

# The Uniting Church In Australia



## Revesby Uniting Church A Community Centre



**Annual Report  
October 2023**



## Church Council Report

It's been a momentous couple of years, with COVID19 devastating churches not only here in the Georges River Presbytery, but right across the world. Here at Revesby we pivoted and started running online services via Youtube, ran a comprehensive pastoral care program, and kept everyone up to speed with regular mail-outs.

Finally, the direct threat of COVID19 began to ease and we were able to meet together once again. It wasn't long after we started meeting together again that our minister, Rev Michael Barnes announced his retirement. We needed to pivot once again, and pivot we did.

During the last 12 months we have maintained our online services via Youtube, which continues to attract a small but faithful following. These services are either uploaded live, or recorded for later editing and uploading. Council approved the purchase of the necessary equipment to enable this ministry which allows the services to be uploaded each week.

We have continued to have weekly mail-outs to the church community, informing everyone of upcoming services and what's happening.

Council continues to meet via Zoom, and keeps in regular contact through emails.

Council approved a rebuild of our church website, after devastating hacking destroyed our old site. The new site has basic information, including a calendar of events, but is still a work in progress. You can visit it at [www.revesbyuniting.org](http://www.revesbyuniting.org)

Council approved a rounding up of a donation to the UNICEF Turkiye-Syria appeal to \$500.

We organised and ran a church cleanup in July. Much junk was uncovered and disposed of!

Council members have attended a safe church training course.

Council has a service working group that is organising all of our Sunday services while we are without a minister.

A Council working party has sold our old manse and is in the process of finding an appropriate new manse for a future minister.

After many years of operation, Council approved the closure of the church evening service.

Council approved funds for a Preschool morning tea in support of all our hard working pre-school teachers.

A Council working party is working with Uniting to transition the Pre-school from being locally to directly managed. This process is hoped to be completed early in 2024.

Council recently passed a resolution to recommend to the congregation that we issue a 50% call for a new minister. As well as running 2 services a month, the minister would focus on pastoral care of the congregation.

Many thanks to everyone on Council who have worked tirelessly over the last 12 months to grow our church and maintain its vision of inclusivity, intellectual rigour, care and support.

A final note regarding our recently retired minister, Michael. His time with us was challenging through COVID19. On behalf of Council, I would like to formally extend our gratitude and heartfelt thanks for his wisdom, teaching and insights during his time with us. He is sorely missed by all.

Ian Bertram

Chairperson

Revesby Uniting Church Council

## Treasurer's Report

This financial year (July 1 2022 to June 30 2023) has seen greater stability in the world in general, the financial sector and consequently also for Revesby Uniting Church.

This last financial year has seen a couple of large financial changes for Revesby Uniting Church.

Firstly, the sale of the Revesby Uniting Church manse - at 1 Bluegum Cres, Picnic Point – early in 2023 was finally accomplished. Unfortunately, the settlement price was well below the suggested market valuation from mid-2022, but the property did suffer from water ingress damage and a depressed real estate market. The real estate agent we engaged worked hard to maximise the sale return on the manse – given the condition of the manse, the cutting back of loans by banks and the falling real estate market. Revesby Uniting Church managed to realise a little over \$1,000,000 from the sale after all costs were paid.

This amount has been placed into a Uniting Financial Services account (our Uniting banking system bank) for Revesby Uniting Church, where it has been accruing an increasing monthly interest that adds to the amount available to Revesby Uniting Church for when we source a suitable replacement manse property.

The Revesby Uniting manse committee has been investigating several properties in an effort to locate something suitable to our needs, but as of the AGM in October 2023, no suitable property in our price range or prescribed area has been found to date.

The manse sale fund has restrictions on what it may be used for/spent on – mainly the purchase of a replacement manse property and then, any left-over funds are to be used on mission.

Second, the other 'major' financial change for Revesby Uniting Church has been the retirement of Rev Michael Barnes. The total salary package that was paid to Michael by Revesby Uniting Church ceased upon his retirement in late 2022. The income that would have been paid to a Minister in placement now stays within our bank accounts and places us in a much better financial position to call a full time or part time Minister at some near future date.

Several outside groups have continued to make use of our premises during the day and at night – for which they are levied a rental amount – which is also helpful to our income stream.

On the negative side, motions are underway for Uniting Early Learning to take over the management of Revesby Uniting Church Child Care Centre (RUCCCC) – possibly in early 2024, making it a Directly Managed Service. How that affects our rental income from RUCCCC remains to be seen – but indications are that the monthly rental from RUCCCC paid to us is likely to decrease – it may depend on who accepts responsibility for what parts of RUCCCC.

As mentioned in my previous AGM Financial reports to Congregation, we are about to undergo our required annual external financial audit. While this falls outside of the 2022-2023 financial year, it is worth mentioning to the Congregation – and, of course, we had an external audit in October 2022 – in the previous financial year.

Again, my and the Congregations thanks to Barry O'Connor for taking the time and effort to thoroughly comb through our 2022-2023 financial year records to make certain that they are in order. The subsequent audit report has to be sent to UCA Synod of NSW & ACT and to Georges River Presbytery by 31st October 2023.

Church Council and the Revesby Uniting Congregation have agreed to a budget for the FY 2023-2024. This budget was initially prepared by our external accountant and was then "tweaked" by myself and Church Council. It was then presented to the Revesby Uniting Congregation at a previous Congregation Meeting where it was agreed to.

Our monthly income stream is positive and at present our monthly income exceeds our monthly costs, which enables our bottom line to build up – while not greatly substantial, it is much better than in the recent past. However, regular giving in its various forms, has been in decline for a while.

All in all, our present financial situation is sound, but this is likely to change when/if we purchase a replacement manse – there will be costs associated with owning the property; and if we have a minister in placement – again, there will be salary costs for them.

Attached is copy of the June 2023 financial report/statement that we receive each month from our accounting services. This copy is for the end of the financial year 2022-2023. Copies of the monthly statements are available online to all members of Revesby Uniting Church Council and any congregant can view a copy of a report upon request.

