

**Armidale Youth Futures: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 4 November 2020, 7.30 pm at St Peter's Cathedral Parish Centre, Armidale**

1. The meeting began at 7.30 pm with a welcome from the president, Graham Truscott, who chaired the meeting. This was followed by prayer led by the Armidale Ministers' Fellowship (AMF) representative, Rev Tamara Ramsay.

Attendance: Management Committee (MC): Graham Truscott (President), Philip Ward (Secretary), Tamara Ramsay (AMF rep), Julie Cook (MC/Minutes Secretary), Matt Mulready (SRE teacher).

Catherine Dodds, Jim Cook, Kevin Tadman, Keith Dawson, Wes Davis, Rob & Cory Dewhurst, David Freeman.

2. **Apologies:** Julie Tadman (MC), Barb & Graham East, Jason Riley (Vice-President), David & Lynda Wysel, Suzanne Robertson, Gary Eastment, David Moen, Rob McClenaghan (Treasurer).

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of AGM, 6 November 2019:** Minutes of the 2019 AGM were approved by the members of the association with one spelling correction (Tamara Ramsay not Ramsey).

Moved: Julie Cook; Seconded: Catherine Dodds. Carried

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

5. 2020 Reports:

5.1 Graham Truscott (President)

A copy of the report having previously been circulated and then tabled at the meeting, Graham Truscott briefly highlighted the main points it contained. See Appendices. In passing he also noted that since his report was written AYF had been able to host an afternoon tea for the staff of Armidale Secondary College at the Staff Open Day. Over 150 people were blessed by this gesture.

5.2 Matt Mulready (SRE Teacher)

A copy of the report having previously been circulated and then tabled at the meeting, Matt Mulready briefly highlighted the main points it contained. See Appendices.

A number of comments/questions were then received.

Catherine Dodds commended the MC on the quality of the booklet of minutes, reports etc., prepared for the meeting.

Tamara Ramsay noted that Matt Mulready's work in the college was a testament to his personality, patience and gentleness.

Rob Dewhurst asked if volunteers are now only used in supporting year 10 SRE. *Matt Mulready* replied that this was now the case as year 9 SRE classes have been incorporated in the timetable and are taught by him.

Graham Truscott asked if volunteers would be used in year 11 if classes are approved by the college. *Matt Mulready* said he would like to use volunteers but it would depend on a number of variable factors.

Graham Truscott noted that the MC had been engaged in some strategic planning including a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats). How can we think about doing things beyond teaching? Can we stretch to other schools (Guyra, Walcha, Uralla)? Are there other opportunities to consider?

Rob Dewhurst was impressed with the way Matt and the MC have responded to the challenges presented by COVID-19 as mentioned in the reports. Matt was able to help develop online lessons and the annual dinner was held as a virtual event. He thought that Generate would be interested. *Graham Truscott* replied that Matt was highly respected in the wider SRE 'world' especially for his skills in curriculum development. The Armidale MC is keen to share ideas with other SRE providers. He noted the visits Matt makes to year 6 classes to support transition to high school SRE as one example. He also reported that a group in Glen Innes are planning on starting high school SRE there and he has offered support to the MC. *Kevin Tadman* noted that at the 2019 Garage Sale the help of a group of younger people meant that the clean-up after the event was completed by 4pm rather than 6.30pm as in previous years. This helped some workers who had been there all day and did not also have to do all the cleaning up.

5.3 Rob McClenaghan (Treasurer)

The annual financial report had been previously circulated and also tabled at the meeting. See Appendices.

