

***Bald Hills  
Presbyterian Church***



***Annual Reports***

**2020**

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## Pastor's Report

**The year 2020** was strange to say the least. Unprecedented. At least that's what everyone kept saying, so it must have been true. No one would have suspected at the start of 2020 that by March we would be in lockdown, with most of the world, and gathering for church from our computer screens at home for four months. Many plans were put on hold, and activities ceased or suspended. But at the same time, it was a pleasure to see the way our Church continued moving forward despite the difficulties. People stepped up to use their skills in different ways to make sure we could continue to gather online, and to keep encouraging each other in our strange new situation. The elders pulled together to ensure that people were cared for and communicated with. The Committee of Management made sure the necessary resources were available. Many of our groups continued to meet online, and individual members gave encouragement and support in various ways. We stayed together as a Church.

**When Lockdown was over**, it was a pleasure to see so many people so keen to return to Church in person, and I feel like we have adapted to the 'new normal' at Church very smoothly. Live streaming Church is standard for now, as we continue to reach out to those who can't be at Church in person. We've also continued to see gradual growth in numbers, and I believe, growth in the maturity of faith in our members. In many ways, the basics of Church life didn't change, as we've kept growing in God's word together.

**As we move forward into the year 2021**, we'll find that many of the plans and activities that were stalled or put on hold in 2020, can now move forward with greater purpose and enthusiasm. Our Vision statement as a Church still reads that we are:

"A community that works to see people loved, saved, and changed by Jesus".

As the Session have continued to read through 'The Trellis and the Vine' and the follow-up book 'The Vine Project', we plan to continue to encourage that grass roots, person to person discipleship, so that ultimately, the goal that we will all have for every person, non-Christian and Christian alike, is: to see them loved by Jesus, saved through faith in Him, and changed to become more like him.

As Paul says in **Colossians 1:28**: *He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.*

**Ask yourself this year**, how are you growing as a disciple of Jesus, and how are you helping others to grow? How are you taking up your cross and following Jesus? How are you loving your fellow Christians and putting their needs before your own? How are you helping the lost to come to know Jesus? Much of our focus this year will be on Discipleship and growing through relationship. We've begun the year looking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 1 Corinthians and learning about loving each other. Our Church camp will focus on the Great Commission, and in Term 2 we'll focus on personal evangelism. We'll learn God's wisdom for Life in Term 3 in the book of Proverbs, and in Term 4 we'll begin studying one of the New Testament's great Discipleship Manuals, the Gospel of Matthew. Growth Groups continue to be wonderful places to delve deeper into the word we're studying at Church, and to grow in relationship together. **Please be praying** that we would go forward together in God's strength. Let's continue to serve each other in love, as we grow in unity and maturity as Disciples of Jesus, and as we reach those around us with the good news of salvation, to the glory of God.

*Brad Fletcher*

## **Session Statement**

*“It was he (Christ) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Eph 4:11-16 NIV*

As the Session looks back over 2020, it does so with a sense of wonder for God’s grace and appreciation for the faith of the congregation, despite our inability to meet face-to-face for a significant time. This past year has been one of great turmoil in the world, with the spread of COVID\_19 and the restrictions imposed by governments both State and Federal, in an effort to contain its’ spread. Session would like to express its’ appreciation to Michael Young and the tech team for the sterling work they undertook to video each week’s sermon so that we could continue to worship God, even though we could not leave our homes. And God has blessed this ministry so that our congregation not only survived but grew during the restrictions.

We have very much appreciated Brad’s ministry in faithfully pastoring the congregation through his preaching, teaching and discipleship, leadership of study groups, pastoral care and visitation, and his general enthusiasm and encouragement. We give praise to God for His providence in sending Brad, Jo and the family to BHPC, and for the way in which they have continued to integrate into the church family and become enmeshed in the life of the church.

During the year, the Session worked through the book “The Vine Project”, the follow on to “The Trellis and the Vine” and began thinking through how we could implement the ministry principles and suggested processes it covered. Session is encouraged by the number of people who have read “The Trellis and the Vine” and who have discussed its contents together.

The 2019 Session Statement included a number of areas that we planned to focus on in 2020. Unfortunately, we were unable to provide any real effort towards achieving most of these goals because of Government restrictions and our necessary efforts to maintain our ministry during the pandemic. We pray that we will be more successful in achieving these goals in 2021.

Areas that we are seeking to focus on are:

- Encouraging all our people to serve in a ministry such that we are all engaged appropriate to our gifts and abilities, and level of spiritual maturity,
- Involving young people, as appropriate, in the life and work of the church,
- Continuing faithful preaching of God’s Word,
- Providing consistent pastoral care – appropriate and relevant care for all our people,
- Training in personal evangelism and sharing our faith,
- Holding a church camp in 2021,

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- Promoting hospitality,
- Enabling intentional discipleship,
- Strengthening Growth Groups – look at uptake, number and location, regrouping,
- Revisiting our Purpose, Mission Statement and 10-year plan.

