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CHURCH LEADERS

Ministry Team - 2015

Rev Jock Dunbar (Minister of the Word)

Rev Dr Tony Nancarrow (Minister in Association)

Office Team

Rev Jock Dunbar

Phil Jennings (Office Manager)

Glenda Congdon (Playgroups Co-ordinator)

Richard Fletcher (Property Officer)

Pauline Hocking (Treasurer)

Church Council

Dianne Peberdy (Chair)

Heather Williams (Secretary)

Pauline Hocking (Treasurer)

Judy Chiveralls

Keith Chiveralls

Jill Fuss

Martyn Knowles

Alice McCleary

Bob Simpson

Shaun Sims

Marjorie Stewart

Church Council

2015 has been a busy year for church council.

With our new Minister, Rev Jock Dunbar, the council has undertaken to read the book "Deep and Wide, creating churches unchurched people love to attend" by Andy Stanley. The council has held 3 retreats where we have explored some of the learnings from the book and looked at their relevance and application at Rosefield. Some very interesting discussions and sharing of views have occurred. We hope that this will be reflected in an enhanced worship experience as these ideas are explored.

We have not been successful in filling the position of Child and Family Pastoral Worker over the last 18 months and this has been a disappointment to us as a council, but we are trusting God to show us a way forward in this area in 2016.

Of course we have also had quite a bit of business to discuss. The council along with many different committees have seen the following projects taking shape:

Sound and Lighting in the church - After many years of fund raising and exploration, the new sound and light system is now in and working. While we have had a few teething problems, these have mostly been resolved and now the operators are being trained.

Memorial Garden - The gardening group have started work on the area on the Western side of the church. Watch this space in 2016 as the project progresses.

Netball Courts – In conjunction with the Netball club, the courts have been resurfaced. The fencing on the north side of the courts has also been replaced.

Child safe fencing – New fencing and gates were installed on the Western side of the church. The gate has a child safety catch to prevent little ones from wandering.

Table Stackers – To allow easy movement of the tables, two table stackers have been built and these are making life a lot easier for those who need to move tables around.

Urban Mission Network Gathering – Rosefield is part of the Urban Mission Network and hosted their final meeting for 2015. This included providing a meal.

Of course there have been many other issues that the council has dealt with through the year.

I would like to thank those people who have worked on committees, rosters and in so many ways to make life at Rosefield go smoothly. Your contributions are appreciated and while they may go unnoticed by some, the council know and appreciate all that you do.

Dianne Peberdy, Chair, Church Council

Alive @ Five

This is an interactive program run once a month on a Sunday evening from 5.00 – 6.30 pm, suitable for all members of the family.

It includes music, prayer, various craft activities/games, drama, centred around a Bible story and closing with a shared meal provided by Church volunteers.

Highlights of the year are interactive Easter and Christmas and these are greatly enjoyed by all who come – this year at Christmas the program commenced with a snapshot of the Mainly Music playgroup program with all participating in the actions and music.

Attendances vary greatly from 6 – 60 children (the higher numbers being involved at Easter and Christmas events).

Co-ordinated and organized by *Yvonne and Craig Mitchell*.

Church Camp 2015

On the June long weekend, members of the Rosefield Uniting Church participated in a family camp at Aldinga Beach Caravan Park.

The weather was beautiful for the entire camp. The theme of the camp was 'Oh The Places You'll Go', based on the Dr Seuss book. We explored where we had been in our lives, the challenges we've overcome, where we are headed, the challenges we're going to face and how we might overcome them.

This reflective group work was broken up with a walk to the beach, a treasure hunt, Master Chef evening, quiz night, pizza and bread - making, free time (the kids especially enjoyed the jumping pillow) and crafts.

The service on Sunday morning was enjoyed by some day-visitors from town, and was a collaborative effort by the campers themselves, including songs, meditative creations, reflection on a bible reading, a comment from Craig and some acting.

Thanks to the Craig and Yvonne Mitchell for their amazing efforts in organising the camp and the food.

Celia Baker

Cradle Roll

The Cradle Roll Co-ordinator records births and baptisms and sends out cards on the anniversary of a baptism or a birthday (if the child has not been baptised). These cards are sent for five years.

At the end of 2015 there were 14 children on the roll.

Joan Kirk was co-ordinator for this caring role in 2015 and has passed the baton to Lorraine Fenwick from the beginning of 2016.

