



# Golden Grove Lutheran Church

## THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 10:45am in the Worship Centre

*A special invitation is extended to all members of Golden Grove Lutheran Church to attend our Church's Thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting. This is an opportunity to share in the decision-making activities of our congregation and to become aware of the efforts being expended through God's Spirit in our community.*

### AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome (attendance and apology roll to be confirmed)
2. Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School Presentation
3. Adoption of Minutes
  - 3.1 GGLC Half Yearly Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024
4. Adoption of Reports
  - 4.1 Pastor
  - 4.2 Chairperson
  - 4.3 School Principal
  - 4.4 Worship
  - 4.5 Pastoral Care
  - 4.6 Christian Education
  - 4.7 Youth
  - 4.8 Property
  - 4.9 Golden Grove Amateur Fishing
  - 4.10 Meals Ministry
  - 4.11 Communications
  - 4.12 Café Management Team
  - 4.13 Friends of Asaroka
  - 4.14 Library
  - 4.15 SMTTG
  - 4.16 Community Fete
  - 4.17 Catering
  - 4.18 Children's Ministry Report
  - 4.19 Young Adults Report
5. Finance
  - 5.1 Treasurer's Report
  - 5.2 Acceptance of Audited Accounts
  - 5.3 Adoption of Budget for 2025
6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
  - 6.1 Interim Pastor and Call Process Update
  - 6.2 Manse Upgrade

*Motion: That Church Council be authorised to continue to operate the Australian Unity investment account that was authorised for the duration of the manse build under Resolution 1B of the SGM held 11 June 2023*
  - 6.3 Child Safety
7. New Business
  - 7.1 Hearing Aid Technology Update
8. Close

*For your information, you are respectfully reminded that VOTING MEMBERS shall be confirmed and communing members of GGLC who have reached the age of 18 years.*



# Golden Grove Lutheran Church

## THIRTY-SIXTH HALF YEARLY MEETING

**Held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10:45am in the Worship Centre**

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### MINUTES

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Attendance and apologies

Attendance: 61

John Fielke, Sue Fielke, Mike Kriewaldt, Ray Shillabeer, Sue Shillabeer, Monika Kohlhagen, Lloyd Kohlhagen, Barbara Power, Kevin Mounsey, Tim Wachtel, Carolyn Wachtel, Luke Wachtel, Emma Wachtel, Emma Wachtel, Graeme Hoklas, Rosalie Hoklas, Jenny Canavese, Dorothy Quick, Ruth Zimmermann, Ian Zimmermann, Jenny Kupke, Allen Kupke, Paul Friedrich, Jacquie Schutz, Roger Kloeden, Denise Kloeden, Lesley Friedrich, Jack Ross, Judy Ross, Jon Schutz, Jacquie Schutz, Holly Schutz, Lauren Neumann, Tracey Dabinett, Lee Norrey, Allyson Dutschke, Daniel Dutschke, Ben Ridley, Sam Ridley, Lauren Kahl, Joshua Vivian, Peter Freund, Genevieve Freund, Lucas Freund, Elaine Baldock, Phil Baldock, Will Wallace, Rebecca Wallace, Joel Schiller, David Knapp, Margey Knapp, Liz Shrowder, Dave Schrowder, Andrew Schmidt, Ken Tscharke, Gemma Whaites, Judith Whaites, Elizabeth Mills, Robert Mills, Geordie Mills, Mark Rawolle, Jenny Rawolle,

Apologies: 9

Kuno Berghout, Jodie Berghout, Noah Hahn, Jon Schiller, Leanne Schiller, Rose Hillier, Lyndon Huxtable, Janet Huxtable, Chelsea Freidrich

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. GGLC Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Moved: Lee Norrey    Seconded: John Fielke

Adopted

4. GGLPS Report
5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1. Report on Investments

	Capital	Return	Net Yield since Aug 23
LLL	\$129,500	\$5,347	4.1%
Australian Unity	\$180,000	\$21,043	11.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$309,500</b>	<b>\$26,390</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

5.2. Report on Manse Upgrade

Roof complete, windows installed. Recent LITV contains a detailed description. Currently on budget. LLL loan has been approved. Contract end date is Dec 2025, estimated completion Aug 2025, perhaps earlier.

### 5.3. Child Safety

- Previous 2023-2024 action plans have been implemented
  - Allyson to assess our current procedures for a new Child Safety Cycle 2025 - 2026 due in March
- Allen moved a vote of thanks to Allyson for continuing to oversee our Child Safety procedures to ensure we are managing this correctly

## 6. New Business

### 6.1. Proposal for an interim part-time pastor

**Motion:** *That Church Council be given authority, if it deems necessary, to work with the District Office to appoint an interim, part time pastor, with the following general terms of reference:*

- *Up to 0.5FTE/two Sundays per month preaching, minimum one Sunday per month*
- *To provide support for the lay preaching team*
- *To assist with pastoral care matters as required*
- *To assist in the school from time to time*
- *To remain in place until the installation of a called pastor*

*Moved: Allen      Seconded: Lesley      Agreed*

## 7. Finance

### 7.1. LLL RCDF Transition

**Motion:** *On November 25, 2024, Church Council resolved that the LLL REG Account be preserved with the LLL as it transitions from an Authorised Deposit-taking Institution (ADI) to a Religious Charitable Development Fund (RCDF), retaining the same signatories as per Resolution 2 of the Special General Meeting of the congregation held 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2023. The Congregation endorses this resolution.*

*Moved: Andrew      Seconded: Lee      Agreed*

### 7.2. Fete

Report from Joel showed same visitor numbers as previous year (approx. 3.3K attended), 19 extra stalls, met our budget, more volunteers.

Special thankyou to Joel for his leadership and hard work in organising this special event.

### 7.3. Budget Status 2024

Predicted status at end of Nov 2024, as of Nov 8:

	Expenditure	Income	Surplus/Deficit
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$251,448	\$248,650	-\$2,798
<b>Actual</b>	\$248,489	\$240,981	-\$7,508
<b>Difference</b>	-\$2,959	-\$7,669	

Shortfall of approx. \$17K in offerings; payroll costs down by \$14k; catch-up payment to school of \$5.5k (mostly for 2023 expenses).

Jon thanked congregations for their continued monetary support.

#### 7.4. Adoption of Provisional Budget for 2025

Motion: That provisional budget as attached to the agenda be approved.

*Moved: Peter*

*Seconded: Lesley*

*Adopted*

#### 8. Election of Office Bearers for 2025

- SANT Synod Rep – Noah agreed to continue as Rep and Lee Norrey also volunteered to attend
- Josh Vivian offered to fill role of Fellowship Event Coordinator
- Rebecca Wallace to join the Finance team
- Margey stepping down from the Worship team (but will assist in practical areas)
- Christian Education Team – Ruth reducing her hours and Lauren may not be available due to work – need to look for replacements
- IT Coordinator – Geordie Mills
- Jon advised 2025 is to be his last year as Chairperson (making 10 years)

#### 9. Call Meeting

Call committee presented Pastor Ben Hentschke as a possible candidate and was voted by the Congregation unanimously in favour to extend a call to him.

**Motion:** *To extend a call to Pastor Ben Hentschke to be the pastor of the Golden Grove Congregation*

*Moved: Allyson*

*Seconded: Jacquie* *Adopted unanimously by secret ballot*

#### 10. Close

**Signed by Chairperson:**

**Date:**



**GOLDEN  
GROVE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

## Office Bearers for 2025

### STAFF

Pastor	Vacant
Office/Cafe Coordinator	Robert Mills
Children & Family Ministry Leader	Lauren Neumann
Youth Coordinator	Joel Schiller

### SCHOOL STAFF

Principal	William Wallace
Groundsperson	Kylie Myllynen

## ELECTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### Office Bearers

Chairperson	Jon Schutz
Vice Chairperson	Luke Wachtel
Secretary	Denise Kloeden
Treasurer	Peter Freund

### Sealholders

Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer

### Public Officer of the Congregation

Secretary
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### Auditors

Allen Kupke
Graeme Hoklas

### Golden Grove Lutheran Church Council

Chairperson	(ex officio)
Vice Chairperson	(ex officio)
Secretary	(ex officio)
Treasurer	(ex officio)
Pastor	(ex officio)
Principal	(ex officio)
Worship Team	Jacque Schutz
Pastoral Carers Team	Allen Kupke
Christian Education Team	Ruth Zimmermann
Youth Leadership Team	Joel Schiller
Young Adults Team	Lauren Kahl
Property	Roger Kloeden
Communications Team	Jon Schutz
Fete Director	(ex officio)
Extra Members (2)	Robert Mills
	Tracey Dabinett

### Property Committee

Coordinator	Roger Kloeden
	Daniel Dutschke
	Paul Friedrich

School Groundsperson	(ex officio)
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### Nominations Committee

Pastor	(ex officio)
Chairperson	(ex officio)
Pastoral Carer	Allen Kupke
Additional Member	(Church Council appointment)

### Synod Representatives

#### SA/NT District 2025-2026

Noah Hahn
Lee Norrey

#### LCA General Synod 2024-2027

Alternate delegate	Noah Hahn
	Lee Norrey

### Pastoral Carers

Team Coordinator	Allen Kupke
	Judith Whaites
	Kevin Mounsey
	Bec Wallace
	Rosalie Hoklas

<b>Fete Director</b>	Joel Schiller
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<b>Fellowship Event Coordinator</b>	Joshua Vivian
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### Finance Team

Treasurer	(ex officio)
Chairperson	(ex officio)
Vice Chairperson	(ex officio)
Pastor	(ex officio)
Additional Member	Bec Wallace

