# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

'Whoever is happy will make others happy too.' Anne Frank

> Reverend Faraj Hanna, Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity Coburg

'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.'

Psalm 23:1



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Melbourne Anglican Foundation



The Melbourne Anglican Foundation began in 1987, inspired by the vision of Archbishop David Penman. The Foundation seeks to raise funds to facilitate the mission and ministry of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Melbourne, to enable the Church to think big and dream large about its future, and to maintain a Christian presence in the wider community.

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L to R Ms Lydia Hanna, Mrs Ragaa Hanna, Reverend Faraj Hanna and Mr Fadi Hanna.

# Welcome to the 2019 Annual Report CHAIR'S REPORT

### Throughout 2019 the Melbourne Anglican Foundation continued to resource the mission of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

A significant part of this has been resourcing church planting in Melbourne and Geelong's new growth and urban infill areas. A loan scheme was introduced in 2018 which provided \$60.000 over three years, repayable over a seven-year time frame, to new church planting initiatives. The New Ministry Presence Initiative Fund, established in 2018 with \$250,000, was subsequently committed as seed funding. In 2019, the Foundation financially supported church planting initiatives in Cragieburn (Redemption Church), Kensington (Inner West Anglican), and in the Geelong growth area (City on a Hill Surf Coast). To be eligible for funding support through the scheme, the recipient church plant or authorised congregation must gain the approval of Archbishop in Council under section 8 of the Parish Governance Act 2013.

At the end of December 2019, the Reverend Duku Wolikare concluded his ministry as Community Chaplain with Melbourne Anglican Foundation. The position had been funded for a three-year term by the Foundation.

In addition to assisting in the parishes of Footscray and Hoppers Crossing, Reverend Wolikare, established a homework and tutoring club for refugee and migrant families who live in Werribee, Hoppers Crossing and Tarneit; engaged with the Victorian Justice system including visiting young offenders in Parkville Detention Centre and following up with their families; led a Cross-Cultural youth conference with Rev Dr Conrad Parson, Diocesan Youth Coordinator; spoke into the debate around South Sudanese youth gangs in Melbourne speaking out against racial intolerance and hatred in 2018 in the Australian media; and pastorally cared for young Sudanese people bringing their needs to a wider audience through his quarterly prayer letters. My thanks to Duku for his ministry in Melbourne's West over these past three years.

The Foundation is now recapitalising the Penman Fund, ahead of considering how it may be used in the future.

The Directors continue to assess the overall operation of the Foundation, evaluating its mission, reach and ability to raise significant funds in support of the mission of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. In conjunction with AskRIGHT consultants commissioned to review this work, it is anticipated the results of the review will be available at the time of the Annual General Meeting in May 2020.

A successful initiative in 2019, focussed on awareness raising of the Foundation's work and how we may assist parishes, was a series of working lunches for clergy. Directors attended, and participated in, each. We plan to hold more lunches when it becomes possible to meet again in groups.

There was one change to the composition of the Board of Directors since the last Annual General Meeting, with



the Company Secretary and Treasurer Nicole Terrett concluding her tenure as director. Nicole gave many hours of voluntary service to the Foundation, with the additional demands and responsibilities entailed by the dual roles she occupied. We are extremely grateful and appreciative of Nicole's significant contribution to the Foundation. Upon Nicole's resignation, Ken Spackman assumed the office of Treasurer.

My thanks to my fellow directors – Geoffrey Court, Campbell Johnston, The Revd Elizabeth Murray, Andrew Porter, Ken Spackman and Rick Tudor – all whom demonstrate commitment and time to the Foundation, and to fulfilling its aspirations to resource the Diocese, in a variety of ways. All give this freely and generously. My thanks and appreciation to the Foundation staff Donor Management Administrator Fiona Langton and Director of Development Nicola Templeton, with whom it is a joy to work.

#### The Rt Revd Dr Bradly Billings Chair



Thank you for the opportunity to serve the church through the role of Treasurer of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation.

I should like to begin this report by acknowledging the generous contribution to the Foundation of my predecessor Nicole Terrett. Nicole joined the Melbourne Anglican Foundation Board in 2011 providing nine years of voluntary service until 2019. A chartered accountant by training and senior partner in her own practice, she brought both her professional knowledge and experience and the standards required by the charitable sector.

Arriving at a time just before the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission was established, Nicole gathered together the financial strings of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation ensuring all compliance work was completed for all five entities of the foundation.

We are very grateful for the many hours of work and time given by Nicole as both a Director of the Foundation and as Treasurer. We wish her well in her future ventures.

## TREASURER'S REPORT to 31 December 2019

Further thanks go to Foundation staff Donor Management Administrator Fiona Langton and Director of Development Nicola Templeton and to our accountant Ashwin Shar and bookkeeper Sharmaine Vonhagt who have ably assisted and improved the financial processes throughout 2019. Some of these improvements have brought a renewed understanding of our financial position through monthly reporting to the Finance Committee, as a better measure of our spending.

Throughout 2019 it was pleasing to note incoming grants and donations totalled over \$1.3 million, which was up on the previous year. For the year to 31 December 2019 total administrative expenditure for Melbourne Anglican Foundation Ltd, including staff costs, professional fees (including audit) and marketing activities, totalled \$253, 540.

The auditors, Grant Thornton have in my view undertaken a thorough review of the financial activity of the 'Anglican Foundations' for the year ended 31 December 2019. They have indicated an unqualified audit report, which is pleasing, however they have pointed out some areas for improvement, including:

- Greater consistency in journal posting
- More timely management of Audit adjustment entries
- Bi-annual reconciliation of our investments held with Evans and Partners
- More consistent adherence to AASB-9 regarding the disposal transactions for investments.