Community Harvest

Community Harvest is an Unley Council program under the umbrella of the Community Connect Program. It offers the delivery to residents, for a cost of \$10 a fortnight, an abundant mix of fresh fruit and vegetables from a local green grocer, fresh herbs and greens from the council's community garden and fresh eggs from a volunteer farmer once a month.

Denise Menzies who is employed by the Unley Council is our coordinator. Her tasks are to promote the program through various means of advertising. Denise attends most Community Days and keeps the volunteers informed about the clients and to hear our feedback.

The program supports eligible residents over the age of 65 to remain independent, living in their own home. There were 17 clients at the end of 2015. Capacity for the program is about 20. Promotional work will begin again in the new year. Each 2nd Thursday there are 11 volunteers who meet at the Sturt Bowling Club and pack the bags and then deliver them to their clients.

To most of the residents it is not only about receiving fresh produce but they look forward to a regular visitor to chat with and enjoy sharing a conversation.

Rosefield Women's Breakfast group generously donate money to this program which is invaluable as it helps to provide little extra touches, particularly at Easter and Christmas. The clients are thrilled to receive these and are so grateful.

The program has been running for many years and is always looking for more clients.

Barbara Knowles.

Cycle CLUSTER 2015 (now in its 8th Year)

Keywords describing **CLUSTER**: camaraderie, fun, friendship, fitness (for most), challenge & coffee-stop,

- 28 riders are on the weekly email* transmission and 18 are from outside Rosefield. About 10 ride each time.
- Wednesday & Saturday are organised riding days; Wednesday group is mainly for retirees & Saturday is a mixture, ages from 31 – 76 years.
- Distances and degrees of difficulty in rides are large, from seaside (distance 45km) easy ride to 70km hills rides.
- Several members undertake larger community rides eg Amy's, Tour Down Under & Ride Like Crazy, all fund raisers.

Each rider is encouraged to provide \$2 per ride for various Projects. To date almost \$8,000 has been donated.

- This year a total of \$1,600 has been sent to Chaplain Albert Partizi & the Pinery Bushfire Appeal.

The weekly email includes; next rides, newsworthy events, \$2 Project progress and thought provoking information,

eg currently using guiding principles from The Rules of Life by Richard Templar -

“Have a belief system. You don’t have to prove it to anyone else, justify it, even show it.”

Good friendships have been made and support for one another is fantastic.

John Carrangis

English Language Class

We have been conducting our class on Thursday evenings, for nine years. Our students are mainly young people who speak an Asian language. They are predominantly tertiary students or graduates who are working or looking for employment. In recent months we have also welcomed three Iranian students.

Our class activities include:

- improving and building confidence in communication and pronunciation
- expanding knowledge of and involvement in Australian customs and culture
- sharing aspects of the students’ home culture
- sharing news
- building friendships

We also encourage volunteering and involvement in wider community activities, and several of our students are doing voluntary work or go to the Men’s Shed.

Over the past few years we have shared in weddings, housewarming parties and have welcomed babies into our “family”.

To achieve our goals we have a lot of general discussion and use written texts (e.g. newspaper articles) for more formal language teaching.

Judith Thorpe, Beryl Solly, Dennis Thorpe, Kate Wise, John Carrangis (and other occasional helpers)

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group continued to be a happy group of caring men and women who met every third Friday afternoon of the month from February.

Rev.Jock Dunbar our new minister was invited to our first meeting in February. He gave an interesting and informative talk about his life history which helped us get to know him better.

We had excellent speakers commencing with Don Ballantyne in March who has had a varied career from work with National Parks and Wildlife Services to Cleland and finally becoming an Analyst Programmer.

In April members of our group spoke about their memories of Easter which was very entertaining. Ian Stewart was our guest in May. He spoke to us about Opportunity International (OI) a great organisation which gives small loans to needy people in various parts of the world, (mainly to women) to start or expand a business. Loans are repaid and money re-lent. A donation from our funds was given towards OI.

On 19th June we held our last meeting in the Foyer of the Church. This decision was made due to falling attendances; our numbers were reduced to 9 – 12 members.

This was attended by many well wishers which we appreciated. Nita particularly thanked Joan Hughes, Ede Allen, Doreen Gregory and others for their work over many years organizing refreshments.

We were sad at the passing of Colin Webb, Beryl Norman and Bill Altree. Nita Doddridge has been the Chair since its inception in 1997.

A history of the life of Rosefield Friendship Group is currently retained by Nita.

