



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

Tues 1 May 2018, 7.30 pm

St Columba's meeting room
Meeting opened: 7.35pm

No quorum

Item	Action
1. Opening prayer – Fr Peter	
2. Attendance / apologies <u>Present:</u> Fr. Peter, David Hair, Adrian Overs, Carmel Reid, Bernard Ryan, Vasile Tiano, Nicola Connors <u>Apologies</u> Chantal Nguyen, Mark Breen, Renata Popovic-Tomac, Dan O'Brien	-
Business arising from previous meetings	
3. <u>Community and solar power</u> David Hair from the Social Justice discussed the update on Caring for Creation through solar - installing solar panels. David asked justice/peace office for information. 15 th Tuesday 7pm - Presentation on the solar. This will be a solar power information session in our parish at the St Columba's Parish Hall.	David Hair

<p><u>4. Cooling options for the hall</u></p> <p>Renata sent preliminary sketches for possible cooling options. These are rough drawn ideas and concepts or options. Renata spoken to her suppliers on possible options and waiting for quotes. Possibly at the next mtng discuss further on aesthetics and costs.</p>	Renata
<p><u>5. Carpark bollards</u></p> <p>Power operated by remote bollards - Being installed starting on the 2nd May 2018.</p>	Fr. Peter
<p><u>6. Parish 120th anniversary</u></p> <p>A Family mass with, drinks (i.e. juice & wine), and cake. Tea and coffee.</p>	Carmel
<p><u>7. Storage at the hall</u></p> <p>Fr. Peter spoke to Brian de'Beck (builder) for storage option. Prefab sheeting. Next meeting for quote and further information.</p>	Fr. Peter
<p><u>8. Property next to the Presbytery</u></p> <p>For next meeting</p>	Fr. Peter
<p>7. School report – tabled by Bernard</p> <p>Moved by: Seconded by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 2 has started smoothly with students coming back in their winter uniform. Girls now have the option of wearing pants instead of a tunic in winter. • Next Tuesday, 8 May, a delegation of 14 Catholic School Principals from Hong Kong will be visiting St. Columba's to see contemporary Religious Education pedagogy in action. They will be meeting in the hall to hear a presentation from Sydney Catholic Schools and they will observe a Religious Education lesson in Year 5. • The 18th annual Learning Environments Australasia Conference is being held in Sydney in May. Conference delegates will be visiting St. Columba's to view our contemporary learning spaces. In the brochure for the conference St. Columba's is described as "Inner City Regeneration: In a significant reworking, the project retains the original Victorian school building, re-establishing a garden curtilage as a way of connecting church, school and hall. It provides discrete infants and primary areas, and a new school entry or 'welcome', with a positive street presence." • A Walkathon was held at the end of Term 2. All monies raised went to supporting the school Mandarin Language Program. • The school was successful in receiving a \$2000 grant to establish a playgroup for pre-schoolers. This program will be led by our Family Educator, Nicola Connors. 	

- On Tuesday 22 May at 7.30pm our Family Educator will be holding a talk about her recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Following the talk there will be a Middle Eastern food night.
- Our School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning Program has been successfully begun at St. Columba's. Children earn "Columban Coins" for following our school expectation of "We are respectful, We are learners, We are safe and We care." A very positive article was written in About Catholic Schools about the implementation of the program at St. Columba's. It can be found at:
<https://aboutcatholicschools.wordpress.com/2018/04/24/coins-boost-wellbeing-at-st-columbas/>

8. St Vincent de Paul report – tabled by Mark Breen

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Clients assisted

In the six weeks since last meeting Vinnies conference members attended to 8 calls for assistance. There were 17 individuals assisted during these calls and we delivered 6 food hampers and issued \$330 worth of supermarket food cards. Total approximate cost for goods, including refrigerators, washing machines, plumbing services and the like provided during the period is \$3245.

Financial Position

Currently – 31 March —we are showing a surplus of \$7828. This figure is provided with the proviso that the expenses used in calculating it do not include certain things not borne directly from the figure shown as income. For example, of the \$3245 figure above for cost of assisting clients, around \$1800 is NOT included as an expense to calculate the surplus.

9. Parish sub-committee updates

Social Committee

David's Place on the 6th April. Everything is going as planned. There is currently a large amount of people attending the date. It is advertised and updated in the latest bulletin. The event will be organised and conducted by Adrian, Carmel, Vasile & Renata. Everything will be ready and prepared for Sunday morning to welcome the people from David's Place.

Carmel, Adrian, Vasile, Renata,

Reaching out to others/Social Justice

Next meeting for changing ROTO to Social Justice or sub-group.
Asylum Seeker Refuge Centre (ASRC) Community Action Workshop. It is coming up on 19th May at the Leichhardt Uniting Church 3 Wetherill Street Leichhardt.
Refugee week. There will be speakers on 9th & 10th June.

David Hair to report back to ROTO/Social Justice.

<p>It was discussed there should be more involvement for parents or students at St. Columba's for refugee & social justice - this need to be discussed further or discussed next time.</p> <p>Solar panels is organised by Parish office - getting experts' for more information. By having solar it will be acting to Laudato si'.</p>	
<p><u>Liturgy</u></p> <p>A liturgy meeting was held on the Tuesday 10th April 2018. Meeting was with Fr. Peter, Louise White, & Vasile Tiano. We discuss the success of Holy week, Good Friday, & Easter. Four points were raised: Raised the importance of Holy Thursday - how to spread awareness because of attendance for promotion. Secondly, look how to do Station of the Cross. Thirdly discuss Alter of repose & Fourth: the drive for Eucharistic ministers.</p>	Vasile
<p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>Nothing new to add.</p>	
<p>10. Closing prayer</p>	

Meeting closed: 8.30pm

Next meeting: Tues 12 June 2018, 7.30 pm, St Columba's meeting room