Mark Gordon

Treasurer

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Please find attached Income and Expenditure Statement for June.

### **Receipts & Payments**

Operating income for the month was \$8,643 consisting mainly of electronic and cash offerings (\$4,411) and Child Care Centre rent (\$3,311) – bring full year income to \$130,988 compared to budgeted income of \$132,711 and \$128,477 last year.

Total costs of \$10,031 were mainly the church's share of electrical repairs undertaken for the child care centre of \$8,691. Total costs for the year were \$94,183 resulting in an operational surplus of \$36,806 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$29,207 and a deficit of \$35,578 last year

### **What's in the Bank?**

Cash in the bank (plus petty cash) at the end of the month was \$55,767. Net operating cash less net liabilities are now \$48,922. As at 30 June, 3 months rent from the Child Care Centre is unpaid.

### **Sale Proceeds**

Sales Proceeds interest for June was \$3,658 leaving a balance at end June of \$1,094,629. Interest on Sales Proceeds is separately reported as it is retained in the restricted Sales Proceeds account.

### **Quarterly BAS Return**

Attached are workings for your Business Activity Statement for the quarter. You are owed \$400 refund from the ATO which should be received in the next few weeks.

### **Payroll**

Staff Income Statements (formerly Payment Summaries) for 2022-23 have been lodged with the ATO by the Payroll Bureau Service. Staff are able to review their annual Income Statements from their individual My.Gov account.

### **Year End Matters**

Also attached is a draft Annual Financial Return for 2022-23 using the Synod Finance template. Could you please review this document, particularly office bearers and other non-financial information and advise of any amendments. As your income is in the \$100,000 - \$500,000 category you have the choice of having your accounts audited or engaging 2 independent people to undertake an assurance review of the accounts.

Kind Regards, Greg McKay

**Revesby Uniting Church**

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22-Jul-23

**Income & Expenditure Summary**

June 2023						Year to Date						Full Year
Actual	Budget	Var \$	Last Year	Var \$	Var %	Actual	Budget	Var \$	Last Year	Var \$	Var %	Budget
<b>4,411</b>	4,744	(333)	8,803	(4,392)	(49.9%)	<b>62,258</b>	56,950	5,308	56,002	6,256	11.2%	56,950
	4,500	(4,500)	4,138	(4,138)		<b>13,123</b>	19,000	(5,877)	23,061	(9,938)		19,000
<b>65</b>	12	53	9	56		<b>455</b>	100	355	49	406		100
<b>3,906</b>	6,162	(2,255)	3,231	676		<b>50,131</b>	56,261	(6,130)	48,221	1,910		56,261
<b>261</b>	150	111	245	16		<b>5,022</b>	400	4,622	1,144	3,878		400
<b>8,643</b>	<b>15,568</b>	<b>(6,924)</b>	<b>16,426</b>	<b>(7,783)</b>	<b>(47.4%)</b>	<b>130,988</b>	<b>132,711</b>	<b>(1,723)</b>	<b>128,477</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	132,711
	1,000	1,000	9,969	9,969		<b>34,528</b>	49,072	14,544	120,108	85,580		49,072
<b>9,247</b>	912	(8,334)	5,862	(3,385)		<b>41,182</b>	31,357	(9,825)	22,188	(18,994)		31,357
	558	558	2,800	2,800		<b>6,536</b>	11,250	4,714	8,352	1,816		11,250
<b>680</b>	868	188	1,265	585		<b>10,293</b>	11,200	907	12,774	2,481		11,200
<b>104</b>	52	(52)		(104)		<b>1,643</b>	625	(1,018)	633	(1,010)		625
<b>10,031</b>	3,391	(6,639)	19,896	9,865	98.3%	<b>94,183</b>	103,505	9,322	164,055	69,873	74.2%	103,505
<b>(1,387)</b>	12,176	(13,564)	(3,470)	2,083		<b>36,806</b>	29,207	7,599	(35,578)	72,384		29,207
<b>3,658</b>		3,658		3,658		<b>17,608</b>		17,608		17,608		
<b>2,271</b>	12,176	(9,905)	(3,470)	5,741		<b>54,414</b>	29,207	25,207	(35,578)	89,992		29,207

**What's in the Bank?**

UFS At Call Account UFS
Cheque Account UFS
Grant Funding UFS Kids
Play
UFS Knitting Room
<b>Sub-Total</b>

Balance at 1 Jul 2022	Movement	Bal at end June
44,890	(3,989)	40,901
5,436	(1,385)	4,051
	8,382	8,382
	711	711
	1,422	1,422
300		300
<b>50,626</b>	<b>5,141</b>	<b>55,767</b>

**Other Assets / (Liabilities to be paid)**

Trade Debtors Key	10,928	10,928	RUCCC
Deposits Held GST	(60)	(60)	
Collected GST Paid	(1,938)	86	(1,852)
	703	556	1,259
PAYG Payable Trade	(2,211)	2,211	
Creditors Government	(5,628)	5,628	
Grants Loans from	(10,075)	10,075	
Members Playgroup 2021	(561)	561	
	(8,800)	(8,800)	Revesby Workers Club grant 2022
Playgroup 2022	(8,320)	(8,320)	Revesby Workers Club grant 2023
	<b>(38,510)</b>	<b>31,665</b>	<b>(6,845)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,116</b>	<b>36,806</b>	<b>48,922</b>



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## Income & Expenditure Statement