Garden Group

The Garden Group commenced in early 2015 and meets monthly.

We meet to share our love of plants, garden triumphs and disasters, and for a friendly chat.

Some of our members no longer have a garden of their own, but their lifetime of experience with plants is always insightful. Most meetings this year have been in members' own gardens, but we have also visited two great nurseries.

Some members' gardens are well-established with mature plantings. Others are still in the early phases, with labels showing what the plant might eventually look like. We have visited small courtyard gardens, professionally planned gardens and totally unplanned ones. And we have visited two properties where the owners wanted our thoughts on how to start a garden from scratch – a sort of Garden Blitz where we don't have to do any of the work!

Each has been very interesting, and there is always something to learn. We conclude with a cuppa and cake, laughing and chitchat. Rosefield Garden Group is a very friendly and relaxed way to spend 90 minutes a month – please come and join us!

Alice McCleary, Co-ordinator



Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos prison ministry is a local community-based Christian ministry that serves both those in prison and the families and friends of those in prison.

There are three arms to the ministry

- Kairos Torch for juvenile offenders
- Kairos Inside for adult offenders
- Kairos Outside for family and friends of those who are, or have been incarcerated.

Members of the Rosefield community are involved in all these three arms, including two, 3½ day courses and weekly meetings at Mobilong Prison during 2015.

The first Kairos course at Mobilong was held in 2001 and the Rosefield community has been a faithful supporter ever since.

Apart from those directly involved, other members of the community provide support via prayer vigils, biscuit baking, letter writing and donations.

Rob Rodenburg

Kids 4 Christ

In 2015 Kids 4 Christ met together on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays of each month and also the 5th Sunday, where applicable, during school terms.

We are a small group comprising of 6 regular children ranging from the ages of 3 to 12 years old. Some of the activities that the children have participated in included acting out Bible Stories, building a tent and reading the Bible Story in the tent using torches, playing games that relate to the theme for the week, playing guessing games and puzzles connected with the Bible Story for the week, craft activities such as making posters, banners, bookmarks, Advent chain and many more fun activities.

This year we presented a Nativity video to the Rosefield congregation which was filmed during several Kids 4 Christ meetings just prior to Christmas. Our video was called 'Just a Little Christmas'. It was presented as a News Report with the main story for the news being the Nativity Story.

At our last get together for 2015 we had a small party with food and games and the children were presented with a small gift.

Carolyn Wright

Photos of the stars of our video 'Just a Little Christmas' presented December, 2015.



More stars in the Video



Mary Magdalene Drop-in Centre

For 14 years Rosefield has prepared and served a meal for the street people at the Magdalene Centre in the City.

Each Saturday evening various Colleges and Congregations cater for about 80 people who visit the Centre for a three course hot meal.

Once a year members of our congregation have provided a menu of soup, casseroles and dessert to these needy patrons.

The generosity of our members has been very evident as we have always had enough to provide a meal with take-away meals for those who ask for them.

This outreach to people less fortunate than we are is much appreciated.

I would like to say a sincere thank you to all who have prepared, cooked and served the meal on the evening as well as those who have supported us with substantial monetary donations.

Beryl Solly

Meals on Wheels

We continue to do Meals on Wheels deliveries every Thursday for the Unley kitchen which is on Maud Street, Unley.

We have 4 teams of 2 people who therefore do it once every 4 weeks unless they are sick or on holiday when they change or find someone to replace them. The same 4 couples have been doing it for many years:

- Ross Butler & Warren Scarman
- Unity Hunt and Libby Lowrie
- Marg Osborn and Beryl Solly
- Marj and Ian Stewart

Lyn Schulze offered to be on the reserve list from 2015 and has filled in several times. Ian Siegele and Allan Hunt helped out for the first week in January.

Last year for the first time Ede Allen aged 99 years, a longstanding member of our congregation, started receiving meals on Thursdays so we enjoyed seeing her and I think she enjoyed seeing familiar faces from Rosefield. Unity Hunt kindly took a photo of her and a MOW helper.

Here is Ede receiving a meal from Libby Lowrie.



Men's Breakfast

The men's breakfast group is one of many of Rosefield's fellowship groups.

It meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the church's foyer. It goes without saying that men are capable carers and proof of this is that the group self caters.

A wide variety of speakers both from within and beyond the Rosefield community spoke on a variety of topics in 2015.