As the Treasurer, Rob McClenaghan, was unable to attend the meeting Graham Truscott presented the financial report. The final reports had been compiled with the assistance of Derek Repp, an accountant, auditor and business development specialist. He has also built a budget which can now be applied to the monthly financial reports which will assist the MC in keeping track of the association's finances. Graham noted that gifts and donations had continued to be received at much the same level but that income from the dinner had been lower by \$9,000. However, as the dinner was held as an online virtual event there were very few associated expenses and so the nett proceeds were as good as usual. As Generate's income dropped by 30% it was able to claim Commonwealth Government COVID support which went to all staff including Matt. Our expenses with Generate were lower. Our total annual expenses were about \$12,000 less which led to an increase in the surplus from 2019. This was reflected in the Balance Sheet which stands at \$116,000, an increase of \$11,000 on 2019. Overall the association is in a good position to fulfil our mission and grow, but regular donations are still vital.

It was highlighted that the annual accounts are to be read in conjunction with the set of attached explanatory notes. These clearly state the basis on which the accounts have been prepared; the recognition of all forms of income on receipt and all expenditure accounted for on a cash basis. A declaration that the accounts are a true record of all income and expenditure of AYF and signed by the current chairman/president was also attached.

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

There being no further questions/comments the receipt of the three reports was moved by Graham Truscott, seconded by Tamara Ramsay and carried unanimously.

7. Elections of Management Committee members

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

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

Rob Dewhurst then asked if there were any further nominations. There being no further nominations Rob Dewhurst moved that all nominations be accepted and those noted above were duly declared elected as the AYF Management Committee for 2020/21. There was a general vote of thanks to all members of the MC. Graham Truscott noted that David Earle, who had been elected to the MC at the 2019 AGM, had since relocated to Brisbane. He attended meetings throughout the year via Zoom and ran a session in the strategic planning workshop. Graham thanked him for his service on the MC and welcomed David Freeman, as a newly elected member of the MC.

8. General Business: None

There being no final questions Graham Truscott thanked all who attended and asked Julie Cook to close in prayer. The meeting closed at 8.30 pm and was followed by supper.

Signed:

Date: 20/10/2021



Chairman

Armidale Youth Futures

2020 Annual General Meeting – President’s Report

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.

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 Marks, St Mary’s, St Peters)
- 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
- Seventh Day Adventist Armidale.

All churches belonging to the Armidale Ministers’ Fellowship have cross-authorized 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.

Word of Life KICK-OFF

This financial year started so well with AYF once again hosting the August 2019 KICK-OFF event run by Word of Life young leaders from Port Macquarie. KICK-OFF has developed into a major drawcard for young people in the community, promoted through Christian SRE and local church youth groups. For the first time we expanded these activities with a special Primary KICK-OFF event attracting over 90 very excited children. True to form, over 100 Secondary School aged students had a delightful time on the massive inflatable adventure activities as well as receiving a powerful gospel message and connections to local Christian communities, such as SRE and youth groups.

Commissioning Service

Our February 2020 Commissioning Service at the St Peter’s Parish Hall for all our Primary and Secondary SRE teachers and helpers proved an inspiring event. The Lord blessed us by including Young Life chaplains and leaders in the service for the first time, recognising that we all need to work closely together to promote the good news of Jesus in an increasingly troubled world. We were greatly encouraged by over 80 supporters attending to hear of the Primary and Secondary Christian SRE and Young Life visions for 2020 and to pray for the Lord’s blessings on those visions and our ministry teams.

Secondary School SRE

Terms 3 and 4 of 2019 saw our Christian SRE Teacher, Matt Mulready, reach into Primary Year 6 SRE classes to welcome and encourage children to participate in Year 7 SRE as they begin their high school years.

What a wonderful 2020 Term 1 welcome back for Matt to find 74 students enrolled in Year 7 SRE and some 160 enrolled throughout all the year levels! We even had a number of new students wanting to come into our older classes. And at long last we were timetabled on our own line, no longer piggy-backing on other classes which had caused considerable angst with some school staff. Matt also attended the Year 7 camp to help and support teachers and build positive relationships with students. We were blessed to welcome Hannah Dobos, a professional high school teacher and member of St Marks UNE Church, to cover Matt's SRE classes on a casual basis.

