark's Gospel. We ran the course 4 times throughout the

year with 151 people in attendance. Of those 151 approximately 40 of them were enquirers. As far as we can tell, 5 people became Christian through the course. Praise God! We are actively following people up and seeking to incorporate them into our church community. As well as helping non-Christians to understand the Christian faith, our other aim was to encourage Christians with the gospel and the value of this course. in 2013 we plan to run the course 5 times.

WEBSITE

We know that many people will visit a church website before they visit a church. At St Faith's we are keen to have a great website!! For the second half of the year I worked with a web designer to develop a new church website. He did a fantastic job!! Our hope is that this site will be a great front door for new people and a great resource for regular members of our church. WWW.STFAITHS.NET launched at the beginning of 2013.

THANKS

I'm thankful to St Faith's for the privilege of serving in this community by pointing people Christ. We continue to feel loved and supported by our church family. Ultimately our thanks is to God for St Faith's and the new life we share together because of the empty cross and empty grave of Jesus.

Rev. Dave Miers

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Wardens' Report for 2012

2012 was a year saddened by the death of long standing warden and friend Jim Bannister. We know that Jim will be welcomed home by his heavenly Father, but his passing leaves a huge hole in so many people's hearts. Jim was a remarkable person who has served the people of Narrabeen and his church so faithfully over so many years. He was a great ideas man, some of which were outlandish, but most were practical ways to share the Gospel. If it wasn't for Jim, there would be no Gumnut kindergarten, Counselling centre, PIN Fund, Foundation Fund and the St Faith's Bible College, which was designed to help Christians grow in their faith and understanding of God. Jim was a real 'larger than life' Christian whose personality reflected his love for Christ. Jim could never be accused of not walking the walk and talking the talk. His love for Jesus was infectious. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife, Christine and their family.

We give thanks to God for the way his people have contributed both financially and personally to the work here at St. Faith's ending the year with a small surplus. The church continues to provide a solid supportive ministry through its small groups as well as providing meals and assistance to those in need.

During the year the church has been given a facelift, having been painted throughout, and in 2013 we are planning to recarpet the entire church. The money used for these projects has come out of provisions for capital expenditure.

We are blessed to have solid biblical teaching through our ministry team and are greatly appreciative of the efforts of Kerry and Philip at Traditional church, Grant at WAC, Ben at Morning, Arvo and Evening church, Neil at the Gathering, Tony at War Vets and Dave who provides encouragement to our youth at evening church and helped Ben at Arvo church, which he has now taken over. Together with the music teams and all those who assist in the running of all matters of our church services we are extremely grateful.

We farewell Mike and Pip Taylor, who helped serve at WAC as MTS students and St. Faith's, and our student minister, Trent McGrath and his wife, Alice will be moving to another church in 2013. Trent has been of great assistance mainly at the evening service and he and Alice in her role of leading music, will be sadly missed. Rosemary McGregor in the earlier part of the year and later Charis Duce who took over after Rosemary had her baby, have ably led our women's ministry in a loving and caring way during the year.

As always, we are so indebted to Ruth Watson who is ably assisted by Christine Lanceley, Nina Gilmore and Lisa Duce for all the work they do in maintaining the church office. Their obliging natures and the friendship that is shown to parishioners who walk through the office doors is remarkable.

Stuart Neilson continues to provide us with prudent financial guidance as treasurer and David Curnow provides us with his excellent auditing skills. Geoff Wardle counts the money every week to make sure that all is correct. Unfortunately, it is impossible to thank everyone that helps to keep our church functioning as well as it does, but to

all those not mentioned we are extremely grateful for your help.

May 2013 be a year of spiritual growth for the St. Faith\$ community and we all have a greater desire to see the name of Jesus glorified in our community.

Stuart Neilson

Mandy Nabb

David While

Tim Harpur

Gumnut Kindergarten Director's Report for 2012

2012 was a challenging year for Gumnut. After having been full on the books for 2012 initially, in October 2011, due to people moving, changing jobs etc, we were unable to refill their positions and consequently started the year down in numbers by about 20 places! Fortunately we were given two unexpected government grants and the low numbers gave us a little breathing space to prepare for assessment and by May we were full.

Being one of the first centres to undergo assessment under the National Quality Framework was quite daunting for all of the staff. Having worked together for such a long time enabled us to support each other. I would like to thank Allira Bowen, Jackie Hardwick, Victoria Taylor, Natalie Leeson, Paula Curnow and Maro Evangelides for ~~we~~ serving wholeheartedly, as if serving the Lord, not men+.