A pleasant highlight of the year was joining with the women's breakfast group to host what has become an annual dinner to which the whole community is invited. We look forward to another enjoyable year of breakfast fellowship in 2016.

Rob Rodenburg

Movie Group

The fun and fellowship of movie group has continued this year, although it has been a bit hit and miss with the movies. Numbers have fluctuated along with the movie quality, but average about 10 people each time.

We peaked this year with 21 attending one month. The gathering is low key, you just turn up on the night. If you would like to join us, just email me d_pebs@hotmail.com with Movie Group in the title and I will add you to our mailing list.

We usually go to the Mitcham Cinemas and enjoy dinner together either before or after the movie, depending on the scheduled time of the movie we are viewing.

We would love to see you.

Dianne Peberdy, Co-ordinator

Netball Club

The 2015 season was another successful one for the Rosefield Netball Club. The number of players in the club continues to increase, particularly in the younger age groups. This augers well for the future of the club.

The 2014-15 summer season concluded in March 2015. Rosefield had 9 senior and 13 junior teams. The summer results were outstanding with many teams competing in finals. Three senior teams made finals and 2 competed in the grand final. Of the junior teams 9 teams competed in finals, with 3 going on to play in the grand final. Rosefield won two premierships, both in the under 9 division.

The winter season continues to grow within the club and in the Association generally. Court space is at a premium both at the Association Courts and at suburban centres. All our senior and under 17 teams play at the Association Courts on Anzac Highway, whilst our junior teams play at the church courts with extra games played at Glen Osmond Primary School. We thank the school for allowing us to use their courts as the club is able to field more teams.

Rosefield nominated 5 senior and 16 junior teams last winter. Two senior teams and 11 junior teams reached the finals which was a tremendous result for the club. Four premierships were won in the under 17, under 15, under 11 and under 8 divisions.

The summer season for 2015/16 began in early October with 15 junior and 9 senior teams. The season will be completed in March 2016.

Other events in the calendar included a very successful Quiz Night held at Malvern Uniting Church and run by committee members David and Robyn Johns. We thank them for a fun, all inclusive evening which raised over \$2000. This money was used to replace the pole covers at all the home courts the club uses. The annual sports service was also held on Sunday 3rd May at Rosefield. It would be wonderful to have more of a representation from ALL teams in the future.

In December the netball courts at the church were re-surfaced which was financed in equal measure with the church. We thank the Church Council for facilitating this important development for our club, and for their ongoing support of netball at Rosefield.

We would like to particularly thank the committee for another hard-working year. Jill Fuss and Pam Hassett both continued in their respective roles of Patron and President and we appreciate their tremendous support of the club and also liaison with the church regarding all things netball. Pam would like to publicly acknowledge the huge amount of work that both our Secretaries do. Rosefield Netball Club would not be in the strong position that it is today without Sally and Alex working together as a great team and doing all that they do. Thank you ladies. Treasurer Robyn Johns and Umpire co-ordinator Tracy Lobasso also continued their roles in 2015 for which we are grateful.

Congratulations and thanks must go to all players, coaches and parents for their commitment to the club. We hope to continue to provide a fun, safe and competitive environment for all our players.

Sally Bullock and Alexandra Solly,
Club Secretaries

Pastoral Partners

.....is a group of people who have the pastoral care of our Church within their hearts.

We have met five times in 2015 and have had the following speakers:

- **February** - Reverend Jock Dunbar who spoke to us about "Why Pastoral Care?" We started this meeting off at 7.30 with nibbles and drinks to enable Jock to get to see who are Pastoral Partners, and to give the Pastoral Partners a chance to check out the "new minister".
- **April** - we were lucky to hear Dr Amanda Hutchinson speak to us about "Presence, Mindfulness and Compassion"
- **June** - Sharonne Price entitled her topic "Managing Change"
- **August** - Reverend Jock Dunbar spoke to us again
- **October** - we listened to Reverend Dr Kerry Pierce whose subject was "Self and other in the Practice of Pastoral Care"

We continue to be very thankful for our bi monthly speakers, and are always open to suggestions.

Pastoral Partners hosted the return of our "Pot luck Lunch" in June when we catered for 36 people with a finger and fork meal after the 10 o'clock church service.

Emergency Meals continue to be organized with enthusiasm by Helen Filby and we are very thankful that she attends to this efficiently and for the members of our congregation who willingly provide meals when requested.

Again, this year, Joan Kirk has sent many cards.