COVID-19

Unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic rocked many lives and businesses, and none more so than our schools. Some students at Armidale Secondary College expressed real fear as their lives were turned upside down. However, our Christian SRE students were offered real hope through our Lord Jesus Christ. Despite SRE classes being placed on pause by the NSW Department of Education Matt was able to continue teaching SRE via Google Classroom, the school's online teaching platform.

Unfortunately, at the start of Term 2 the NSW Department of Education ruled that interactive SRE lessons were no longer able to be provided via the Department's online teaching platforms. While disappointed at this ruling, AYF immediately offered its assistance to the school wherever needed. And for a time Matt was able to continue attending Student Welfare meetings and assist with afternoon physical activity sessions. His table tennis prowess drew in many students keen to take up his challenge! We also offered to deliver school work/care packages to families, but were not called on in this area. During Term 2 while Matt was restricted from entering the SRE classroom his time was focused on supporting AYF's gospel partnerships, including AYF supporters, Armidale youth groups, Generate Ministries, Think Faith SRE curriculum and Scripture Union.

The start of Term 3 saw all NSW schools resume a fulltime load with normal timetabling. This included Christian SRE returning to the classroom at Armidale Secondary College and we praised the Lord for this.

"Count Your Blessings" Virtual Dinner and Fundraiser

We certainly did count our blessing from the Lord with our Virtual Dinner and Fundraiser held in April 2020, so hastily rearranged in response to the COVID-19 pandemic requirements. Our Table Hosts worked hard to fill their virtual tables for the Livestream with 143 ticket bookings and over 200 viewers, some even from Western Australia, Sweden, UK and USA – for the first time a truly international event! It was a night of fun and great performances from Matt and his students, all expressing the great benefits of SRE and BOOST (ISCF) to themselves and the other students. Guest speaker Mark Fowler also provided wonderful blessings with his powerful and personal testimony, recognising the profound effect that Christian education in public schools has throughout a person's life, in both good and difficult times.

Many of our supporters purchased their "ticket donations" at the full \$55 price, with quite a number able to give extra. Our fully online auction also proved an amazing success with over 50 lots completely sold out. Overall, the event netted a remarkable \$25,200.

Monster Spring Garage Sale

The Monster Spring Garage Sale in September 2019 was a great success through the willing contribution of all our churches and the Armidale community. Additional young volunteers proved invaluable for item pickup, sales and clean-up, relieving much of the hard work of previous years. The many generous contributions cleared a Net Income of \$7,500.

Supporting other Christian SRE boards

With so many SRE Boards struggling throughout the state in these difficult times, our service provider, Generate Ministries, requested that we share our Livestream virtual dinner and on-line auction experience. Over 30 Christian SRE boards throughout NSW attended our webinar, gaining confidence and knowledge on such events.

Once again, many thanks to all our churches, donors and supporters for your prayers and support. Through your generosity AYF is reaching out to the students of Armidale Secondary College with the good news of Jesus, providing real and loving Christian role-models, holding out a life of hope and purpose through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Graham Truscott
Chairman
Armidale Youth Futures



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**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

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Income and Expenditure Statement

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Income		
Gifts and donations	56,574	56,214
Fundraising - Dinner	25,671	34,745
Fundraising – Garage Sale	7,727	9,423
Interest income	3,637	2,306
Other income	50	192
	93,659	102,880
Expenditure		
Generate Ministries	75,967	83,833
Printing and stationary	3,811	-
Seminar fees	1,227	1,087
Fundraising – Dinner	467	8,193
Accounting fees	268	-
Bank charges	172	176
Postage	134	130
Fundraising – Garage Sale	-	228
Donations	-	200
Other expenses	-	98
	82,046	93,945
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	11,613	8,935

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 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash at bank	57,913	20,920
Term deposits – short term	58,166	83,185
Paypal funds	223	584
Total Assets	116,302	104,689
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus	116,302	104,689
Total Equity	116,302	104,689

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 2020**

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: 4 November 2020