Management have accepted these findings and are presently working to formally respond to the Board and Grant Thornton in respect of how these findings will result in changed and additional processes. Although not material, these are important reminders of the need for vigilant and robust processes.

My thanks to the Grant Thornton auditors Crystel Gangemi and Emilee Williamson for their care and diligence and I recommend the ongoing appointment of Grant Thornton as our auditors for 2020.

### Ken Spackman

Treasurer

The Melbourne Anglican Foundation administers the following funds:

- Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Fund
- Melbourne Anglian Cultural
  Organisation
- Melbourne Anglican Migrants and Refugees Settlement Fund
- Melbourne Anglican Youth Ministry
  Fund
- Melbourne Anglican Chaplaincy Fund
- Melbourne Anglican Trust.

These funds are endorsed as tax concession charities and allow for the allocation to projects in different areas of the church's mission as well as providing gift deductible status to funding appeals of parishes.



# 2019 FUNDED PROGRAMS

Capital Fund for New Areas of Ministry Melbourne Anglican Foundation St Silas *Sunday Suppers* Bellarine Girls' VCE House *Debbie's Place* St Jude's Carlton Debt Centre St Jude's Carlton Donations Christ Church Geelong *Meals Program* Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society St Martin's Hawksburn, *Family Support* Holy Trinity Kew *Community Family* Longbeach Anglican Parish, Food Distribution and Winter Warmers St Mary's North Melbourne *Relief Program* St Matthew's Prahran, *Drop Inn* Anglicans Preventing Violence Against Women Program Anglican Chaplaincy Hospital Chaplaincy Fund *General Funds* St Silas *Music Program* St John's Camberwell *Music Fund* St Paul's Canterbury *Choir and Music* St Jude's Carlton *Music Program* St John the Evangelist East Malvern Choir St Peter's Eastern Hill *Choir and Music* St Mark's Fitzroy St Paul's Geelong *Organ Renewal* Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation *General Funds* Parish of Gisborne Resurrection *Organ* St Columb's Hawthorn *Historical Glass Project* St George's Malvern *Music Fund* St John's Toorak *Cultural Programme*  St James' West Melbourne Arts Program St James' Old Cathedral Stained Glass Project The Asylum Seekers Centre Dream Stitches Inc. St Peter's Anglican Church Box Hill Migrants and Refugees Settlement Melbourne Anglican Foundation Community Chaplain Drought Relief for Farmers in Necessitous Circumstances Melbourne Anglican Trust General Funds St Thomas Burwood Youth St Philip's Deep Creek Donations Anglican Parish of Ferntree Gully and Rowville Youth Ministries Fund General Funds Inner North Youth Group St Stephen and St Mary Youth and Young Adults

### **THE BOARD**



The Right Reverend Dr Bradly S Billings (Chair) BTh, BMin, MA, ThD



Mr Geoffrey William Court LLB



Mr Thomas Campbell Johnston LLB, B Comm



The Reverend Elizabeth Jennifer Murray BASc, BA (Hons), BTheol, MA



Mr Andrew James Blanchard Porter FCA, MA (Hons) St And, MAICD



Mr Edward Richard Tudor MSc, Dip Ed, FACE, FACEL



Mr Kenneth A Spackman Director, Melbourne Anglican Foundation Board; Trustee, Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation; and CEO, Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation



### Melbourne

Anglican Foundation

### THE TEAM



Ms Fiona Langton Donor Management Administrator



The Right Reverend Dr Bradly S Billings Chairman



Nicola Templeton Director of Development



Ms Sharmaine Vonhagt Bookkeeper

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

- Various grants and Hospital and Prison Chaplaincy
- Anglicans Preventing Violence Against Women

**Children and Families** 

- Clergy Wellbeing Program, Marriage Enrichment Program
- Youth work programs in Melbourne and Geelong

Media Development

- Nigel Morgan Fund Clergy Wellbeing
- Theological training, Department of Theological Education
- St Alban the Martyr Direct Relief

## **2019 GRANTS GIVEN**

- Anglican Church of the Epiphany Hoppers Crossing Migrant Women's Literacy Program
- Brimbank Anglican Church New Migrants and Refugee Outreach

Christchurch Geelong, Meals Program

Dixon House Homework and English Tutoring

- Holy Trinity Coburg December 2019 Camp, Third Arabic Conference
- Holy Apostles' Sunshine resettlement and airfares for new minister
- Parish of Jika Jika Food Program
- St Jude's Carlton Estates Family Holiday activities
- Longbeach Anglican Church Carrum Pantry 5000

- St Matthew's Prahran Hope Prahran
- North West Region Homework Club Primary and High School student tutoring
- Oaktree Anglican Church with Emmanuel Iranian Church Dandenong Iranian Children and Youth Program
- Plentylife Mernda and Doreen Kids Hope AUS
- St Thomas Anglican Church Werribee Karen Youth Development Camps 2019
- St Silas Anglican Church Albert Park Sunday Suppers
- Holy Trinity Coburg Youth Group Leader for Sunday Mornings

Established in 1987, the Melbourne Anglican Foundation was the inspiration of Archbishop David Penman who thought it was critical that the Diocese look for new ways to raise funds for future ministries. An initial seventy-five members paid a joining fee which made up the corpus on which the Foundation was built.

The corpus continues to grow through donations, grants and investment to ultimately provide for the distribution of grants and allocations to projects to support and promote the mission of the Anglican Church in Melbourne.



Mr Raad Koro and Reverend Faraj Hanna



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