During 2020 we experienced sadness with the passing of Bill Quinn and Mavis Nibbs. This sadness was magnified by the restrictions to gatherings applicable at the time which meant we were unable to say a proper farewell. Several of our church family struggled with serious illnesses, the death of loved ones, and other major issues through the year, and we are thankful for the ongoing support and encouragement evident across our church family. We recognise that there are those in our fellowship who suffer from ill health and the effects of age, and we pray for a measure of improvement and the ability to continue in fellowship with us. There are also those who face personal issues, and we seek to prayerfully support them also as they face difficult times.

Our Growth Groups continued this year meeting regularly both face-to-face and by video chat software. We are thankful to the members of the congregation who allowed us to use their own personal video software so that most groups were able to continue to meet at the same time. The Session encourages all who are able, to join a suitable group as we see this as a primary means of growing in our maturity as Christians.

Because of the risk of COVID\_19, we were unable to be as involved as we would have liked with the Chaplaincy work at Bald Hills State School. During Term 1, we continued our support of the School Breakfast Club, and subsequently, the Committee of Management graciously provided monetary support each week to assist the Chaplain (Kylie Conomos) as she provided support to the school children and their families, many of whom were directly impacted by the economic realities of the COVID\_19 lockdown. The restrictions had been sufficiently relaxed by the end of the year that we were able to share God's love with the community by contributing to the Pine Rivers Care Network Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Kid's Church during the service time has again proved to be effective in meeting the needs of young families. The teaching was shared between two teams and was a very valuable ministry to the children. We appreciate the commitment of those involved and thank them for their valuable work.

Unfortunately, The Girls' Brigade Company could not restart in 2020 due to a number of issues, but in particular a lack of numbers. We very much appreciated the commitment and work of Margaret, Samantha, Michelle and the other leaders and helpers with the Girl's Brigade and pray that we may be able to build up our ministry to young families to again provide effective discipleship of our Youth and outreach into the community.

Playgroup has not restarted since the COVID\_19 restrictions commenced though a number of unofficial get togethers were held in the park to keep in touch during the year.

The Session continues to be greatly encouraged with the ongoing ministry of the Women's Committee which was restructured during the year and is now called "Women's Connect". Its purpose is still to achieve measurable objectives such as holding events/activities, etc and to build relationships among the women - all with a view to be God-honouring and grow as disciples of Jesus together.

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After an unsuccessful attempt early in the year, no Men's activities were held during 2020. It is hoped that we will be able to recommence them once things return to the "new normal".

The Mission Action Team (MAT) was again very diligent in keeping us focussed on gospel ministry work outside our congregation. One event was held during the year which included video messages from a number of our supported missionaries. MAT was able to successfully conduct our usual involvement with Christmas parcels and Samaritan's Purse appeals.

We appreciate the positive and responsible stewardship of the Committee of Management in their oversight of the church's finances and assets. The Committee continued to provide effective stewardship and management of the church's temporal affairs and managed a range of projects and minor works effectively and efficiently through the year, including new cupboards in the church hall, acquiring new Video and audio equipment and installing solar panels, plus many small repairs and maintenance tasks.

The year culminated with our Carol's Service on 20 December, which was extremely well supported, and which included a sausage sizzle. We are thankful to all the many helpers who assisted in the Carol Service and in preparing and serving the food in a COVID safe manner.

During the year, the Presbyterian Church of Queensland faced a significant crisis in its PresCare work. Elder Paul Cotton was appointed PCQ Treasurer and Chairman of the PresCare Board and is still heavily involved in the work to extract the Church from the financial minefield that it finds itself embroiled in. The Church is indeed blessed to have a man with Paul's abilities to help in this crisis. The Church continues to seek to both consolidate its financial position and to create a structure that will ensure that such a situation cannot recur. The Session has sought to encourage Paul in his work with PCQ and to that end, Session appointed Bill Harvey to replace him as Session Clerk midway through 2020.

The Session is very grateful for the hard work and commitment of all who are involved in the life of the Church at Bald Hills over the year, despite the less-than-ideal conditions forced upon us. Your contribution to the Church's activities, regular events and programs is greatly appreciated, and the Church has continued to benefit accordingly. On behalf of the congregation, we extend special thanks to the leaders, convenors, teachers, assistants, musicians, office bearers, console operators, kitchen helpers and 'behind the scenes' supporters for your diligent preparation, offering of time and resources, and your dedication to the task. We give thanks to our Lord that we have a Godly and committed group of dedicated Christian people here at Bald Hills Presbyterian Church and we pray that God will bless the ongoing ministry and mission work of preaching, teaching and discipling into 2021.

For and on behalf of the Bald Hills Session

*Bill Harvey*

Session Clerk

## **Committee of Management**

The Committee of Management held 6 bi-monthly meetings in 2020. The elected members were Sarah Bowden (Treasurer), Barry Aston, Len Croker, Kristine Croker, Alan Whyte, Josh Smith, Evan Penny, Michael Young and John Vyver (Secretary). Some elders attended the meetings in an ex-officio capacity and the meetings were chaired by Brad Fletcher or Paul Cotton (our vice-chairman) in his absence.