22-Jul-23

June 2023						Year to Date						Full Year							
Actual	Budget	Var \$	Var %	Last Year	Var \$	Actual	Budget	Var \$	Var %	Last Year	Var \$	Actual	Budget						
<b>4-0000 INCOME</b>																			
<b>4-1000 Ministry &amp; Missions Income</b>																			
315	388	(73)	(18.8%)	253	62	5,140	4,700	440	9.4%	4,253	887	4,700	4,700						
						4-1110 Cash Offering													
						4-1111 Baptism, Funeral, Wedding	200	200			200	200							
						4-1120 Envelope Offering	15,540	7,000	8,540	122.0%	7,299	8,241	7,000						
935	587	348	59.3%	1,700	(765)	40,878	45,000	(4,122)	(9.2%)	44,350	(3,472)	45,000							
3,161	3,750	(589)	(15.7%)	6,850	(3,689)	500	250	250	100.0%	100	400	250							
19		(19)	(100.0%)			<b>4-1140 Congregation Evening</b>													
<b>4,411</b>	<b>4,744</b>	<b>(333)</b>	<b>(7.0%)</b>	<b>8,803</b>	<b>(4,392)</b>	<b>62,258</b>	<b>56,950</b>	<b>5,308</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>56,002</b>	<b>6,256</b>	<b>56,950</b>	<b>56,950</b>						
<b>Wider Work Donations [R2]</b>																			
<b>4-2000 Other M&amp;M Receipts</b>																			
						4-2250 Government Grants [R5]	10,075	10,000	75	0.8%	17,250	(7,175)	10,000						
4,500	(4,500)		(100.0%)	1,650	(1,650)	4-2310 Donations Non-UCA [R8]	3,048	9,000	(5,952)	(66.1%)	5,811	(2,763)	9,000						
						<b>Total Other M&amp;M Receipts</b>		13,123	19,000	(5,877)	(30.9%)	23,061	(9,938)	19,000					
<b>4,411</b>	<b>9,244</b>	<b>(4,833)</b>	<b>(52.3%)</b>	<b>12,941</b>	<b>(8,530)</b>	<b>75,381</b>	<b>75,950</b>	<b>(569)</b>	<b>(0.7%)</b>	<b>79,063</b>	<b>(3,682)</b>	<b>75,950</b>	<b>75,950</b>						
<b>Total Ministry &amp; Missions Income 4-3000</b>																			
<b>Interest Income</b>																			
						4-3200 Interest UFS Invest [R7]	455	100	355	354.7%	49	406	100						
65	12	53	440.3%	9	56	4-3250 Interest UFS Sale Proceeds	17,608	17,608			17,608	17,608							
3,658	3,658					<b>Total Interest Income 4-4200</b>		<b>18,062</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>17,962</b>	<b>17962.4%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>18,014</b>	<b>100</b>					
<b>3,723</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3,711</b>	<b>30927.7%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3,714</b>	<b>Property Income [R10] 4-4220</b>													
						<b>Halls</b>													
						4-4230 Commercial Properties	10,394	3,000	7,394	246.5%	2,727	7,666	3,000						
595	250	345	138.0%	595	595	4-4240 Residential Properties	39,737	39,741	(4)	(0.0%)	38,768	969	39,741						
3,311	3,312	(1)	(0.0%)	3,231	81	<b>Total Property Income [R10]</b>		<b>50,131</b>	<b>56,261</b>	<b>(6,130)</b>	<b>(10.9%)</b>	<b>48,221</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>56,261</b>					
2,600	(2,600)		(100.0%)			<b>Total Property Leasing Income 4-5000</b>													
<b>3,906</b>	<b>6,162</b>	<b>(2,255)</b>	<b>(36.6%)</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>50,131</b>	<b>56,261</b>	<b>(6,130)</b>	<b>(10.9%)</b>	<b>48,221</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>56,261</b>	<b>56,261</b>						
<b>3,906</b>	<b>6,162</b>	<b>(2,255)</b>	<b>(36.6%)</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>Other Income</b>													
						4-5210 Fundraising Income (Net)	42	42			42	42							
						4-5220 Insurance Claims					108	(108)							
						4-5240 GST Recovered on MEA	352	100	252	251.6%	656	(305)	100						
						<b>Total Other Income [R12]</b>		<b>394</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>293.6%</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>(371)</b>	<b>100</b>					
261	261			245	(245)	4-5264 Knitting Room Donation	2,518	2,518			150	2,368							
						4-5265 Kidsplay Donation	1,862	1,862			55	55							
						4-5270 Donation Miscellaneous	55	55			230	(37)	300						
150	(150)		(100.0%)			4-5271 Donation With Love to World	193	300	(107)	(35.7%)									
						<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>5,022</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>4,622</b>	<b>1155.5%</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>3,878</b>	<b>400</b>					
<b>12,302</b>	<b>15,568</b>	<b>(3,266)</b>	<b>(21.0%)</b>	<b>16,426</b>	<b>(4,124)</b>	<b>Total INCOME</b>													
						<b>148,596</b>	<b>132,711</b>	<b>15,885</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>128,477</b>	<b>20,119</b>	<b>132,711</b>	<b>132,711</b>						
<b>6-0000 EXPENSES</b>																			
<b>6-0100 Wages &amp; Salaries</b>																			
						6-0200 Other Employer Expenses					480								
						6-1110 Ministry Stipends & Allowances	30,893	36,849	5,956	19.3%	107,328	76,435	36,849						
						6-1120 UCA Payroll Funds Exp	3,475	4,223	748	21.5%	12,300	8,825	4,223						
						<b>Total Ministry Stipends Payroll [P1]</b>		<b>34,368</b>	<b>41,072</b>	<b>6,704</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>119,628</b>	<b>85,260</b>	<b>41,072</b>					
						6-1190 Reimb Volunteers & Speakers[P3]		8,000	8,000			8,000	8,000						
						6-1200 Reimburs minister costs [P3A]	160		(160)	(100.0%)		(160)							
