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# A YEAR OF CHANGE



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Building creative  
environments to  
bring the hope  
of Jesus.

OUR VISION



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# PASTOR'S REPORT

2021 was a year of change, foundation building and seeking kingdom direction for our faith community. After the last 2 years (2019 and 2020), we stepped into a season of refocusing and reliance on God. Along with the physical challenges we faced in the change of location and what we have known as normal life, we were also in the midst of a worldwide change brought on by the pandemic. Even though we had to journey this season, God stayed true and stable through our ministries and environments, providing spaces and opportunities that we didn't really see coming.

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 current state of our ministry environments are as follows:

- Children's Ministry (mainly music, Little Fishes, PowerZone and Creche)
- Youth Ministry (Belong Youth)
- Prayer Ministry (Both Prayer & Healing and Prayer Gatherings)
- Pastoral Care Ministry (Both Church and Community)
- Craft Group
- Worship Ministry
- Small Groups (both bible studies and DNA groups)
- Formational Journey Groups
- Missions and Community (now known as M.O.E)

Throughout this season, we have not only journeyed a change in leadership structure and vision of Penrith Church of Christ, we transitioned our physical location at Stafford Street which we have worshipped at for many years, having our last service on Sunday 30th May 2021. This was a great day celebrating not only what has gone before us but what God has instore for us in the years ahead.

Through our journey from the recent years, we have been able to form structure and start concentrating on our posture as 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.

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- **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 intentional spaces.
- **Ministry Formation** - this is a new 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 heads this team up, which is 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.

The Craft Group has continued under the leadership of Heather Callaghan.

- **C.O.A.C.H Mentoring**  
Under the leadership of Ann Martin , we are blessed to continue to explore the opportunities that arise from this environment and seeking what this can do to enhance our involvement in kingdom here at Penrith.

## Ministry Environments

- **Pastoral Care**  
Overseen by Marie 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.
- **Children's Ministry**  
Susan Johnson has faithfully lead this ministry for many years and has stepped down as the ministry leader. We thank her for everything she has done and built in this environment.

Our children were affected a lot by the COVID restrictions throughout 2020 but connection was concentrated on and we now see the evidence of that.

Susan has now handed the leadership over to Daniel Janman and Ellen Mcmenemy moving forward.

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mainly music was affected greatly but connection was maintained with the families through small gatherings, phone calls and communications throughout the COVID period.

- **Worship**

In November, our church was blessed with the arrival of Rohan, Julie and the girls. Rohan has come on as the associate pastor with a huge heart for Worship. We look forward to the development of the hearts and posture towards worship through Rohan's lead.

## Ministry Formation

- **Formational Journey Groups**

Our original men's group, finished up at the end of the year with 2- 3 groups now being created in this space. Lead by Richard Reeve, Rohan Geddes and myself, this environment is growing both Spiritually and physically.

- **DNA Groups**

We now have approximately 10 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.

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

- **Worship Ministry** - Rohan Geddes has stepped into this space and the team is continually growing.

- **Children's Ministry** - Susan Johnson has handed the leadership over to Dan and Ellen but is still heavily involved with mainly music.

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

- Peter Martin
- Daz Farrell
- Nathan Marshall
- Richard Reeve
- Ross Nancarrow
- Etienne Pieterse
- Alison Roeth
- Tayla Tutuia
- Gustavo Acero

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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:

- Janelle Payne
- Perce Mallard
- Ellen Mcmenemy
- Daniel Janman
- David Lewis
- Rohan Geddes
- John Donnelly, Yashneel Joseph, David Payne (Father's Day interview)

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone that makes the Church run throughout 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
- Josh Wolffe / Troy Wolffe - mowing the lawns
- David Lewis - Service running including online and in person

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

- Communion & Offering - Talkers
- Set up and wash up of Communion
- Meet and Greet
- Assisting Peter Parbery to Church
- COVID Check in People
- TECH and Livestream Teams

2021 was a year of change and transition. We had a lot of changes in the way we do Church from what we were used to, to an unfamiliar location and continued online platform. We have continued to be flexible with the ongoing changes in restrictions and continue to advance in the way we do Church both in person and online.