<b>Meals Ministry Coordinator</b>	Jenny Rawolle
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<b>SP3 Coordinator</b>	Luke Wachtel
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<b>Backup SP3 Coordinator</b>	Children & Family Ministry Leader (ex officio)
<b>Child Safe Assessor</b>	Allyson Dutschke
<b>Worship Team</b>	
Coordinator	Jacque Schutz Robert Mills (ex officio)
Pastor	(ex officio)
Children & Family Ministry Leader	(ex officio)
Lay Preaching Team	(ex officio)
<b>Music Coordinator</b>	Jacque Schutz
<b>Rosters Coordinator</b>	Robert Mills
<b>AV Coordinator</b>	Mark Rawolle
<b>Salt Factory Team</b>	
Team Leader	Pastor (ex officio) Lauren Kahl Noah Hahn Joel Schiller Tracey Dabinett
<b>Christian Education Team</b>	
Chairperson	Ruth Zimmermann
Pastor	(ex officio)
Youth Coordinator	(ex officio)
Children & Family Ministry Leader	(ex officio)
Playgroup Coordinator	(ex officio)
ChildSafe Coordinator	(ex officio)
Extra Members	Janet Huxtable Louise Paterson
<b>Youth Leadership Team</b>	
Church Council Rep	Joel Schiller Billy Saunders Lauren Kahl Geordie Mills Isaac Norrey Samantha Phillips Holly Schutz Ella Dissel
<b>Young Adult Leadership Team</b>	
	Noah Hahn Benjamin Ridley Lauren Kahl
<b>Blueprint Champion</b>	
Youth Coordinator	(ex officio)
<b>SMTTG Representative</b>	Jenny Rawolle
<b>Vine Kids Team</b>	
Children & Family Ministry Leader	(ex officio) Gemma Malik Tanya Vanzwol

<b>Ignite Team</b>	
Pastor	(ex officio)
Youth Coordinator	(ex officio)
Children & Family Ministry Leader	(ex officio) Jenny Canavese Sue Shillabeer Ray Schillabeer Tanya Vanzwol Geordie Mills
<b>Playgroup Team</b>	
Coordinator	Children & Family Ministry Leader (ex officio) (ex officio)
Pastor	Janet Huxtable Linden Huxtable Rose Hillier Ruth Zimmermann Jenny Canavese Judith Whaites Jenny Kupke
<b>GGAF Committee</b>	
President	Graeme Hoklas
Vice President	Peter Van Loggem
Secretary	Christine McCulloch
Treasurer	Chris Simanis Ian Zimmermann Geoff Hill Keith Scott Mark Caldicott
<b>Library Committee</b>	
	Ruth Zimmermann Jenny Kupke Dorothy Quick Jenny Canavese Angela Seeliger
<b>Catering Committee</b>	
	Dorothy Quick Jenny Rawolle Leanne Schiller
<b>IT Coordinator</b>	Geordie Mills
<b>Communications Team</b>	
Coordinator	Jon Schutz (acting)
Office Secretary	(ex officio)
Pastor	(ex officio)
IT Coordinator	(ex officio)
Extra Member	Joel Schiller
Extra Member	Vacant
Extra Member	Vacant
<b>Café Team</b>	
Coordinator	Office/Cafe Coordinator (ex officio) All cafe volunteers
<b>Friends of Asaroka</b>	
Coordinators	Daniel Dutschke Judith Whaites

**International Mission Representative**

Judith Whaites

**Lay Preaching Team**

Noah Hahn  
Kendall Kahl  
Lauren Kahl  
Ben Ridley  
Joel Schiller  
Joshua Vivian

**Prayer Healing Team**

Joel Schiller  
Jon Schiller  
Leanne Schiller  
Nadia Napier  
Paul Napier

**Updates**

2024-12-15 - Outcomes of HYM

2025-02-03 - Lauren Kahl elected by Church

Council resolution to fill casual vacancy on Church  
Council.

# Chairperson's Report

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In last year's report, I noted that at *"some time in the next 12 months we hope to have a pastor again, a brand new manse and a modicum of debt"*. We are on target with the manse and the debt, but the pastor is proving elusive.

Without a pastor, we have found from time to time that Church Council effort has had to be invested in areas which would not have demanded attention had a pastor been present, and that without a pastor in place to execute, it is hard to progress long term strategies. Otherwise, as much as possible the approach has been "business as usual". Nevertheless, there's no doubt that pastoral presence has been missed and we look forward to a successful call at some point in the future.

## **Pastor**

We have been blessed by having the lay preaching team—comprising Noah Hahn, Kendall Kahl, Lauren Kahl, Ben Ridley, Joel Schiller and Josh Vivian—providing messages most weeks, as well as visiting pastors from time to time. This model has drawn attention from the wider church, and we have had one request from another local church to "borrow" a lay preacher on a regular basis. Pastor Greg deserves the credit for preparing these young people for this ministry.

In addition, Robert Mills and Joel Schiller each received a licence to provide the sacrament of communion. This significantly reduces our reliance on visiting pastors and assists in pastoral care for those who are unable to attend a worship service.

Whilst the lay team have volunteered their time with no expectation of monetary reward, we have acknowledged that the period of pastoral vacancy is likely to continue for some time, certainly for a period longer than the lay team might have anticipated when they signed up. To this end the congregation provided the team with a monetary "thankyou" gift at the end of the 2024, and around the same time Church Council started working with the District Office to have them paid an honorarium from the LCA Transfer and Support Fund for the messages they deliver. This system has since been approved by the District and is now active.

We are also thankful to have had the support of Pastor Steen Olsen, who has stepped in a number of times, including for baptisms. Unfortunately the (retired) Pastor Steen has many roles to juggle and has limited availability.

At the 2024 Half Yearly Meeting, the congregation authorised Church Council to work with the District to appoint an interim, part-time pastor, whose role would be to:

- Provide support for the lay preaching team
- Fill in gaps in pastoral care
- Support the prayer healing ministry
- Provide a presence in the school from time to time
- Deliver 1-2 messages per month

The District approved that this part-time role could be funded from the LCA Transfer and Support Fund. An Expression of Interest was sent out to pastors, and Pastor Kevin Wood responded. Pastor Kevin is well known to us, as he spent several months at GGLC during a



previous vacancy prior to Pastor Leon's term. He is currently pastor at the Seaford Congregation at 0.6FTE, so will use some of his remaining time to support us (and travel). The finer details are yet to be worked out, but will nominally be one day a week at GGLC, plus one Sunday message per month and the Prayer Healing Service on the first Sunday evening. We are enormously grateful to Pastor Kevin for his willingness to become involved, and look forward to seeing him ease into the role between now and August.

Meanwhile, we continue to work on calling a full time pastor. In May 2024 we extended a call to Pastor Mat von Stanke, and in December to Pastor Ben Hentschke, and (to state the obvious) both calls were declined. Both of these pastors were strong recommendations from the Call Team, although other pastors were identified on these rounds who were also felt to be suitable and were being kept in the back pocket for later. Perhaps we need better pockets, as the circumstances of all on the backup list changed during the year and they became unavailable for a call. On the third round, the Call Team worked from a reduced list provided by the District that, among other things, excluded highly conservative pastors who were unlikely to be in tune with our collective thinking at GGLC (how we have expressed support for the ordination of women is one example, and as Pastor Greg once explained to me, GGLC is more likely to follow the path of grace over biblical literalism when there is scope for interpretation). From this reduced list, many were again found to be unavailable and ultimately the Call Team did not feel that they could make a recommendation from that list, and hence there is no Call Meeting included with this year's AGM.

At this point, the Call Team has decided to revisit the full list again, somewhat starting from scratch. If you have any personal recommendations on a pastor who should be considered, please send them through to the Call Team Chairperson (Lee Norrey). Thank you to Lee and the members of the Call Team for their ongoing work.

## **Manse**

The building process has been covered in detail in various Life in the Vine articles. Briefly, having received development approval in January 2024, through volunteer effort we completed the retaining walls and other owner obligations in April/May, and footings work started in late July. Construction continued sporadically with bursts of activity such that at Christmas time we had a roof and frame, then in late February 2025 the brickwork started. Since then the plumbing, electrical, air conditioning, insulation, internal linings, architraves, wet areas, external doors, kitchen, bathroom and laundry cupboards have been completed. The remaining work includes wardrobes, flooring (tiling and carpets), painting, eaves and rendering at the front.

Apart from a minor variation to make provision for power to a future shed, the work has progressed with milestone payments as per the contract.

At this stage we would expect handover to occur by August, or possibly earlier. Following handover, there will be extra work to complete the driveway and paving, alfresco area, fencing, landscaping, garden, possibly a shed, and curtains. We hope to minimise costs through the support of volunteers where possible.

Church Council has decided to draw down the full amount of \$70k on the LLL loan that has been approved to cover the final phases. The amount needed may be somewhat less than this but in consideration of our future cash flow needs it was decided to take the maximum amount now and re-evaluate our position nearer the end of the year.

## **Finances**

The end result for 2024 was a surplus of \$1.9k in our recurring budget, after separating out the effects of the building program. This was a pleasant contrast to the ~\$7.5k deficit predicted based on November figures. Some of the gain was artificial (e.g. timing of payments, income from Cafe acoustic panels appeal) but more importantly there were a number of end of year donations which helped to put the budget into surplus territory, and I thank everyone for their monetary support in a time of where the cost of living and the price of housing is a constant headline.

Whilst we are in vacancy, the pressure on our payroll expenses is reduced, but we are continuing to see equal pressure from a shortfall in offerings. As always, please remember to review your giving periodically and carry on your generous contributions to the work of the church.