We have been approved as ~~Meeting~~ Meeting Quality Standards+ with exceeding in Quality Area 6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities. Our next assessment will be due in 2015. Special thanks to the Management Committee led by Luke Larrea for their wisdom and help.

With the weight of assessment off our shoulders 2013, looks like being an exciting year. The children have settled in well and our enrolments are full. We look forward to celebrating both Gumnut's 20th birthday and Jackie's 20th year and retirement.

Once again we thank God for the privilege of working at Gumnut and the wonderful opportunities it gives us to share His love and gifts with our community.

Patricia Appleby

Director

The Cottage Counselling Centre

2012 Annual Report

Our privilege of serving counselling clients has again led us through a challenging and immensely rewarding year. Clients have seen healing in their hearts and lives and hope in their relationships thanks largely to the dedication and professionalism of the counsellors at The Cottage. We are so inspired by our clients' strength and resilience and the way our Lord brings fullness and joy into their lives that we are determined that our work must continue. The reward is the healing we see but the challenge remains finding the money to continue. In 2012 we incurred a significant financial loss and while we are assured of God's faithfulness to provide we are also committed to working alongside Him to bring in enough to keep our service afloat. In that, we need all the support we can get.

Early in 2012 we were greatly saddened by the passing of Jim Bannister. Although Jim had recently retired from the Management Committee as its long time Treasurer and founding member, his friendship with the Cottage was unwavering. His passing was such a loss to many but we are comforted by His deep faith and have prayed for his wife, Christine and their family in his absence. Jim's enthusiastic support, ready encouragement and hard work often ensured a steady path for The Cottage even when obstacles arose in all the years he served with us since 1996.

By mid year St Paul's Anglican Church in Chatswood had made the decision that they were no longer able to donate a room for counselling due to pressure on their building space. Chatswood had been a popular and handy location for many clients, some locals and some on their way home from working in the CBD. The St Paul's community are looking forward to a vibrant new building plan and our relationship with them may enable our presence there again as time goes on and space availability is more flexible. Meanwhile counsellors and clients using the Chatswood room were reallocated to other venues and have not been disadvantaged by the change but it was a little sad to say goodbye to the memories of God's provision and healing that took place there. With Lindfield's St Albans Anglican capably holding up the North Shore end of the service we are now down to a still substantial five sites.

In recent years any friend of the Cottage knows that our greatest challenge has become fundraising. In 2012 we again faced the challenge and have made it further up the learning curve. For the first time ever the Management Committee made the decision to employ the Director. Even with her client fees still supporting the position the financial implications have meant our fundraising efforts are all the more vital and pressing. In 2012 financial support was gained through these strategies;

- Grow a Goatee Campaign: The second year of this campaign engaged the support of another amazing team of increasingly hairy faced men and their supporters. Although

less successful than the previous year, when all was said and done we received over \$9000, which was an enormous benefit still.

- General Donations: Individual supporters continue to inspire us in their generosity, a real answer to prayer. Gumnut Kindy continue to donate quarterly and remain warm friends in cooperation with The Cottage. In addition some of our partner churches have continue to be faithful supporters including St Stephen's Anglican Church Belrose, St John's Anglican Church Dee Why and St Alban's Anglican Church Lindfield. St Faith's Anglican Church in Narrabeen where our head quarters are has been generous in funding several needs over the course of 2012. Together all donations totalled over \$12000.
- Sponsorship: Consistent though small, this regular monthly income by individual supporters has been a great encouragement.

The challenge for 2013 is to again better our efforts in fundraising. Despite the generosity of all those mentioned above we ran at a greater than \$20 000 loss for the year. A trend we are simply unable to sustain. While we are saddened by this we remain amazed that the Lord has sustained us so long. His faithfulness has allowed us to come further than ever looked possible and our task now is to continue to work alongside Him in the challenge. Please pray for us and lend a hand where you can.

Counselling Team

Our counsellors remain our most remarkable and valuable assets. They continue to come alongside those in grief and pain with warmth as well as professionalism. Many of them have been with us for years and some are filling out our capacity to meet the ever growing need. In 2012 there were 14 counsellors, all contracted part time except the Director. Here are some of the other changes that have taken place...