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None of this would have been possible if it wasn't for a few key people:

- David Lewis
- Perce Mallard
- Blake Kirkman
- Tim Copeland
- Rohan Geddes
- Dan Janman
- The whole tech team

And our amazing Ops team and Volunteers each week to ensure we comply with the restrictions.

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.

2022 is going to be a big year with a lot of opportunities, a lot of changes and a lot of chances for growth.


"Building creative environments to Bring the HOPE of Jesus." Let's all go on this journey together and be attentive to what God's will is for us moving forward.

Knowing we are the Beloved makes it easier as we Do out of our Being with God.

"Let your will be done," God.

**Adam Miller**

**Pastor - Penrith Church of Christ**



Trust in the Lord with  
all your heart, and do  
not lean on your own  
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5 (ESV)

# ELDERS' REPORT

2021 was a year of change and seeing God's love and provision for us as a Church family.

As a Church we started the year with 21 days of Prayer as we strongly believe that Prayer is a vital part of our journey with God both individually and as a Church Family. We also continued our Family Prayer Gatherings every 2nd Tuesday night, via zoom, to pray, seek God and His will for our Church, our Leadership Team, our Church Family, our local community and the world.

The end of January was a special time as we celebrated Adam Miller's induction as our new Senior Pastor. We are thankful to God for his leading and provision of Adam, Holly and their family to pastor and lead our Church Family for the coming 3 years. It was a privilege to share this day with Adam and Holly's families as well as friends from Fresh Hope.

We were and continue to be excited by the purpose we believe God has called us to as a Church family to 'Love God, Love People' and our vision "Building Creative Environments to bring the HOPE of Jesus". 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 month of May we reflected as a family the journey we have been on with our Heavenly Father over the 65 years we called Stafford Street our home. There were many memories and experiences of God's moving and his provision shared, and it was wonderful to have many people come and reconnect during this month and especially at our Celebration service on the 30th May 2021.

After many months of praying and looking at potential properties, God's provision continued as he opened the doors for us to move to The Salvation Army Church building in Glenmore Park in June. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the big and small ways during our move. It was and continues to be a blessing to relocate to such a spacious property and to explore the possibilities God has for us in the community.

Just as we were settling into our new location, the pandemic again dramatically changed the way we connected and worshipped together as a Church family. Church in our living rooms, Zoom meetings and various communication resources were again part of our lives yet enabled us to continue to learn and share God's love within our Church family but also to the world. A huge thank you to all in our Tech team who worked tirelessly throughout this last year to ensure we could connect and share together during a time when we were unable to physically meet in the church building.

Throughout the year, the Leadership constantly sought God's guidance and direction for His Church. We believe the Ministry structure that has been developed is the next part of the journey God has for our Church family. This ministry structure is:

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- Ministry Operations
- Community Engagement
- Ministry Environments
- Ministry Formation

We are thankful to the women and men of our congregation who are part of these ministries and for their wisdom, knowledge and willingness to serve God and our Church family.

At the end of the year we welcomed Rohan, Julie, Imogen and Megan into our Church family. God's leading and guidance was very evident to us and Rohan in the process and journey of appointing Rohan to be our Associate Pastor. We trust and are excited for this new season God has planned for us.

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 2022.

## **Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11**

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.



What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

**Susan Johnson**  
**On behalf of the Elders**



Then you will call on me  
and come pray to me,  
and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 29:1 (NIV)

# 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:**

- Sunday morning at 9.30a.m. 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 prayer – personal, the church, the community, the nation and the world.

This time is also available for anyone who needs deeper individual prayer ministry.

### **3. 21 Days of Prayer:**

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


## **Last Word – God's Word**

Acts 2:42 (TPT)

Every believer was faithfully devoted to following the teachings of the apostles. Their hearts were mutually linked to one another, sharing communion and coming together regularly for prayer.

**Pat Donnelly**

**Prayer Ministry Leader**

A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of a person standing on a rocky shore. The person is wearing a blue and white floral patterned skirt. The background is a blurred view of the ocean and sky. The overall color palette is dominated by blues and greys.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)

# M.O.E REPORT

**Team members: Fran Hall, Bree Wolffe, Beth Wolffe, Judy Martin, Max Tolhurst, Stuart Noble, Gail Noble**

Firstly, I want to say a big thankyou to Bree and Beth for their contribution to the team over the last 2 years. It is with regret that both Bree and Beth in March 2022 have decided not to continue to be part of this team.