						<b>Total Staff Costs</b>		<b>34,528</b>	<b>49,072</b>	<b>14,544</b>	<b>42.1%</b>	<b>120,108</b>	<b>85,580</b>	<b>49,072</b>					
						<b>6-2000 Property Related Costs</b>													
						6-2050 Consultants & Contractors [P4]	9,159	9,000	(159)	(1.7%)	2,350	(6,809)	9,000						
						<b>6-2200 General Maintenance [P6]</b>													
						6-2210 Handyman' repairs	4,681	1,000	(3,681)	(78.6%)	1,227	(3,454)	1,000						
						6-2220 Painting	91		(91)	(100.0%)		(91)							
						6-2230 Electrical Repairs	8,775		(8,775)	(100.0%)	1,447	(7,328)							
						6-2240 Plumbing Repairs					1,045	1,045							
						6-2250 Cleaning & Waste Removal	5,142	3,280	(1,862)	(36.2%)	2,717	(2,425)	3,280						
						6-2260 Replacement Fittings	1,450	1,000	(450)	(31.0%)	455	(995)	1,000						
<b>9,247</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>(8,874)</b>	<b>(96.0%)</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>(8,894)</b>	<b>Total General Maintenance [P6] 6-2299</b>		<b>20,138</b>	<b>5,280</b>	<b>(14,858)</b>	<b>(73.8%)</b>	<b>6,891</b>	<b>(13,247)</b>	<b>5,280</b>					
<b>Property Overheads</b>																			
						6-2301 Property Insurance [P8]	7,872	8,000	128	1.6%	6,492	(1,380)	8,000						
						6-2410 Electricity & Gas [P9]	2,802	5,000	2,198	78.4%	3,231	428	5,000						
						6-2420 Water Rates [P10]	160	800	640	399.4%	831	671	800						
						6-2430 Council Rates [P11]	1,050	2,500	1,450	138.0%	2,058	1,007	2,500						
						6-2440 Property Management [P11A]		777	777		337	337	777						
						<b>Total Property Overheads</b>		<b>11,885</b>	<b>17,077</b>	<b>5,192</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	<b>12,948</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>17,077</b>					
<b>9,247</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>(8,334)</b>	<b>(90.1%)</b>	<b>5,862</b>	<b>(3,385)</b>	<b>Total Property Related Costs 6-3000</b>		<b>41,182</b>	<b>31,357</b>	<b>(9,825)</b>	<b>(23.9%)</b>	<b>22,188</b>	<b>(18,994)</b>	<b>31,357</b>					
<b>Mission Costs &amp; Giving</b>																			
						6-3100 Seeds of Growth	3,300	2,600	(700)	(21.2%)	1,300	(2,000)	2,600						
						6-3200 Other UCA Organisations [P13]	400		(400)	(100.0%)		(400)							
						6-3300 Presbytery Levies [P14]	1,950	1,950			1,891	(59)	1,950						
						6-3400 Non UCA Organisations [P15]	500		(500)	(100.0%)		(500)							
						6-3500 Local Mission Support [P15A]		6,700	6,700		5,161	5,161	6,700						
						6-3700 Mission Education Exps [P15C]	386		(386)	(100.0%)		(386)							
<b>558</b>	<b>558</b>			<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>Total Mission Costs &amp; Giving</b>		<b>6,536</b>	<b>11,250</b>	<b>4,714</b>	<b>72.1%</b>	<b>8,352</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>11,250</b>					
<b>6-4000 Administration &amp; Congregation</b>																			
						6-4015 Professional Services [P16A]	8,385	6,900	(1,485)	(17.7%)	8,060	(325)	6,900						
						6-4070 Stationery & Printing [P22]	351	500	149	42.6%	279	(71)	500						
						6-4080 Telecommunications [P23]	434	500	66	15.3%	1,975	1,541	500						
						6-4090 Postage & Courier [P24]	139	200	61	43.8%	188	49	200						
<b>680</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>(70)</b>	<b>(10.3%)</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>Total Admin &amp; Office</b>		<b>9,308</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>(1,208)</b>	<b>(13.0%)</b>	<b>10,502</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>8,100</b>					
						6-4510 Edu Materials (excl mission)	985	700	(285)	(29.0%)	567	(418)	700						
						6-4550 Church Activity Expense		2,400	2,400		1,705	1,705	2,400						
						<b>Total Other Expenses [P25]</b>		<b>985</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>214.6%</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>3,100</b>					
<b>680</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>Total Administration &amp; Congregatio 6-5000</b>		<b>10,293</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>12,774</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>11,200</b>					
<b>Congregation/Church Services</b>																			
						6-5110 Worship & Music	612	625	14	2.2%	633	21	625						
						6-5120 Hospitality	1,032		(1,032)	(100.0%)		(1,032)							
<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>(52)</b>	<b>(49.7%)</b>		<b>(104)</b>	<b>Total Congregation/Church Service</b>		<b>1,643</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>(1,018)</b>	<b>(61.9%)</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>(1,010)</b>	<b>625</b>					
<b>10,031</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>(6,639)</b>	<b>(66.2%)</b>	<b>19,896</b>	<b>9,865</b>	<b>Total EXPENSES</b>													
						<b>94,183</b>	<b>103,505</b>	<b>9,322</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>164,055</b>	<b>69,873</b>	<b>103,505</b>	<b>103,505</b>						
<b>2,271</b>	<b>12,176</b>	<b>(9,905)</b>	<b>(81.3%)</b>	<b>(3,470)</b>	<b>(5,741)</b>	<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>54,414</b>	<b>29,207</b>	<b>25,207</b>	<b>86.3%</b>	<b>(35,578)</b>	<b>(89,992)</b>	<b>29,207</b>					

