

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



ON EARTH *AS IT IS IN* HEAVEN

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PASTORAL REPORT

2022 was a year, I believe as preparation in all areas of life. This preparation I talk of is personally, as well as for us as God's church here in Penrith. We faced several challenges, including physical challenges in regards to not knowing the location God has for us just yet. But we also faced Spiritual and emotional challenges throughout the year.

We are in the midst of a major culture shift within the world we live and the response from the church needs to be Spirit directed. I'm glad that we as a church have been present to what has been in front of us through invitation to experience the kingdom.

On the outside, people could say that our church community here in Penrith is not successful, my argument is, are defining success by Bodies (the amount of people that come to church weekly and new people coming to the church in general), Budgets (the amount of finances that come into the offering plate or through gifts) and Buildings (Having a slice of land or permanent place to call our own)? If we are gauging the community success like this and through human eyes, we are not successful at all. But God doesn't define success that way. As Pete Scazzero says "success in God's eyes is being who God has created you to be and doing what God has called you to do, in His way and in His timing". If we look at the church here in Penrith through those lenses, then 2022 was extremely successful.

The environments that had been a part of the life of church here in Penrith not only continued, they have started to gain momentum and provide different opportunities to show and share the kingdom life. The life of our church is continually transforming, and the leadership have been approaching each environment with a prayerful, Spirit-led and strategic manner.

The current state of our ministry environments are as follows:

- Children's Ministry (mainly music, SuperKidz)
- Youth Ministry (Belong Youth)
- Prayer Ministry (Both Prayer & Healing and Prayer Gatherings)
- Pastoral Care Ministry (Both Church and Community)
- Creative Connections
- Worship Ministry
- DNA Groups
- Formational Journey Groups
- Missions and Community (now known as M.O.E)
- Immersion Experience

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Through our journey from the recent years, we have been able to form structure and start concentrating on our posture to what God is calling us into when it comes to our calling and position as part of the Body of Christ.

Our current ministry structure has continued with the following teams and leadership growing and finding form, which are the following:

- **Ministry Operations** - which embodies everything from finance to administration to creative aspects of all ministries
- **Community Engagement** - which includes all ministries that reach out to the community and in some way connect through the program or action
- **Ministry Environments** - which is all of our program based environments that people who call Penrith home have the opportunity to be involved and grow through the intention spaces
- **Ministry Formation** - this is a space that invites people to go deeper and journey what it means to be a true disciple supplied through intentional environments. It is also a space to equip people with relationship and knowledge

Community Engagement

Missions Outreach and Evangelism (M.O.E)

Gail Noble amazingly leads this team. Continually being prayerfully led into mission support/partnership and exploring opportunity that arise. Within the community, stepping into supporting a chaplain from Penrith City Chapel into Glenmore Park through the breakfast club, also continually exploring potential future opportunities. MOE also gave money to other organisations throughout the year. Please refer to MOE's ministry report.

This team is very active and continually seeking God's direction in the bigger picture. They are discerning and Spirit when it comes to seeking where God has us placed as a light in the community we are called as well as overseas mission partnerships and new opportunities.

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Creative Connections has continued under the leadership of Heather Callaghan.

The Community Engagement is as follows:

Feeding By Faith

Overseen by Michelle Miller, we have had the opportunity to support several people within the Penrith community, as well as continuing our relationship through Michelle with Mama Lana. Feeding By Faith has also been pivotal in showing our church family love through food at hard times throughout the year.

mainly music

Faithfully and wonderfully led by Susan Johnson, please see mainly music's ministry report.

Ministry Environments

Pastoral Care

Overseen by Marry Ward we have a very active Pastoral Care team providing connection through visits, call, messages, cards and care packs (with help through feeding by Faith). We are also still exploring an opportunity to go into a nursing home and do pastoral visits to the residents within.

Prayer Ministry

Lead by Pat Donnelly, we have a very stable group of faithful prayers that meet each week on a Friday for prayer and healing, as well as a monthly family prayer gathering online. In January, like we had done for the past few years, the Prayer Team coordinated the 21 Days of Prayer. Please see the Prayer Team Ministry Report for more information.

