



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

REPORTS FOR

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING



23rd February 2020

EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH COUNCIL 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Church Council Members were:

Chairperson	Emma Jarvis (from February) Phil Looby (till February)
Secretary	Michelle Weatherburn
Treasurer	Janelle Dodd
EUC Minister	Nicholas Fried
Caring	Lesley Bradbury
Property	Graham Horrocks
Vision Team	John Brunton (from March, 2019)
Congregation Chair	Linda Brunton
Congregation Rep	Chris Wakefield
Congregational Rep	Jason Masters

Chinese Resource Worker	Tennyson Chan (observer by invitation)
Chinese Worship Group	Esther Shih (observer by invitation)
Chinese Worship Group	Edward Lin (observer by invitation)
Chinese Worship Group	Jackson Shi (observer by invitation)

Five Council meetings were held throughout the year, on 31st January, 28th March, 30th May, 1st August, and 26th September. Summary notes on the issues discussed and decisions made at each meeting were distributed to the Congregation and these should be taken in conjunction with this report. A Special Council meeting was held in December, to which members of the church were invited for a dialogue with Rev Ji Zhang a Uniting Church Minister from Melbourne. The meeting discussed current and future engagement with our local Chinese community.

Eastwood Christian Community Aid Board: EUC representative is Stephen Kemp.

Sydney Central Coast Presbytery (SCCP): EUC representatives are Rev Nicholas Fried, Jason Masters and Linda Brunton. Janelle Dodd was a member of the SCCP Business Committee.

Information on Presbytery meetings is published in Contact magazine. Information on Presbytery can be found on its website <http://sccpresbytery.org.au>

SCCP Tertiary Chaplaincy Reference Committee (previously Macquarie University Chaplaincy Committee) EUC representatives are Nicholas Fried and Janelle Dodd.

Congregational Meetings

Two Congregational meetings were held in 2019:

- 24th February - to receive 2018 Annual Reports from church groups and audited Financial Statements to 30th June 2018; hold elections for vacant positions on Church Council, and approve a proposed friendship with Gilgandra Uniting Church
- 23rd June – to approve and adopt the 2019/2020 Budget

EUC Staff and Administration

Minister of the Word: Rev Nicholas Fried

Chinese Resource Worker: Tennyson Chan

Church office administration support: Kerrie Springett and Michelle Loxton

Candidate for Ministry, Field Education Placement: Michaela Sisk, (July 2018-May 2019)

The office has experienced a busy year with Church administration activities, the increasing use of the church buildings 7 days a week by various users and involvement with the Chinese community

activities and worship service. It continues to be difficult to find volunteers to assist with many tasks (including with Sunday worship).

Property administration and property matters continued to take up a large amount of office staff time.

The church buildings are used during the week by a wide range of community groups and activities. This includes our continued collaboration with Eastwood Christian Community Aid to deliver services to vulnerable groups within the Eastwood Community.

The Council wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all of the staff for their efforts throughout the year, often in very testing circumstances, particularly during the absence of our Minister Nicholas due to illness in November, December 2019 and in early 2020. The Council is most appreciative of the assistance given by all those church members and others who have assisted with worship services and undertaken other tasks in the absence of our Minister during this time.

In October 2019, representatives of the Sydney Central Coast Presbytery and Church Council conducted a Vital Ministry Consultation for Rev Nicholas Fried. The consultation was very positive of Nicholas's ministry at EUC.

As has been noted previously, Sundays are worship time for our office staff, so we continue to encourage people to make any enquiries relating to Church administration matters on weekdays when the office is open.

EUC Worship

The following Sunday Worship Services have been provided during the Year.

8.00 am

9.30 am

10.45 am – first Sunday of every Month

2.00 pm

Each of these services is very different in style and presentation and this variety allows people to worship in a way that best meets their needs or other factors.

8 am

This service is quite informal and is followed by the sharing of morning tea. It has a regular attendance of around 12 people who take it in turn to lead worship each Sunday.

9.30 am

This is the worship service with the most attenders, averaging around 60 people each week and includes the Sunday School. It is led by Rev Nicholas Fried (or guest preachers as arranged) and attendance is decreasing, consistent with the characteristics of its ageing Congregation. The first Sunday of each month is 'something different' and allows alternative ways of worship to be explored and experienced. On the same day, the 10.45am service provides a traditional service.

10.45am

This worship service is held once on the first Sunday of the month and is led by Rev Nicholas Fried or Sandra Batey. It is attended by around 10 people and caters for those who prefer a more traditional style of music and worship.