# Revesby Uniting Church 2023-24 Proposed Budget

	2021-22	2022-23		2023-24		22-Jul-23	
	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Full Year Budget	Year Budget	Draft Budget	Comments
		June 2023	June 2023	2022-23	2023-24		
<b>INCOME</b>							
Cash Offering	4,253	5,140	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,700	Same level as this year
Baptism, Funeral, Wedding	0	200	0	0	0	0	
Envelope Offering	7,299	15,540	7,000	7,000	7,000	16,163	
Direct Deposit Offering	44,350	40,878	45,000	45,000	45,000	35,000	DECREASED level of DD (\$3,100 pm)
Congregation Evening	100	500	250	250	250	500	
Synod Grants/Reimburs [R3]	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Government Grants [R5]	17,250	10,075	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Donations Non-UCA [R8]	5,811	3,048	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	Revesby Workers Club grant (\$9,000)
Interest UFS Invest [R7]	49	455	100	100	100	38,800	\$300 general acc interest + \$1.1m @ 3.5%
Use of Church/sanctuary	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Halls	2,727	10,394	3,000	3,000	3,000	8,000	Increased use of church premises
Commercial Properties	38,768	39,737	39,741	39,741	39,741	44,250	\$3,642 per month + 2.5% INC ON JULY 1 – MAY CHANGE IN NEW FY DUE TO UEL TAKEOVER
Residential Properties	6,726	0	13,520	13,520	13,520	13,520	
Fundraising Income (Net)	0	42	0	0	0	0	
Insurance Claims	108	0	0	0	0	0	
GST Recovered on MEA	656	352	100	100	100	100	
Knitting Room Donation	150	2,518	0	0	0	250	
Kidsplay Donation	0	1,862	0	0	0	0	
Donation Miscellaneous	0	55	0	0	0	0	
Donation With Love to World	230	193	300	300	300	300	
<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>128,477</b>	<b>130,988</b>	<b>132,711</b>	<b>132,711</b>	<b>132,711</b>	<b>156,963</b>	
Ministry Stipends & Allowances	107,328	30,893	36,849	36,849	36,849	57,758	Current rate \$9,346 per month + 3% @ 50%
Other Employer Expenses	480	0	0	0	0	0	
UCA Payroll Funds Exp	12,300	3,475	4,223	4,223	4,223	6,318	1,053 per month @ 50%
Reimb Volunteers & Speakers[P3]	0	0	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	
Reimburs minister costs [P3A]	0	160	0	0	0	0	
Consultants & Contractors [P4]	2,350	9,159	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	
Handyman' repairs	1,227	4,681	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	
Painting	0	91	0	0	0	0	
Electrical Repairs	1,447	8,775	0	0	0	0	
Plumbing Repairs	1,045	0	0	0	0	0	
Cleaning & Waste Removal	2,717	5,142	3,280	3,280	3,280	5,360	\$90 per week for Cleaning + \$680 council bins-estimate
Replacement Fittings	455	1,450	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Property Insurance [P8]	6,492	7,872	8,000	8,000	8,000	10,000	
Electricity & Gas [P9]	3,231	2,802	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	Higher rates
Water Rates [P10]	831	160	800	800	800	800	
Council Rates [P11]	2,058	1,050	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Property Management [P11A]	337	0	777	777	777	0	Will change if rental property is obtained
Seeds of Growth	1,300	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	Seeds of Growth
Other UCA Organisations [P13]	0	400	0	0	0	0	
Presbytery Levies [P14]	1,891	1,950	1,950	1,950	1,950	1,850	as per draft Presbytery paper
Non UCA Organisations [P15]	0	500	0	0	0	0	
Local Mission Support [P15A]	5,161	0	6,700	6,700	6,700	1,700	\$1,700 for Emergency Help Fund
Mission Education Exps [P15C]	0	386	0	0	0	0	
Professional Services [P16A]	8,060	8,385	6,900	6,900	6,900	8,000	Includes MYOB annual license fee
Stationery & Printing [P22]	279	351	500	500	500	500	
Telecommunications [P23]	1,975	434	500	500	500	500	TPG for 4 months @ \$60 + \$260
Postage & Courier [P24]	188	139	200	200	200	200	
Edu Materials (excl mission)	567	985	700	700	700	700	
Church Activity Expense	1,705	0	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	
Worship & Music	633	612	625	625	625	625	
Hospitality	0	1,032	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>164,055</b>	<b>94,183</b>	<b>103,505</b>	<b>103,505</b>	<b>103,505</b>	<b>109,611</b>	
<b>Net Profit / (Loss)</b>	<b>-35,578</b>	<b>36,806</b>	<b>29,207</b>	<b>29,207</b>	<b>29,207</b>	<b>47,352</b>	

**Bank Register**

June 2023

ABN: 21 839 635 104

ID No.	Src	Date	Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance
<b>1-1110</b>			<b>UFS at Call -S2 1000333799</b>			
CR006068	CR	1/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$77.43		\$46,835.41
CR006074	CR	2/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$350.00		\$47,185.41
CR006076	CR	5/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$120.00		\$47,305.41
CR006079	CR	6/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$380.00		\$47,685.41
CR006081	CR	7/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$220.00		\$47,905.41
CR006083	CR	8/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$50.00		\$47,955.41
CR006091	CR	13/06/2023	Sweep from At Call to Ch		\$110.25	\$47,845.16
CR006093	CR	15/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$130.00		\$47,975.16
CR006097	CR	16/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$300.00		\$48,275.16
CR006099	CR	19/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$10.00		\$48,285.16
CR006102	CR	20/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$375.00		\$48,660.16
CR006104	CR	21/06/2023	Sweep from At Call to Ch		\$1,088.00	\$47,572.16
CR006106	CR	22/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$610.00		\$48,182.16
CR006108	CR	23/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$150.00		\$48,332.16
dd	CD	24/06/2023	Uniting Inv 55964 - Electr		\$9,560.20	\$38,771.96
CR006111	CR	27/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$1,545.00		\$40,316.96
CR006114	CR	28/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$230.00		\$40,546.96
CR006118	CR	30/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca	\$300.00		\$40,846.96
CR006120	CR	30/06/2023	Interest	\$54.26		\$40,901.22
				<b>\$4,901.69</b>	<b>\$10,758.45</b>	
<b>1-1120</b>			<b>UFS Cheque - S6 100023307</b>			
CR006061	CR	1/06/2023	Dungeons & Dragons	\$10.00		\$4,061.22
CR006067	CR	1/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$66.21		\$4,127.43
CR006068	CR	1/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$77.43	\$4,050.00
dd	CD	2/06/2023	Dance Fit Sydney - Rent		\$75.00	\$3,975.00
CR006069	CR	2/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$50.00		\$4,025.00
CR006070	CR	2/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$100.00		\$4,125.00
CR006071	CR	2/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$200.00		\$4,325.00
CR006072	CR	2/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$25.00		\$4,350.00
CR006073	CR	2/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$50.00		\$4,400.00
CR006074	CR	2/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$350.00	\$4,050.00
CR006075	CR	5/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$120.00		\$4,170.00
CR006076	CR	5/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$120.00	\$4,050.00
CR006077	CR	6/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$350.00		\$4,400.00
CR006078	CR	6/06/2023	Dungeons & Dragons	\$30.00		\$4,430.00
CR006079	CR	6/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$380.00	\$4,050.00
CR006080	CR	7/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$220.00		\$4,270.00
CR006081	CR	7/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$220.00	\$4,050.00
CR006082	CR	8/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$50.00		\$4,100.00
CR006083	CR	8/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$50.00	\$4,050.00
dd	CD	13/06/2023	ANZ Credit Card - May		\$220.25	\$3,829.75
CR006090	CR	13/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$60.00		\$3,889.75
CR006091	CR	13/06/2023	Sweep from At Call to Ch	\$110.25		\$4,000.00
CR006092	CR	15/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$180.00		\$4,180.00
CR006093	CR	15/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$130.00	\$4,050.00
CR006094	CR	16/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$50.00		\$4,100.00
CR006095	CR	16/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$50.00		\$4,150.00
CR006096	CR	16/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$200.00		\$4,350.00
CR006097	CR	16/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$300.00	\$4,050.00
CR006098	CR	19/06/2023	Dungeons & Dragons	\$10.00		\$4,060.00
CR006099	CR	19/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$10.00	\$4,050.00

