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THANK-YOU

Rob and Barb McLeod would very much like to thank all their friends in Cowwarr for the lovely fairwell given to us at the Pub.

Your gifts and best wishes, along with all our very happy memories of Cowwarr will stay with us for ever
Thank-you.

Christmas Services at Christ Church

The normal Uniting Service will be held ay 11am on Sunday 19th. **A Special Christmas Carols Service will be held in the grounds from 5pm – 6pm on Sunday 19th.** If it is raining it will be held in the Cowwarr Public Hall.

Christ Church News.

The following is a summary of the the main issues aired at the last meeting.

1. Maintenance Funds

Rev. Keith reported that there is about \$2,000 available for urgent repairs.

2. Church Committee

Overseas the raising of funds and coordinate what has to be done around the church.

Committee of five members are:-

Helen Hoppner
Heather Allen
Stephen Hookey
Bev. Hookey
Bill O'Brien
Brian Burleigh

3. Nominations for Parish Council

H. Hoppner

As there needs to be two members, **if anyone is interested please contact Rev. Keith**

4. Sale of Church Land

To raise sufficient money to fund the many and major maintenance jobs to be done at the church, it is proposed that the vacant land at the rear of the church should be sold.

Rev. Keith explained that the land must be sold through the diocese and he will have to examine the titles/deeds etc., and apply for a permit to excise or subdivide the land.

80% of the sale money goes directly to Christ Church & 20% to the diocese

5. Restumping, Tank, Guttering Fencing etc.,

All major maintenance works are dependant on the sale of the land.

6. Roster for Cleaning & Flowers.

Volunteers are required for 2005 to help clean and provide flowers for the Church **once a month** if you have an hour to spare or can provide a few flowers please contact Helen Hoppner

7. Signage for Church.

\$250 has been donated from the CCHA church fund – H. Hoppner to arrange design. A copy to be sent to diocese for approval.

8. Commemorative Tree at front gate.

The Tree has suffered greatly over the last few years and is always dropping limbs in high winds and has a lot of dead wood in it. It was decided that the top of the tree should be removed and the trunk suitably carved as a memorial – H. Hoppner to get quotes.

9. Working Bees.

Committee to decide what and when and notices published in Chronicle or as a notice in the Shop.

11. Church Bazaar.

It was decided that this was not viable, instead it was decided to periodically take a stall at the Heyfield Market.

Australia Day Breakfast.

The Cowwarr – Toongabbie Lions will again be putting on the Australia Day Breakfast at the Cowwarr Public Hall again on the 26th. January 2005. (it's a Wednesday next year).

Everyone is welcome and we will have live music and a lolly scramble for the children.

CFA News.

Just a reminder that you **cannot** burn-off without a permit.

Hall News.

The Committee is busy getting quotes for a major upgrade of the toilets including the provision of a disabled toilet.. We will be applying for a grant in January 2005 and fingers crossed we will know sometime in March 2005. As the Hall is not used much in winter we plan to get the work done then.

Streetscape Plan Submission.

The Streetscape has been sent to Council and included the following comments from members of the community – we await their decision with baited breath

1. That the Bus Shelter should NOT be moved as most people would visit the Cowwarr Store prior to boarding the bus and if the weather is really foul prefer to shelter under the Store verandah.
2. That the south side of the road should have curb and channel from the Hall to McEwans Lane and the grassed road area should be bitumened. Part of this strip already has curb and channel – Hall and Dennis Carsteins so it would mean connecting 6 blocks. This would mean better parking and access for the Library, School and V/Line buses and allow better off street parking for trucks etc., when drivers need to visit businesses in this area.
3. That the Peppermint Gums be retained as street trees. There are 4 Peppermint Gums on the North side of the road and members of the community consider them of significant importance.
4. That the plantings “collar” the Main Street from the Rail Trail (west) and the triangle and bend (east) as the best way to slow traffic and prevent overtaking and speeding in the centre of the village.
5. That a School crossing be installed at Cricket Street this would allow children to cross safely to the Library Bus from the school and be safer for children living on the south side of the road.