Rosters were drawn up for regular cleaning, safety audits, mowing, morning tea duties and door duty on Sundays. We fully appreciate all those who have assisted with these tasks.

During the year further minor maintenance work was carried out on the manse which included the manse garage doors and the install of drainage slots. A 30kw solar panel installation was completed as well as upgrades to external and internal lighting. Improvements were made to the church audio visual system with the purchase of a new camera, tripod, microphones and computer to facilitate the recording of church services. A new replacement refrigerator was also purchased for the kitchen. Storage cupboards were installed to the rear wall of the church hall as well as wall mounted fans.

A commercial Cleaner has been engaged to carry out a weekly Saturday clean of the church over the COVID\_19 restriction period.

A working bee was carried out at the church in October which was well attended and included a thorough clean out of both the inside and outside of the property.

Thanks to all the volunteers who gave freely of their spare time to carry out repairs and maintenance to the property and kept the garden and hedges trimmed and neat.

We praise God that we were able to meet all our budget commitments.

The Committee appreciates the contribution of labour and ideas for improvements and thanks the congregation for their prayerful and practical support to help the Committee of Management make wise decisions in matters of finance and stewardship.

To God be the glory

*John Vyver*  
Secretary

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### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 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 Associations Incorporations Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report 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.

#### Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bald Hills Presbyterian Church as at 31 December 2020 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of Queensland 1981

#### Emphasis of Matter

Without qualification to the opinion expressed above, attention is drawn to the following matter. Due to the inherent nature of such Associations, controls over cash are weak, which is largely due to small number of staff and the lack of segregation of duties. Our audit is limited to testing receipts from their first recording in the Association's books of original entry and may not detect where cash is received and not recorded in the books and records of the Association.

*Melissa Smith* CPA

Stratus Accounting Services Pty Ltd

### BALANCE SHEET for the year ended 31 December 2020

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Main Cheque Account	66,272	27,197
NAB Business Cash Maximiser	15,563	15,554
NAB BHPC Women A/c	797	797
PCQ Capital Fund	74,386	72,124
GST Receivable	314	1,065
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>157,331</b>	<b>116,738</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Plant & Equipment	161,566	137,645
less: Accumulated Depreciation	-36,965	-28,068
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>124,601</b>	<b>109,577</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>281,932</b>	<b>226,315</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		
Accumulated Surplus	281,932	226,315
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>281,932</b>	<b>226,315</b>



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### Plant & Equipment/Capital Works Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 December 2020

			DISPOSAL		ADDITION			DEPRECIATION			LOSS		
			Total	OWDV	Date	Date	Cost	Value	T	Rate	Deprec	CWDV	Total
Roof	14,852.18	4/07/10	14,852	11,329			-	11,329	P	2.50	371	10,958	-
Church Post Sign	3,881.82	10/03/10	3,882	437			-	437	D	20.00	87	350	-
Projectors	5,581.27	31/05/11	5,581	826			-	826	D	20.00	165	661	-
Microphone	701.82	30/09/11	702	20			-	20	D	55.00	11	9	-
Air Conditioner - Cry Room	350.00	15/01/12	350	59			-	59	D	20.00	12	47	-
Screen Door	339.09	13/07/12	339	222			-	222	P	8.00	27	195	-
Building Ventilation	320.00	23/11/12	320	209			-	209	P	8.00	26	183	-
TV & DVD	448.00	20/09/13	448	110			-	110	D	20.00	22	88	-
Kitchen Cabinets	1,825.00	20/11/13	1,825	1,544			-	1,544	P	2.50	46	1,498	-
Cajon (Drum)	250.00	27/03/15	250	87			-	87	D	20.00	17	70	-
Microphones	916.36	30/04/15	916	325			-	325	D	20.00	65	260	-
Projectors	2,408.18	30/12/15	2,408	985			-	985	D	20.00	197	788	-
Old Church - Painting	24,260.01	30/09/16	24,260	22,288			-	22,288	P	2.50	606	21,682	-
Hall Door Extension	4,610.90	23/12/16	4,610	4,263			-	4,263	P	2.50	115	4,148	-
Canon Photocopier	7,910.00	10/06/17	7,910	2,208			-	2,208	D	40.00	883	1,325	-
Gutter Guard	1,590.91	31/08/17	1,591	1,498			-	1,498	P	2.50	40	1,458	-
Manse Renovations	47,728.76	1/12/18	47,729	46,435			-	46,435	P	2.50	1,193	45,242	-
Sound System	11,227.27	29/10/18	11,227	8,666			-	8,666	D	20.00	1,733	6,933	-
Cabinets	4,195.00	18/7/19	4,195	4,147			-	4,147	P	2.50	105	4,042	-
Manse Renovations	1,640.00	12/3/19	1,640	1,607			-	1,607	P	2.50	41	1,566	-
2 Air Conditioners – Manse	1,500.00	21/1/19	1,500	1,216			-	1,216	D	20.00	243	973	-
Fridge – Church Kitchen-	1,110.91	9/12/19	1,110	1,097			-	1,097	D	20.00	219	878	-
Cupboards	3,808.00	17/8/20	3,808	0		17/8/20	3,808	3,808	P	2.50	36	3,772	
Video Camera & acc.	3,631.82	1/6/20	3,632	0		1/6/20	3,632	3,632	D	40.00	849	2,783	
Projectors	1,520.00	12/6/20	1,520	0		12/6/20	1,520	1,520	D	40.00	337	1,183	
Computer hardware	1,593.35	26/6/20	1,593	0		26/6/20	1,593	1,593	D	50.00	411	1,182	
Steam Cleaner	113.75	10/7/20	114	0		10/7/20	114	114	D	100.00	54	60	
Microphone Headsets	1,786.53	20/8/20	1,787	0		20/8/20	1,787	1,787	D	40.00	262	1,525	
Solar Panels	11,466.64	15/5/20	11,467	0		15/5/20	11,467	11,467	D	10.00	724	10,743	
			161,568	109,578			23,921	133,499			8,897	124,602	
							<b>Net Depreciation</b>				<b>8,897</b>		