Louise Andrew began with the Cottage in 2007 and was instrumental in the beginnings of both the Chatswood and Dee Why rooms. She was a generous and highly participatory member of the team and an enthusiastic support of the Cottage generally. Her professionalism was always evident and she gave generously and skilfully into many lives while she was with us. At the end of the year she was farewelled to work in another service where we know she will be a blessing.

Louella Covich, the spear head of our child and adolescent counselling, left us shortly before the birth of her first child, James Christopher. Louella's talent and hard work enabled the Cottage to grow its reputation for providing accessible services to children and young people in the community and she was a gifted support to many a young client. We all wish her and her new family every blessing and know she could not be better equipped for parenthood.

The Cottage also saw the development of another new Christian counsellor, Emily Gilmour, our 2012 intern. Emily proved herself a very capable candidate and talented counsellor. Although her client load was slow to start off, in the end she was so popular with her clients she was really in demand. Emily's internship has come to

end but her counselling continues to provide support through private rooms in Strathfield. We wish her the very best and look forward to keeping in touch.

A new addition to the team arrived in late 2012 in James Wood. James has considerable experience as a Christian Youth Worker in western Sydney and joins us to provide counselling to children and young people. His experience is very welcome and we look forward to his contribution to the team.

Volunteers

Where would the Cottage be without volunteers?! We simply could not exist. There is such a group to thank that a whole new report is almost necessary.

- Maro Evangelides who kept us clean and tidy at Narrabeen
- Nathan Gillespie who sorts out our website and answers our less than knowledgeable IT concerns
- Jenny Sullivan who takes care of petty cash and purchasing (and most importantly the milk for the fridge)
- Merri Cusworth who rebuilt our book keeping systems from the ground up
- And lastly and so generously Rob Jacobs who learned a whole new career in book keeping in 2012 when he and Merri revamped and updated our accounts. Every week he keeps us up to date and in the black and has even mastered the art of paymaster. Thank you Rob you have truly been heaven sent and a joy to have around.

Service Outcomes

One thing remains clear, the need for counselling is growing. In 2012 we provided over 4300 hours of counselling, up over 500 hours on 2011. Referrals remain similar in profile, ranging from children to aged, individuals to couples and families and across a remarkable diversity of presenting problems. Common issues include; depression, anxiety, grief, domestic and family violence, separation and divorce, childhood abuse, addictions, parenting, communication and conflict resolution.

Below is the breakdown of the use of each of our rooms. Narrabeen has two counselling rooms and each of the other sites only one.

Location	Hours of Counselling
Narrabeen	2589
Dee Why	482
Manly	405
Belrose	360
Lindfield	361
Chatswood	117
Total	4314

Children and young people made up 336 hours over the year, twice as many as the previous year. We are seeing a steady number of referrals for children, many of them affected by anxiety but also by family breakdown and domestic violence. It has become a vital need.

Our average fee for a session remains approximately \$67 but fees range from just a few dollars (in dire circumstances) to \$120 per session. We never turn anyone away and will always ensure financial constraints do not stop people from receiving the help they need.

All finishing clients are sent feedback forms to help us evaluate our work. Feedback forms consistently indicate that;

1. Clients feel safe and understood by their counsellors,
2. Clients are able to state significant changes that have taken place in their lives and
3. that they would recommend the service to a friend.

Management Committee

Our committee is occupied largely by representatives from most of our partner churches and Ross Jones remains in the role of President. Their greatest challenge is, of course, funding the service but they have steered us through many other issues along the way as well. We are still seeking a Treasurer who can assist us to manage our meagre accounts and support fundraising efforts.

President	Ross Jones	Vice President	Helen Carruthers
Treasurer	Vacant	Secretary	Lindsay Walton
Ordained Member	Rev. Steven Salmon	Professional Member	Lynne Tripet
St Paul's Rep.	Donna Burton		

Genevieve Cribb
 BSW MHA MAASW(Acc)
 Director
 February 2013



Gumtrees (Thursday) Playtime Report for 2012

Gumtrees Playtime met again in 2012. We had on average 18 carers each term, the majority mothers, occasional grandmothers and nannies. There was an average of 30 babies and children each week, reaching its peak of 36 children in Term 2. There was a mixture of church and non-church families joining us. We continued to have time for free play, music, story time and craft each week. We also have made use of the outside garden, sandpit, water table and bikes on fine days.

We covered a different topic each term, these included *Colours, Zoo Animals, Clothes and Fruit*. The children displayed great enjoyment from all of these topics craft experiences.