The theme for our month of August in 2021 was based on Isaiah 52:7 “How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of those who bring good news.”

Once again, the COVID virus took its toll, and we were worshipping together via Facebook. Our speakers for the month were Etienne Pieterse from YWAM, Richard Reeves from Fresh Hope, Mark Chapple from Penrith City Chapel, Ross Nancarrow from IMM and Pastor Adam wrapped up the series on the last Sunday of the month.

This last 12 months we have been blessed again by the response to the “MOE pledge” to a total \$14,545.00. Thank you again to everyone that has stepped out in faith so we could continue to support our current partners and look for new opportunities of outreach into the community.

In May we were able to contribute \$1,200.00 to IMM towards their new training centre. In December Alison Roeth, who returned from Turkey, spoke at a Saturday night dinner. We as a church were able to bless Alison with a very full pantry basket to help her with setting up her unit in Strathfield.

At our October meeting the team agreed to continue supporting Alison, IMM and YWAM for 2022. I want to say thank you to all those that have supported the team by praying for us, as we work together to discern God’s wisdom and direction. What new initiatives will come our way in 2022, I am not sure, but I am confident of this though, 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 Ministry Leader**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

Our Sunday morning Children's program combined into 1 group in 2021:

In the first half of the year the children, ranging from preschool to Year 3 learnt about loving Jesus, making friends and being kind through a program produced by C3 Church. In the program the children watched a short cartoon, learnt memory verses and completed a worksheet.

Most of the lessons in the second half of the year most of the lessons completed at home due to the pandemic. An email was sent to children's parents which contained a bible verse, link to a bible story and activity sheets.

Thank you to Ellen McMenemy, Naomi Court, Gloria Copeland, Marie Ward and Janis Mallitt who all served in this program this year.

Daniel Janman and Ellen McMenemy will continue to explore and lead our Sunday Children's ministry in 2022. I pray God will bless and guide them as they share God's love with the children in our Church family.

## **mainly music**

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.

We started the year meeting at either Livvi's Place (Jordan Springs) or Lions Park (Emu Plains) depending on the weather. It was fantastic to reconnect with our families and watch the children play and grow. In Term 2 were able to recommence meeting in the Church Hall and then move out to our Glenmore Park property until the COVID restrictions meant we had to cease meeting.

Thankfully mainly music International were a tremendous support and provided online sessions, which were emailed out to our families each week. Emails, text messages, parcels in the post were all vital ways we stayed connected to our families while we could not meet together.

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At the end of October, we were finally able to meet again in person and celebrate our 5th birthday. It was terrific to see the children and parents and continue the friendships built between our families and our amazing team.

I am extremely thankful for our fantastic team (Naomi Court, Gloria Copeland, Ann French) who have planned, adapted plans, brainstormed ways we could recommence safely, prayed, driven Christmas parcels to our families and faithfully served the many families in our mainly music community this year. Thank you also to Adam Miller and Judy Martin who assisted throughout the year.

Sadly, we said goodbye to the Court family and Ann at the end of the year as they began a new journey in South Australia. Naomi and Ann were a blessing to our mainly music families. Naomi also blessed our children and parents of our Sunday Children's programs. We pray they will know God's richest blessings in their new journeys.

**Susan Johnson**  
**Children's Ministry Leader**

# BELONG YOUTH REPORT

2021 was a rough year again with COVID restrictions and lockdowns.

**Term 1:**

We had a few in-nights. We had nights where we had no youth and would spend time as a leadership praying for youth and using that time to build up our relationships with one another in the youth leadership. Topics that we touched on were “forgiveness, how do we forgive others who are not sorry for the harm they have caused us?”

**Term 2:**

Closed due to Covid Lockdown.

**Term 3:**

Closed due to Covid Lockdown.

**Term 4:**

We were finally able to open our youth ministry again after the lockdown restrictions with COVID. We focused on our relationships with the youth and making sure they knew that we genuinely care about them and that they are not alone. We chose to only do in-nights at the church or going to the Millers house for our end of year party as our youth were still not comfortable going out for different paid activities (ie: Flip Out, AMF Bowling, etc).