## **Fete & Cafe**

The 2024 fete was another successful event, with growth in size in terms of the number of market stalls and activities and the number of volunteers participating, although attendance was about the same as 2023.

In 2024 Cafe Connect turnover was up by 10% on the previous year, with net profit about the same. To the end of April this year, gross sales are up 50% compared to the same period last year—an encouraging development! Thank you to Will and the school leadership for continuing to promote use of the cafe in the school community.

Whilst the income is important for our budget and is often the headline because it is easy to quantify, the true value of both the fete and Cafe Connect lies in their role in mission and outreach. These services are expressions of our community's hospitality, inclusion, and connection with school families and the wider public.

Thank you to Robert and Joel for managing the cafe and fete respectively—whilst these are paid positions, each contributes much more than the hours they are paid for.

## **Church Council**

In 2024 the Church Council was comprised of 12 members: Luke Wachtel (Vice-chair), Peter Freund (Treasurer), Denise Kloeden (Secretary), Roger Kloeden (Property), Jacquie Schutz (Worship), Allen Kupke (Pastoral Care), Ruth Zimmermann (Christian Education), Joel Schiller (Youth Representative and Fete Director), Robert Mills (Extra Member), Tracey Dabinett (Extra Member) and myself, and ex-officio member Will Wallace (Principal).

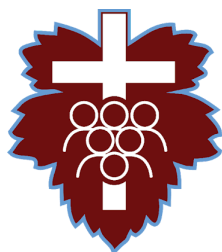
In 2025, Lauren Kahl joined Church Council as Young Adults (and lay preaching team) rep.

Church Council met 7 times during 2024. I thank everyone on Council for their support and hard work.

Jon Schutz  
GGLC Council Chairperson

# Principal's Report

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**GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*love collaborate explore*

Dear fellow members,

The 2024/2025 school years have brought us great blessings since the last AGM. Our student, staff team and school community continue to achieve many wonderful things with their God-given gifts and talents and passion for our shared mission and ministry in this place.

A key highlight was the completion of our new Foundation classrooms. Students were able to move into these and enjoy learning in their new spaces from July 2024, with our official opening taking place in December 2024. These have proven to be amazing spaces that our staff team, students and parents alike are really enjoying. We appreciate the efforts of Arkvale Architects, Comace Builders, our School Board and Tanya Rowland our Business Manager in helping to bring this key project to fruition.

It was a pleasure to welcome Brianna Stanley to the school at the beginning of Term 2, 2025. Brianna replaced Emma Wachtel for the remainder of the year as Emma takes a time of parenting leave. We wish Emma and Luke all the very best at this exciting time of new life and a new family member and we know that they will be amazing parents. We continue to pray for them and that all goes well for the birth of the new bub.

Our Parents and Friends Committee have continued to be quite active, making a contribution to the upgrading of our Nature Play Space in December 2024, as well as partnering with our School Board to upgrade our multipurpose courts for netball, basketball and tennis—also in December 2024. We have found that our community is returning to 'normal' post COVID—with welcome BBQ's, parent information nights, discos and bingo nights, as well as middle of term breakfasts and many more events. These have proven invaluable in continuing to grow our sense of community and connection across all members of our school family.

We are also thankful for the continued efforts of our class carers group who looked after Mothers Day and Fathers Day Stalls for us, and put on an amazing thankyou morning tea for World Teachers Day! We appreciate the efforts of all of our class carers and their pastoral care for our school families.

We marked many major and regular events including Ash Wednesday, Easter, Colour Run, Anzac Day, where our school leaders Sedani and Lucas were excellent representatives of our school at the Tea Tree Gully RSL Dawn Service. We immensely value the relationship we enjoy with Tea Tree Gully RSL, as well as the Defence Forces at Elizabeth who were kind enough to provide a catafalque party for our commemorative Anzac Day Services. We thank the Hon Tony Zappia MP for his generosity in presenting our school with new Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, and for speaking at our Anzac Day Service in 2024, as well as to the Hon Blair Boyer MP for presenting our school with a new South Australian flag.

There were also many firsts over the past year, including the launch of our school band, woodwind and brass ensembles. It has been exciting to see all of the students involved in these groups loving their music learning and experiencing so much joy from this opportunity, making the most of it and performing so wonderfully at many of our school events. We appreciate all of the efforts of Mrs Ali in driving this initiative, as well as sustaining our existing groups, including our choirs, who performed beautifully at the Festival of Music.

It has also been exciting to see our school dance group launching in 2024 and performing at our assemblies, as well as to witness the growth in interest and numbers.

We also celebrated Special Person's Afternoon with an amazing concert, featuring our new school band, and it was such a joy to have so many grandparents and special visitors in the school. The afternoon tea provided by our P & F was delicious!

Harmony Day is also another key day on our calendar where we can particularly promote international mindedness and intercultural understanding, which are core parts of the PYP. Over 28% of our students and school families come from countries around the world aside from Australia and speak English as an additional language. It is such a privilege to see how harmonious, supportive and mutually interested in each other's cultures our multicultural learning community is.

Our Student Representative Council successfully applied for a Woolworths Landcare Grant to restore our vegetable patch next to the New Foundation Centre, as well as receiving a \$5000 grant from SA Power networks for the installation of solar panels on our new building. Well done to our students on your interest in a sustainable future which cares for our planet, God's creation.

We enjoyed Pong a Thon where the school and church community was incredibly generous and we raised over \$12,000 to combat slavery around the world! Thanks Joel and team!

There were many enrichment activities including a team of students competing at DaVinci Decathlon at St Peters Girls School, Children's University - well done to a record number of graduates in terms of number of graduates and numbers of hours. A number of students represented the school well in both debating and public speaking.

Congratulations to Kylie Chinca who was recognised for her outstanding efforts with a Pride in Excellence award by the Salisbury Rotary Club. We also thank Salisbury Rotary for their generosity in conducting these awards each year.

We loved having the internationally famous Christian performer, Colin Buchanan visit for a concert in June 2024 and this was a great joint partnership with Golden Grove Lutheran Church to be able to offer this opportunity! Such a pleasure to see so many of you there enjoying singing along with all of the Colin songs and the amazing show! A huge thank you to all of our church volunteers who helped to make this a reality.

And how could we forget our first ever Glow Week where we were able to pursue passion projects of our choice all week - from drama to woodwork, survival skills, gymnastics, sewing, hiking, fishing to hairdressing and so much more, this week had it all! Thanks to Ms Neumann and Mrs Richardson for all of their organisation, and again to all of our church volunteers who were a great support for this initiative.

We all enjoyed camps, excursions and swimming, Book Week and our character parade, as well as our Book Fair were massive hits as always! Year 6 Exhibition was an absolute testament to the quality, depth and standard of learning that we enjoy at our school as the students gave a range of quality presentations. Congratulations to all of our students on the amazing learning you showcased. Well done to Jayne Zadow, our Director of PYP Teaching and Learning for her continued leadership in this area.

Our community fete was a bit hit as always and we are thankful to our GGLC for all that they do through the partnership we enjoy so much.

We welcome back students from Eisugakkan, our sister school in Japan, who visited us in July and loved the opportunity to share in our school life and for us to enjoy an overnight camp at AFL Max and Homestays together! Thanks Bishop-sensei! We are looking forward to the students from Eisugakkan returning in Term 3, 2025 and our study tour to Japan for Year 5 and 6 students getting back up and running for October 2026.

It takes a big heart to shape young minds. This is so true of our teachers and Learning Support Officers (LSO's) at Golden Grove Lutheran. We are incredibly appreciative of the efforts of our teaching and administration teams at Golden Grove Lutheran as a passionate and united group with the best interests of the children and our Christian faith as our focus, first and foremost. Thank you so much for your dedication to our children and your commitment to partnering with one another and our families in a genuine community effort, consistently striving to achieve the best for our learners.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a vibrant and committed team who are passionate about working with our students. To our great teaching team – thank you for all that you do in developing learning opportunities that resonate brilliantly and result in our students always being actively involved in learning and for regularly exploring ways to improve our teaching and focusing on maximising learning outcomes for all students. We appreciate the work that our LSO's and Administration staff do for our students and school as well, thank you for the care that you show and the clearly strong relationships that you work to develop to make our school a warm and caring place to be and where our Christian beliefs shine through our actions.

We have an incredible staff, and I want to thank and acknowledge them for all their hard work this year. There is a great level of care shown each day for our students and an enormous amount of work that happens behind the scenes to make the day to day teaching possible.

My gratitude goes to Mr Tim Kriewaldt who is an outstanding Deputy Principal—his unwavering dedication and commitment to our students and our learning community is remarkable, heartfelt and commendable. Jayne Zadow, our Director of PYP, Teaching and Learning—thank you for your passion for learning, children, the very best in classroom practice and pedagogy and your faith, and to Tanya Rowland, our Business Manager for her efforts—her passion and commitment to our school community and the way that she has gone over and above this year in undertaking a range of roles and helping to deliver our beautiful new Foundation Centre on time and on budget has been exceptional.

We appreciate the effort of our School Board, Finance Risk and Audit, Mission and Ministry and Marketing Committees. We appreciate the work that our amazing board and committee members do and the significant time that they volunteer out of love for our learning community. Thank you to each and every one of you for your time and efforts and to Tammie Switala for her phenomenal leadership. Tammie and our School Board and Committees have given substantially of their time, energy and expertise and we are incredibly thankful for their guidance and support as our school community continues to grow from strength to strength.

We acknowledge Susan Kent, who retired as a Board Member at the end of 2024. The wisdom, time, energy and contribution that Susan has made to our school community is significant and we are indebted to her for her substantial contribution. We welcomed Jen Gibb—a highly experienced Director of Teaching and Learning from Faith Lutheran College in Plainland—onto our School Board in December 2024.