Children's Ministry

Daniel Janman and Ellen Mcmenemy took over the running and building up of our Sunday children's ministry. Coming off the back of COVID life, this was hard. Dan and Ellen did an amazing job, taking the approach of connection and relationship. This was very effective over this period as the numbers were sporadic and unpredictable.

Dan and Ellen decided to step back from the Team Leading position whilst they explore where God is directing them individually and as a couple.

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Worship

Rohan Geddes has led this space as we are exploring what worship really is. In 2022, we had some very passionate and gifted people leading us in new and old ways of worship. We explored different environments during 2022, including a prayer and worship space called Encounter Nights. We also still have a relationship with our brothers and sisters from Word of Life Church, who came a few times throughout the year and worshipped with us.

Ministry Formation

Formational Journey Groups

We continued this very powerful space with 3 different groups throughout the year. All of these groups are men for 2022 and a different range of ages. The amazing thing in these groups is that they continue to grow personally, spiritually and vulnerably. Praying for a female group in 2023.

DNA Groups

We now have approximately 13 active groups in the life of church which are journeying together in the forms of Discipleship, Nurturing and Accountability.

Discipleship Pathways

A space that is continually developing, with opportunities of invitation and growth.

Immersion Experience

This was a very powerful invitational journey for 6 people starting in March of 2022. Led by Rohan, Julie and myself, we met fortnightly throughout the year with 2 retreats and a few other environments during this time. I explain this environment as the most fruitful environment I have been involved in.

A change of leadership happened in the following ministries throughout the year:

- Children's Ministry: Dan and Ellen stepped down from the Team leader role of the Sunday children's ministry called SuperKidz

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We had some big events throughout the year of 2022:

- The Last Supper dinner at the church, where we came together, shared a meal and reflected on what Easter is all about
- MOE Meal with Ken Hall, an opportunity to hear his heart for people and God
- Community Christmas Celebration, with the amazing hearts of John and Ann White, they were able to bring this event alive. This was a great opportunity that we were able to connect with some people from the community we are in

We want to thank all the guest speakers that blessed us throughout the year with some fantastic messages from God and they were as follows:

- Daz Farrell
- Nathan Marshall
- Josh and YuLing Saxby
- Ken Hall
- Heidi Sham
- Alison Roethe

I also want to thank those people within the family that stood up, were obedient to the Spirit and shared with our family throughout the year, whether it was a full message or part message, you were a blessing to us all, they were as follows:

- Perce Mallard
- Rohan Geddes
- Daniel Janman
- Blake Kirkman
- Julie Geddes
- Richard Reeve
- Holly Miller, Gail Noble, Leanne Mallard and Emily Moss (Mother's Day interview)

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone that makes the Church run through the week and the Sunday Services:

- Jenny Lewis - running the office and admin side of things throughout the week.
- Judy Martin - all the behind the scenes
- Gail and Stuart Noble - weekly cleaning
- Blake Kirkman - Starting and running the coffee Cart.
- David Lewis - Service running including online and in person.

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Sunday Services would not be what they are if it wasn't for the servant hearts of the family to do the following:

- Communion & Offering - Talkers
- Set up and wash up of communion
- Meet and Greet
- TECH Team
- Morning Tea
- Event helpers

2022 was a year of holding and hearing. We had a lot of changes to the way we do Church from what we were used to, into an invitational experience. We explored potential opportunities in property purchase and even explored what a Sabbath Sunday looks like.

The Church is more than a community, it is a family and all of this would not be possible if we didn't have willing people. I want to acknowledge and champion our amazing Ops team and Property Team for all the hard work they have done throughout 2022.

I would also like to thank everyone that leads or is involved in each ministry within the life of the Church. To have opportunities to share the Love of Christ is a privilege and where we are able to show the life God has always promised us. So, thank you all for your servant hearts and for what you are doing in the Kingdom of God. Everyone involved helped us explore what it is like to bring "Heaven onto Earth".

2023 is going to be a year of opportunities and potentially a lot of changes. "Building creative environments to Bring the HOPE of Jesus", is more than just our vision, it needs to be the life we live. Let's all go on this journey together and be attentive to what God's will is for us moving forward.

