

**Armidale Youth Futures: Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 10 November 2021, 7.30 pm at St Peter's Cathedral Parish Centre, Armidale**

1. The meeting began at 7.35 pm with a welcome from the president, Graham Truscott, who chaired the meeting. He extended a special welcome to Richard Lee (Gideon Society), Mary Lou Doe, Sharyn Holmes and Myan Subrayan (Young Life Armidale) and Major Peter Spindler (Salvation Army) and representing the Armidale Ministers' Fellowship (AMF). Graham Truscott noted that the required quorum of five members had been met.

Major Peter Spindler opened the meeting with prayer and reported on behalf of the AMF. The AMF were very supportive of the work undertaken by Matt Mulready and looked forward to the years to come. The AMF would continue to support the work of AYF and SRE as needed. It was by no means a side venture – we are all in this together.

Attendance: Management Committee (MC): Graham Truscott (President), Philip Ward (Secretary), Julie Cook (MC/Minutes Secretary), Matt Mulready (SRE teacher), David Freeman (MC), Jason Riley (Vice-President).

Kevin Tadman, David Moen, Keith Dawson, Wes Davis, Bradley Landrigan, Richard Lee, Diana Riley, Sharyn Holmes, Myan Subrayan, Mary Lou Doe, Peter Spindler.

2. **Apologies:** Barb East, David Wysel, Lynda Wysel (Primary SRE), Peta Bale (Primary SRE), David Tankard (SU & Generate), Rob & Cory Dewhurst, Rev Johnny Costin (St Peter's Youth Minister and AMF rep), Tom Magill (Field Development Manager, Generate), Rob McClenaghan (Treasurer).

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of AGM, 4 November 2020:** Minutes of the 2020 AGM were unanimously approved by the members of the association.

Moved: Jason Riley; Seconded: Diana Riley.

4. **Business Arising from Minutes:** None.

At this point Kevin Tadman (on piano) led the meeting in the song, *On Christ the solid rock I stand*.

5. 2021 Reports:

5.1 Graham Truscott (President)

A copy of the President's report having previously been circulated and then tabled at the meeting, Graham Truscott also noted the following. From the theme of the song, the sinking sand for many of our young people is growing global warming, increased tension with China and changes in family dynamics and sexuality. The world is rapidly changing and the rock of reality is Jesus Christ. All Christians in our city are linked in this ministry. Graham reported that Primary SRE has asked AYF to consider employing a co-ordinator for this part of the SRE ministry in Armidale as the two volunteer co-ordinators, Peta Bale and Lynda Wysel, would like to relinquish this task after many years in the role. He also noted that a group in Guyra are hoping to again employ an SRE teacher in the Guyra Central School, after an absence of some years. Finally, Graham reported that AYF had been able to bless a number of Armidale Secondary College (ASC) families impacted by the recent tornado event by distributing hampers.

5.2 Matt Mulready (SRE Teacher)

A copy of the report having previously been circulated and then tabled at the meeting, Matt Mulready also noted the following. He was very happy to be back in school and teaching following the disruptions caused by COVID. As Primary SRE is open again Matt will be able to visit the public primary schools in Armidale to introduce SRE in ASC to the finishing year 6 students. As

noted by Graham Truscott, six staff and six student families of ASC, exhausted by the devastating tornado which swept through Armidale in October, received hampers (which included a Gideon's testament) as a measure of support from AYF. It should be noted that the Store Manager at Coles, on learning of this initiative, generously reduced the cost of the items purchased by \$200.

5.3 Rob McClenaghan (Treasurer)

The annual financial report had been previously circulated and also tabled at the meeting. As the Treasurer, Rob McClenaghan, was unable to attend the meeting Graham Truscott made a few comments. The association usually manages to post a small surplus each year of app. \$10,000. However in the past financial year the surplus was \$42,000 due being able to access Jobkeeper allowances through Generate Ministries. This means that we already have the increased revenue needed to fund the potential new position of Primary SRE Co-ordinator. Regular donations have also increased from \$56,000 to \$70,000. Sale of art works was again a feature of the annual dinner which also contributed to the increased surplus. The Balance Sheet reflects the increase in equity from \$116,302 to \$158,995. The new initiatives noted above will eat into this surplus and the association needs to see an increase in regular donations to cover the increased work. Graham Truscott thanked Rob McClenaghan for his work as treasurer and Derek Repp for working on budgeting and preparing the annual financial report for the AGM and, as required, for the Australian Charities Commission.