We give thanks and praise for God's continued blessings of our school and church communities in this wonderful place and for all who are in it.

### **Staff:**

Our staffing structure is as follows:

Principal:	William Wallace
Deputy Principal:	Tim Kriewaldt
Director of PYP:	Jayne Zadow
Business Manager:	Tanya Rowland
Foundation:	Amy Hughes
Foundation:	Emma Wachtel (Brianna Stanley from Term 2, 2025)
Year 1 / 2:	Mel Arnold / Tim Kriewaldt
Year 1 / 2:	Ellen Zimmer
Year 2 / 3:	Brodie Trezona / Cloe Richardson
Year 3 / 4:	Chelsie Riches
Year 3 / 4:	James Salisbury / Lauren Neumann
Year 5 / 6:	Luke Napier

Year 5 / 6:	Jayne Zadow / Jade Fielke
Learning Support:	Tim Kriewaldt James Salisbury
PE:	Adele McCusker
Japanese:	Melissa Bishop
Music:	Naomi Ali
Art:	Cloe Richardson
STEM:	Brodie Trezona
Librarian:	Ruth Carter
GGOSH Director:	Vicki Kahl
School Counsellor:	Evie Donoghue
Chaplain:	Joel Schiller
Reception and Enrolments:	Kylie Chinca
Reception & Communications:	Kelly Underwood
Marketing:	Robert Mills
Canteen:	Tammy Lambert
LSO:	Glenys Carter, Leanne Hampel, Kerry Abraham, Tanya Manocchio, Stephanie Schwarz, Vanessa Hughes, Tanya Vanzwol
Grounds:	Kylie Myllynen
Bus:	Rodney Langman,, Darryl Bischoff
Cleaners:	Michael Hooper, Lieze Holl.
Pastor:	vacancy

### **Building and facilities:**

The school received a Federal Block Grant towards the construction of the new Foundation Centre and a State Government Capital grant which was used to upgrade our multi purpose courts and support the fit out of the new Foundation buildings.

The School Board is developing a staged plan for the upgrade of our buildings and facilities which will take place over the next three years or so, the highlight being a planned opening of an Early Learning Centre for 3 and 4 year old children in 2027.

### **Partnership Covenant:**

The covenant between the congregation and the school continues to guide this relationship. The Ministry and Mission Standing Committee has continued to meet regularly on a term by term basis to discuss the outworking of the Partnership Covenant. Linden Huxtable, Joel Schiller, Emma Wachtel, Tim Kriewaldt and Lauren Neumann and myself comprised the committee in 2024 and in 2025 the committee consists of Linden Huxtable, Joel Schiller, Jayne Zadow, Lauren Neumann and myself - and our Pastor when we have one!

Our Year 5/6 students continue to support the Friday playgroup.

We continue to promote the use of Café Connect with parents and they have taken up this invitation by holding meetings there, catching up with each other and generally giving it support.

The school continues to promote Junior Youth and Youth programs and events to our community and interest and engagement in these programs continues to grow.

Messy Church has gone exceptionally well as an initiative and our gratitude goes to Lauren Neumann and all of our volunteers for their efforts in this area.

### **Strategic Planning:**

To create a sustainable future for the growth of Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School and to maintain and evolve our culture, we have designed our Strategic Plan around four priorities:

Excellence and innovation in learning

Well-being and culture;

Community and Partnerships;

School Development

We strive to develop each of these priorities through our foundational Lutheran faith and a Christ centred approach. As depicted in the diagram below, Jesus is the centre from which these priorities evolve.



The strategic plan document is available in the church foyer and on the school website.



Our marketing sub-committee continues to meet regularly, with increased engagement with shopping centre stalls and local daycare centres, preschools and kindergartens. We are continuing to draw on digital marketing strategies, have made significant updates to our website, updated marketing materials with a new prospectus now available, and have incorporated a number of new marketing opportunities into our annual marketing plan.

### **Teaching and Learning:**

The School will undertake an external evaluation of the IB PYP programme in August 2025 and much work has been done by the staff team in preparation for this, led by Jayne Zadow.

A focus on the teaching of numeracy is a key focus area with an external consultant, Lyn Coote, working with teachers and LSO's to deliver professional learning, demonstration lessons, coaching sessions in the classroom as well as ongoing feedback and planning opportunities.

We have continued to implement a broader range of enrichment and extension opportunities for students, including Bebras Computational and Algebraic Thinking Challenge, Australian Mathematics Olympiads, Virtual Debating, DaVinci Decathlon and Children's University.

Our 'spiritual life team' have led devotions and some staff meetings dedicated to Bible study and reflection. At our staff retreat in July 2024, Bruce Hulme led the day. Planning for our staff retreat in July this year has been finalised and this will be facilitated by Peter Steicke.

Blessings,

Will Wallace

Principal

# Worship Team Report

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The worship team comprises Robert Mills, Ben Ridley, Kendall Kahl (or another Lay leader representative), Josh Vivian and myself. Margey Knapp retired from the team at the beginning of the year after many years of service, but continues to enrich our worship through her prayers and visual displays.

Thank you to all who use their gifts to make our weekly worship services happen. Much of their work goes on behind the scenes but it is recognised and appreciated.

The 6 young people: Joel, Ben, Lauren, Kendall, Josh and Noah, who have taken on the role of leading the services and presenting a message each week during the vacancy continue to bless us by leading the worship services and sharing a message with us most weeks. We thank God for giving our congregation such a team of inspiring people.

Over the past year the team has met regularly to plan our worship services and associated activities, such as the children's program during worship. The lay leaders continue to experience personal growth and a deepening of their faith, as they work together. Pastor Steen Olsen has also served our congregation, to perform baptisms and preach when he can fit us into his busy schedule. We appreciate his willingness to serve us, and the congregation has enjoyed getting to know him and his wife, Ruth, more.

Thanks also goes to the pastors who have mentored the lay team: Pastors Greg Fowler, Joel Cramer, Fin Klein, Chris Mann and Steve Schultz.

Thanks also goes to Judith Whaites who has offered to manage the recruitment of visiting ministers when needed.

Sunday morning services often follow the LCA lectionary which allows the theme for the service to be set and appropriate songs planned. In the past twelve months, however, we have had services following a particular theme, and this has continued with the lay leaders.

The form of service has returned to pre-covid days, including communion. Hand sanitiser is still available and hand hygiene is carried out prior to distributing communion by the assistants. Joel Schiller and Robert Mills have received training and conduct communion every fortnight at the morning and evening services. They also consecrate supplies to enable visitors to give communion at the home of those who need it.

**Morning worship** generally follows a set pattern, however there have been several special services, such as a breakfast service in January. The ritual of decorating the Christmas tree was done as part of Messy church on the first Sunday in Advent this year.

**Online worship** continues and has a regular following. This has still been very valuable for members who live some distance from the church and those who have had to stay away due to illness. We have been able to use the equipment and expertise we have, to share the Christmas, Maundy Thursday and Easter services.

For **Christmas Eve** in 2024 excerpts from "The Chosen" were used with readings to tell of the shepherds' experience of the wonder of the birth of Jesus.

**Easter worship** was centered around the theme “Focus on Jesus”, which ran right from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday. All of the services have memorable elements to them, and the Easter morning display consisted of hundreds of colourful origami butterflies, curated by Lauren Kahl.

There have been several **baptisms** over the past 12 months which are joyous occasions.

The youth room has been set up as a parent’s retreat, with the service being livestreamed onto the TV in the area, allowing parents with small children to participate, even if their small charges are not so keen.

**The music bands** in the morning are led either by Allyson Dutschke or Jacquie Schutz, and the Salt Factory bands by a group of enthusiastic youth musicians. New musicians are always welcome as, at times, musician numbers can be low. The morning services have been blessed to have the Salt Factory band play whenever a 5th Sunday of the month occurs. The songs generally are chosen to reflect the theme for the week.

Robert Mills continues to manage the **copyright reporting** and ensures that the material we use complies with various licenses. This is vital, as Facebook and YouTube can remove content if they deem that we are in breach of agreements.

**Fellowship** after morning services, with \$2 café coffees continues to be popular. Morning tea continues, with a roster of families providing refreshments after the service. This has been well received and has enhanced the fellowship that occurs after worship, especially when visitors are present.

**Children’s ministry** will be detailed in Ruth’s report.

Lauren Neumann has continued as children’s ministry worker and has developed an engaging programme which involves the children moving to the Fellowship Centre after the children’s address to participate in a story and activities centred around some of the important stories from the Bible. She also regularly presents a children’s message prior to the sermon, after which the children head off to the Fellowship Centre for Vine Kids.

Two **Messy Church** services were held, both of which have been enjoyed by the children and their families who attend, as well as those members who help on the day.

**Salt Factory** services are held weekly and are well attended. They are led by a team made up of the lay leaders, with the format varying according to that week’s leader. Healing and prayer services are held monthly. The music team varies from week to week but have developed a style that fosters meditation and contemplation of God’s word. Some younger members of the congregation and youth have been taking part in the bands.

Thanks to all who serve on the teams that make Salt Factory possible.

We look forward to the year ahead trusting that God has plans for our next Pastor. We feel blessed that we still continue to have opportunities to worship our wonderful, loving God together during the pastoral vacancy.

Yours in Christ,  
Jacquie Schutz

# Pastoral Care Team Report

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## **Team Membership**

Current Pastoral Care Team members are Rosalie Hoklas, Allen Kupke, Kevin Mounsey, Bec Wallace and Judith Whaites.

Robert Mills continues to contribute to and support the Team but is no longer required to attend Team meetings.