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31st December 2020

<b>Income</b>	<b>2020</b> \$	<b>2019</b> \$
Bank Interest	2,284	1,927
BHPC Women	-	3,712
Craft	240	533
Jobkeeper	13,500	
Mission Action Team Receipts	50	1,218
Offerings	174,148	167,982
Other Income	77	157
Special Collection	2,540	2,217
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>192,838</b>	<b>177,746</b>

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31st December 2020

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Bank fees	2	2
BHPC Women Payments	-	3,247
Christian Support - Compassion Australia	576	576
Christian Support – BHSS Chaplaincy	2,480	1,148
Christian Support - PIM	1,749	
Christian Support – R & L Quinn	950	1,200
Christian Support - Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,200	2,400
Christian Support - Other	3,305	5,855
Church Functions	3,465	310
Church Ministries Other	1,958	3,715
Contractors	4,538	
Depreciation	8,897	7,173
<i>Loss on Disposal of Equipment</i>	-	-
Electricity/Gas	2,839	4,070
Insurance	249	4,547
Minister Resources	-	545
Office Expenses	694	666
PCQ = Assembly Assessment	12,012	12,300
PCQ – Ministry Support (Sustentation) Fund	4,776	4,776
PCQ - State Mission Program	4,992	4,536
Rates	4,426	4,466
Repairs & Maintenance	5,304	7,612
Special Collection Payments	-	2,294
Stipend	57,756	44,628
Subscriptions	391	
Sundry Expenses	1,444	1,151
Superannuation	10,488	9,934
Supply/Relieving Minister	1,200	1,400
Telephone & Internet	1,122	1,560
Travel	-	10,305
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>136,813</b>	<b>140,418</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>56,025</b>	<b>37,329</b>
Opening Retained Profits	226,315	188,986
Net Profit attributable	56,025	37,329
2019 GST Adjustment	- 408	-
<b>Closing Retained Profits</b>	<b>281,932</b>	<b>226,315</b>

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**PROPOSED BUDGET 2021**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Income</b>				
Total Offering	174,148	169,000	169,000	
<i>(offering per week)</i>	3349		3250	
Special Collections	2,540	2,500	2,500	
Donations	0	0	0	
Mission Action Team receipts	50	1,500	1,500	
BHPC Women Receipts	0	1,000	0	
Total Other Income	2,601	2,325	2,046	Capital Fund Interest
Job Keeper	13,500	0	0	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>192,838</b>	<b>176,325</b>	<b>175,046</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<u>Minister</u>				
Stipend	34,956	34,956	34,956	
Superannuation	10,488	10,488	10,488	
Ministry Allowance	10,668	10,668	10,668	
EPFB	12,132	12,132	12,132	
Manse Allowance	0	0	0	
<u>PCQ Assessments</u>				
Assembly Assessment	12,012	12,012	11,926	1% Decrease
Ministry Support Fund	4,776	4,776	4,776	
State Mission	4,992	4,993	5,235	5% Increase
Supply Preaching	1,200	1,400	1,400	
Church Ministries	1,958	7,000	5,000	
Church Functions	3,465	1,000	6,000	
Christian Support	10,260	9,549	23,500	
Repairs & Maintenance	5,304	10,000	15,000	
Rates	1,490	1,500	1,500	
Gas & Electricity	2,839	3,500	1,500	
Utilities	2,936	3,500	3,500	
Telephone & Internet	1,122	1,500	1,200	
Insurance	249	6,000	5,000	
Other Expenses	2,531	1,550	2,500	
Capital Works	28,458	77,113	41,500	
Mission Action Team Payments	0	1,697	0	
BHPC Women payments	0	1,797	0	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>151,837</b>	<b>217,131</b>	<b>197,781</b>	
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>41,002</b>	<b>(40,805)</b>	<b>(22,735)</b>	

\* Note the above 2020 Actuals excludes depreciation and includes current year asset purchases for comparison to budgeted expenditures.

## **Cameo Group**

In 2020 the CAMEO Group Came And Met Each Other on one occasion in February where we visited the Redcliffe Museum, followed by lunch at the Seafood Lovers Cafe at Margate.