**Jenny Lewis**

**Youth Ministry Leader**

# PASTORAL CARE REPORT

Due to Covid, there has not been a lot of opportunity to do new things with Pastoral Care.

Our faithful team has continued to keep in touch with the church family via phone calls. They have been warmly received and appreciated.

We lost Steve Dawson who was faithful in contacting people. I was able to re-assign people to other members of the team. We also lost Janelle Payne as she will be out of the country for a large part of this year.

I am waiting for an update of current members to re-assign. I also appreciate those who are not on the team but contact and visit members regularly. Also, the Feeding by Faith team and the prayer team who also care for others.

**Marie Ward**  
**Pastoral Care Ministry Leader**



# Penrith Church of Christ

**ABN 63 626 797 979**

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## Extract of Special Purpose Financial Report year ended 31/12/2021

**AUDITOR                    DAWSONS ACCOUNTANTS PTY LTD**

**Suite 2, The Osborne Centre,  
1 Osbourne Avenue  
Bundanoon NSW 2578**

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

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### Committee's Report

#### Year ended 31 December 2021

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Penrith Church of Christ for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

#### Committee Members

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

Susan Johnson  
Marion Brierley  
Perce Mallard  
Judy Martin

#### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association was: **Church Operation.**

### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### Operating Result

The surplus for the financial year amounted to:

Year ended	Year ended
<b>31 December 2021</b>	31 December 2020
<b>\$62,235.98</b>	\$109,542.66

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

Susan Johnson                    Marion Brierley  
13 May 2022

### 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 2021 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:

Susan Johnson & Michael Edwards  
15 May 22

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

**The independent audit report was conducted and compiled by DAWSONS ACCOUNTANTS.** Dated 4 May 2022.

We have audited the financial report of Penrith Church of Christ (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 31 December 2021, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, cash 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 (or gives a true and fair view –refer to the applicable state/territory Act), the financial position of Penrith Church of Christ as at 31 December 2021 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.

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 Act (2009).

### Extract of Special Purpose Financial Report year ended 31/12/2021

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
General Accounts	61,753	48,249
Picking up the Pieces	21,205	590
Penrith 2018 Stafford St. Variation of Trust Account	4,138,757	4,033,212
Fresh Hope Term Deposit	54,671	53,377
Other	616	15,937
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$4,277,002</b>	<b>\$4,151,551</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Fixtures, Plant & equipment at cost	147,058	142,643
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(76,471)	(66,572)
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>70,587</b>	<b>79,065</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,347,589</b>	<b>\$4,230,616</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Provisions General	38,798	17,792
Rent Accrual	9,000	0
Provision Staff	32,722	7,262
Ministry Provision Accounts	14,480	15,209
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>	<b>\$40,263</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Capital Reserve	113,413	103,864
Financial Instruments	4,139,176	4,086,489
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>	<b>\$4,252,589</b>	<b>\$4,190,353</b>

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Donations	13,290	12,854	16,377
Fundraising	0	0	10,103
Tithes & Offerings - Church	94,441	107,413	93,331
MOE Offerings - Missions	20,655	21,652	10,040
Grants	44,332	20,960	0
Interest received	107,142	103,424	104,947
Other income/ATO,Services NSW Cash Boost	7,500	20,000	0
Miscellaneous	23,989	3,462	14,530
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 311,349</b>	<b>\$ 289,765</b>	<b>\$249,328</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Staff	114,762	111,954	216,437
Administration	8,832	10,964	10,314
Property	20,879	3,770	11,143
Community Engagement including Mission	18,618	28,401	30,050
Worship	4,482	13,176	3,832
Ministry Environments	2,441	0	0
Ministry Formation	0	0	0
Other includes Carry over of Funds & Grants	60,689	18	13,343
Auditor & Accounting	1,236	1,251	1,116
Depreciation	9,899	4,966	0
Insurance	7,275	5,813	7,073
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$249,113</b>	<b>\$180,313</b>	<b>\$293,308</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$62,236</b>	<b>\$109,452</b>	<b>(\$43,980)</b>





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