2.00 pm

This is a Chinese language service. It engages guest preachers, and Nicholas Fried preached once a month (using an interpreter). It has a regular attendance of around 25 people.

There have also been a number of combined worship services including all groups, at Chinese New Year, Easter and Christmas. Thank you to the staff and volunteers for the extra effort they make for these combined services to occur.

Communications

The website is the first reference point for information on the worship services and activities of the Church. Maintaining the currency and relevance of the website is an important and ongoing challenge.

Weekly notices and the 'Contact' magazine were published regularly. Contact is a forum for opinion and a valuable tool for keeping the EUC community in touch. Contact Issue #4 2019 was deferred until 2020 due to the pressure of other administration tasks in the absence of the Minister. We are thankful to the many people who contributed articles and information for Contact.

Caring Umbrella Group

The Caring Umbrella Group meet to discuss ongoing matters and concerns on appropriate ways to provide support and pastoral care to the Congregation. There are an increasing number of elderly members in need, many of whom have moved into care facilities at some considerable distance from the Eastwood area. Thanks to Lesley Bradbury for convening the group.

In July the seminar "Discussing Dementia" was led by Rev Frank Van der Korput as a follow up to the seminar held in 2018.

As in previous years, a Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service was held in December.

Children's Ministry

Children's ministry included Sunday School and Special Religious Education (Scripture) in schools.

EUC currently provides Scripture at Eastwood Public School and Denistone East Public School. The number of children attending SRE in schools is decreasing and is a cause for ongoing concern. Thanks to Peggy Looby, coordinator of SRE and our volunteer teachers Maria Allerdice at Eastwood Public, and Julie Worsley at Denistone East. Thanks also to Maria for stepping in to take extra classes in the place of Nicholas at Eastwood Public during his absence.

Sunday School has for many years been co-ordinated by Janine Joannou. There are many challenges, including regular sporting and other children's organised activities now scheduled on Sundays, engaging the interest of children in this digital age and the number and age range of children and their regularity of attendance (from 2 to 15 children per week with an age range from kindergarten to teenagers). Other activities have included picnics and beach trips. The annual Sunday school picnic was held with one of the Eastwood community BBQs and attracted additional local children for activities and the traditional races. Thanks to Janine and her team of teachers and helpers for their efforts and enthusiasm for the development and spiritual growth of our young people.

There is always a need for more volunteers to share the load of teaching in Sunday School or assist with SRE. Family Ministry and youth for the whole of our community, whatever their cultural background, is the future of the church and as such, is an area where our existing and future Mission Plans will aim to support.

Continuing Christian Education

A number of educational activities were held during the year including bible studies and film nights as set out in the separate report from this Group.

Thanks to Bob Springett who was Convenor of the Continuing Christian Education Umbrella Group in 2019 and wrote our series of bible studies on Romans. Trevor Bird has taken on the role of convenor for 2020.

CCE is a vital Ministry of the Church and Council strongly supports its work as a critical education and outreach activity of EUC.

Chinese Speaking Resource Worker Umbrella Group

This group has not met during 2019. Its members include representatives from Uniting, Uniting Mission and Education (UME), Christian Community Aid and Eastwood Uniting Church (EUC).

A range of activities with sections of the Chinese speaking community were undertaken at the church each week, including:

- Happy Friends Club (Mondays). A mixed program of speakers and discussion on Christian themes, community information, and health.
- Excursions.
- Chit Chat Corner. (Tuesdays) Relationship building over tea and coffee.
- Chinese prayer meeting (Fridays) on a weekly basis led by Esther Shih.
- Chinese Bible Study. (Saturdays) Twice a month led by Esther Shih.
- Sunday Mandarin Service (2 pm Sundays).

The Sunday 2pm Chinese language worship service has placed additional demands on Tennyson, as people have looked to him to play a more 'ministerial / pastoral role' for that group. A number of conversations have been held with both Tennyson and the leaders of the Mandarin worship service to stress that Tennyson is employed as a part time Resource worker and not a 'Minister'.

While not specifically part of the Umbrella Group, the EUC English classes are an interrelated component of our Chinese community outreach activities. Led by Marion and Malcolm Gledhill they are held on Monday mornings and Tuesday nights with Monday Bible/English classes. They are very well attended and have proved a springboard for some of Tennyson's activities. A large number of volunteers assist with teaching English, to whom we are most grateful. Many of our volunteers are not otherwise associated with the church, hence we can reach out to many members of our community in this way, teachers and pupils.