In addition to the program for the children, the mums, and carers that came were able to get to know each other and share the ups and downs of caring for little ones. Several mothers also enrolled their children into Gumnut Kindergarten for 2013 due to the interaction with several of the church mothers who attend with their children each week.

Two events were also organized throughout the year for the mothers and carers who attend both the Wednesday and Thursday Playtimes. This included a Cup Cake Decorating Night and dinner, hosted by Yvette Molyneux. And Christmas Dinner and Gingerbread House Building hosted by Jenny Nagel. Both were a hit and enjoyed by all who came along.

This year's team of women who coordinated and planned Gumtrees included Natalie Berrill (Gathering), Conny Symons (10:30), Sally Spedding (10:30) and myself (10:30). Rowena Myers (10:30), Beck McCausland (Gathering) assisted through Term 1-2, Ashley Hooker (Gathering) from Term 3-4. Both Natalie and Ashley showed tremendous dedication as they both had newborns through the year and the support from all these women after my miscarriage in Term 1 was outstanding.

Gumtrees is a ministry that runs across a number of the congregations of St Faiths. This is a great blessing. A huge thanks to these women who make this vital ministry happen in the midst of such busy lives looking after little ones!

Gumtrees Playtime is a unique opportunity to serve our community. We are looking forward to another year of connecting with local families through this ministry.

Praise God for the establishment of Wednesdays Gumtrees Playtime and the growth of this new group.

Please pray for this ministry, for those leading it in 2013, Natalie, Conny, Sally, Ashley and myself, for refreshment and dedication.
Pray for more congregation members to be involved!

Pray for continued good relationships between the Christian and non-Christians families.

Pray for the little children now attending Gumnut Kindergarten and the teachers
Please pray that Christ's love will shine through our conversations and love for these women, children and babies, and that a curiosity about Jesus will be stirred amongst those who don't yet know him.

If you have friends or family that you think would benefit from this ministry, please tell them about it. We meet from 9.30-11.30am every Wednesday and Thursday morning of the school term.

Elizabeth Larrea
(Now attending church at Holy Trinity Beacon Hill, 10am)

RECONCILIATION OF (Thursdays) PLAYTIME FEES FOR 2012

Fees received this year:

Term 1	-	\$200.00
Term 2	-	\$235.00
Term 3	-	\$320.00 = \$185 + \$135 cupcake night
Term 4	-	\$140.00
Total Fees	-	\$895.00

Expenses:

Term1

Tea/ coffee/ cups **\$19.58**

Term2

Outside slippery dip/ foam cups **\$60.28**

Term 3

Variety stickers etc/coffee tea/ foam cups spoons/ glue sticks/ art paper/ rhinestones/
morning tea food/ t-shirts/ onesies/ t-shirt transfers/ felt/ paint/ beads and threading
foam/ chalk/ glitter/ paper cutouts/ stationary/

Cupcake night- flowers drinks chocolates tissue paper/ Thai take away

\$633.49

Term 4

Glue sticks/ cleaning sponges/ cups/ craft foam stars/fabric paint/ Calico bags/ toy
tea set/

toy plastic fruit and basket set/ chalk/ stationary/ paint/ glitter/ cups/ wall clock

\$204.63

Total Expenses (Cash)

\$917.98

Net Difference
donations)

-\$22.98 (over spent covered by

Cash in Thursdays Playtime Kitty at the end of 2012 was \$18.20

This money has been rolled over into 2013 kitty for immediate use for craft supplies.

Elizabeth Larrea

January 2014



Wednesday Gumtrees Playtime Report for 2012

What an encouragement it has been to see Gumtrees Playtime ministry grow and grow. The size and success of the Thursday Playtime indicated the growing need in our immediate community for a time and place for parents/carers and their children to meet and play. It seemed to be a perfect platform to reach out and serve parents/carers living in the units surrounding St. Faiths. It was decided that it would be worthwhile to start running Gumtrees playtime on a second day.

Wednesday Gumtrees Playtime started meeting in the second half of 2012. The group began with 6 carers and 6 children from ARVO Church. Over the course of the first term of meeting we grew to an average of 16 carers and 20 children. Of these 7 were St. Faiths members. The rest were non-church goers who heard of Gumtrees Playtime through the Thursday playtime group, through a mothers group or by word of mouth.