6. Questions/comments relating to the reports or any other relevant matters were then invited from the meeting.

David Moen asked how many Indigenous students attended SRE classes. *Matt Mulready* said there was a high proportion of Indigenous students at ASC, many from families of faith and enrolled in SRE. Attendance of Indigenous students across the whole school is not always good and this affects attendance in SRE. *David Moen* said he would continue to pray for these students.

Kevin Tadman asked if there was any direct contact with Minimbah School. *Matt Mulready* said there was not and that the person to contact in the school would be Dave Battese.

Myan Subrayan, the manager of Young Life, Armidale noted the support of AYF for the work of Young Life and the local churches support for its ministry. He noted the upcoming Young Life NSW camp on the Hawkesbury River and thanked AYF for its past financial support in sponsoring ASC students to attend similar events. *Graham Truscott* noted that AYF is pleased to support Young Life and asked whether the pancake breakfasts, operated by Young Life, had resumed at ASC. *Myan* replied that they would resume in 2022.

Richard Lee commented that he was encouraged that the Gideons are able to get some testaments in Guyra to the workers at the tomato farm. The Tongans are very open to receiving them but the schools are closed at present. However, he was pleased that through SRE testaments could be made available in schools. *Sharyn Holmes* noted that the Presbyterian minister in Glen Innes/Guyra meets regularly with workers from the tomato farm.

David Freeman reported that two AYF prayer breakfasts had been held at the Armidale Central Baptist Church Hall with good attendances. He hoped to see prayer breakfasts become more prominent in the future. Monthly prayer meetings for the work of SRE in primary schools and ASC have also been started on the last Thursday of the month (12.45–1 pm) also at Armidale Central Baptist Church.

Sharyn Holmes asked if online registration for SRE was possible to make it easier for parents to enrol their children. *Matt Mulready* indicated that this was the way processes were moving and welcomed the development.

Peter Spindler noted that Bibles which had been used for SRE classes in the now closed Duval High School had been donated by AYF to the Salvation Army shop and were being given away, so the ministry continues on.

David Moen congratulated Matt Mulready and Graham Truscott and asked for the meeting to show its approval which it did by unanimous applause.

There being no further questions/comments the receipt of the three reports was moved by David Freeman, seconded by David Moen and passed unanimously.

7. Elections of Management Committee members

Graham Truscott noted that Jason Riley was leaving Armidale and so would not be seeking re-election to the MC. Jason has provided many years of service on the MC and in particular in managing the substantial and growing technical/computer needs of the ministry. He would be greatly missed. Graham Truscott thanked Jason for his service and the meeting responded with applause.

Graham Truscott vacated the chair and Peter Spindler conducted the election for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to three ordinary committee members. Graham Truscott informed the meeting that valid written nominations for six positions had been received prior to the AGM. All those people nominated had accepted nomination. These were:

- President Graham Truscott, nominated by Jason Riley, seconded by Julie Tadman
- Vice President David Freeman, nominated by Graham Truscott, seconded by Jason Riley
- Secretary Philip Ward, nominated by Graham Truscott, seconded by Julie Cook
- Treasurer Robert McClenaghan, nominated by Graham Truscott, seconded by Philip Ward
- Ord. Member Julie Cook, nominated by Graham Truscott, seconded by Philip Ward
- Ord. Member Julie Tadman, nominated by Graham Truscott, seconded by David Freeman

There was space for further members of the MC to be filled during the coming year. Peter Spindler then asked if there were any further nominations. There being no further nominations Peter Spindler moved that all nominations be accepted and those noted above were duly declared elected as the AYF Management Committee for 2022. There was a general vote of thanks to all members of the MC. Graham Truscott resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

8. General Business: *Kevin Tadman* asked whether it was necessary for AYF to have a licence to use songs in the AGM and annual Commissioning Service? He suggested that it be investigated.

Graham Truscott thanked all who attended and asked Julie Cook to close in prayer. The meeting closed at 8.45 pm and was followed by supper.

Armidale Youth Futures (AYF)

President's Report – 2020/21

On behalf of the AYF management Committee it is with very sincere thanks that I present this President's report for 2020 to our churches, supporters and donors. This year has been one of major challenge for AYF as we teach the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ through Christian Special Religious Education (SRE) in Armidale Secondary College.