The future shape of this Ministry depends largely on the availability of funds. Fortunately, a grant from Lane Cove Uniting Church has enabled this ministry and the employment of Tennyson to continue in 2019/2020.

BBQ Outreach Group

During the year regular Sunday barbecues continued to be held in Marsfield at Waterloo Park and in the Eastwood community in Eastwood Park, adjacent to the church. The barbecues have been well attended by members of the wider community and Tennyson Chan and several people from the English conversation group have assisted with breaking down communication barriers.

These events require planning and teamwork from a committed team. New volunteers are required to assist with their organisation in order for the BBQ Outreach to continue past 2020.

Friendship with Gilgandra Uniting Church

Consistent with our Mission Plan, in March, the Congregation meeting agreed to pursue a friendship with a rural congregation, being Gilgandra Uniting Church. EUC has continued to pray for the people of Gilgandra, and to remember their daily struggles with drought and associated resource issues. EUC members visited Gilgandra for a weekend in August and were welcomed with country hospitality, they learnt about some of the issues facing local people.

In December, EUC individual members generously donated a total of \$1,500. This was sent to Gilgandra UC in the form of \$50 gift vouchers for the church to distribute to local people in need, to be spent in local businesses. The Church Council is seeking to foster this friendship and it will be a component of the new Mission Plan.

Finance

An audited report of the EUC financial statements for 2018/2019 was received in December 2019. There was an operating deficit.

Church collections and donations continue to decline, and at the end of 2019 were 15% less than the previous year. While income declines the ongoing energy and property costs associated with running the church buildings 7 days a week continue to increase. As a result, the church's financial position is stretched as we continue to fund costs associated with our various outreach activities, out of our reserves. A large deficit for 2019/2020 is anticipated. EUC will need to seriously consider our priorities for activities and use of our facilities in the next financial year. This will include decisions about activities that can no longer be funded.

We are very grateful to Lane Cove Uniting Church for a grant for 2019/2020, which has enabled the continuation of the employment of our Chinese resource worker for this financial year.

Property

Lakeside Road church site and Auld St manse:

Regular working bees were held during the year to assist with the maintenance and cleaning of the church buildings and grounds. Routine maintenance and repairs were also attended too as required in the manse and church buildings. These have been carried out by a small group of dedicated and ageing workers to whom we are very thankful. Additional and younger volunteers are always very welcome.

Denistone East site:

The Lord's Mind Korean Congregation vacated the site in June 2019 to move to a new site as arranged by Presbytery. The Vera Street manse continues to be let, with funds being used for church property expenses.

Our future Mission Plan is heavily reliant on the successful sale of the DE church and hall buildings at 17 Acacia Street as outlined in the report below on the Ongoing Mission Plan. The members of the Property Committee have worked hard to tidy the site prior to its sale.

Eastwood Uniting Church Musical Society

EUC has continued to subsidise the activities of the EUCMS in our community, through provision of rooms for rehearsals, performances and storage, and utility services throughout the year. Discussions have been initiated in relation to reducing the level of subsidy. EUC will need to consider the priority that this relationship receives.

EUC members have provided interval refreshments to the patrons of the various EUCMS shows. Good planning, purchasing and organisation, are required, with baking and serving provided by a

large number of people. We especially thank Janine Joannou for her ongoing coordination of these fund-raising suppers.

EUC Ongoing Mission Plan

The focus during 2019 was the implementation of EUC Mission Plan approved by the Congregation and Presbytery in 2018. It forms the framework within which all decisions of EUC are made and is the primary document for guiding our way forward. The Church Council has been involved in obtaining approvals and preparing the Denistone East church and hall site for sale. The utility services have been adjusted to enable the site to be subdivided. The costs associated with this work will be recovered from the Sales Proceeds. After a lengthy marketing campaign, the lot fronting Acacia Street was sold for \$2.7 million. The proceeds from the sale will be received in June 2020. The expected funds will be below the original forecast.

The sale of the property is the catalyst for two related projects that are connected with the preparation of the Congregation Placement Profile. The financial forecast for the distribution of funds from the Sales Proceeds needs to be revised to take account of the reduced sale price. This will be linked to a new Mission Plan. The current Mission Plan needs to be updated and revised as some of its initiatives have been achieved. It is now time to proceed to the next phase of our mission and the focus can shift to new areas of need.

