

## **ANNUAL REPORT for the COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT 2008**

Reviewing the year 2008, the members of the Committee of Management recognize the magnificent provision of our God in enabling the committee to 'balance the books' at the end of the year. The year began with serious doubts that we would be able to fulfil our budgeted expenses as, the budget for 2008 was far in excess of any previous budget. Early in the year, our ordinary income fell short of budget, however, that shortfall was gradually made up and by September the budget was being met each month. St Paul reminded the Philippians, as he thanked them for the support they had continued to give him, 'And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Jesus Christ.' (Philippians 4: 19) In the past year we have witnessed the generosity of our God in this parish.

### **Committee Meetings**

At the Annual Congregational meeting in March, Paul Sheldon, Michelle Parker, Denise Sylvester, Joe Ifopo, John Taylor, Neil Sperinck, and David Woodruff were elected to the committee. As this was less than the usual number of ten elected members the committee was empowered to co-opt additional members. The committee subsequently co-opted Margaret Clements and Russell Kirk. In addition, three members of the Session, namely the Moderator, William Morrow, and Elders Bruce Logan and Craig Morrison have exercised their right to attend committee meetings.

The committee met monthly, with the exception of January, for ordinary business and had two joint meetings with the Session to discuss matters of mutual concern. The average attendance was 8 members.

At its March Meeting the committee elected the following office-bearers – Chairperson: Michelle Parker, Deputy Chairperson: David Woodruff, Secretary: Paul Sheldon, Treasurer: Denise Sylvester, Maintenance Committee: Craig Morrison, David Woodruff, Paul Sheldon and Neil Sperinck, and Fete Conveners Paul Sheldon and John Pickering.

### **Finance**

As mentioned in the opening remarks, our God has shown His generosity, and over the year the 2008 budget was met. We give thanks for this. More details of this will be available in the treasurer's Financial Report.

As the proceeds of the Fete became a bonus, the committee decided to put ½ to rebuild the kitchen, \$100 each to the Missions who supported our fete and \$1000 to GAA WA Church Plant. The committee continued to support two missionaries through Mission Partners, Presbyterian Inland Mission, Presbyterian Social Services, General Mission Program, Hospital Chaplaincy, the Richardson family through European Christian Mission, the Manton family through Mission Partners, the Bible League, the Bible Society and Tear fund as donations were received from individual members of the congregation.

### **Maintenance**

Our buildings – The Manse, Church, Church hall and Education Block and their surroundings continually require effective maintenance of both major and minor in nature. In 2008 the major project was the rebuilding of the Church Hall kitchen and the generous donations of a new fridge and dishwasher by members of the congregation. The committee thank all the members of the church who gave their time and money in this project. Smaller projects included concreting work at the Manse, which took the change of contractor to accomplish, a sign on the church hall showing the activities of the church, a number of electrical jobs including a spot light above the gates, a donated heater for the church, a recycling bin on

behalf of Presbyterian Recycling and Retail and audio visual equipment updated by a generous donation

### **Rosters**

A great deal of work is carried out by members of the congregation who make themselves available on various rosters. We are very thankful for these people and we are extremely thankful for Margaret and Ross Clements in preparing these rosters and maintaining the calendar of the church buildings. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2009 the committee with the help of the Clements will be resetting the rosters.

### **Sharing Facilities**

During 2008, the Samoan congregation continued to use the church each Sunday for regular church services, and other facilities by arrangement. We welcome this opportunity to assist them and the contribution they provide.

### **Annual Fete**

Our 2008 Annual Fete in September was an outstanding success providing a great time of fellowship for our members, a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the community and to interest them in the gospel and mission and a huge financial success. Our thanks go to our conveners John and Paul and to all those who worked so hard before the day preparing the treats for sale and on the day selling them. As mentioned before, the proceeds were a bonus for the committee, enabling it to support several additional church enterprises.

### **Insurance and Licences**

The committee holds a number of insurance policies including building and contents insurance, public liability insurance, sickness and accident insurance to provide protection for the congregation in the event of untoward incidents. These insurances are blanket policies arranged by the central office of the church to provide maximum value for money. Insurance values are regularly updated to provide the requisite coverage for the property or personnel.

The committee also holds a number of licences which enables us legally to use copyright material such as songs, music, the playing of CD's and DVD's as part of worship services or other church activities.

### **Advertising**

The committee is continuing to advertise in the Penrith Press each month and did letterbox drops for both the Fete and Carols in The Park.

The members of the committee acknowledge the confidence you have shown in them by electing them to serve our God and you, the congregation, by endeavouring to wisely manage the temporal affairs of the parish; and they acknowledge the privilege of serving our Sovereign God in this role.

*PA Sheldon  
Secretary*