Visiting Team members, Dave & Liz Shrowder, Jack & Judy Ross, Judith Whaites and Daryl Bischoff, Janet & Linden Huxtable and Ken Tscharke have also agreed to help with making regular contact with congregational members.

Thank you to all of you for your commitment and dedicated service.

## **Regular Contact with Church Members**

Members of the Pastoral Care and Visiting Teams make regular contact with church members including conversations at church, phone calls, texts, emails or via a personal visit. This contact is to ensure that everyone is OK and to check if they need assistance with anything.

A Contact List has been established containing all members of the congregation. Pastoral Care and Visiting Team members have each been given responsibility to contact members on this list. Names of members who normally attend the morning service have been allocated to Team members together with a number of Salt Factory attendees.

We still have work to do in establishing regular contact with all Salt Factory attendees and if anyone who regularly attends Salt Factory is willing to assist with this regular contact, please talk to me or a member of the Pastoral Care or Visiting Teams.

## **Private Communion**

Consecration of the communion elements on communion Sundays includes the contents of a private communion set which is used to provide communion to church members in their own homes if requested.

If you are aware of any congregational member who would like private communion in their home, please advise a member of the Pastoral Care or Visiting Teams.

## **Greeters and Guides**

Every Sunday we are warmly welcomed into church by a group of dedicated church members who also carry out a number of duties to keep our services running smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who serves our congregation in this way.

## **Prayer Ministry**

The Prayer Healing Ministry Team continues to support our congregation and many people outside our congregation, and we thank them for the wonderful work they do.

In addition, we are exploring ways that we can encourage congregational members in their daily prayer life. Prayer is a critical component of a healthy spiritual life, and we need to ensure that all members understand the importance of prayer.

## **Fellowship**

Josh Vivian has offered to take on the role of Fellowship Event Coordinator and we look forward to working with him in organising future fellowship events.

Joel Schiller continues to do an excellent job in organising the Ping Pong-A-Thon and Fete, and thanks to him and all other volunteers involved with planning and running these events, which are also excellent opportunities for outreach into our wider community.

## **Small Groups**

A number of small groups continue to operate in the congregation, mostly meeting on an ad hoc basis.

The Young Adult and Day Connect groups meet on a regular basis, and thanks to Noah Hahn and Rosalie Hoklas for continuing to lead these groups with assistance from other members. The Day Connect group has a focus on prayer and maintains a Prayer List. If you would like to make a special prayer request to the Day Connect group, please contact either Rosalie or myself.

Please let us know if you would like to join a small group and/or if you have any ideas to help with the running of small groups e.g. Bible studies, activities, outings etc.

## **Requests for Care/Support**

It is important that we are made aware of any circumstances where members of the congregation require assistance, so please let us know about any pastoral care needs using the contact methods below.

In addition, we have developed a list of specialised Support Services which may be used if our congregation doesn't have the expertise to help in certain circumstances. This list has been added to the GGLC website and members are also encouraged to refer people to this list if and when required.

## **Pastoral Care Contact Methods**

- Church Office – 7200 0090
- Pastoral Care or Visiting Team members
- Connect Card
- Email – [pastoral\\_care@gglc.org.au](mailto:pastoral_care@gglc.org.au). These emails go directly to a female member of the Pastoral Care Team.

In His service.

Allen Kupke  
Team Coordinator

# Christian Education Team Report

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Praise God that during 2024 the Christian Education ministries that are offered at GGLC have continued to flourish and that the relationship between GGLC and GGLPS continues to grow. A warm welcome also to our two new team members, Bec Wallace and Louise Paterson.

## Messy Music

During term 3, 2024, the focus was on **Reading is Magic** (2024 Book Week theme). Attendance averaged 10-20 over the year. The local community kindies are still keen to attend sessions. Lauren continues to communicate with the kindies, setting dates and planning appropriate sessions. As a result, once a term, Lauren runs a session with the Salisbury Lutheran and Wynn Vale kindies. Every 6 months Homestead Kindy also participates in a session.

The themes for Messy Music in term 4 encompassed **weather** and **Christmas**. The last session of Messy Music for the year was on Friday December 13th. It was pleasing to see some future Foundation 2025 GGLPS school students come along to Messy Music for the last couple of weeks of term 4. Thanks to Will Wallace for promoting this session to parents during his school tours. During the last Messy Music gathering each child made a Christmas decoration to take home.

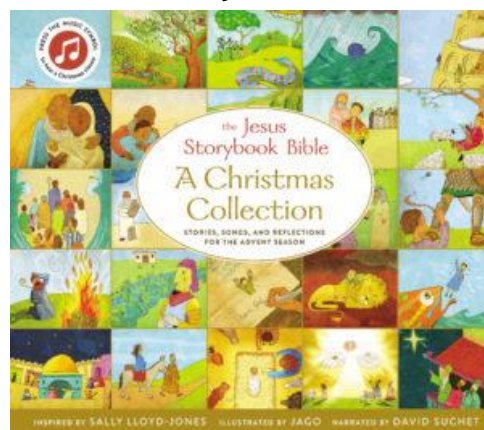
Many thanks to the dedicated group of volunteers that contribute to and support this ministry on a weekly basis.

## Vine Kids

Attendance numbers continue to fluctuate over the past year, but there are several children participating weekly. During term 3, 2024 the focus was on **Fruits of the Spirit**. In term 4, Lauren and Joel worked together to plan an Advent Messy Church (This is Christmas) service on the first Sunday in Advent. The aim was to encourage families to come along and participate in the service and make some Advent/Christmas resources that could be taken home.

During Advent GGLC gifted each of the Vine Kids families a copy of *The Jesus Storybook Bible – A Christmas Collection* by Sally Lloyd-Jones, illustrated by Jago.

This valuable resource contains stories, songs, and reflections for the Advent season.



*The Jesus Storybook Bible - A Christmas Collection* is an interactive story, sound, and song Advent experience for the whole family and helps children young and old understand and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas

### **Ignite (Junior Youth) and Messy Church**

Attendance at Ignite averaged between 20-25 with several families attending regularly. Term 3 began with **Ping Pong a Thon**, then a **Catapult** evening. In term 4 the 'Wheels Night' went well with 13 children attending. After feedback it was decided that a 3.45pm start and 5.30pm finish seems to work best and this will continue in 2025.

It is encouraging to see that many of the Ignite Families are also attending Messy Church. We are grateful to the committed volunteers who support both these ventures on a regular basis. This has enabled relationships to form and helps families to feel comfortable in participating in the various activities that are part of each Messy Church session. In term 3, Messy Church was on Friday September 20. The theme was, **I am the Light of the World**.

### **Christian Education**

A huge thankyou to Joel and Sue Fielke for leading Confirmation lessons during 2024. Thanks also to Pastor Leon Rosenberg who also led sessions and assisted on Confirmation Day. This allowed the participants to complete the course and be confirmed at the Confirmation service on November 3. During the last part of 2024, Confirmation lessons centred on **The Holy Spirit** and the **Ten Commandments**. Joel also planned a day retreat for the confirmees during the school holidays.

Thanks also to Rob for continuing to advertise, provide online access and hardcopies of the Lent/Easter and Christmas Lutheran Tract Mission resources. These valuable resources provide additional devotions in the lead up to two pivotal seasons of the Church year.

### **Thanks!**

At GGLC we are truly blessed to have a wonderful team of leaders and volunteers who strongly support the above ministries. Thank you to everyone who generously gives of their time and talents to help reach out and share God's message in the Church, GGLPS and the wider community.

A huge thankyou also to the Christian Education Team for your time, ideas, dedication, contributions and support.

May we continue to grow together in God's word!

Ruth Zimmermann

### **Team members:**

**Chairperson:** Ruth Zimmermann

**Pastor:**

**Children and Family Ministry Leader:** Lauren Neumann

**Youth Coordinator:** Joel Schiller

**Extra members:** Janet Linden, Bec Wallace, Louise Paterson

**ChildSafe Coordinator:** Luke Wachtel

# Youth Report

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## **Ignite**

In 2024 we had 6 Ignite events, which included a catapult night and a wheels night. The catapult night provided a slightly different format where the junior youth had to create and launch items, which was great fun. Our Masterchef afternoon was the best attended event. Ignite gained traction, gaining more numbers as the year progressed. Activities have included a box city, laser tag and a trip to Goldenfields.

2025 has had a strong start, beginning with our annual Opening BBQ and Games night where we ran the night with Ignite flowing into the bbq and then into youth. This is always a great way to kick off the year together in community. Our water afternoon saw a few other school students attend, who hadn't previously come along. Geordie and I were often in the firing line of water balloons, which for some reason didn't want to burst on impact!

## **Youth**

As reported in last year's report we saw an increase in youth attending with a few of the previous year 6's coming along and inviting their friends. We saw the same youth coming along throughout the rest of the year and into this year. Our best attended events were our laser tag and Bounce night. Throughout the year and into this year we have continued with our Youth Alpha nights which have sparked some thoughtful discussions around key topics within our Christian faith.

The Ping Pong A Thon on August 16-17 was a massive success and saw us raise over \$12,000 as a church and school community. This is one of the many ways we are setting the captives free! The school sports captains had a huge passion for their house team to win! The tally board in the courtyard only increased the competitive nature. One of the house teams even asked me to donate to them so they could win - turns out that team didn't need my donation as they won it outright.

In 2025 we are continuing to work towards having our own merchandise for youth. Once again we fundraised at the GGLPS sports day to help reduce costs for parents to purchase them. Lauren Kahl launched our Instagram page, to engage with our youth and parents more easily and she also set up our Bible reading plans for youth and leaders to engage with. Several of our youth have engaged with these and have asked questions about what they're unsure of. We are now nearing the end of our Youth Alpha course and we are intending to continue with it, using the new updated course that was launched earlier this year at an event our leaders attended.