To prepare for the formulation of the new Mission Plan the Church Council convened a special meeting in December where Rev. Ji Zhang provided guidance about refining our mission with people of Chinese background. Rev. Zhang highlighted two related groups that require our attention. The first results from the proximity of Macquarie University. A direct connection with the university campus is one option. This should be a collaborative project involving other congregations and presbytery. Additionally, a large number of students who study at Macquarie University live in the district and visit Eastwood as it provides a more familiar and welcoming environment. EUC needs to position itself so that it is part of this welcoming environment. The second opportunity involves connecting with families with parents born in Asia who have children born in Australia. Rev Zhang explained that, as with previous generations of new arrivals, these children are growing up with connections to two different contexts. Their families maintain ties with their cultural heritage, but the children are endeavouring to find a place in the Australian context. EUC can assist these children and their families in this transition.

Other matters

EUC participated in both Granny Smith Festival and the Moon Festival during the Year and will continue to participate in these wider Community events in 2020.

EUC OUTREACH BARBECUES

Report to Church Council and Congregation for 2019

OVERVIEW

The BBQ group met on Sunday 10 November 2019 to review the year and discuss the future of our outreach. The group now consists of 80-year olds, 90-year olds, and youngsters in their 70s! We agreed to try to continue our work next year but with only 2 BBQs at Marsfield and 3 at Eastwood.

We are finding it more and more tiring as we all get older. We thank Church Council and the Congregation for your support over the years, but what we need now urgently is some “new blood”

to take over or at least to help us. Some of our team have had to drop out or are unable to do much because of infirmity, in spite of their enthusiasm. In other words, the spirit is still very willing, but the bodies are growing weak.

We feel we have achieved much since we started eight years ago. In fact, we may be the only outreach still going which originated from eVision.

We also thank Tennyson for his consistent support in organizing attendance of Chinese EUC members, translation of leaflets and engagement with Chinese speakers among local visitors.

Marsfield: We have a long list of attendees, some of whom have been coming since the first BBQ.

We have made some very good friends and keep in touch with them outside of BBQs.

We have a strong link with the small Korean church congregation which meets nearby and always attends and contributes.

We have been able to visit sick people.

We feel we are a good advertisement for EUC, in fact for Christianity.

Eastwood: We have attracted large numbers at each BBQ. The Chinese community has formed a fair proportion of attendees. We thank the Chinese EUC contingent for their support and help and encourage their involvement in running these BBQs.

There is more work involved in Eastwood BBQs as we have no coffee shop close by, so we have to also provide hot drinks.

To Church Council and Congregation, we repeat that this team cannot continue with this outreach much longer so, if Council wishes to retain this outreach, action needs to be taken. In the meantime, we will endeavor to soldier on, leaning on our walking sticks until we drop! We will be assessing our ability to continue year by year.

SOME NUMBERS FOR 2019

Held: 3 at Marsfield (M) – followed by coffee provided at the Trafalgar Place café.

3 at Eastwood (E) – the last on 17 November coinciding with Sunday School picnic.

Average attendance (as estimated by food served): M 75; E 90

Average estimated incurred cost breakdown per BBQ:

BBQ Food: M \$120; E \$150

Coffee service: M (only) \$ 190

Letterbox leaflets (English & Chinese): M 1000 @ 5c ea = \$50; E 2200 = \$110

Costs for 2019: M \$1080; E \$780; TOTAL \$ 1860

Time inputs per BBQ in hours: volunteers M = 16 h; E = 25 h: office, say M = 4 h; E = 5 h

TOTAL for 2019: volunteers = 123 h; office, say = 27 h

A task breakdown per BBQ as developed over 8 years operation is appended.

Estimated outlays for 2020 program:

\$1500 plus 107 volunteer hours and 23 office hours

WE RECOMMEND AT THIS TIME THAT WE CONTINUE THE PROGRAM FOR 2020 ONLY.

BBQ TEAM lead by Phil Howes

February 2020

CONTINUING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UMBRELLA GROUP

CCEUG REPORT TO 2020 MEETING

2019 was a year of change. After the excellent leadership of John Court in previous years, the Group attempted a slightly different approach. Much of the Committee discussion was conducted via email rather than meetings.

LENT EVENT

These studies were based on the 2018 programme. Steven Kemp took carriage of this and produced a series that provoked deep thought and discussion.

VISITING SPEAKERS

Two avenues were investigated. Both aimed to apply the faith in practical, everyday terms.