\* Year-End Adjustments

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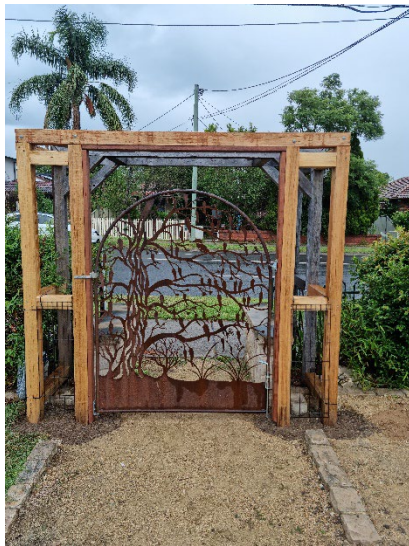
June 2023

ID No.	Src	Date	Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance
CR006100	CR	20/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$25.00		\$4,075.00
CR006101	CR	20/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$350.00		\$4,425.00
CR006102	CR	20/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$375.00	\$4,050.00
dd	CD	21/06/2023	NFP Accounts May 2023		\$748.00	\$3,302.00
dd	CD	21/06/2023	Trea Pty Ltd - Church Cle		\$450.00	\$2,852.00
CR006103	CR	21/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$60.00		\$2,912.00
CR006104	CR	21/06/2023	Sweep from At Call to Ch	\$1,088.00		\$4,000.00
CR006105	CR	22/06/2023	Panania Rangers	\$660.00		\$4,660.00
CR006106	CR	22/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$610.00	\$4,050.00
CR006107	CR	23/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$150.00		\$4,200.00
CR006108	CR	23/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$150.00	\$4,050.00
CR006109	CR	27/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$25.00		\$4,075.00
CR006110	CR	27/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$250.00		\$4,325.00
CR006111	CR	27/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$1,545.00	\$2,780.00
CR006144	CR	27/06/2023	Offering 4 June and D &	\$385.00		\$3,165.00
CR006145	CR	27/06/2023	Offering 11 June	\$410.00		\$3,575.00
CR006146	CR	27/06/2023	Offering 18 June and D &	\$330.00		\$3,905.00
CR006147	CR	27/06/2023	Offering 25 June	\$145.00		\$4,050.00
CR006112	CR	28/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$180.00		\$4,230.00
CR006113	CR	28/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$50.00		\$4,280.00
CR006114	CR	28/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$230.00	\$4,050.00
CR006115	CR	30/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$50.00		\$4,100.00
CR006116	CR	30/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$200.00		\$4,300.00
CR006117	CR	30/06/2023	EFT Offering	\$50.00		\$4,350.00
CR006118	CR	30/06/2023	Sweep from Chq to At Ca		\$300.00	\$4,050.00
CR006119	CR	30/06/2023	Interest	\$1.18		\$4,051.18
				\$6,340.64	\$6,340.68	
<b>1-1125</b>	<b>UFS Revesby UC Grants - 100084111</b>					
CR006121	CR	30/06/2023	Interest June	\$8.83		\$8,381.89
				\$8.83	\$0.00	
<b>1-1126</b>	<b>UFS Kids Play - 100039129</b>					
CR006122	CR	30/06/2023	Interest June	\$0.20		\$710.58
				\$0.20	\$0.00	
<b>1-1127</b>	<b>UFS Knitting Room - 100040693</b>					
CR006157	CR	16/06/2023	Donation Knitting Room	\$75.95		\$1,236.77
CR006158	CR	16/06/2023	Donation Knitting Room	\$81.00		\$1,317.77
CR006123	CR	30/06/2023	Interest June	\$0.36		\$1,318.13
CR006159	CR	30/06/2023	Donation Knitting Room	\$103.95		\$1,422.08
				\$261.26	\$0.00	
<b>1-4510</b>	<b>Invest Sale Proceeds UFS</b>					
CR006124	CR	30/06/2023	Sale Proceeds Interest	\$3,658.49		\$1,094,629.48
				\$3,658.49	\$0.00	

## Property Committee Report

The Property Committee has been involved in and around the church throughout the last year. We see the larger works as they are noticeable, but there are many smaller problems that get dealt with behind the scenes. These get repaired without people noticing them, some of these are completed before the committee get to them or even know about them. To that end, I would like to thank all those who have fixed things around the place when they have noticed that they are broken or could be improved.

Some of the smaller projects that have been completed over the last 12 months have been repairing the toilet cistern in the men's urinal, replaced the toilet in the ladies bathroom, replacing the toilet seat in the internal bathroom, replacing the clock in the church proper,



cleaning up around the manse prior to its sale, installed removable wheelchair ramps at the front and rear doors and into the internal bathroom (the ramp for the front entrance doors is stored under the trade table in the foyer).