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions, all further functions were curtailed.

Hopefully, we may resume in 2021 when the current precautions are relaxed.

*Howard Morgan*

## **Care Ministry**

Because of COVID\_19 this has been a year of many challenges requiring much change and thinking outside the square no more so than with our Care Ministry here at Bald Hills church. With the possibility of spreading this virus the Government brought in rules to follow which meant certain care practices had to be curtailed like visiting and offering meals in the name of the Bald Hills Presbyterian Church to those in need. However, we were still able to keep in contact by phone and work out a way of helping if help was urgently needed. Of course, prayer was always high on the agenda and a constant source of encouragement for all.

Our own family were the recipients of such love and caring which was greatly appreciated during a difficult time for us this year. I think 2020 has been a year for finding other ways to show the love of Jesus to those around us. With so much fear and uncertainty that the virus brought to the community, we, as Christians, had the opportunity to remind people of the hope that is to be found in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, a hope like no other hope, a sure hope which all people, whether or not they like to admit it, are searching for in these difficult times.

Our prayer for 2021 is that restrictions will ease so that we will be able to recommence caring for each other as we did before COVID\_19 and hopefully with even more love than before, having realized through this COVID\_19 just how precious relationships are with one another and with God. We look forward to a day when we will not have to be aware of all the rules and regulations concerning the caring of each other because of COVID\_19, a day when we will be able to hug each other and show our love for each other in true personal style instead of keeping our distance. In the meantime, I encourage each of us to do as much as possible to help our brother and sister in Christ and those in the community with whom we come in contact. God by His Spirit is working, he never slumbers or sleeps. We too must continue to show the love we have received from him through Jesus to this troubled world. May God bless you all abundantly in 2021.

John 13: 4 ESV *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

*Annette Smith*

### **Chaplaincy Support**

In 2020, our church again participated in and supported the Chaplaincy Program at the Bald Hills State School. This is a very good opportunity to be involved in mission work in our local area, and to help make a difference in the school community. The Chaplain, Mrs Kylie Conomos, is a member of the Bracken Ridge Baptist Church and is very committed to showing God's love and care in her role at the school - with over 500 students, 50 staff and all the families attached this can at times be quite a daunting task. Kylie and the school community are very appreciative of the support given to the program by BHPC.

A ministry that we provide, that is considered by Kylie and the school to be of great value, is the Breakfast Club, where on Tuesday mornings we supply and prepare a healthy range of food to help provide some nourishment to the children to start the day. There was of course a major disruption to this Ministry in 2020 due to the COVID restrictions, with it being put on hold in First Term and not running at all for the rest of the year. Breakfast Club has now resumed in first term 2021. There were eleven helpers from our church (Bill & Wendy Harvey (who also purchased the food), Alan & Karen Whyte, Mark & Samantha Fry, Barry & Margaret Sims, Mal & Sue Lawson & Paul Cotton), who prepared and served breakfast for the school children in the first term.

When the COVID restrictions first took effect, there was a significant impact on the school community, particularly with many families being impacted financially. The BHPC family responded to this need with very significant donations of groceries and money over an extended period. The church also has made regular ongoing contributions to support Kylie using the money that is normally provided to purchase the Breakfast Club supplies.

The church is also represented (by Brad & myself) on the Local Chaplaincy Committee, which provides guidance and support to the Chaplaincy work and oversees fund-raising.

Thank you to those who gave of their time to participate in this ministry, who gave material and financial donations throughout the year and to those who faithfully prayed for Chaplaincy. Kylie and the LCC would greatly value our ongoing prayers and support as they seek to serve God and show His love for the school community in 2021.

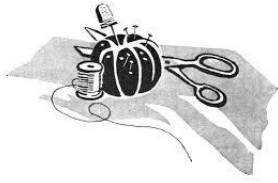
*Paul Cotton*

### **Craft Group (Triple C)**

The Triple C Club did not meet for most of 2020 due to COVID\_19. The group has recommenced in 2021 and meets every Wednesday morning at the Church (Govt Regulations permitting). All ladies are welcome.

*No Balance Sheet supplied for auditing*

### Thursday Ladies Craft Group (TLC)



Due to the events of 2020, there is little to report from our group. We met a few times after commencing in February but were shortly interrupted by the COVID\_19 lockdown. We kept crafting throughout the year but missed the weekly catch up. Finally, we were able to catch up (face to face) towards the end of the year for the usual coffee morning at the Crepe Cafe. With what cash we had on hand at the time, food was purchased and delivered to Kylie Conomos for the hampers being provided to families facing financial hardship at the outbreak of the pandemic. It was wonderful to be able provide help in this way and work with Kylie on this project.

After catching up for coffee in February this year, we have decided to trial meeting at the church once again, in the hall. Please come and join us. We meet Thursday mornings at 9.30am. Please bring your own morning tea and whatever craft project you're working on.