1. "Faith in the Workplace" has been a theme of Dr. Kara Marin. We asked her availability and sounded out the congregations for their interest. Unfortunately, there seemed insufficient active interest to carry through with the plan.
2. "Faith in Politics" was intended to be a three-night series, devoting one night to each of three speakers with different perspectives. These were to discuss how their faith interacted with their political philosophy. There was initial acceptance from prominent parliamentarians, one Liberal/Catholic, one Labor/Jewish and one Greens/Muslim (this should not imply that in each case their political positions are the 'appropriate' ones for each faith). The dates were set for after the two elections in the approaching months so as to minimise the 'campaigning' implications so a more balanced and thoughtful approach could be taken. Unfortunately, two of the three found that the post-election conditions had changed their availability.

GOD IN THE MOVIES

"The Mission" was chosen. This film about the European penetration into South America examined the collision of missionary work in an imperialist political context. There are no easy answers.

ACCELERATE

This was a short movie and presentation about Climate Change and the impacts it can be expected to produce.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study series also differed from the usual approach. This year we studied the theme of "The Faith of Abraham and Fulfilment of the Faith of the Jews". We deliberately focussed reading it from the perspective of Paul's expectation that the Last Days were upon us, and that he had been chosen by God to take the faith of Abraham to the Nations, to the ends of the Earth, as prophesied would happen in the Last Days.

THE FUTURE

Trevor Bird has taken up the role of Convenor. The Committee would welcome an injection of new minds with new perspectives.

2020 PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Property Committee is generally concerned with routine repairs and maintenance of the Eastwood church buildings and two manses for which the congregation is responsible. The Denistone East buildings (church and hall) are the responsibility of Church Council and have now been sold. The other three buildings, Eastwood Church building and both manses, are being maintained in good order.

A regular quarterly working bee at the Eastwood Church sees a consistent group of volunteers cleaning, tidying, polishing and doing jobs not covered by the weekly cleaners around the inside and outside of the building. In addition, routine repairs and maintenance are done as required. There are, however, some special and/or on-going matters. Some of these have been covered during the year while some remain outstanding.

The major issue recently has been the subdivision of the Denistone East property. This was formalised with the installation of a fence between the manse and the church and hall. The church and hall have now been sold. The manse has been retained for future use while being rented out. In the meantime, the rent collected helps to finance our mission plan. A large vote of thanks must go to those involved in the work that was required to facilitate the subdivision and readying the property for sale.

The main Eastwood church building is very heavily used by the various parts of our congregation, Christian Community Aid and other outside users. These are all part of, or provide funds for, our mission plan. This heavy use does, however, result in a steady number of maintenance issues which are normally handled by the church office. A large vote of thanks must go to the office for all the work they do.

The two manses have had routine repairs and maintenance. In the case of the Denistone East manse this was handled by the managing agent.

My thanks go to the members of the Property Committee both past and new recruits for their interest and support and to the organisers and volunteers at the working bees who keep our properties in a usable and presentable condition.

Graham Horrocks

Chair

7 February 2020

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES AT EUC

English classes

We continue to maintain and even grow our team of amazing volunteers. Some serve as lead teachers, others as helpers. More than 40 volunteers are involved on a regular basis, including 4 members of EUC congregation. On the 'pupil free' Mondays at the beginning of Terms 2 and 3 we arrange in-service training. We are appreciative of the leadership of Sue Mills, a retired TAFE teacher for ESL, and Trish Bell, an Anglicare ESL trainer, for leading these training workshops.

Classes are held Monday mornings, Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings, during school terms.

Average weekly attendance in 2019 was 100 students.

Students are invited to give \$5 each term to meet photocopying costs for worksheets and help meet other expenses.

Kerrie and Michelle in the church office are very helpful in dealing with enquiries, handling student contributions, and other tasks that support the classes.

It is always appreciated when members of EUC Congregation attend events such as the end of year concert.

Monday 9.30am classes

In 2019, 8 graded classes were held. New students who come with no English are placed into a 'preparatory class' for 2 terms before they move to other classes. We have found we need to offer 2 'preparatory classes'. We need more volunteers who are bi-lingual in Mandarin and English for beginning students, but otherwise our excellent volunteer numbers allow for teams of a lead teacher with several helpers in all other classes.

We have increased the number of volunteers who assess new students and hope this leads to more accurate allocation to classes. Tennyson Chan assists with welcoming and interpretation for new and continuing students.