Sadly in November, Joan decided to "retire" from this very important ministry within the Church. She has carried out this job faithfully since 1994 (officially, but did start unofficially earlier than that). We say a huge thankyou to Joan for all that she has done quietly over all of these years.

Again, we, the coordinating team are very proud of the ways that the Pastoral Partners carry out this privileged ministry within our Rosefield Church and beyond, and we are thankful that we have such a great team of fellow partners who minister within pastoral care.

Christine Nancarrow

Playgroups and Mainly Music

We have had 3 preschool groups during 2015.

Tuesday Playgroup is from 9.30 – 11.00 am. The group began smaller than the previous year, with an average of about 24 children during term 1. This gradually increased during the year to an average of 38 during term 4 and a peak of 47 on the last day of term 4. Once again, I have been assisted during the year by 5 very faithful and capable helpers in the kitchen. The mums really appreciate chatting with the helpers and having a friendly person available to hold a baby or help with a toddler when needed.

Activities vary from week to week. Each week has a theme, and a craft activity is available for the children to make and take home. There is also a range of toys and activities which assist the children with the development of fine and gross motor skills, plus give them opportunity for creativity and imaginative play. Outdoor play, which includes water play (when the weather is suitable), bikes, scooters and balls, is always a very popular time. Each session finishes with a story and songs. Pancake Day, Easter, Mother's day, Father's day and Christmas were also celebrated and enjoyed.



Helpers in the kitchen



Painting is fun!

Baby Playgroup is each Tuesday from 11.30 – 12.45. During 2015 the group was at its peak during term 1 with 14 babies attending, although not every week. The first semester averaged 8 per week, but this fell away to just an average of 3 for the second semester. The group is very casual, with the mums enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and a snack, while they chat. The last 15 minutes of this time is spent singing songs and finger plays. Although the group is not very large, the mums appreciate the support and friendship offered.

Mainly Music is on Thursday from 9.30 – 11.00.

This group has continued to flourish during 2015 and is so popular that we have had a waiting list operating for the whole year. We have found that once a family begins coming to mainly music, they are very regular and seldom leave unless the children begin child care, kindy, or school. The average has been 28 children per week.

A mainly music day begins with a craft activity as everyone arrives. We then have approximately 30 minutes of songs and rhymes with children and adults participating. Each week some of the songs have some 'God' content, which has been very well received. It's been great to see adults and children, some of whom have no church background, singing 'God-songs', with great enthusiasm.

Following the music, the children have morning tea, then a playtime, supervised by some of our mainly music team. The adults then have their morning tea (provided by our helpers) and a chat. This is a great opportunity for people from Rosefield to get to know the parents/carers, to build relationships, and for us to be seen as a caring community.

Mainly Music requires quite a few helpers to run smoothly and we have been blessed with a team of 20+ people who generously give their time to help, most either weekly or fortnightly.



Music time



mainly music in the park

We have a great group of helpers in our early childhood ministry, and I appreciate each one of them. I am honoured and blessed to be able to relate to such a wonderful group of people. If others are interested in helping too, there are always opportunities and I would welcome a phone call or a visit to chat.

Glenda Congdon, Co-ordinator

Property Report

A Safety Hazard report from 2013/14 had some tasks carried over into the 2015 Year.

- Painting of Rooms 1,2,3 was completed Dec 2015/Jan 2016, with the Foyer and Room's 4,5 to be completed this year 2016
- Storm water problems were completed at rear of Church with our neighbour at 9 Cheltenham Street, with the enlarging of water exit pipes, sumps installed and the removal of Bamboo, along with the erection of a new fence.
- Sound and Lighting upgrade of the Church completed in November 2015 with improvement to all areas.
- Building of a new Sound box on the Western side of Church has given operators more space to utilize the new equipment. Many thanks to Warren Scarman for his many hours of work to complete this task.
- Working Bee conducted in November 2015 saw a great turn up to remove Green waste from Car Park and Church surrounds. We are looking at having at least 2 Working Bees a year to maintain the Garden and Church surrounds.
- Removal of Ivy on the NE corner had been causing problems on the Courts and was removed and a new fence erected. Also a new neighbour fence was erected between us and 5 Cheltenham Street.
- The Netball Courts were also re-surfaced in November 2015 in consultation with the Rosefield Netball Club.
- The Memorial Garden/ Columbarium area has had 3 Crepe Myrtles planted in November 2015 and has added some colour in that corner. Further work to be carried out 2016 with the Property and Garden Committee's to work through the issues.