*"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me. .... The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25: 35,36 & 40*

*Samantha Fry*

### Dad's Army

In 2020, Dad's Army consisted of three volunteers, Laurie Blee, George Smith, and Howard Morgan, who met regularly on Tuesday mornings to carry out minor repairs and maintenance work on the Church buildings, contents and grounds. We busied ourselves doing general handyman type jobs. These included painting, cleaning, removing wasp nests and spider webs, water pressure cleaning, mowing, shrub trimming and gardening.

For the latter part of the year, a lot of the work was curtailed because of COVID\_19 restrictions and unavailability of members. However, we hope to resume activities when the COVID\_19 restrictions permit.

New volunteers will be welcome to come along and experience the fellowship.

*Howard Morgan*

### **Growth Group - Daytime**

Another year has passed that will be remembered more for the trials and tribulations which occurred, than for anything else. We are all another year older, a little wiser, and thankfully we were able to continue coming together enjoying each other's company around God's Word with the help of the studies prepared by Brad and helping each other to obtain a greater understanding of our Lord's word to us. We, as a group, or individuals, had not studied this interesting book previously. Once again, perhaps owing to the "ageness" of our group, there were a few interruptions to our studies, and a reduction to our numbers. Should there be anyone who would like to help us to expand our knowledge banks and join us for a time of fellowship on Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 4pm, you would be most welcome.

May the Lord bless us all with good health in 2021.

*George & Annette Smith*

### **Growth Group – McDowall**

The McDowall growth group met in 2020 entirely by Zoom because of COVID restrictions. We quickly got used to meeting by Zoom and have our favourite location at home to join in the discussion. We initially met every week when we were not having face to face worship services. When face to face worship service resumed in July, we switched to meeting every fortnight.

Starting from February, we discussed Brad's second sermon series on the Gospel of John. After that we discussed the sermons on 1 Corinthians and the Old Testament book of Judges. We ended the year discussing the sermon series on "Confronting Christianity". Our growth group sessions helped to remind us of the main points raised in Brad's sermons and discuss application.

In 2021 we look forward to continuing to meet on Zoom until social distancing restrictions are lifted.

Hebrews 10:25 *"not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

*Robert Goh*



### **Growth Group – Murrumba Downs**

Throughout 2020 the Murrumba Downs Home Group met regularly (generally using the Zoom app), on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, for prayer and Bible study, and followed by enjoyable times of fellowship over supper subject to the prevailing COVID\_19 restrictions. Studies followed the previous Sunday sermon, and included studies on the Gospel of John, the Book of Judges, the apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, and a range of apologetic topics from the book, *Confronting Christianity*.

We also enjoyed social events together (lunches, dinners etc), including seeing out 2020 and welcoming in 2021 with a New Year's Eve celebration where we enjoyed supper together, prayer and singing songs of praise. Throughout the year members regularly extended hospitality to each other and to other church members and provided encouragement and support in times of need as well. In praying, studying and fellowshiping together throughout the year, we have been strengthened in our faith, in our friendships, and our commitment to our brothers and sisters in Christ at Bald Hills, and the broader church. We also had the pleasure of welcoming some new members to the group and look forward to continuing our study of God's Word and fellowship with them in 2021.

In 2021 we want to grow our knowledge of and love for the Word of God, and to put what we learn into practice daily. Our goal is to have a more intimate relationship with Christ, and a greater sense of urgency in speaking the Gospel to family, friends, neighbours and workmates, whoever will hear. We also intend to become more involved in the broader work of the church, as God has gifted us, and to encourage others to use their God given gifts and talents to the extension of His kingdom, and His glory alone.

If anyone is considering joining a Home Group, you are most welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each Month (in person or by Zoom), for a time of prayer, Bible study and fellowship.

*Malcolm & Suzanne Lawson*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Psalm 103 v 1.*

### **Growth Group – Young Adults**

**The Young Adults' Growth Group** started well and then hit the same roadblock as every other group at Church when COVID\_19 came along. But we utilized Zoom, as most of our groups and committees did, and even grew slightly in number during the lockdown. Our members are still mostly the young married couples and some of the young single people from Church. We met in the manse every Wednesday night, with Brad and Jo leading the Bible studies. We have a core group of about 10 people, with average attendance of about 6. Because of the nature of the meeting time and parental responsibilities, our married couples often come along separately on alternate weeks.

We've enjoyed robust discussion and great times of learning and sharing together, praying for each other, and laughing together. We finished the year with a Sunday BBQ lunch at the Bowden's place, to which most were able to come, kids included, and it was great fun. We're looking forward to growing in God's word together again in 2021.

*Brad Fletcher*

### **Growth Group – Strathpine/Murrumba Downs**

The Strathpine/Murrumba Downs Growth Group continued in 2020 and enjoyed good times of learning from God's Word and sharing with one another. This year we used the study notes provided by Brad, following the four main sermons series in John's Gospel, 1 Corinthians, Judges and the topical series "Confronting Christianity". These studies engendered some good discussion and debate, and we also had some interesting interaction on a range of other issues.