Of course, Night to Remember was on the calendar, approximately a 20 year old tradition that the youth have here at GGLC. We had a number of first time attendees this year which was awesome, allowing them to experience the stations of the cross, a Seder meal, watching the movie 'Heaven is for Real', midnight worship and more.



Thanks to all the volunteers who continue to give up their time to contribute so much to Ignite and our Youth ministry.

*Dear Lord, we thank you for the chance to minister your Word in this world. We pray that the young people have a desire to grab the Word and want to go deeper into finding out more about you. Amen*

Joel Schiller  
Youth Coordinator

# Property Report

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After all the effort to get the manse site ready for the builders it seems like not much else has happened from a property perspective. Thanks again to everyone involved in the manse project.

From a property maintenance perspective, the 2024-25 year the main highlights are:

- new hand vacuum cleaner for cafe
- window frosting above and below TV screen at church front door
- gardening, leaves clusters removed, general cleaning for Rawolle wedding
- plastering behind altar
- 15A x4 Power outlets for fete food van use
- new cafe signage now up top of windows
- upgrade cafe ceiling with sound absorption plasterboard
- finishing plaster and paint of store room
- Café deck re-oil... changed to waterbased aquadeck
- new speakers in cafe linked to church sound desk
- lighting in cafe, and dimmer
- air conditioning for youth office
- HDMI cables run for church office projector

Thanks everyone for their support and commitment.

Regards

Roger Kloeden

# Golden Grove Amateur Fishing (GGAF) Report

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## **Mission Statement: Giving all people opportunities to fish in a Christ centred environment**

2024 was the 23rd year since GGAF was established. The Club had 65 financial members including 10 Juniors.

This ministry of the Church continues to have a very strong membership base and remains relevant to the Mission Statement above.

Our enthusiastic and hardworking **Committee members** in 2024 were:

Graeme Hoklas – President

Peter Van Loggem - Vice President

Christine McCulloch - Secretary

Chris Simanis – Treasurer

Ian Zimmermann, Geoff Hill, Keith Scott and Mark Caldicott.

We continue to be blessed with a stable and active Committee.

In addition to the AGM and Presentation Night the Club organised 10 events including new or revisited locations of Mannum, Waikerie and Meningie for the Annual Camp. A highlight was the Fish Cooking Evening in May which attracted 80 people. A special thank you to former Vice President Geoff Thiel and family for a great night of cooking and entertainment.

Attendances for all events were excellent. The West Lakes event was very popular again with over 50 participants. It included casting training and friendly competition for junior fishers. We participated at the Community Fete here at Wynn Vale with a GGAF stall. GGAF had the privilege of participating in the School's Glow Week where 4 of our Committee familiarised 8 students in the basics of fishing over 3 mornings.

57 members and friends attended the annual Presentation Night in November. The Senior Champion for 2024 was Graeme Hoklas and Junior Champion was Letty Sweeney. Chris Simanis was specially acknowledged for his long term dedication and loyalty as a member of GGAF including the last 12 years as Committee Treasurer. Christine McCulloch was presented with a gift and “thankyou” card as she has retired from the Committee after serving 12 years as Club Secretary.

A huge thankyou to Spot On Tackle for their continued support and sponsorship again this year including the successful Tackle Night.

## **February 2025 AGM**

The GGAF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held Sunday 2nd February. Keith Scott was elected Club Secretary following retirement of Christine McCulloch from the Committee at the end of 2024. All other Committee members were elected unopposed.

## **PROGRAM of EVENTS 2025**

2nd February	Annual General Meeting
8th February	Cockling at Goolwa Beach
15th March	Crabbing at Webb Beach
6th April	Cadell – Claxton Reserve
3rd May	Normanville
2nd June	Spot On Tackle Night
27th -30th June	Lake Bonney Caravan Park – Barmera & Moorook
26th July	Ardrossan Jetty
31st August	West Lakes
10th – 12th Oct	Annual Camp – Kingston On Murray Caravan Park
19th October	Community Fete (Wynn Vale)
15th November	Presentation Night

Note: Events may be subject to change.

Annual Membership costs remain unchanged. \$20 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors (15 years and under)

GGAF merchandise for sale includes Caps, Polo Shirts, Sleeveless Jackets, Badges, Legionnaire Hats and Can Coolers.

The Committee wishes to thank the Golden Grove Lutheran Church and the Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School for their continued support during 2024 and 2025 to date, including use of facilities for meetings and events and the School's BBQ trailer.

Many thanks to GGAF members and their friends for coming along to our trips and events and making the Club the success that it is. A special thank you to the committee and their families for their enthusiasm and continued service.

Graeme Hoklas  
GGAF President

# Meals Ministry Report

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Do you know of someone who needs a meal or are you able to make some meals for the church freezer?

This is a practical way we can share and show God's love to others and having a meal supplied to them in times of need can ease the stress for that day knowing they don't have to cook.

This ministry was set up so that meals can be accessed quickly, that if a meal is required, just look in the top of the freezer in the church kitchen and there are usually some in stock.

Members who supply meals need to place the meal in a sealed container, with a list of ingredients and the date which it was made. They can then be placed in the church kitchen freezer.

If you know of someone who needs a meal, please contact Jenny Rawolle on 0400 513 448 or Robert in the office, and we will try and fulfill that need. Meals can be taken anytime if someone needs one. People who have been given meals in the past have been truly grateful.

Thank you to everyone for all your time and care given in the past and we look forward to continuing helping others when needed.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

*Matthew 25:35*

Thank you

Jenny Rawolle

# Communications Team Report

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The Communications Team was established in 2017 with a mission to ensure effective communications both within the congregation and externally across all of our publication media, including social media, e-news, website, weekly bulletin, Life in the Vine, YouTube, logos, signage, welcome packs and so on.

In 2024 the main activity of the Communications Team was to oversee the production of two issues of Life in the Vine magazine. Unfortunately, resource limitations prevented the expenditure of any significant amount of time on other activities, which would normally include Welcome Pack updates, signage updates, and social media and website monitoring. The team also has an agenda item to develop media to promote new Mission, Vision and Values.

Members of the team in 2024 were: Joel Schiller, Robert Mills and myself.

Thanks to everyone on the team for all your work, and particularly Robert who usually gets the bulk of the work!

Jon Schutz  
Acting Communications Team Chairperson

# Café Management Team Report

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Reflecting on Cafe Connect during 2024 can be difficult as the year went by in a blur with the measurement of time seemingly inconsequential. Although the busyness creates a challenging aspect to report, there are many aspects of the cafe that can be shared that highlight the highs and lows of this year's operation.

2024 was another successful year for Cafe Connect with many outcomes achieved beyond expectations. As we entered our sixth year of trading, our mission focus remains the same—an outreach mission for Golden Grove Lutheran Church to provide situations and opportunities through coffee (or any other beverage) to show and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Through 2024, our mission success was seen and rewarded not only in monetary values, but more clearly in the relationships created, the quality of food and beverages, the trade volume and the expression of value from our community and beyond.

The community continued to utilise the cafe throughout 2024 demonstrating its versatility and flexibility. Many events occurred throughout the year that saw the cafe being utilised as a space for special occasions with catering in small and large numbers. This included special Church services, celebrations of committees, group meetings and even down to one-on-one counselling. The nature of Cafe Connect highlights this asset value we have in our community as well as the continued blessings that come from and through it.

Last year's report recorded the developing relationship between the cafe and Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School (GGLPS). This relationship has grown to a point where it is now more a partnership than ever. Through 2024, GGLPS utilized and supported the cafe alongside many events including Sports Day, Presentation Nights, School Tours, Concerts, Special Afternoons, Celebrations, Graduations and more. Also, Cafe Connect is showcased by the school to new and potential parents via school tours and through the offering of a free drink, welcoming them to our premises and community. Our partnership continues to grow and our thanks are extended to the school Principal, Will Wallace, all teaching and administration staff, P&F and families.

During 2023, we introduced a “welcome” gift to all families of GGLPS. Our relationships with our school families continues to be a high focus for us, and this “one drink free, no strings attached” gift is a simple way for our cafe to give back to the community. During term one, 2024, over 240 “one drink free” vouchers were distributed throughout GGLPS with many children delightfully redeeming the voucher. During term two, this offer was also extended to Wynn Vale Primary School, with 270 vouchers being distributed to families. Although, with only around 30% of vouchers being redeemed, this is an easy way for us to welcome current and new customers highlighting our location, times and service.

In 2024, our patronage trend was slightly comparably more to 2023. Fridays still remain our busiest days, however other service times can, out of the blue, be busy with the line reaching out the doors. Reasons include Middle of term (MOT), GGLPS assemblies, after school events, parent's work schedules and even the weather. Although this can be challenging for rostering volunteers, it is a welcomed testament to our facilities, volunteers and service. Luckily our cafe community are a forgiving group when wait times for service extend out during these moments. Our cafe extends a thanks of appreciation.

With an increase in patronage comes an increase in pressure for our volunteers to perform efficiently, and still continue to provide a high quality of service. Training is always provided, feedback is welcomed and quality control is monitored. Rostering is carefully undertaken so that volunteers can handle the pressure that they feel most comfortable with. However after many years of operation, our volunteers' efficiency has notably increased whilst maintaining standard. This was especially seen during the Community Fete where it was estimated that one drink was made (hot and cold) every 70 seconds over 6.5 hours. This meant that from the time of ordering to receiving, an order averaged just over a minute - well done to all!