Larger projects around the place include the extension of the wooden arbor along the front fence and the installation of a decorative gate within the timber framework. This was done with the assistance of the committee and other volunteers. Thanks to the Church Council and the Garden Committee for organizing the purchase of the decorative gate.

Replacing the flashing on the roof in an attempt to stop leaks (unfortunately there was an extraordinarily bad storm shortly afterwards and we still had some issues with leaks – was this due to the new flashing or just bad luck? We are looking further into this with the intent to get a roofing specialist in to assist in finding where the actual problem is). Once the further roof works have been completed, we will be repairing the ceiling in the meeting room that has been damaged by the roof leaks.

A subset of the Property Committee, the Manse Committee, were active in the cleaning up of the Manse and pushing through the sale of this building earlier in the year. A special thanks must be given to Mark Gordon for all of his hard work in pushing through all the roadblocks from Presbytery and Synod to achieve a resultant sale. The Property Committee are now in the process of looking at potential new residences to purchase as a replacement.

Future works in the pipeline; As mentioned above, the meeting room ceiling will be repaired once we are sure that we have fixed the leaks, in the meantime a temporary repair will be carried out. We are also investigating replacing all of the locks and doorknobs as they are quite old and starting to play up.

Thank you to Mark Gordon, Colin Graham, Andrew Schepis and all the others who have assisted in keeping the church running.

Simon Steinfurth

Chairperson

Revesby Uniting Church

Property Committee



## The Knitting Room Report



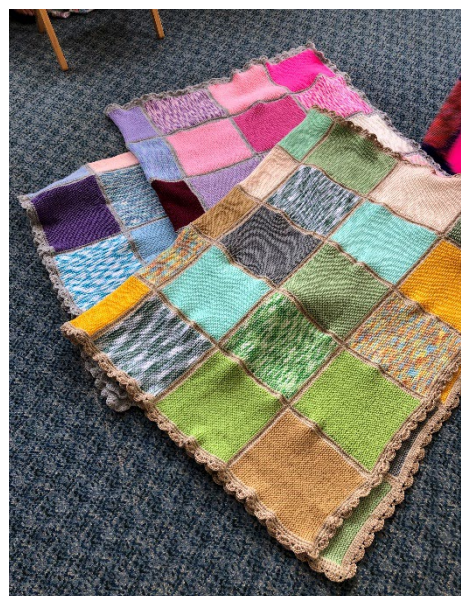
the knitting room



The knitting room group still meet in the church foyer on Tuesdays but the time has been changed to between 1.30pm and 3.30pm to fit in with other groups using the church.

We had some sad times during the 2022/2023 year, losing some long-standing members due to ill health – still our numbers range from 12 to 16 having picked up some new ladies.

We do enjoy our get togethers over tea/coffee and nibblies. Not only do we knit/crochet we problem solve and do a lot of talking and laughing all the while doing what we can to help improve the plight of those less fortunate in our community.



Due to the efforts of our ladies we were able to make the following donations:-

### **Wrapped With Love**

24 full sized rugs.

### **Stewart House**

19 assorted knitted toys (teddies, pigs, rabbits etc), 18 beanie and scarf sets, 3 scarves and 2 child's beanies.

### **Revesby Uniting Church – Knitting Room**

Knitted toys (5 teddy bears, 1 rabbit, 1 scare crow, 2 elephants), 1 knee rug, 1 baby rug, 2 baby jumpers, 2 baby bonnets plus 2 beanie and scarf sets.

### **Westmead Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House**

23 giant teddy bears, 41 smaller teddy bears, 13 clowns, 18 dolls, 9 bunnies and an assortment of 49 other knitted toys including koala bears, donkeys, elephants, reindeers, dwarves, Mr Squiggle and Inspector Gadget. 2 large rugs, 13 baby rugs, 15 knee rugs, 23 premi baby bonnets, 12 baby jumpers, 5 baby bonnets, 1 pair booties, 1 child's jumper, 6 children's beanies, 18 aids jumpers, 18 pairs of fingerless gloves, 23 scarves, 20 beanies and 44 beanie and scarf sets.

### **Cash donations from "the knitting room"**

Samaritan's Purse	\$150
Exodus Foundation	\$200
Wesley Mission	\$200
Fred Hollows Foundation	\$200
Stewart House	\$150
Revesby Uniting Church	<u>\$200</u>
	<u>\$1100</u>

Again, I would like to thank those ladies involved in the "knitting room". They give their time and money to improve the lives of many others. Many thanks also to those who help set up, clean up, transport and donate. We could not continue without all of you.

For anyone who wants to join us in our "knitting room" or contribute in any way you are most welcome.

Gail O'Connor – Co-ordinator



Kidsplay@Revesby

Revesby Workers Club-ClubGRANTS : \$8,320 Program Facilitators:

Julie Bertram, Lorrae West, Susan Lindsay, Margaret O'Connor



Kidsplay@Revesby is a playgroup that meets each Wednesday in school terms between 9:30-11:30 am. We are funded by Revesby Workers ClubGRANTS to provide an early childhood worker.

Over the past year Kidsplay@Revesby has engaged with 29 families. This includes 32 children, 6 dads, 21 mums and 9 grandparents. We are an intergenerational group and a wide variety of cultural backgrounds are represented with over eight different languages being spoken. In 2023, many of our children from 2022 started school or pre-school, so we were thrilled to have 6 new families join our playgroup. Our group continues to grow.

Over the year we have provided 38 playgroup sessions and a Dance Party in a safe, supportive and engaging environment. Carers report that children are keen to attend and that it has assisted to build on children's skills in all areas, particularly in developing friendships and playing creatively and independently. Carers also report that they learn new strategies and activities for them to use at home, but most importantly they value being part of a welcoming and caring community where they can relax and have some fun.



Each week our activities include, free play, story time, singing/musical instruments, morning tea and craft. We also spend time in the garden with the children actively caring for the plants. They love to play in this space.