Adam Miller
Pastor - Penrith Church of Christ

ELDERS' REPORT

2022 was a year of continuing to seek God and His direction as a Church family.

We firmly believe Prayer is a vital part of our journey with God. We started the year with 21 days of Prayer to corporately gather and to pray on our own. We continued our Family Prayer Gatherings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, via zoom and held Encounter nights at the start of the year. All these gatherings enabled us to seek God and pray for our Church family, our local community and the world.

Our theme for the year “On Earth as it is in Heaven” reminded us that Earth is not the final destination but just part of our journey until we meet Jesus in Heaven. While we are not in Heaven with Jesus yet, this time on Earth is the preparation time to share God’s love and hope, to be transforming ourselves to be more like Him and deepening our relationship with our Heavenly Father. There have been numerous opportunities and environments, which God has provided for us to show His love and hope to our Church family and people in our local community throughout the year.

We have been blessed by God’s provision of the Salvation Army building as a place for us to meet together on Sunday’s and throughout the week. The possibility of purchasing the Salvation Army building was a focus for the last year and many, many hours were spent by the Property Team and Leadership to prepare proposals for purchasing this property. It was disappointing to receive the rejection of our proposal at the end of last year. However, we continued and will continue to seek God and trust His will for His Church here in Penrith and the journey he has us on to share His love and hope here on Earth.

Finally, we want to thank everyone in our Church family for the small and big ways you serve and love God and each other. We look forward to the journey God is taking us on in 2023.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Susan Johnson - On Behalf of the Elders

PRAYER MINISTRY REPORT

Mandate:

Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations".

Isaiah 56:7, Mark 11:17

We continue to see the urgency of God's intervention more than ever and the need for God's people to continue to pray individually and corporately.

Opportunities for Prayer:

1. Individual Prayer Times

- Prayer chain via e-mail

2. Corporate Prayer Times

- Zoom prayer times on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
- Sunday morning at 9.30am prior to the worship service which is open to all
- After the worship service – Individual prayer is available as needed at the front of the church
- Prayer and Healing Ministry centre – open at the chapel each Friday morning from 11am – 12noon. This time is made up of a quick look at relevant scripture and then into waiting on God as we go to prayer – personal, the church, the community, the nation and the world. This time is also available for anyone who wants deeper individual prayer ministry

3. 21 Days of Prayer

In January this year, as last year, we did 21 days of prayer every morning where, once again, we went to people's homes. A good number of people joined for an hour even though we could still pray at home.

Revival:

Last word – God's Word

Psalm 85:6,7 (TPT)

Revive us again, O God! I know You will! Give us a fresh start! Then all Your people will taste Your joy and gladness. Pour out even more of our love on us! Reveal more of our kindness and restore us back to You!

Pat Donnelly - Prayer Ministry Leader

MAINLY MUSIC REPORT

Friday mornings, during school terms, zero to five year old children with their parents and/or grandparents come to sing, dance, learn rhymes and share morning tea together.

In each session we sing songs or speak rhymes that foster children's gross and fine motor development, learning about colours, animals, shapes, feelings and the love God has each child and adult.

We celebrate the children's birthdays at the end of each month as well as Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas throughout the year. Our mainly music community ranges from families who come when they can to families who come every week.

There are lots of friendships that are built between the children and adults who are part of our community and between the families and our team. It is a blessing to watch and be part of the sharing of the highs and lows of life and caring for each other.

In November, it was fantastic to host our annual Gingerbread Decorating Morning where 31 children and 29 adults came on a Saturday morning to decorate cookies and enjoy food and fellowship together in the lead up to Christmas.

Thank you to Gloria Copeland, Judy Martin, Valda Mallard, Pat Donnelly, Marry Ward and Julie Geddes who come, serve and bless the many families in our community.

Susan Johnson - mainly music Team Leader

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

Relocation Report

Since 2019, the Property Team has met, exploring numerous options as to a suitable site to relocate. We have learnt a lot during this process and also built up a better understanding of what could be done and pertinent considerations than needed to be addressed. Factors such as fulfilling our Mission objectives, not wanting to incur debt, and our ongoing ability to maintain and make a building fit for purpose were under constant consideration.