Another highlight from extra patronage is extra stock control. Mentioned quite regularly within the cafe circle, this is a "good problem to have". Although shopping frequency has not increased greatly, the amount purchased certainly has. An example of this is that on average, each week, over 30 litres of milk is purchased (15 x 2 litre bottles). Also the amount of food preparation has increased (e.g. our toasted sandwiches) and an extra thankyou is extended to our volunteers when "voluntold" to prepare more products.

One product that is always prepared voluntarily when asked, is novelty biscuits. It is amazing to witness the joy in our younger patrons when deciding, then receiving, one of these delectable delights. During 2023, close to 1800 were sold, however in 2024, over 1900 were sold. We thank Jacquie Schutz and Leanne Schiller for their continued supply of these masterpieces for our younger (and sometimes older—you know who you are) patrons. If you would like to help us out with these biscuits, please let us know as any help will be appreciated.

Other interesting statistics from 2024 that show how the year compared to the previous year:

- Coffee & Tea – 3103 (2023 - 3581)
- Hot Chocolate – 493 (2023 - 361)
- Babyccino - 164 (2023- 72)
- Iced Drinks – 572 (2023 - 443)
- Milkshakes – 1072 (2023 - 1332)
- Sunday Coffees – 1373 (2023 - 1369)
- Banana Bread - 492 (2023 - 332)
- Toasted Sandwiches - 351 (2023 - 266)
- Croissant - 90 (2023 - 107)

One statistic to point out is the increase in Babyccinos. This highlights our cafe regularly being used by young and growing families where they are meeting with peers in a quiet, safe and clean environment.



The cafe has also witnessed an increase in takeaway usage. Even with a surcharge, more than 52 percent of orders ask for a takeaway cup, increasing the stock usage and buying more unit numbers. During 2024, a new personalized Cafe Connect “keep cup” was introduced with only small numbers being sold. It is reminded to all that these are still available to purchase where each comes with a complimentary drink voucher - a great gift idea. Thank you to Luke Wachtel for the research, testing, procuring and donating of these quality cups.

Another product introduced in 2024 was gift cards. These reusable, stylized cards are also available and make great gifts. With the ability to add any amount, these have already been utilized by many as a small gift of appreciation to others e.g. GGLPS bus drivers and teachers.

One larger project completed in 2024 was the installation of a new ceiling in the cafe. This was undertaken to address some of the noise issues when the cafe was full of people. With extra cafe usage, this project became a high priority and work began after the end of term four. One added bonus to these works was the installation of new ceiling speakers. This now allows us to easily turn on the sound from the Worship Centre allowing us to hear events occurring whilst still in the cafe i.e. school concerts. To help recover costs, a fundraiser began with many generous donations given to this worthy cause - thank you to all benefactors. We also thank Mark Rawolle and Roger Kloeden for preparing and completing these works alongside tradespeople. A special thanks goes to Jenny Rawolle and Leanne Schiller who cleaned after this very messy but greatly appreciated job.

As seen above, volunteers are and will remain important to the operation of our cafe and community. The service they provide extends just beyond “making coffees” to close relationships with each other as well as to our regular customers. The “counselling” and connections highlight the success of the mission of Café Connect. During Volunteer Week (May 20th to 26th), our cafe volunteers met on Friday evening (24th) for a casserole meal to thank and celebrate our group. As the end of the year is always busy, we have found this is the best time of the year to come together as one group, to appreciate each other, and share why we continue to serve for and in our community.

The volunteers of Café Connect for 2024 (including Sunday's): Roger & Denise Kloeden, Liz Shrowder, Leanne Schiller, Judith Whaites, Jenny and Mark Rawolle, Jon and Jacquie Schutz, Jenny Canavese, Allyson Dutschke, Phil & Elaine Baldock, Graeme Hoklas, Linden Huxtable, Issac Norrey, Sam Ridley, Trudy Nitschke, Neil and Barb Power, Monika Kohlhagen, and Elizabeth Mills. *(I apologise if I have forgotten anyone).*

As members of our team move onto other endeavours, it is important that we have new people sign up and learn new skills in the cafe. As reported last year, even though the above list looks ample, at least 15 percent of shifts are unfilled and risk having the cafe shut. Although we try our best to prevent this, it is unavoidable that sometimes the cafe must be closed. At least 10 percent of shifts in term four, 2024, saw the cafe doors closed. We are always looking for extra help so if you have any ideas or know someone who could help out, please let us know.

As always, cafe prices and the menu are constantly reviewed. The café team constantly looks at ways to improve and introduce new items that customers may like, however the menu has seen little change over the last twelve months. We are always open to suggestions and ideas. Profit margins are also reviewed to make sure we are covering all costs. One increase we saw this year was coffee beans - up by 8 percent. However this only equates to approximately an extra 3 cents per cup of coffee. Beginning in 2025, our team decided not to increase prices due to “cost of living”, however this will be reviewed mid year where our prices may be increased but takeaway surcharge dropped (introduced 2022).

After a year without a Pastor in our congregation (and the loss of help), it has been a very busy and tough year for myself, handling the extra duties of the Church as well as the Cafe. In saying this, over the last twelve months I have purposely taken extra time off for rest and recuperation. Here I would like to personally thank my cafe team who are always there for me and for stepping up to help whilst I am away. Your words, prayers and encouragement are greatly appreciated and valued immensely.

Looking back on last year's report, we began 2023 running and 2024 was no different—even more jam-packed with extra pace. As our service to the community continues, our patronage increases, demanding more from stock to staff. However, as mentioned earlier in my report, this is a “good problem to have”. This continues to highlight the success of Cafe Connect and how our community values it and us. I ask you to please continue to keep Cafe Connect, our volunteers, our management as well as our community in your prayers.

Robert Mills  
Café Coordinator



# Friends of Asaroka Report

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Praise God that our partnership with the Asaroka Schools endures, despite the challenges of distance, and 2024 saw a reinvigoration of the partnership.

During early 2024, planning began for a visit to Goroka and the Asaroka schools later that year. These plans eventuated with Ken Tscharke, Daniel & Allyson Dutschke, and Gavin & Lynette Luke travelling in July for a 10-day visit.

We were warmly welcomed back into the community we have all grown to love but were unable to visit for 5 years. While outwardly the school appeared very similar and some of our teaching friends were still involved in the school, there had been a number of other significant changes.

The Principal was Mr. Jim Jujumo, who has a very calm and democratic leadership style, and is seeking to empower his leadership team and deputies so they can effectively carry out their roles. We were encouraged at being informed his principalship has continued into 2025, as there have been challenges in the school leadership in recent years.

Many of the computers sent to the school in the various GGLC containers were taken to teachers' homes during COVID lockdowns, and it was disappointing to learn that many had not returned. However, there has been positive growth through the laying of communications cabling through the Asaro valley – and directly past the school. As a result, links have been established with a telecommunication company, with the school provided with approx. 20 new computers, and enabling greater access to technology. It was also observed many students and teachers had their own devices (of more recent grade than we could provide) and we pray these devices enable greater access to education and communication.

Other actions had been taken to improve the overall school infrastructure, such as: fencing around the total school perimeter to reduce the influence of street-sellers; returning the rice paddocks to produce greater varieties of agriculture, resulting in the school being flagged to become an 'Agri-Tech' school; and the much-needed completion of a four-in-one classroom building.

The Primary school welcomed us and were proud to show the improvements in flooring and seating of their main chapel building.

The Elementary school continues to flourish with good attendance, the children learning basic English (in addition to their traditional languages), and having lessons in traditional crafts.

There was a very new addition (5-weeks since opening when we visited) to the education facilities, with the opening of a Kindergarten for the younger children to attend in the Asaroka Circuit Sunday school building. Most children attending were from teachers' families, and the head teacher was confidently leading the children in learning Bible songs and verses, basic reading, writing and numeracy skills—which will provide a sound base for their learning once they begin at the Elementary school.

During our visit we were able to bless the schools with useful items which, while on their 'wish list', would otherwise have been outside of their regular budget. The Secondary school was provided with a portable sound system for using in church and chapel services and assemblies, as well as a small solar power unit for the charging of teachers' phones. The Primary and Elementary school were blessed with a laptop computer and printer (purchased locally—so local tech support could assist if required). Despite not being aware of its existence, we were also able to bless the Kindergarten with some simple learning resources. The funds for the purchase of these items came from the Asaroka fund. It was exciting to be able to shop locally with the leadership from the schools and purchase items which would bless each school community.

We were also able to distribute purchased leadership books and public speaking tools (courtesy of Rostrum) to school leadership and senior students, donated via the funeral of Ken Campbell.

Towards the end of our visit, we hinted at a reciprocal visit from the school teachers/leadership to Golden Grove church and school and are very pleased to inform this visit will occur, God-willing, in early September 2025. Although we have been advised that over 30 (!) teachers and leadership from across the schools have shown interest, the passport and visa requirements may prove a practical and financial hurdle, especially given the Kina conversion rate. Please keep the planning for this visit in your prayers.

On a local note, the boxes of LLL tracts have been reduced (through approx. 35kgs of these being taken in our suitcases), and others will be distributed during future visits.

We also thank the church for the contributions provided by individuals, the Fete and the sale of the Entertainment book (now as an app). At present the Asaroka account has a balance of \$2423.60—being reduced from previous reports due to the purchase of items detailed above.

We ask for GGLC to continue praying for this ministry and for guidance as we best serve our partners at Asaroka. We thank you for your support and pray that it will continue.

**“..that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.” Romans 1:12**

Submitted by Daniel and Allyson Dutschke

# Church Library Report

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The cataloguing of the library resources has now been completed. As some of our resources have been moved into different categories and our library collection has grown through many generous donations, it was decided that the library collection should be rearranged on the shelves. This task has been completed.