'Our Stories, version 2' was made available to order in hard copy during 2019. These stories can be read also on line, at <https://eslourstories.wixsite.com/our-stories>

On the first and last days of each term all students and volunteers gather in the main hall before going to their classes. This is an opportunity for occasional presentations on topics of interest to our students. In 2019 Tania Gamble, Team Leader Community Services in Ryde City Council, spoke on volunteer opportunities in the area that could be of interest to our students. This was followed up later with a presentation from Eastwood CWA, including them serving their excellent scones with jam and cream.

The end of year Christmas concert and party was a highlight as usual.

Average student attendance for the 2019 was 73.

Monday Bible/English classes

These are held at 11.15am on Mondays and offer an opportunity for students to improve English and learn something about the Bible and Christianity. We have 3 classes, based on students' competence in English.

Numbers were down from the previous year, back to an average of 11, similar to earlier years. Most students attend regularly and show a real interest in both improving their English and enjoying the Bible stories.

Tennyson's help with these classes is much appreciated.

Tuesday evening classes

3 graded classes continued, led by 6 volunteer teachers and helpers (5 later in the year). Average number of students was about 17.

Friday classes

Two classes were held on Friday mornings for most of the year. One class continued for Term 4 when the leader of the other class was overseas. Average attendance was 20.

Marion Gledhill

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 2019

In 2019 the Sunday school continued to operate during school terms, with two age-based classes, and a high school group. A large contingent moved into the high school group in July, halfway through their final year at primary school. We are finding that many families have other regular or occasional commitments on Sunday mornings, thus affecting attendance at church. The teachers were usually rostered on half the time, meaning that they are able to attend some services. The lessons are biblically based, with opportunity for the children to explore the stories and how faith relates to them, in a fun and interactive way. The attendance of about 10-15 each week is mainly regular families, with occasional visitors and family members. The Sunday school joined with the congregation in some of the 'Something Different' Sundays on the first Sunday of each month, and also for communion each month. Notable highlights of the year are the Blessing of the Backpacks to start the school year in February, Sunday school picnic in November, which this year combined very successfully with the Eastwood Community BBQ, and the annual Sunday school Christmas service in December.

During school holidays in April, July and October and most Sundays in the Christmas holidays, a holiday program ran to provide activities for the children, allowing them to interact across the ages. The children engage in free play, board games, paper-based activities and ball games.

Janine Joannou Sunday School Co-Ordinator

SRE (SCRIPTURE) 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Eastwood Uniting Church continues to provide SRE (Scripture) at two local primary schools. During the year we had to unfortunately finish teaching Infants and Lower Primary at Denistone East School as we didn't have any replacement teachers. Julie Worsley (a member of another Church) continues to teach SRE to Years 5 and 6 but this is likely to cease at the end of 2020/2021.

At Eastwood Public School, Nicholas Fried and Maria Allerdice taught SRE each Wednesday morning to both Infants and Primary. Thankfully Maria was available to take Nicholas's class in Term 4 when he became ill.

The teaching material used is called "GodSpace" which is a Baptist publication approved by the Uniting Church and Department of Education. The students are provided with their own workbook which they take home at the end of the year.

Once again, we are thankful for the assistance given by the Congregation through prayer and the funding of the teaching resources which enable us to minister within the schools.

Peggy Looby SRE Co-Ordinator

CHINESE RESOURCE WORKER 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

1. Happy Friends Club

mainly on every Monday 1-2:30pm except school holiday for the Chinese community. It has a mixed program of speakers on community information, health workshop, visitation and table tennis group. Attendance varies greatly from 10-50 ppl.

2. Excursions

20/4 Visit waterfall & Zen-Oasis - 43 ppl
1/10 Floriade Canberra - 47 ppl
17/12 Cherry picking trip (Orange) – 46 ppl

3. Chit-chat corner

Mainly on every Tuesday morning from 11-1pm when CCA programs take place in our church. I offer free tea & snacks for the CCA clients building relationship between the church & Chinese community. Average contacted a dozen or so Chinese clients each Tuesday.

4. Chinese prayer meeting & Bible Study Fellowship

Mainly lead by Esther on every Friday morning & 2nd & 4th Saturday morning respectively followed by lunch then deliver gospel flyers on the street.

5. Chinese Ministerial Team (Esther Shi, Jackson Shi & Puiying Yu)

Planning, praying & pastoral visit at home, hospital, nursing home...etc if need. Esther Shih & three other leaders from 2pm fully supported by EUC to join the Uniting Church in Australia Chinese National Conference on 22-24 March 2019 in Melbourne.