Then at the point when we had to move out of the Stafford Street site, God provided the use of the Salvation Army site on lease. We were able to build a relationship with the local Salvation Army personnel and considered joint outreach opportunities. At one point there was discussion regarding the potential for the two Churches to enter into a partnership arrangement.

February to September 2022

Fresh Hope Conference Executive indicated that they would be interested in forming a Partnership, that would cover the expected shortfall of the Salvation Army's expected asking price. A tremendous amount of work was undertaken by both us and Fresh Hope management (Matt Young) in undertaking extensive Due Diligence explorations. This work resulted in a detailed 12 page (plus Appendix's) **Business Case for Purchase of an Asset**. This was considered by Conference Executive in September where Adam Miller and Michael Edwards also were given the opportunity to outline the opportunities for possible future ministry ventures and the need for financial assistance along with the growth potential within the Penrith LGA.

October

In conversations with Matt Young there appeared to be positive support for the proposal, but they sought a consultant's input opinion on expectations on Return of Investment for their money being contributed. The property team were grateful for all the hard work from a number of people, especially Adam, Michael and Matt Young.

November

Unfortunately we received the news verbally that the Conference Executive were not supportive of the proposal citing the following:

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- i. they didn't see the property viable enough
- ii. they were worried about the burden of the upkeep and maintenance on the local church
- iii. they didn't want to set a precedence for the other churches in the network

While this was not in the form of an official letter from Conference Executive, it did mean that Matt Young had to inform the Salvation Army of the decision and the implications. Unfortunately, after a 12-month period before a final decision was made, momentum was lost with the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army's response was that they would be looking at Expressions of Interest in February 2023.

The Property Team drafted a letter asking the Conference Executive to re-consider their decision and sent this to the Elders for consideration.

So much has happened over the past twelve months. We continue, very much, walking in FAITH, asking for your prayers as we each TRUST in God, thanking him for his PROVISIONS to this stage.

Steven Lindeback - On Behalf of the Property Team

M.O.E REPORT

Team Members:

Fran Hall, Heather Callahan, Judy Martin, Max Tolhurst, Stuart Noble, Gail Noble

We have been blessed and encouraged throughout the last 12 months to be able to continue the partnering with IMM, EDM, YWAM, and Alison Roethe with WEC. Thank you to all of you that support these people/organizations in your financial giving and prayers.

The theme for our month of August in 2022 “Love made me do it” was based on 2 Corinthians 5:14a “for Christ’s love compels us.”

MOE month commenced on Saturday night 6th with a dinner and guest speaker Ken Hall who spoke about his ministry to the homeless in the Woolloomooloo area.

Sunday 7th we met Josh and YuLing Saxby and their 3 children. Josh spoke on John 3:16 and shared with us that they were planning to relocate to SE Asia early 2023 to serve with Pioneer.

Sunday 14th our speaker was Alison Roethe now serving in Sydney with WEC in the Sydney Refugee Team. Alison talked about her work in sharing the hope of Jesus with people seeking asylum and refugee status.

Sunday 21st we met Heidi Sham. Heidi is planning to serve in SE Asia with OMF in late 2023. Her text was based on the scripture in Acts 8:26-40. Her message was “Jesus did not give a mission to His church-rather he formed a church for His mission. Without a mission a church is not a church it’s just a group of disobedient Christians hanging out”. Heidi spoke of the outreach opportunity Phillip had with the Ethiopian. She stated that outreach depends entirely on God but it takes trust and obedience. Phillip responded with obedience and did all he could, and God did the rest.

Sunday 28th Pastor Adam spoke and introduced out pledge offering for 22/23 . Thankyou to Steve Callahan for all the photo evidence we have of a fabulous MOE month 2022.

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Once again the people of our congregation have stepped out in faith with pledge giving for the next 12 months. An incredible \$24,000.00 has been pledged which will enable us to continue the financial support of all our current partners and look for new opportunities to support and partner with whoever God leads us to. Thank you again to everyone that has stepped out in faith.

