

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUP NETWORK

For many decades now, the value of playgroups in the local community has been identified and appreciated. Hundreds of Christian playgroups are scattered throughout Australia – some meeting in churches, others in local community buildings.

As people talked about wanting to be more intentional in their playgroup as a mission to their local community, a need emerged for some cohesion and networking between these groups. In 2001 a group of people started meeting and praying about how this could happen and develop. In November 2002, the Christian Playgroup Network was formally launched.

We look back with thanksgiving to God for the inspiration and dedication that launched the Christian Playgroup Network and for all the playgroups and churches that have been a part of the network and continue to minister to playgroup families; and we look to the future trusting that God will continue to shape the Christian Playgroup Network for his kingdom purposes.

Connect – Belong – Grow expresses what CPN is about, for churches and their playgroups, and for the children and families who are the reason the Christian Playgroup Network exists. We see this as a promise—what we aim to achieve through the ministry of CPN. For playgroup families, we see playgroup as a place where they have connected with their local church and where they feel they belong. We want to see families grow into an even deeper sense of belonging—to the church family and to God.

We exist to equip, encourage and enable healthy Playgroup ministry in local churches. Journeying together, the CPN seeks to provide support and encouragement as playgroups think, pray and develop ways of making the promise of Connect – Belong – Grow a reality. We long to see playgroups as flourishing expressions of God's Kingdom where families find love, grace and acceptance; faith is formed, shared and nurtured; and fullness of life is experienced.

Our actions are motivated by the values of Loving compassion; Kingdom focus; Missional intent; Serving churches; and Resourcing leaders. The Christian Playgroup Network would love to support you and encourage you as part of our promise to help all CPN members to Connect—Belong—Grow.

Our Working Principles for our member playgroups are Strengthening families; Serving with humility and respect; Creating and maintaining a safe environment; Providing opportunities to experience and respond to God's love; and Demonstrating intentional and strategic action. We encourage playgroup teams to think, pray, talk and work to make these principles a reality for the families in your playgroup.



TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 2020, CONVENED ON ZOOM AT 7:30PM

Ordinary Business

1. To confirm the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
2. To receive and consider the Committee's report
3. To receive and consider the financial statements of the association as at 30 June 2020.
4. To elect the following members of the Committee
 - President – Ruth Kernick (Baptist)
 - Vice President – Hollie Boniface (Anglican)
 - Secretary – Alyson Prescott (CCCVaT)
 - Treasurer – Chris Barnett (Uniting)
5. To elect up to 4 'Ordinary Members' to the Committee
 - Dorothy Hughes (Anglican)
6. To consider the amount of the annual membership fee and determine anniversary year payment. If thought fit, to pass the following resolution:

'That the amount of the annual membership fee from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2021 will remain at \$65, payable by anniversary year'
7. Any other business



TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2019

NORTH RINGWOOD UNITING CHURCH, 14 DICKSON CRESCENT, RINGWOOD NORTH, VICTORIA

Present CPN team (Ruth Kernick), St Marks Anglican Forest Hill (Miranda Starkey, Nancy Smith), Heidelberg Scots Uniting (Barb Brook, Annie White, Marion Edwards), Croydon Uniting (Belinda Carter), St Stephen's Anglican Bayswater (Jean Bellis, June Pope, Alison Thompson, Brenda McLean, Jean Lyne, Dorothy Ensil), CPN team (Dorothy Hughes), Alan Hughes, Balwyn Gospel Chapel (Julie Hunter, Gloria Wong, Christine Price), CPN team (Alyson Prescott), Eastleigh Community Church (Ellen Carr, Margaret Battans), Warrandyte Community Church (Emmaline Paterson, Nancy Moyle, Chris Wilson), Kilsyth South Baptist (Amy Van der Veen, Amy Kennedy), North Ringwood Uniting (Merry Sweatman, Lindsay Baker, Helen Hedding, Judith Engler, Jenny Smith, Faye, Glenda Jacobs), Ferntree Gully Baptist (Jeanette Ullrich, Henny Luppa), EDGE church Doncaster (Lee Sun Thang), CPN team (Chris Barnett), Mt Eliza Anglican (Samantha White), St Mark's Anglican Emerald (Hollie Boniface), CPN team (Kim Sopar)