Our meetings took a different form in the middle part of the year due of course to the COVID\_19 restrictions. We all became experts in Zoom, and this worked well even to the extent of 'sharing' in on-line suppers! When the group was able to meet physically together, it did so in John & Kathy Lewis's home. We very much appreciate their making their home available and thank them for their warm welcome and hospitality.

We concluded the year with a 'break-up' in December, sharing a meal and a good time of fellowship. It is a great privilege to be able to gather together as Christian brothers and sisters to open God's Word together, learn from it and to share insights with each other, and to enjoy encouraging fellowship and friendship. We do thank God for the opportunity to be involved in these times of mutual edification and encouragement.

*Paul Cotton*

### **Growth Group – Tuesday Morning Ladies**

For 1½ hours each week we met for fellowship prayer and Bible study at the Church hall. Though the group now numbers nine, our average attendance was probably five or six with medical appointments or illness the chief reason for non-attending. We are indeed thankful for medical specialists and our access to them!

During COVID\_19 restrictions when we couldn't meet together, we each had access to the Bible studies through mail or email and we kept in regular contact with each other, by phone, text and mail, to share our lives and prayer needs. As soon as we were able, we met back in the hall, social distanced, of course. It was good to be able to share in person again.

We studied the lessons prepared by Brad, based on the sermon series he was preaching. This helped to reinforce what we heard on Sunday and served to challenge us re the application of what we had learnt. The year started with the second half of the gospel of John, then we looked at I Corinthians, the book of Judges and some challenges questions about our faith based on the book, Confronting Christianity.

As is our custom we again gave a gold coin or two each week and were able to send \$235.90 to The Bible Society, for their programme to teach women in Pakistan to read. This empowers them in their communities and most importantly teaches them to be able to read the word of God.

We are always ready to welcome more to our group if you would like to join us in 2021.

*Joanne Millar*

## **Kids' Church**

**Kids' Church saw a number of changes** at the start of 2020. Some of those who faithfully lead the ministry in the past took a break, including Liz and Jess Parish, and Beth Durham, and we welcomed a group of new leaders to the team. It was a pleasure to have Chris Millar, Barry and Margaret Sims, Samantha Fry, Michelle Penny and Joanna Fletcher as our main leaders from the start of 2020. They have proved to be a very enthusiastic, experienced, and capable team. We learnt a great deal at a training day at the start of the year, along with about 100 other Children's ministry leaders from Presbyterian Churches around Brisbane. Pulling together during the COVID\_19 lockdown, the team ran Kids' Church sessions online each week for a number of months, and even found ways to encourage the kids in person during that time. They adapted well to the post lockdown restrictions, as they brought the kids together at church each week. The craft skills of the team were on full display in the end of year Advent Calendars each child received.

**The Kids' Church material** is mostly based on the same Bible passages as the sermons each week. We hope that this is helpful as parents and kids share what they're learning together. We've had anywhere between 6 to 12 children in Kids Church per week during 2020 and into 2021, ranging in age throughout the primary school years. On return from COVID\_19 lockdown we also began to welcome the older Creche age children into Kids Church too, and we're finding for the most part that they are enjoying Kids' Church and learning well alongside the older kids. At the start of 2021 we farewelled Chris Millar as a Kids' Church leader and have welcomed Jenni Bennett to the team. We've also welcomed a couple of new kids, and various visitors, to Kids' Church over the last 12 months, which is always a pleasure.

Please be in touch with any one of the Kids' Church leaders if we can do more to help you as parents and grandparents, in raising your little ones to know and love the Lord Jesus.

*Brad Fletcher*

## **Library**

The Library had a quiet year in 2020, which was mainly due to our absence from fellowship for most of the year. In the first few months of the year, we had some display stands out front which greatly improved the congregation's use of the library resources. As in previous years, we welcomed several generous donations of resources with great thankfulness. Several members have commented on how useful they have found the library, and this is a great encouragement. The Library will always welcome donations of quality Christian resources.

Unfortunately, I will not be continuing in the Library going forward and I want to take this opportunity to thank the Session and congregation for your positive support and encouragement over the last 6+ years. I've had a wonderful time helping the library grow over the years.

*Jessica Parish*

### **Men's Ministry**

One men's outing to a sporting event was attempted early in 2020, but it was cancelled due to lack of numbers. COVID\_19 then intervened, and everyone went into "hibernation" while face-to-face meetings were prohibited. We hope to resume men's activities in 2021.

### **Music Ministry**

I would like to congratulate the 2020 Music Team for the fantastic way they worked through the COVID\_19 restrictions. In particular, I would like to thank those who were able to attend the ad hoc recording sessions that were necessary whilst in lockdown, when imposed numerical restrictions meant that the video services had to be recorded in blocks and then "spliced" together.

The group continued to provide joyful and uplifting music and voice to our weekly worship services. It is a great pleasure and privilege to lead the congregation in musical praise to our God.

We seek to provide a blend of both traditional and more modern music and are always on the lookout for more God honouring songs to share with the congregation. We thank God for the provision of musical gifts so that we may lead the congregation in joyful praise of our Saviour. We again participated in a wonderful Carols Service and I wish to thank all those who participated in this event.