We were able to support GMP throughout the year with 2 donations towards their flood appeals both north and south of the state. We also contributed petrol vouchers to YWAM when their teams went North to help with the flood clean-up.

We also contributed towards Etienne's airfares when he needed to return to South Africa for family members' funerals.

Through EDM an "overlocker" machine was purchased.

A love offering was collected at the Saturday night dinner on 6th August for Ken Hall.

Cans for Kids was commenced. Thank you to Max and Maree for faithfully looking after this ministry.

We as a team value your prayers and support and ask that you will continue to pray that we will be totally dependant on God for all the decisions we make into the future. As I said last year, what new initiatives will come our way in 2023 I am not sure, but I am confident of this, that God does not require us to know everything about the future now. He will equip us for what we need one day at a time, our job is to trust Him, step out in faith and to be faithful to his word.

Gail Noble - MOE Team Leader

Penrith Church of Christ

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Extract of Special Purpose Financial Report year ended 31/12/2022

AUDITOR DAWSONS ACCOUNTANTS PTY LTD

PO Box 6655, Rouse Hill NSW 2155

The full financial report is available on request to the Office of the Penrith Church of Christ.

Committee's Report

Year ended 31 December 2022

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Penrith Church of Christ for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

Judith

Martin

Susan Johnson

Perce Mallard

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association was:
Church Operation.

Significant Changes

No significant change during the year.

Operating Result

The surplus for the financial year after income Tax amounted to:

Year ended	Year ended
31 December 2022	31 December 2021
\$60,314	\$52,298

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Judith Martin

Susan Johnson

2 April 2023

Current Liabilities	2022	2021
Provisions General	20,000	61,098
Rent Accrual	1,300	9,000
Provision Staff	24,981	12,472
Ministry Provision Accounts	15,892	21,968
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$62,173	\$104,538
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	144,663	103,875
Share Capital	4,168,240	4,139,176
Total Members' Funds	\$4,312,903	\$4,243,051

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME	2022	2021
Donations	4,246	25,040
Formation Pastor	3190	1,640
Tithes & Offerings - Church	112,447	188,881
MOE Offerings - Missions	17,204	41,310
Grants	19,080	66,937
Interest received	111,299	107,345
Other income: ATO, Services NSW Cash Boost	0	7,500
Miscellaneous	23,476	16,400
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 290,942	\$ 462,553
EXPENSES		
Staff	166,457	229,524
Administration	7,261	17,666
Property	14,562	32,402
Community Engagement including Mission	19,471	35,126
Worship	3,659	9,018
Ministry Environments	2,168	4,733
Ministry Formation	0	0
Other includes Carry over of Funds & Grants	0	48,119
Auditor & Accounting	1,253	2,471
Depreciation	9,893	19,798
Insurance	5,904	11,397
Total Expenditure	\$230,628	\$410,254
Profit/(Loss)	\$60,314	\$52,299

Declaration by the Committee

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this Special Purpose Financial Report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements. In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Penrith Church of Christ as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Judith Martin & Michael Edwards
2 April 2023

The Abridged Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statements are provided below:

The independent audit report was conducted and compiled by DAWSONS ACCOUNTANTS. Dated 2 April 2023.

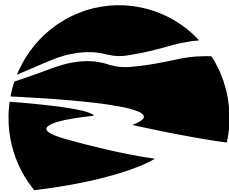
We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Penrith Church of Christ (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 31 December 2022, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, cash flow statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Penrith Church of Christ as at 31 December 2022 and (of) its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (2009)*. Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Penrith Church of Christ to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (2009)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Extract of Special Purpose Financial Report year ended 31/12/2022

BALANCE SHEET	2022	2021
Current Assets		
General Accounts	89,822	61,753
Picking up the Pieces	21,597	21,205
Penrith 2018 Stafford St. Variation of Trust Account	4,168,240	4,138,757
Fresh Hope Term Deposit	30,985	54,671
Other	2,880	616
Total Current Assets	\$4,313,524	\$4,277,002
Non-Current Assets		
Fixtures, Plant & equipment at cost	143,447	144,064
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(81,895)	(73,476)
Total Non-Current Assets	61,552	70,588
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,375,076	\$4,347,589

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