Our program began at 9:30am with free play, then paused at around 10:00am for kids to have their morning tea and the parents/carers to have a cuppa. From 10:45am we came together for our hello-song, a story and craft. We wrapped up our mornings with some singing and dancing and finished at around 11:30am. We covered a different topic each term, these included Weather and Shapes. The children enjoyed hearing stories, singing songs and making crafts all related to our topic. They got to experience a variety of art/craft mediums like paint, collage, crayon, clay, watercolours and playdough.

While the children enjoyed the program, the parents and carers were able to get to know each other, and many have formed friendships that have extended beyond our Wednesday meetings. A number of those attending have offered to run a craft or bring morning tea for the adults. It has been lovely to see this group grow into a little community of

friendship and support as we share the joys and challenges of caring for our little ones. I personally have even had the opportunity to offer practical help and prayer support to a few of the mums having a tough time.

As of the beginning of 2013 we have 23 parents/carers and 28 babies and kids registered for our Wednesday program, and we hope to continue to grow.

Gumtrees Playtime is a wonderful opportunity for our church to serve our community. We are looking forward to another year of connecting with local families through this ministry. Your prayer support of this ministry is highly valuable and much appreciated.

Pray for deepening and strengthening of the relationships between Christian and Non-Christian attendees.

Please pray that Christ's love will shine through our conversations and love for these carers, children and babies, and that a curiosity about Jesus will be stirred amongst those who don't yet know him. Pray that we might be strategically thinking about whom we can be inviting to church events like ONE LIFE.

Please pray for the women helping run the Wednesday playtime; Michelle Potter, Michelle Thompson-Laing, Fiona Copper, Lyndal Mannall and myself. Pray for enthusiasm and refreshment throughout the year.

If you have friends or family that you think would benefit from this ministry, please tell them about it. We meet from 9.30-11.30am every Wednesday and Thursday morning during the school term.

Emma Morton
ARVO Church

ST. FAITH'S QUILTING & NEEDLECRAFT CLUB

The Club continues to be a weekly happy time of friendship and fellowship, not only for members of St. Faith's church but also as an outreach into the community. We even have regular interstate and overseas visitors who, while visit their family in Sydney, come and join us each week. We have a short devotion by one of our members during morning tea.

As well as creating our own quilts we have continue t support M.A.G. (CMS Mission Aid Group), Mothersq Union, Bear Cottage, Northern Beaches Refuge Centre and Anglicare, with donations and handmade goods . over 260 items this year.

Again our %Biggest Morning Tea, Quilt Show and Crafts Stall in May was very successful, raising over \$2000 for the Cancer Council.

We would like to thank the more able bodied people who put away the tables for the ladies. It is a great help.

We look forward to the coming creative year. New members are always welcome.

Judith Baker

ST. FAITH'S MOTHERS' UNION ANNUAL REPORT 2012

2012 brought the sad news for us that our President, Mrs Caroline Nott could no longer carry on as our Mothers Union President, due to family commitments. We do thank her for her wonderful service to us all over several years. The Meetings and Luncheons, she organized were well attended and enjoyed. Thank you Caroline and we do hope we will have you back with us again in the future.

I took over in June and in July we held our Deanery Day with St. John's, Dee Why. Helen Cooney from Mothers Union Sydney Executive was our speaker, which was enjoyed by about forty-five members and visitors.

The Minister Ben Molyneux helped us by sending about 12 young teenagers (boys and girls) to help us put up tables and serve out luncheon and this added to the great atmosphere and success of the day. We do thank you Ben, and the young folk for all their help, so lovingly and willingly given. Heather Gough come to speak to us in September, she is the Co-coordinator of all the Maternity Units at Mona Vale, Hornsby and Manly Hospitals. She told us all about the re-building and alterations to Mona Vale Maternity Hospital and advised us that we could recommence our hospital visiting to the new mothers and their babies in February 2013. We are delighted to do this and will liaise with her over the future date.

We are very thrilled to hear that the Executive at Mona Vale Hospital have decided to name the Unit after Karen Draddy, who passed away recently, and had been Head of the Maternity Unit for many years and she opened the way for the commencement of our visiting some years ago.

Our Craft Day in October was well attended and enjoyed. We enjoyed Christmas Luncheon in November was held at the Dardanelles at the R.S.L. War Veterans Retirement Village and we were delighted to welcome our guest Rev and Mrs Kerry Nagel and members and visitors. We look forward to 2013 and hope to encourage many new members to help us continue all our projects within our wonderful Mothers Union spanning the whole world with currently four million members.

Shirl Wilson
President