Bob Simpson, Chair Property Committee

Rosefield Community Shed

2015 has been an interesting year for the Shed.

It had outgrown its original working area which had become cramped with the growing numbers attending. This presented hazards for people working with woodworking equipment in very close proximity to one another.

Fortunately for the Shed, the Management of the Highgate complex decided to outsource the Maintenance and Engineering aspects of the building. This resulted in a very large area on the ground floor previously occupied by this group being vacated. The Shed was allowed to move into this spacious and well set up area.

For a period of time severe Occupational Health & Safety restrictions were placed on our existing equipment which resulted in a reduction in the number and size of projects which could be undertaken. This however was soon rectified with the arrival of an extensive range of new approved equipment provided by Disability Services. Each item is protected with appropriate covers and safety cut out switches. Training has been undertaken by all Supervisors on this equipment.

Weekly attendance is around 15-20 and both Men and Ladies are encouraged to attend. Most weeks several Highgate Park residents attend who either work on small tasks or simply enjoy participating in the camaraderie. New members from both the community and Highgate Park are actively encouraged.

Many projects have been undertaken including such items as manufacture of bird boxes, cutting boards, small handheld crosses together with repairs to chairs, desks, umbrellas etc. The Shed is always willing to take on new projects within its abilities.

The Shed is actively supported by Rosefield Uniting Church, Disability Services and Unley Council with assistance from Barrow and Bench and Hyde Park Rotary.

Don Osborn



Saturday Nighters

This year we averaged about 20 guests each gathering.

We had 2 shared BBQs & 3 shared casserole meals.

One evening was hosted at the Church, which is more convenient for hosts who have less room in their homes to accommodate a larger group.

These evenings are relaxed social gatherings which provide an opportunity for friends to mix, meet new members from the congregation and have a longer time to chat than after Church.

Helen Filby

Seniors Ministry

As the years have passed sadly our numbers have declined. Our remaining Seniors are becoming frailer or moving into long term care.

We now have one Seniors Lunch per year. It was scheduled for Sunday May 31st in 2015. It was decided to supplement our numbers by inviting each allocated Pastoral Partner to join the Seniors Lunch. It was a good move to include the Pastoral Partners as they had a chance to chat with our Senior members.

The Pastoral Partner committee are extremely grateful to all of our volunteers who kindly provide food & serve on the tables at each lunch.

We continue to care for our Seniors with our Pastoral Care Program - each of them have a Pastoral Partner who keeps in contact with them. We heard from Jeanette Sharpe to say that Ede Allen turned 99 years in early January. Ede is no longer able to come to church.

Thank you to all the Pastoral Partners who care for our Senior members.

Unity Hunt

Schools Ministry

Rosefield has maintained its commitment and support for Schools Ministry through 2015. Significant developments during the year have been:

- Selection and appointment of Amy Pfeiffer as Pastoral Care Worker at Highgate Primary School
- Initiation by David Hawkins of a Mentoring Program under the auspices of Kids Hope Aus, which is expected to be launched in Highgate Primary in 2016

Ongoing support of Jodi Quast at Unley High and building relationship with Amy Pfeiffer at Highgate Primary, means that Rosefield is supporting a ministry of presence and pastoral care with potential to touch nearly 2000 families in our district.

Rosefield continues to provide leadership support to the UMF Schools Ministry program which also serves Black Forest Primary, Goodwood Primary and Parkside Primary, through:

- Pauline Hocking's role as Treasurer
- Meredith Spangler's support for re-establishing a Newsletter
- Peter Murchland's recent appointment as Chair

Peter Murchland

Small Groups

2015 has been a year of "maintaining the status quo " in small group management at Rosefield. The aim has been to keep as many of the existing 2014 groups continuing and active as possible whilst trying to fit in with the direction of our new minister as regards group studies complementing his sermon themes.

The senior youth group ceased to operate in 2015 as members graduated/took up new jobs/moved away from Rosefield etc. All other groups have continued to function in some form or another as outlined below.

Tony Nancarrow's bible study group continues to meet regularly, completing a number of studies throughout the year and being always at full capacity.

The "Skype group" under Emma Dubrich's guidance has "met" regularly all year, and has joined in Lenten and Advent studies.

The "Senior's Group" shepherded by Brian Jefferies has continued to meet at Pop Stafford's residence on Wednesday mornings throughout the year.