Apologies Berwick Church of Christ, Murrumbeena Baptist, All Saints Anglican Mitcham, Beaconsfield Baptist, Jenny Wraight (CCCVaT), Aberfeldie Baptist, Faith Life Church, Wesley Uniting Church Melbourne, Traralgon Uniting, Clayton Church of Christ, Montmorency Community Church, St Michael's and St Luke's Anglican Dandenong, Presbytery of Uniting Church Tasmania, High Street Uniting Frankston, Altona Meadows / Laverton Uniting, St Albans Uniting, Westgate Vineyard Church, Wangaratta Wesleyan Methodist, City Life, St Mark's Anglican Camberwell, Endeavour Hills Uniting, Werribee Church of Christ, St Matthew's Anglican Endeavour Hills.

The meeting opened at 8.10pm, with a welcome and opening prayer by Chris Barnett.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

- To confirm the minutes of the 2018 annual general meeting
Moved: Nancy Moyle, Seconded: Alyson Prescott, Motion carried unanimously
- To receive and consider the Committee's annual report
Moved: Kim Sopar, Seconded: Emmaline Paterson, Motion carried unanimously
- To receive and consider the financial statements of the association as at 30 June 2019.
Moved: Dorothy Hughes, Seconded: Jeanette Ullrich, Motion carried unanimously
- To elect the following Committee members
President – Ruth Kernick (Baptist churches)
Moved: Nancy Moyle, Seconded: Alison Thompson, Motion carried
Vice President – Alyson Prescott (CCCVaT churches)
Moved: Emmaline Paterson, Seconded: Christine Price, Motion carried
Secretary – Kim Sopar (Independent churches)
Moved: Dorothy Hughes, Seconded: Jeanette Ullrich, Motion carried
Treasurer – Chris Barnett (Uniting Churches)
Moved: Samantha White, Seconded: Hollie Boniface, Motion carried
- To elect up to 4 'Ordinary Members' to the Committee
Dorothy Hughes – Anglican Diocese of Melbourne
Glenda Wright – Murrumbeena Baptist
Lindsay Baker – North Ringwood Uniting
Hollie Boniface – St Marks Anglican Emerald
Moved: Emmaline Paterson, Seconded: Jenny Smith, Motion carried
- To consider the amount of the annual membership fee and determine anniversary year payment. If thought fit, to pass the following resolution:
'That the amount of the annual membership fee from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2020 will be \$65, payable by anniversary year'
Moved: Dorothy Hughes, Seconded: Jeanette Ullrich, Motion carried
- Any other business:
No other business

The meeting closed at 8:23pm with thanks to all present for their support of the Christian Playgroup Network.

What a year 2020 has been! As we find ourselves in the midst of these challenging times, we know that many of you are working tirelessly to support your local playgroup families. We, the CPN Committee, know the value of your work and want to encourage and uplift you.

Our membership is made up of churches that are running a playgroup or playtime, as well as organisations or individuals who have a role in advocating playgroups as a ministry of the local church. Seeing the diversity of Playgroups that belong to the CPN is inspiring. Small, large, facilitated by paid staff or volunteers, young mums or retired, multicultural and multilingual. They truly offer a place for people to connect, belong and grow.

As a CPN member you are a walking advocate of the partnership that the CPN can have with churches. When you meet others in your area or have friends or relatives that are running a playgroup, tell them about the CPN, and how it can offer support, advice and resources specifically for playgroups that are an outreach of the church.

ASPECTS TO CELEBRATE AS WE LOOK BACK OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

- The **CPN Committee held their annual strategic planning day in early January**, a helpful time of assessing if our vision, values and goals are still relevant and how to implement them.
- The **CPN Zoom catch ups** in June were appreciated by all involved, as well as ongoing Zoom catch-ups within denominations that has followed. We plan to keep these happening on a regular basis for the rest of 2020.
- There has been a greater interaction with our members through **our Facebook page** – haven't joined yet? Join today to stay connected with other playgroups for ideas and encouragement.
- **Care packs and resources** have continued to be provided for our members to help support them through this time of lockdown and Government restrictions.
- The annual **Stories of Childhood event** has been moved from 30 May to a Saturday afternoon in October via Zoom. We are just waiting on the all-important AFL Grand Final date to be locked in to confirm our event date! Watch this space.
- We continued to invest in our **website and membership processes**, particularly in improving the membership renewal experience by improving the payment options and also streamlining the administration processes.
- **We were grateful for financial support from CCCVaT** (a grant of \$3000) that has contributed to the continued development of the website (including membership services) and our partnership with InterGen.