6. Mandarin 2pm Sunday Service

- Average attendance 35-40. Weekly collection around \$450.
- Baptism on 3/2 & 29/9 added 7 members (incl 2 children) to EUC
- Nurture group for the new members & Baptismal class occasionally.
- Monthly community fun day with the wider community on the last Sunday of the month from 4-6pm. Average 30 attendance. (half from 2pm & half from community)
- 3 combined services (ie Christmas Day) followed by lunch & celebration party
- Looking forward the commissioning of the "Zhanglao" senior leaders for the Chinese group on 2020.

7. Other ministries involved

- 19/10 Granny Smith Festival. We took part in Parade, stall on Rowe St to hand out flyers & late afternoon Free BBQ in front of EUC. Around 30 people from 2pm involved this year with a great success.
- English Conversation Class & English Bible class on every Monday morning
- EUC BBQ outreach both at Marsfield & Eastwood parks continue building a stronger relationship with the local community.

Tennyson Chan
Chinese Speaking Resource Worker

2019 ANNUAL REPORT FROM 6F

6F continues to flourish in spite of the weather. This year we have had two luncheons where the weather outside has been 34 degrees or more. At the January lunch, just seven members came but at the February meeting we had eleven members present, May who is now past 100, four others who are in their nineties, Amy, Helen R, Helen S and Margot, plus six others who are younger. Obviously, age does not weary when there is the possibility of good food and even better conversation together.

6F has continued to meet at the Viking Sports Club in the Dundas Valley. The venue is quiet, and the food is good. Travel arrangements are in place with Pat Davey, Jill Dixon and Margot Doust gathering members and bringing them to the club. A number of our group are now members of the Viking Sports Club.

During the past year we have lost Ian Hunt and recently have seen little of Hans Duursma who is laid low with an ulcer on his leg. While it was great to have male members of the congregation as part of the group, they do not have the same staying power as the women.

6F is now in its 24th year having begun in May 1996 when Noelene Price and Margot Doust had an idea for members of the then parish who were living alone, to meet monthly either to go to the movies or to have a meal together. Little did we imagine at the beginning that the group would last so long or would fill such a quiet need. It was a good idea.

Margot Doust

ANNUAL REPORT – WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - 2019

A group of ladies continued to meet each Wednesday morning to share, pray, and study the Bible. Some of us are members of Eastwood UC; for others, this is their only association, but all are welcome, as we form community. It is an essential part of the week for those attending, allowing us to support one another through the ups and downs of life, all the while conscious of God’s love and presence.

This is a place for care and concern, where lives are shared openly, and prayer for each other offered. We share a cuppa and Bible study. This year our studies have included Esther and Parables.

All are welcome, Wednesdays 10am during school term in the crèche.

Janine Joannou

FINANCE

The Eastwood Uniting Church Financial Report for Year ended 30 June 2019 was completed and audited in December 2019. A summary of the financial statements is included in this Annual Report. The full Financial Statements including the Report from the Auditor, are available on request.

We are very fortunate here in Eastwood. We have amazing facilities and a faithful community, who are committed to serving God and the welfare of the community. We are spreading the Gospel of Jesus through words, love, care and hope. We have faithful givers in time, energy and money.

Following the E-vision process and revisions of our Mission Plan, we have a vision for our place and work in the local Eastwood community and the wider work of the Uniting Church.

The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 shows this commitment. We have stretched our financial resources to a challenging level, and this will no doubt continue into the future.

The sale of the Denistone East property, expected to be finalised in June 2020, will provide some funds for the continued employment of the Chinese Speaking Resource Worker. We have been funding this position and the costs associated with readying the Denistone East Property for sale from Congregational funds and reserves. There will be some reimbursement to congregational funds from the sale proceeds. We are very grateful to Lane Cove Uniting Church for a grant for 2019/2020 which will enable continuation of our Chinese Speaking Resource Worker, for this financial year.

Thank you to all those who give, those who count and bank money, and all involved in gathering information and planning. Thank you in particular to John Loxton for his faithful service over many years.

We ask you to consider what we have achieved and our vision for the future of our Church and review your giving. Can you give a little more each week? Or a one-off amount? Or perhaps a bequest? Can you assist with the management of our finances and property assets?

To discuss these matters further please contact me, or any member of the Church Council.