6 other groups have met for at least Lenten Studies and Advent studies in 2015, with at least one of the groups doing an additional study (a 12 week study of one of Richard Rohr's books).

We currently have 7 groups about to commence a Lenten Study in 2016; these include a ladies only group, and for the first time, a combined group of Rosefield and St Chad's youth, to be led by our minister, Jock Dunbar.

The total number of people participating in small group studies at Rosefield Uniting Church would currently vary somewhere between 70 to 90 depending on the season and the study being undertaken.

Derek Nash, Co-ordinator

The Grove Uniting Church (formerly The Woodville Gardens Uniting Church)

In 2013 Don Osborn and I were asked by Synod to assist the then Woodville Gardens Uniting Church, Church Council. This was the beginning of a very close relationship between the two Churches, particularly as Rev Lyn Leane their appointed minister was previously was a very much loved member of Rosefield

Considerable tidying up work was necessary by the Council including proper financial reporting, banking, installation of computers, internet access, the leasing of the Manse and certain repair work there, was initially carried out.

The Grove Community consists of three main groups, The Church, the Op. Shop, and the Community Garden, which together stands as a significant centre within that community of support and encouragement

The major emphasis over the last two years has been looking at a way that we can alter and modernise the building so that it enhances the operations of these three groups

Khab Architects have been employed to develop a suitable plan. A number of submissions have been made to Synod seeking their approval. Monies to finance these works is coming mainly from the sale proceeds of the Ridleyton Church. Whilst we are waiting for final approval from the Synod Resource Committee, we are encouraged that the Synod Property committee has given their approval. We are hoping for a positive year in 2016 when substantial building alterations will be carried out.

There are many stories that The Grove community can tell of people finding support, assistance and love through their association with this community

Rosefield has constantly been very supportive in many ways. Many items have been donated to the Op. Shop, Rosefield Craft Group making quilts and bags, assisting Rev Lyn with worship activities, assistance in small groups, Gifts for the Empty Christmas Tree, etc etc

It is a special and very meaningful relationship that has been created between Rosefield & The Grove, where both communities are benefitting, and one which we hope and pray with continue to develop

Ian Stewart



The Church



Work of the Community Gardeners



Rev Lyn Leane (right) with some of her parishioners

Thursday Girls

Thursday Girls (as mentioned previously, “girls” is open to interpretation).....

This is a group of happy women who meet every month in homes, or occasionally in the restaurant at “The Waterford”.

This year we had our “Christmas in November” lunch at Living Choice where the “first time” experience was enjoyed by some who hadn’t eaten at the restaurant. It seemed to be a success in many ways.

In 2015 we were able to give money to the WOW group to help pay for backing materials for quilts that the women had made to give away to several groups.

We also purchased the buckets, sponges and chamois used by the Youth Group for their successful Car Wash held in November.

At present we are planning to purchase some extra cutlery etc to be used in the kitchen for catering. A very large esky has already been bought. This will help to keep food and/or drinks cool when the refrigerator is full each time that catering for large numbers happens at Rosefield.

Christine Nancarrow

Welcomers on Sundays

This Group continues to fulfil a very important task each Sunday. Our struggle is to find enough people to help fill the rosters one month at a time.

In 2015 we were very pleased to have Reverend Jock Dunbar gather us together for short meetings after Church.

There have been several actions taken that have resulted from our get togethers, which enabled us all to chat about how this group is going.

The "Welcomers" card now found in the pews was probably the main outcome from our first meeting. This card enables a number of people to keep track of newcomers to our Church.....names, addresses etc.

When we had our second meeting in November, we discussed a number of issues, including having another welcomer at the side gate. Again, because of numbers we may find this difficult, but a trial was carried out until Christmas day.

We also discussed the idea of setting up a few small tables (six have now been donated) in Room 1, with the idea of perhaps lessening the noise in the foyer after the 8.30 service and also offering more room for others to sit and chat in a quieter area.

Coming together several times a year has given us the opportunity to share and to continue to look at ways that can indeed make our Church a friendly and welcoming Church for those who might feel that Rosefield could become their home Church too.

Christine Nancarrow

Wheelies and Worship at Highgate Park

Our group of dedicated "**wheelies**" have continued to support residents at Highgate Park by assisting them to attend church services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at Highgate Chapel.

A special event in June 2015 was a combined service at Highgate Park with our Rosefield congregation. This was a wonderful opportunity for members of our congregation to meet the residents, and to share and experience the style of worship that Rosefield has provided at the chapel for many years.

