

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

Tuesday 24 October 2023, 7.30 pm

St Columba’s Parish Hall Meeting Room

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| **ITEM** | **BY** |
| **1. Welcome, Opening prayer and reflection** **Acknowledgement to Country**  | Fr. PeterDavid Hair |
| **2. Attendance /Apologies****Present:** Fr. Peter, David Hair, Debra Galofaro, Amanda Gardiner, Jennifer Cheal, Ray Choi, Therese Pacey**Apologies:** Nil | David Hair |
| **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**Approved  | David Hair |
| **4. Business arising from previous meeting*** The church uses the office WiFi and improve reliability an extender is recommended. The cost of around $200 was approved.
* Church Cleaning Bee set for 4 November, 9am – 12noon. To appear in this week’s Bulletin.
* Church maintenance:
* Light installed over pulpit.
* Paint outside of church.
* Church paneling has been assessed and we’re advised that it may be hard to match. An alternative is to use anything then paint. 3 quptes are sought for the following options:
* Replace the affected panels,
* Partial replace of panels to the first break (confessional and nook),
* Total replacement of all panels.
* It was noted that the areas where paneling is lifting are near downpipes so a plumber will be engaged to investigate and fix.
* Air conditioning to be serviced.
* Garden Refresh
* Wildflower from Redfern is an Indigenous Social Enterprise has been contacted and is sending someone to review the site and provide advice on 7 November.
* They will provide options with a possibility of a mural (aboriginal) or standing posts.
* As well as the garden area it was agreed both the garden plot in front of the church and the strip adjacent to the street should be included.
 | Ray ChoiTherese PaceyFr PeterFr. Peter |
| **5. School report*** Report provided
* Year 3 won a competition at Taronga Zoo which included a free class entry. It was a great day.
 | Debra Galofaro |
| **6. Sacramental Program*** Report provided
 | Amanda Gardiner |
| **7. Sub-committee Reports**Spiritual Journey – no reportSocial Justice / Outreach – report provided* Suggest a link to the Sept/Oct NATSICC Newsletter be posted on Facebook (TP)

Engagement / Communications – report provided | Amanda GardinerDavid Hair Jennifer Cheal  |
| **8. New Items*** It was agreed to keep the ‘Uluru Statement from the Heart’ inn place.
* It was proposed a Parish Christmas Dinner be arranged. It was agreed this will occur on 2 December after 5pm Mass. Fay Hair will organize the ‘House of Welcome’ to cater. Propose dessert is provided by parishioners. The parish will fund the celebration.To be advertised in upcoming bulletins.
* Suggestions for potential support by the parish were identified:
* Modern Slavery Management (supported by Sydney Catholic Schools)
* Seafarers (supported by Sister Mary)
* East Timor Group
 | Fr. PeterDavid Hair / Amanda GardinerAmanda Gardiner |