Janelle Dodd
Treasurer

Eastwood Uniting Church

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2019

	Total	
	As of Jun 30, 2019	As of Jun 30, 2018 (PY)
Assets		
Current Assets		
Accounts receivable	10,480.80	8,588.00
UFS Bank accounts - at call	60,566.65	111,249.42
UFS Bank account - term deposit	17,656.92	17,656.92
UFS Major repairs fund - term deposit	146,149.45	142,376.47
Petty Cash Office	0.00	443.00
Redevelopment Costs Recoverable	51,158.76	
Total Current Assets	A\$ 286,012.58	A\$ 280,313.81
Long-term assets		
Auld St Manse Valuation	639,500.00	569,326.00
Denistone East Church Valuation	1,562,500.00	1,331,895.00
Eastwood Uniting Church Valuation	6,968,000.00	5,510,123.00
Vera St Manse Valuation	490,000.00	427,785.00
Eastwood Furniture & Fixtures at Cost	59,557.94	57,752.49
Eastwood Furniture & Fixtures Accum Dep	-35,200.76	-25,864.21
Total long-term assets	A\$ 9,684,357.18	A\$ 7,871,017.28
Total Assets	A\$ 9,970,369.76	A\$ 8,151,331.09
 Liabilities and equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	2,874.81	13,935.28
Accrued expenses	595.82	0.00
Deposits	50.00	2,689.35
GST Liabilities	-2,764.00	603.52
PAYG Withholding Payable	4,730.00	0.00
Superannuation Clearing Accoun	0.00	992.32
Holiday Provision	12,373.85	9,779.90
Long Service Leave Provision	1,496.00	0.00
Asset Replacement Reserve	146,149.45	300,948.69
Total current liabilities	A\$ 165,505.93	A\$ 328,949.06
 Net Income for the year	 161,610.80	 -69,136.02
Retained Earnings	-16,746.97	52,389.05
Asset Revaluation Reserve	9,660,000.00	7,839,129.00
Total equity	A\$ 9,804,863.83	A\$ 7,822,382.03
Total liabilities and equity	A\$ 9,970,369.76	A\$ 8,151,331.09

Eastwood Uniting Church

Profit and Loss Summary

July 2018 - June 2019

	Jul 2018 - Jun 2019	Jul 2017 - Jun 2018 (PY)
INCOME		
Collections		
English Worship	167,691.97	177,426.93
Chinese Ministry	22,949.90	4,449.95
Total Collections	190,641.87	181,876.88
Donations	4,035.70	4,127.28
Interest Received	6,530.90	8,305.68
Special Collections	9,157.10	2,260.40
Fundraising suppers	4,527.55	4,510.65
Market Day		7,311.81
Grants		30,000.00
	214,893.12	238,392.70
EXPENSES		
Ordained Ministry (inc manse maintenance)	(105,590.16)	(119,933.13)
Administration staff	(54,043.89)	(51,169.44)
Administration other	(18,920.99)	(15,689.51)
Presbytery levy	(6,028.00)	(6,132.21)
Seeds of Growth	(24,000.00)	(34,999.92)
Uniting World water project	(7,500.00)	(10,000.00)
Other UCA appeals/donations	(3,592.35)	(625.90)
Christmas Bowl	(5,133.50)	(2,045.00)
Exodus		(7,162.49)
Eastwood Ministry	(497.18)	(3,099.41)
Eastwood Mission (Chinese)	(47,376.07)	(38,317.01)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(272,682.14)	(289,174.02)
	(57,789.02)	(50,781.32)
Property Income net of expenses		
14-16 Lakeside Rd, Eastwood	7,897.00	9,949.05
17 Acacia St, Denistone East	(207.96)	6,655.89
16 Vera St, Denistone East	27,869.68	(7,686.90)
Redevelopment costs - Denistone East site		(27,272.73)
NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	(22,230.30)	(69,136.01)
Extraordinary items		
Write back DE Redevelopment costs 2018	27,272.73	
Write back transfers to Major Repairs Reserve	154,799.24	
Balance adjustments	1,769.13	
	161,610.80	(69,136.01)

(see notes over page)

NOTES

Extraordinary items are adjustments to the Income and expenditure statement to more accurately reflect the way expense items have been accounted for.

DE redevelopment costs are expected to be recouped from Sales Proceeds during the 19/20 financial year and are now shown in accounts receivable.

Transfers from the Major Repairs Fund are funds used over the past few years to cover major repairs and other expenses covered by general funds.

Significant support has been provided to CCAS and EUCMS through greatly reduced costs for Eastwood Property usage.