The Music Team thanks the congregation for their support and welcomes your feedback as we lead singing in worship of our God.

We would welcome anyone who wishes to use their God given musical talents to lead our songs of praise. We would particularly encourage anyone with playing skills to offer their services to help in leading in musical praise.

*Bill Harvey*

## **Mission Action Team**

The Mission Action Team worked differently during the year of COVID 19, sharing missionary news & events, as well as placing missionary focus in front of the congregation for prayer on a weekly basis, mostly electronically.

Due to COVID restrictions, no Missionary visitors or events were possible for most of the year.

Our highlights of the year were:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Victor Atallah (MERF) visit
- Samaritan's Purse. We were able to complete 20 or so boxes & lots of fillers for the cause.
- The October parcel function was a little different as well, no visitors, but video & email catch ups with Missionaries, as well as our first morning tea for many a month.

During the year members of the congregation continued their support of missions In addition to the Churches budget of \$4500.00 and the Easter & Christmas special collections, further donations were made to the following: MERF \$330; Mission Parcels \$800; Samaritan's Purse \$200; Gideons \$50.

Many thanks the congregation for your support and interest in our events during the year, to the many generous folk who gave freely of their time, talent and resources to help prepare for the events held. It is a great encouragement to the committee to see such active interest.

Also, on behalf of the committee, I wish to express our thanks for the support and encouragement of the Session and the entire congregation as together we have worked to promote Mission and the Gospel of Christ.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the team for their support, dedication and hard work during the crazy year of COVID\_19 and I would also like to invite any of the congregation who may be interested in joining us in 2021, to come along to our meetings and become involved in a vital work for God.

The Mission Action Team for 2021 are:

Joanne Millar  
Willie Naude  
Robert Goh  
Mal Parish  
Elizabeth Parish

*Mal Parish*

### **Snippets of Sanity Playgroup**

Playgroup went into recess following the commencement of COVID\_19 restrictions. It has yet to restart in 2021, and will probably not do so until COVID\_19 restrictions are ended and we enter the “new normal”

### **Women’s Connect**

BHPC Women's Connect underwent a bit of a change in organisation in 2020. Early in the year, we moved from having a large committee of women that met altogether to decide all activities, to a smaller group of women, bringing an event plan for the year to the larger group of BHPC women. The larger group of women would then be free to make suggestions or give ideas regarding those events and be called upon to help with the running of the activities. It was hoped by streamlining the organising process, we could make the most of the fellowship time we had together as women and have less time spent organising.

We also hoped to introduce some more Bible teaching events to our program, as well as the social activities and coffee catch ups that were already happening. In early 2020, we held our first Bible teaching event, but due to the beginning of the COVID\_19 situation, the attendance was small. Once the COVID\_19 restrictions tightened up, BHPC Women's Connect went into recess, and remained in recess for the rest of 2020. During this time, however, we started up a BHPC Women's Connect Facebook group (private to BHPC women), to try and remain connected with those who wished to, using the medium of Facebook. We recognised that while not every woman would wish to use this medium, it was one way we could stay connected while not meeting face to face.

During this time, some of the women also started meeting online to read and talk through "The Trellis and the Vine", with the hope of those women then reaching out to other women in the congregation to read and pray together. This has continued into 2021, now that we are meeting more freely, with the aim that eventually, more women in the congregation will begin to meet together in small groups in this way. Rather than being exclusive, we began training with each other in a small way, as we were able, with the aim of eventually encouraging and inviting others in our congregation to read the Bible and pray together in small groups of women as well.

In 2021, we have begun BHPC Women's Connect afresh. Sarah Bowden, Samantha Fry and Joanna Fletcher met in January to begin planning for the coming year. It was decided to keep things simple to enable us to ease into a new year and allow for any adjustments that may need to be made due to the ongoing COVID\_19 situation. On Tuesday 17th February, we held a coffee evening for those who had been on the larger committee of women or had previously considered involvement, to present the ideas for this year. During the evening, we presented a date claimer for the three Bible teaching events we hope to have this year, as well as a renewed vision for the monthly Coffee Catch ups. The women in attendance were offered the chance to make suggestions or give ideas. (A summary of the vision for the year can be made available to those interested and all BHPC women are invited to email their ideas or suggestions to [bhpcwomen@gmail.com](mailto:bhpcwomen@gmail.com).)

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In addition, Sue Lawson agreed to help Joanna Fletcher decide on a venue and dates for the Coffee Catch ups. On Sunday, a date claimer presenting dates for both the Bible teaching events and the Coffee Catch ups, was advertised to the congregation. All our Bible teaching events, and Coffee catch ups will be open to all BHPC Women, and we are encouraging BHPC Women to feel free to invite friends to the Coffee Catch ups, in the hope that those who do not know Jesus can meet those of us who do. The Bible teaching events will aim to provide the chance for BHPC women to connect with and encourage each other around God's word and will also include time for afternoon tea and a chat.

It is our hope, that even in a year tinged with COVID\_19, we can continue to encourage one another, building each other up as women, in order to present all mature in Christ (Colossians 1:28).

*Joanna Fletcher*