In acknowledgement of the important role of volunteers "wheelies" were invited to a Christmas dinner at Highgate Park in December which was enjoyed by all who attended. Beverley Williamson the Manager of Volunteer services spoke about the important role volunteers play in the life of residents at Highgate Park. Over 1400 hours of volunteer time has enhanced the lives of residents and has helped build closer relationships and friendships.

Thank you all our "wheelie" volunteers who have taken on this Christian ministry. Without your commitment and dedication this important outreach would not be able to continue. Your willingness to be involved is a great blessing to the residents and I know is very much appreciated.

We also give a special thank you to the Rosefield Preachers and Musicians who provide the leadership for the worship services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month.

Nora Ballantyne

Women's Breakfast Group

The Women's Breakfast group met throughout 2015 on the third Tuesday of the month.

Numbers fluctuated between 10 – 20 women and with less of our number now needing to go on to outside work commitments our meeting time was changed from 7.00 am to 7.15 am.

Speakers came from within the Rosefield community and from outside and as usual provided a wide range of topics to consider.

We were privileged to hear more of the faith journeys of Karen Hunt and Jock and Jacqui Dunbar, to be informed about Uniting Church's Big Year Out, Urban Mission Network and CMLA programs, and to learn about the Samaritans Purse aid initiative through the Christmas Box appeal.

A highlight of the year was combining with the Men's Breakfast Group to host Rev. Dr. Amelia Koh-Butler as Speaker at the annual Rosefield Dinner fundraiser. Amelia was inspirational as she used her wonderful operatic trained voice to sing and tell her story.

Proceeds from the dinner are being used to bring women to the Uniting Women 2016 conference in April.

The Women's Breakfast group meet in homes or in the church foyer.

A small donation is collected for the hostess and for Unley's Community Harvest Program which we have continued to support each year.

Whilst we are delighted to have speakers come and share their stories at our breakfast gatherings we also find value in being together in the spirit of community and look forward to more of this in 2016.

Note: we are changing our meeting date to the first Tuesday of the month for 2016.

Helen Mills

W O W – Women on Wednesday

WOW is a group of women from our church and the wider community who meet each Wednesday to participate in craft.

The women either work on their own projects or a group project to help people in need.

We learn new skills from each other, refine our own skills, have fun and contribute to projects in our church or needs which we are made aware of in our wider church or community.

- In conjunction with the men and women at the Community Shed we decorated 130 wooden bells, cut out by the members of the Shed, with glitter and stickers which were given to the children who come to Playgroups and Mainly Music.
- We made 40 letter bags for the Kairos Prison Ministry group
- Over 60 quilts were made and given to:
 - Mary Potter Hospice
 - Catherine House
 - Ronald McDonald House
- We knitted and crocheted rugs, scarves and slippers for Catherine House
- Also knitted rugs, scarves and beanies were given to the Mary Magdalene Centre
- Crocheted and knitted rugs were given for boys and girls needing emergency relief at the Lutheran Community Centre
- For Beanie Day in Alice Springs, more beanies were knitted and donated
- Bags were made, filled with toiletries which were donated from the Thursday Girls Group and other members of the Rosefield Community, and taken in to Catherine House.

We are most grateful to our church community for their support in the donating of wool, useful material and money to buy wadding needed to complete the quilts.

We all enjoy what we do and feel privileged to use our skills to help others and thank our community for their support.

“What we make with our hands ... we give with our hearts”

Bev Butler

Youth Report

In 2015, we combined our youth ministry with St Chad's Anglican Church .

The group began meeting fortnightly on Friday nights and continued this throughout the year.

We saw the group grow in friendships, faith and numbers, with lots of new faces joining us throughout the year.

Our meetings always included games, food and a time of bible study and small groups.

We did many different activities including Messy Games, Survivor Night, Formal Dinner, cooking for Mary Magdalene Centre and we ended the year with a charity carwash to raise money for Uniting Care's Christmas Appeal.

Throughout the year we studied the 'Alpha Youth' course, which is devoted to explaining the basic claims of Christianity and what it means to follow Jesus. Our group really enjoyed this and we had some great discussions. This has become an important part of our gatherings as the SWAMP group, previously held on Sunday mornings, has not been held this year.

In 2016 we hope to continue the growth of group's faith and community and we are excited to see what God is going to do!

Adam Smith