Generous church support

All the churches in the Armidale Ministers Fellowship have continued their generous support financially and, even more importantly, prayerfully for our team and students. Our supporting churches include:

- Anglican Churches (St James Guyra, St Johns Uralla, St Marks, St Mary's, St Peters Cathedral)
- Armidale Adventist Church
- Armidale City Church
- Armidale Uniting Church
- Baptist Churches (Armidale District Baptist Church, Chapel Street Baptist)
- Bruderhof Community
- Christian Outreach Centre
- Emmaus Church
- Fresh Hope Church (Church of Christ)
- St Pauls Presbyterian Church
- Salvation Army
- Saints Mary & Joseph Catholic Cathedral.

All churches belonging to the Armidale Ministers' Fellowship have cross-authorised the SRE curricula, *Think Faith* (Years 7-10) and *Jesus the Game Changer* (Years 11-12).

Our volunteer Year 10 SRE small group leaders were Robert Baker, Merrilyn Pearson, Peter Clark and Mark Evered. All are authorised SRE helpers, experienced leaders and each work hard in connecting with the students as they share the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Strategic Planning

The Board has worked diligently this year to develop a 5 Year Strategic Plan for AYF including Values, Vision, Mission, Goals, Strategies and KPIs and these have been applied to our website for public viewing.

The AYF Mission is:

To promote the good news of Jesus through Christian SRE at the Armidale Secondary College for the spiritual wellbeing of students.

This is focused on:

- **The Good news of Jesus** and His love and saving grace, so needed in the challenging world now facing our young people today.
- **Through Christian SRE**, but we also fully support the lunchtime Inter-School Christian Fellowship group we call "BOOST" and its talented young leaders.

- **For the spiritual wellbeing of students** - we all know how critical that is. The NSW Department of Education in its Wellbeing Framework for Schools recognises that spirituality is one of the five key domains needed for quality learning
- **The Armidale Secondary College (ASC)** students but closely linked to:
 - Primary SRE to encourage Year 6 students to enrol in ASC Year 7 SRE
 - Christians United at the University of New England to pass our HSC students into their care.
 - Young Life – reaching those kids on the fringes, and sponsoring attendance to their camps
 - Scripture Union – for BOOST fellowship and also sponsoring their camps
 - Gideons – to pass Bibles to students through SRE.

We are currently teaching about 200 – 220 students at ASC. With the average church size in Australia at some 70 members, at ASC we are teaching the equivalent of three churches. What a wonderful mission field this is – right in our own town!

Commissioning Service

St Peter's again hosted our Commissioning Service in February for all our Primary and Secondary SRE teachers and volunteers. Our mission partners: Young Life with their school chaplains, Gideons and Scripture Union, were also welcomed and blessed as we all work to reach our young people with the saving grace of our Lord Jesus. What a blessing to see over 80 supporters share a BBQ dinner and pray for our mission into the public schools, sharing all our visions for 2021 in spreading God's Word to our young people.

Secondary School SRE

2021 saw an exciting start in the new Armidale Secondary College (ASC) campus! At last our SRE teacher, Matt Mulready, has his own staff-room desk, and is regarded as a "member of staff" and valued highly within the school community. Being in the timetable for Years 7 – 10 has proven a massive blessing. Also, for the first time our Years 11 and 12 SRE seminars are being held in school time. We are now "part of the furniture" at ASC and a leading light of hope and purpose for both students and staff. This was clearly highlighted by Acting Principal Bree Harvey-Bice taking it on her own initiative to seek exemption for Matt resuming SRE classes while the school is still in COVID Level 3 restrictions, normally preventing Matt from entering the school. What a wonderful position the Lord has placed us in and we praise His precious Name for His grace and leadership.

BOOST

For much of 2020 Matt was not permitted to attend the lunchtime student BOOST meetings due to COVID, but our young leaders took the reins and ran the meetings themselves, keen to provide safe haven for Christian students to share their faith. AYF was delighted to sponsor eight young leaders to attend the Scripture Union Young Leaders Camp at Lake Keepit over the 2021 mid-year break to further develop their skills for this ministry.