The committee members all volunteer their skills, time and passion contributing to the ongoing work of the CPN in many ways. It is a privilege to work with such a committed and supportive group of people that share a desire to serve the CPN membership. Each member of the committee has such a passion for seeing Playgroups thrive as a place of ministry to children and their families.

Special thanks need to be given to **Jane Lee** who volunteers her time and expertise as bookkeeper, ensuring that our finances are kept in order; to **Merryn Gray** who is paid to oversee and maintain our membership administration, as well as doing extra jobs for us such as event promotion; to **Evan Englezos** who is paid for his specialised role in maintaining our website and other IT services.

The CPN members and all who support them in their playgroup ministries are the reason why the committee serves. The CPN is a network that exists to encourage, equip and support those that are ministering to families through playgroups and we thank God for the wonderful playgroups that strive to be flourishing expressions of God's Kingdom where families find love, grace and acceptance; faith is formed, shared and nurtured; and fullness of life is experienced.

Ruth Kernick on behalf of the CPN Committee, August 2020

Galatians 6:9 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up'

CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUP NETWORK 2019/2020 ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT

At 30/06/20 the balance of the Westpac account was \$249.31, the Bendigo Bank account was 15,887.91 and there was a cash float recorded as 30.00 – a total of 16,167.22.

Rounding figures to the nearest \$10, the total income for the year was \$10,890 (cf. budget of \$9,400), the total expenditure for the year was \$9,090 (cf. budget of \$10,400) and there was a net surplus of \$1,800 (cf. budgeted deficit of \$1,000). The surplus was mainly due to income from Memberships being greater than anticipated and a change in the relationship with Interger leading to a significant decrease in expenditure to that which was originally budgeted.

On behalf the CPN, I would again like to express appreciation to Christian Community Churches in Victoria and Tasmania (CCCVaT) for their generous support of the CPN and to Jane Lee for her dedicated work in ensuring accurate recording, monitoring and reporting in relation to the CPN finances.

Chris Barnett CPN Treasurer August 2020

EOFY BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30 2020

Assets

Westpac Cheque Account	\$249.31	
Bendigo Bank Cheque Account	\$15,887.91	
Cash Float	\$30.00	

Total Assets		\$16,167.22
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Liabilities	0.00	
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Net Assets		\$16,167.22
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Equity

Retained Earnings	\$4,598.09	
Current Earnings	\$1,802.72	
Historical Balancing Account	\$9,766.41	

Total Equity		\$16,167.22
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PROFIT & LOSS 2019/2020

Income

Membership	\$6,788.34
AGM & Conference	\$1,009.10
Grants	\$3000.00
Interest	\$9.01
Resources sold	\$85.00

Total Income	\$10,891.45
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Expenses

PayPal Fees	\$31.84
Stripe Fees	\$28.26
AGM & Conference	\$1,607.40
Membership administration	\$1,815.00
Website	\$1,380.00
Post Office Box	\$134.00
Hospitality	\$241.52
Gifts	\$464.76
Travel	\$53.95
Resources Purchased	\$332.00
Interger Partnership	3,000.00

Total Expenses	\$9,088.73
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Net Profit / (Loss)	\$1,802.72
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Schedule 1

Regulation 15

Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

Sections 94(2)(b), 97(2)(b) and 100(2)(b)

This form is required to be provided to the members at the AGM with the association's accounts.


Annual statements give true and fair view of financial position of incorporated association

We, Ruth Kernick and Alyson Prescott, being members of the Committee of the CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUP NETWORK INC, certify that—

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position of the CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUP NETWORK INC during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2020.

Signed: 

Dated: 19/08/2020.

Signed: 

Dated: 20/08/2020

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