Throughout our program we embed Aboriginal perspectives into our weekly program and bring attention to significant days. These include Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC and Indigenous Literacy Day.



We have had numerous special events such as a Christmas Dance Party ( thanks to Ian, Mark and Colin for your assistance), Easter Egg Hunt, an International Women's Day and Mother's Day morning tea, Father's Day gift making, National Simultaneous Story Time, Harmony Day, Book Week and our annual Teddy Bears Picnic.



At Kidsplay@Revesby we have a wonderful community of children, parents and grandparents. The group cares for and support each other both at playgroup and in other contexts. The children love the time to meet and engage with friends through play. We also know that playgroup is a very important space for adults who enjoy time to chat and connect with others, building strong friendships and

support networks.

We are very proud of the work we do in our playgroup. Thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers and our congregation for their interest and support. Thank you also to Revesby Worker's Club for their continued financial support and encouragement.



Julie Bertram



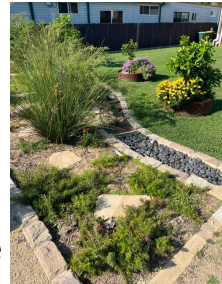




## The Rivergum Community Garden Report

Our community garden continues to attract a lot of attention from the local community. October was an especially big month for the garden. We had a talented film crew make a short documentary film 'Measuring What Matters'.

It is a UTS project and it was wonderful to be invited to be a part of it. We are excited for its release and can't wait to see the final cut, and to be able to share it, which we are told should be happening very soon.



Also last October, Julie and Rae attended a special final presentation day at The University of Technology, in Sydney where our assigned team of design students, Kaitlyn Davies-Scourfield, Jason Tran, Leo Tren, Phil Reyestan and Erica Roberts, calling themselves 'Verdant Studio', presented us with the final digital design package that they had created for us. It was a wonderful experience being involved with this creative team of young people. It was something that could have been daunting. They listened closely to our vision for the garden and asked us lots of questions. This talented team made it a joyful experience.

At the presentation day they gifted us a physical sample of the artwork in the form of flyers, seed envelopes and jars of jam labeled with our unique graphics and logo.

We now have artwork and templates that enable us to print posters, flyers and graphics that we can use on our social media pages and any merchandise or products that we may want to label. This great initiative was part of The Shopfront Project. And a special Thank you to Rachel Bertram for assisting us during this process.



Our Grand Opening on the 27 November 2022 was a memorable day for our community. Aunty Carol and Uncle John performed a cleansing of the garden with a smoking ceremony and a beautiful, moving welcome to country.

There was food and craft and sample bags and lots of fun for everyone. 100+ people attended, and the story of our garden was shared.

There were posts on other social media pages and we received some lovely messages of support, appreciation and encouragement. Members from the Gunyah Community Garden traveled from Northbridge for the day and presented the garden with an Atherton Raspberry bush, which has just born its first fruits and they are delicious. The state member for East Hills attended and Bankstown Council were also represented.



We purchased a 'Woolly Bush', an Australia native, *Adenanthos sericeus*, to permanently mark the day. Its fluffy, cuddly appearance seemed to speak to us of how we were feeling about the garden, and it is now in its established position in the sensory garden.

We launched our Instagram page in early December 2022 and it is linked to the RUC Facebook page this helps us to keep everyone updated with our weekly gardening adventures. We have 55 followers at the moment.

During the year there have been many different people come through the garden on a Friday morning. Some to say Hi and have a chat and share a cuppa. Some have come to gift us their seedlings and to share the produce from their own gardens. And then there's the hard-working garden team that like to get their hands dirty each week.

Matthew our volunteer and his carer Alisha have become dear friends and we look forward to seeing them both each Friday afternoon. Matt benefits from his involvement and we benefit from his dedicated participation.

He has taught us so much about being truly present and grateful.

We continue to receive great feedback about our beautiful laser cut, Corten steel, garden gate. We'd like to thank the property committee and volunteers for its installation and the extension of the arbour to support it, it brings the community a lot of joy and makes a great backdrop for photos!

Another big thank you to the property committee for keeping the lawns and hedges looking fabulous all year round.



We have been sharing seeds, produce and plants throughout the year at the front gate where we make good use of the sandstone ledges under the arbour. We have learnt that our local postman loves his plants and veggies very much and often stops by for a chat. There's a lovely lady who drops in for some spinach every now and then to add to her soups. Many people out on their daily 'walk', stop and say hi, give us a nod of approval or a wave as they pass by. 'The Table Top Gamers' have told us they love sitting in the garden in the evenings and that they find it to be an amazing and beautiful space. So many of the groups that visit our church make good use of the garden on a regular basis.



We have set up a worm farm and have established several compost stations throughout the garden. We are helping to tend to the small garden attached to RUC, we have established a strawberry patch with some heritage variety strawberries and a herb garden. And the children should soon be able to enjoy a patch full of sunflowers and corn. We've planted a dwarf lime and lemon and a passionfruit vine.

In the front raised beds we have broccoli, beetroot, fennel, rhubarb, spinach, tomatoes, mint, chives, carrots, lettuce, leeks and garlic growing. We are in the process of replanting the 'Bee Garden' with a summer crop of sunflowers.

We've enjoyed some outings and lunches as well as our regular morning teas.

The donations from the 'Trade Table', that is set up in the foyer of the church has assisted us to continue planting and growing. We are most grateful.

In the year ahead we are looking at including workshops for the community and organising some garden related activities for the KidsPlay children.

We would like to welcome new friends with the distribution of flyers and some permanent signage for the garden.

We plan to add a 'market stall' on the last Friday of the month where we would sell seedlings, propagated plants, homemade jams, soaps and candles.

We are excited for the growing year ahead.

Rae + The RGCG team

I'd like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has participated, supported, contributed and visited the garden during this last year. We have a talented team who are great problem solvers, where nothing is too much trouble. It's been a joy getting to know you all.

It's been a year of discovery, learning and connection.

Rae West