A blessing to our school

AYF is always looking for ways to be a blessing to ASC, extending our reach beyond the regular SRE classroom teaching. We are encouraging student participation in a range of reputable Christian camp events and are sponsoring their attendance. This included the Young Life Summer Camp at Lake Burrendong in January where we offered 10 places. Young Life aims to reach beyond "churched" kids to those more on the fringes, desperately needing our Lord Jesus in their lives. We were delighted that four places were taken up and we will work harder this year to extend our reach to students who may get real benefit from such experiences. This may include students already

attending SRE, but we also hope to encourage others, always with the hope that after attending a Christian camp they may wish to learn more through our SRE classes. Also we will work with Scripture Union to sponsor student places to their camps and events.

AYF Annual Dinner and Fundraiser – “For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost”

Our AYF Dinner in May was huge success and a great vote of encouragement and support for our AYF team and all our mission partners. With over 200 people from virtually all our Armidale churches we had a full house at the Ex-Services Club. After such a long time cooped up with all the COVID restrictions all our guests were ready for a great night out, enjoying lots of warm fellowship.

Our wonderful artworks donors provided 25 original paintings for auction and our Armidale community was amazing with its sponsorship support. Overall the financial result was a clear record, returning a net \$36,500 (our previous record set last year was \$26,000). This was a truly remarkable outcome, providing the much needed 30% of funding for the year.

The dinner was such a wonderful event promoting and celebrating SRE teaching in the Armidale Secondary College, as well as in all our Primary Schools. The event glorified our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in many respects, including:

- Martin Garcia’s presentation focusing on our theme of Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost”.
- Highlighting the great value of SRE in our schools through presentations from students and teachers
- Promoting AYF and encouraging ongoing support
- Raising the much-needed funds to continue our Mission
- Bringing almost all our Armidale Christian churches together in the one project for the Lord
- Highlighting all the organisations supporting our schools ministry – AYF, Primary SRE, Young Life, Scripture Union, Gideon’s Australia; and
- Providing joy and fellowship to our Christian brothers and sisters.

Perhaps even more importantly, it provided a massive boost to Matt and his family in showing just how much all our churches support him, his team and all the students in the teaching of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the College.

We cannot thank our many supporters enough for your prayers and financial support. With your generosity AYF is reaching out to the students of Armidale Secondary College with the gospel, providing real and loving Christian role-models; and discipling them for a life of hope and purpose through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Graham Truscott

Chairman

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

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Income and Expenditure Statement

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income		
Gifts and donations	70,054	56,574
Fundraising - Dinner	42,278	25,671
Fundraising – Garage Sale	200	7,727
Interest income	1,648	3,637
Other income	500	50
	114,680	93,659
Expenditure		
Generate Ministries	58,929	75,967
Fundraising – Dinner	9,475	467
Donations	2,080	-
Printing and stationary	-	3,811
Seminar fees	579	1,227
Accounting fees	-	268
Bank charges	234	172
Postage	136	134
Other expenses	554	-
	71,987	82,046
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	42,693	11,613

The income and expenditure statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash at bank	81,171	57,913
Term deposits – short term	76,691	58,166
Paypal funds	1,133	223
Total Assets	158,995	116,302
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus	158,995	116,302
Total Equity	158,995	116,302

The balance sheet is to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies / Basis of Preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by Armidale Youth Futures Incorporated. It has been prepared in order to assist the Management Committee and members to understand the financial performance of the organisation. The financial report is also prepared to meet the requirements of the *Charitable Fundraising Authority Conditions*.

Unless otherwise stated below, the financial report has been prepared on a cash basis, based on historic costs.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Revenue Recognition

Revenue in the form of gifts, donations, fundraising, bank interest and other income have been recognised upon receipt.

(b) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

2. Use of Surpluses from Fundraising Appeals

Surpluses generated from fundraising appeals were used towards the organisation's mission of establishing, maintaining and growing Christian education at Armidale Secondary College.

3. Remuneration of Officers

No member of the Management Committee nor Chairman received remuneration from the organisation. The running of the organisation relies on the generous effort of unremunerated volunteers.

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**Chairman's Declaration
For the year ended 30 June 2021**

In the opinion of the Chairman:

- (a) the income and expenditure statement gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals, and
- (b) the balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals conducted by the organisation, and
- (c) the provisions of the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* ('the Act'), the regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with by the organisation and
- (d) the internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals.



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Chairman – Graham Truscott

Dated: 25 October 2021