

# SURF COAST LINKED CONGREGATIONS COUNCIL

## TORQUAY UNITING CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT for 2016

### **Council Membership:**

Minister:	Rev Helen Robinson
Chairperson:	Robin Dennis
Secretary:	Rosemary Thompson
Treasurer:	Robyn Harper
Minister in Association:	Rev Ron Manley
General:	Joan Duval
	Heather Dennis
	Heather Jackman
	Melva Grinter
	Robert Packett
	Andre Venter
	Liz Barkla
	Fred McPhail (Life member)

### **Linked Council Representatives:**

Rosemary Thompson  
Joan Duval

### **Presbytery Representative:**

Robert Packett

Meetings were held bi-monthly, in the late afternoon.

Council members participated in various sub-committees with the assistance of congregation members. Rev Helen Robinson is ex-officio to all sub-committees.

**Finance Committee:** Robyn Harper, Robin Dennis, Melva Grinter.

**Development Committee:** Heather Dennis, Robin Dennis, Heather Jackman, Joan Duval, Rosemary Thompson, Robyn Harper.

**Mission Committee:** Heather Jackman, Heather Dennis, Joan Duval, Liz Barkla, Robert Packett.

**Pastoral Care:** Rev Ron Manley, Joan Duval, Robert Packett, Liz Barkla, Robyn Harper, Robin Dennis.

**Property & Maintenance:** Rosemary Thompson, Heather Dennis, Joan Duval, Robert Packett, Melva Grinter, Andre Venter.

**Worship Committee:** Robyn Harper, Robert Packett, Heather Dennis.

Reports from these committees were tabled and discussed, if required, at each council meeting. In addition at each meeting Correspondence was tabled and a report received from the Minister, Treasurer, Presbytery and Linked Council.

**Finance Committee:** Oversees the finances of the church. Several fundraising activities were held during the year to assist with funds for Torquay, the Linked Surf Coast Uniting Churches and the wider church. We participated in the Surf Coast Shire Arts Trail with several members of the church community exhibiting their work. This committee also

oversees the financial side of property rental. Various members of the congregation assisted with two sausage sizzles at Bunnings to raise funds.

**Development Committee:** The development of No 25 Anderson St has continued to be the focus for this committee. Formal approval of our plans has been received from Synod BOMAR committee. A Building Permit process is underway, and it is expected that this will be in place by late March 2017, and we are hopeful of work commencing later in the first half of 2017.

**Mission Committee:** This committee oversees Messy Church, Coffee & Kids, Beaut Beanies, monthly services at Elouera and Dine Out for singles. The committee also held a progressive dinner for congregation members in November. Coffee and Kids provides a social and play session for around 20 pre-schoolers and their parents/guardians, with the assistance of at least 2 volunteers from the congregation. It operates two mornings per week during term time and the daily running is managed by two of the parents involved. This program has given many young children their first and only contact with the church, plus valuable support for their parents/guardians. A very successful Advent Workshop for approximately 60 children and their parents was held in early December to give pre-schoolers and primary aged children some Christian background to the festive season. Many of these activities include people who do not attend regular worship services.

**Pastoral Care:** Ensures those who cannot attend worship are kept in touch with the congregation and visits made to those unable to attend services.

**Property and Maintenance Committee:** This committee oversees the maintenance of the church properties and gardens, ensuring cleaning and property rental is managed appropriately.

**Worship Committee:** This committee prepares services for the fifth Sundays when they occur and ensures Helen's liturgy is presented by congregation members on the second Sunday of the month when Helen is conducting services elsewhere. It also oversees the roster of duties of those assisting with worship and preparing the worship space on a weekly basis. Heather Dennis and Doreen Stephens (Bellbrae) assisted Rev.Helen with Messy Church, which is held monthly.

Although Fred McPhail is a Life Member of the Council, he has been unable to attend meetings due to frailty after moving to live in residential care.

Rosemary Thompson  
Secretary