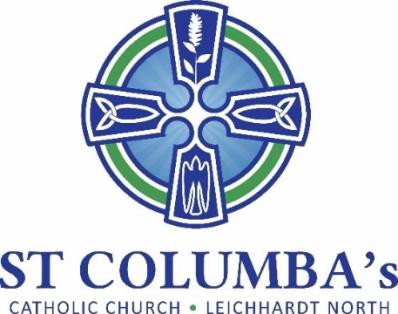
**Parish Council**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday 15 March 2022 – 7:30 pm



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| **ITEM** | **ACTION** |
| **1. Welcome and opening prayer:** |  |
| Opening prayer by Fr. Peter | No action required |
| **2. Attendance / Apologies:** |  |
| Present: David Hair, Debra Galofaro, Fr. Peter, Therese Pacey, Ann Coffey, Ray Choi, Barbara Howard  Apologies: Renata Popovic-Tomac, Jennifer Cheal, Amanda Gardiner, Mirele Farina | No action required |
| **3. Minutes of the previous meeting to be moved:** |  |
| Accepted | No action required |
| 1. **Business arising from previous meeting:** |  |
| **Strategic Planning Day** was cancelled. A new date to be set, preferably on a Saturday morning. Survey to determine a new date to be sent. | Jennifer Cheal |
| **5. School report** |  |
| **Delivered by** **Debra Galafaro:**   * Covid cases being identified weekly but families are keeping kids at home. * Teachers are doing a great job in difficult circumstances. * Parents can now attend the school allowing the recent Assembly to be run as a hybrid – in person and Zoom. * Pre raising funds for the school’s play equipment. Students are holding a competition to design the equipment. * Enrolment for school next year will be online which provides a number of benefits. * There is a lot of interest in St Columba’s again this year. Enrolments will include 14 – 19 siblings. * Three new students starting next term (Kindergarten, years 3 & 5). * Staff ‘Faith Formation Day’ will be held on 8 April. Key speaker is Father Peter. * The School thanks the parish for inclusion in the Tonga Appeal. Apart from raising funds & goods through various activities it provided an opportunity to raise student awareness. * Fr Peter advise the Parish provided $4.5k in funds to assist in shipping. | No action required |
| 1. **Easter Celebrations** |  |
| * Covid is still somewhat of a concern and numbers attending services are variable * It was agreed that, if possible, a Marquee and chairs should be hired for the Easter services (Friday to Sunday). * Debra suggested that the School’s lapel microphone might be used rather than a roving mic. * Check if Gus is available to manage the sound system for us. | Fr Peter  Ray |
| **10. Parish sub-committee updates** |  |
| **Social Committee – Nil**   * ‘Weekend Cuppa’ set for 27 March.   **Social Justice**   * Meetings have commenced. Notices in the Parish Bulletin.   **Liturgy**   * A meeting to be arranged to discuss the Easter Celebrations. * Arrange readers for Palm Sunday and Easter services. * Organise palms / people advised to bring own palm/foliage for blessing.   **Communications**   * Jennifer to train Ray in editing and posting the weekly podcast recording. * Support needed to assist Jennifer with weekly recordings to give her a break. | David    Therese  Barbara  Jennifer/Ray |
| **8. New Items** |  |
| * Update the Bulletin with Parish Council members * People are paid to clean and do jobs around the Church but everything is looking a little tired. It would be good to have a ‘working bee’ to clean the Church and tidy up the gardens. ‘Working bee’ set for Saturday 9 April starting at 9am. Tea/coffee/drinks to be provided. * The ‘Kick Start Café is an initiative that sees young people learn to be a barista. They are given training and allocated a van at building sites. Looking to see if we could arrange a van to be positioned outside the school. | David  All  Fr Peter |

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| **Next meeting**: 3 May 2022 |  |

**Meetings Dates for 2022:**

* 3 May
* 7 June
* 19 July
* 30 August
* 11 October
* 22 November