The library volunteers are now working on the new electronic borrowing system.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to borrow from the great collection of library resources on the shelves either in Café Connect or the meeting room. You can also find Christian greeting cards available for purchase in the library area of Café Connect.

Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who help with the many tasks involved in the library, including cataloguing, processing and preparing the library displays in Café Connect. These displays are a way to highlight the resources on different topics and authors, as well as reflecting on the various church seasons.

Blessings,

The Library Team

## **Team members:**

Ruth Zimmermann

Dorothy Quick

Jenny Canavese

Jenny Kupke

# Schools Ministry Tea Tree Gully (SMTTG) Report

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†Supporting Pastoral Care Workers †Serving the local community †Partnering with local churches

Hello Golden Grove Lutheran Church,

The Lord continues to bless the ministry of the Pastoral Care Workers (PCW's) in our local schools.

This has still occurred, despite the flow-on effect of the delayed Govt funding, as I mentioned last year, which caused a number of local schools to go 'internal' with secular Well-Being officers, in lieu of the PCW's. However, we still are working to maintain a connection with the schools who have left the program, to keep the door open, should they decide to reconnect with Schools Ministry Group.

We have also lost some PCW's when they have moved on to other ministry areas or studies. The role as a PCW is not really a 'job for life' and we expect there to be changeovers of positions.

That being said, I attended the recent Schools Ministry Group Annual Conference, and witnessed one of our PCW's, Fiona from Modbury West Primary, receive a '15 years of service' award. A wonderful thing to witness. The conference was so full of hope and expectation of what God is currently doing in our schools and what He has planned that we can join Him in.

We were also encouraged that 260 Govt schools have a PCW going into them and there are 225 PCW's, as some go into 2 schools.

We heard there are 84 Support Groups such as ours in TTG, who annually provide between 12,000 to 14,000 extra hours for the PCW's to keep ministering in the schools. God is good.

There was a lot of excitement about a new venture, working with 'Kids Hope' who partner with churches to provide for 1 student with 1 mentor, for 1 hr, 1 day a week for 1 year. They have engaged with 30,000 students around Australia, since beginning in 2004. Another exciting way to help the students to build relationships, feel they are worthwhile and to find purpose.

During the year, the committee determined that we would bless our PCW's with a gift. So, we provided the 8 PCW's with \$100 each. This was to be for whatever they wanted. We were aware that many PCW's were self-funding resources they used at the school. But the funds weren't only to be used for school needs, but for the PCW's to spend on their own needs too. They all give so much of themselves, that we wanted to, in a small way, ease the financial burden on them. I received many comments of thanks from them.

We thank Golden Grove Lutheran for their support of the ministry undertaken in our local schools. The PCW's thank you for the support, the students and staff thank you for enabling PCW's to be part of their school.

We seek your continued support as we seek to uphold the values of our head-body Schools Ministry Group, of **Purpose | Value | Hope** for all. Donation details are listed below.

Blessings.

Mostyn Krollig. SMTTG Chairperson

April 2025

Jenny Rawolle  
SMTTG Representative

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# Community Fete Team Report

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## **2024 Income/Expenses**

**Income:** \$32,632.22

**Expenses:** \$11,652.67

**Net after raffle and GST adjustments:** \$20,077.33

Thanks to all our fete sponsors for getting behind the fete

### **Major Sponsors:**

- Key + Stone Property
- Signs and Wonders
- Precision Calibration and Control (PCC)
- LLL
- Stratco
- Paradise Mazda
- Endeavour College

### **Minor Sponsors:**

- Inspiring Strength in Women
- Creative Construction Solutions
- Vision Christian Media

Our school P&F once again contributed to providing jumping castles to our fete.

2024 saw some regular aspects continue including food trucks, games room and rock wall. We decided to move our sausage sizzle from the courtyard up to where the food trucks were. This gave greater clarity for visitors knowing that all the food was in one spot. People liked this cheaper alternative to the food trucks.

Our fete roster worked extremely well again in 2024. Along with congregation members, various young people, junior youth and youth parents were contacted about being involved. While this took time, texting all those people, it meant our church members weren't stretched as much across things, and didn't have to be there for long periods of time. Our zone managers were stars once again, ensuring each of their zones were running the way they should.

We had a crowd of approximately 3,300 people. We handed out roughly 500 fete day maps to people which had the aim of communicating where things were. We also included a flyer from one of our sponsors, Signs and Wonders.



Our raffle was full of so many prizes from many different businesses. We are so lucky to have various businesses that are keen to support our fete in this way. 2024 highlighted that we need to get some other people to assist where we can in this area, as this is one aspect that requires a bit of work collecting raffle items. Nonetheless, thank you to Robert Mills and his team of helpers who organised the prizes and also prepared the raffle tickets to be distributed.

After not intending to have pony rides in 2024 we ended up finding someone who gave us a great deal! We ended up making more money than we budgeted.

We had a good level of Christian based stalls at the fete. Our healing tent was active in sharing the Good News of Jesus to those who attended - Praying for a number of people, close to 50 people. We also had a Vision Christian Radio stall. It's important we have these stalls as a way to give people access if they'd like to find out more.

We ran from 10:30am - 3pm in 2024, 30 minutes longer than previous years and it seemed to work really well, so we'll be doing the same in 2025.

These are just a few aspects of the fete. Many other areas included the attractions, devonshire tea, the produce stall, the plant stall, face painting, entertainment and audio, the cafe, the school stall, and the school art display.

Thank you for your efforts at the 2024 fete. You are the reason the fete is such a great success each year, and I am truly grateful for your effort.

Joel Schiller  
Fete Team Coordinator

# Catering Team Report

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Although 2024 was a quiet year for catering for special events, the catering team continues to provide additional support and assistance to the church community.

The ongoing assistance, support and generosity of the many GGLC members allows our church community to provide food and fellowship to our own members as well as others in the community. Our church members generously supported the Rawolle family by providing sweet food which was part of the refreshments following Kirsten's funeral service.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with catering during 2024.

Please contact any of the team members with any queries regarding catering, or if you wish to be a part of the team.

The catering team,

Jenny Rawolle

Leanne Schiller

Dorothy Quick

# Children's Ministry Report

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## **Messy Music**

Over the past year, our numbers have fluctuated from as low as 6 up to 20 each week. This has made it difficult to predict what activities to put out each week. However, when surveying the parents, they are enjoying what is being set. We have continued with our two playgroup co-ordinators, and they have been fabulous at assisting with setting up and packing up. They will also be involved in assisting in running some of the activities this term. We have continued with a 'thematic exploration' approach and have included various crafts to assist with this. Our volunteers continue to support this ministry as well as the assistance of the year 5/6 students who go on a rotating roster. We are trying a new approach with advertising, sending out flyers to the school families and promoting on various community group pages. All children from Messy Music received an Easter story from Bible Society of Australia entitled 'Dave the Donkey' by Andrew McDonough.

## **Vine Kids**

This ministry is continuing to have low numbers, although increased on key events such as baptisms and confirmation. We have continued to ensure the activities are low prep activities but high engagement to cater for this. The age range is between 2yrs – 12yrs, which can prove difficult at times. Our theme for each week is based on the lectionary series that aligns with the sermon in church. We have continued to include activities such as craft, games and a story with a lesson attached. Moving forward, we are going back to an older model of sharing the learning and activity with the congregation and having a more contemporary song that fits with the lesson. Godly Play has continued to be run, although has been a little less frequent due to other events occurring.

## **Messy Church**

Messy Church continues to be a great event with our school families. We are still seeing many of the same faces which is lovely. Our numbers vary between 30 – 50 people and students are engaging with the activities in a variety of ways. The activities aim to cater for all skill and enjoyment levels and usually include a craft, a family game, a quieter activity. Having an activity for each family to do during the worship times has continued to foster a relationship between the family and Jesus. We have continued to have strong assistance with Messy Church and are seeing some of our senior youth wanting to assist in leading activities. It was lovely to be able to run Messy Church as part of our Advent 1 service. We saw a greater attendance at the morning service of children and young adults because of this.

## **Community Outreach**

This year, we have continued to connect with the school, Wynn Vale Pre-school, Homestead Childcare. We have done this in various ways including:

- Running Messy Music sessions here at church
- Going to the childcare and running a Messy Music session for the Kindy room
- Telling Bible stories through 'Godly Play' style sessions
- Telling the Easter Story with 'Captain Carrots' using the resurrection eggs
- Giving out the Bible Story from the Bible Society Australia for Easter entitled 'The Easter Love Story' by Fern Martins to the Foundations as well as a LTM Easter Activity book
- Running 'prayer spaces' activities for GGLPS classes

Lauren Neumann  
Children and Family Ministry Leader

# Young Adults Report

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GGLC Young Adults over the past year has continued to stay strong. Our weekly Bible studies on a Monday night have continued to bring a new perspective and understanding to the Word of God. Our monthly social nights have slowly started to pick up motion again after many scheduling conflicts last year.

This year we have been looking at the book of Ezekiel, with the assistance of The Bible Project – Classroom resources. This has been a wonderful tool to keep engaged with the Word, and dive deep within the references and cultural context that surround it.

We have a consistent core of ~12 people, with another 8 or so who make it when they can. Many of our group are youth leaders within the church, and many more have a strong involvement in camping ministry. It's been a pleasure to be able to continue these relationships made on camp into regular fellowship. Salt Factory continues to be a worshipping home for many of our young adults.

We have started to have conversations with other Young Adults groups around Adelaide to look toward combined events, and are hopeful for what these partnerships can bring.

Noah Hahn

# Treasurer's Report

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## 2024 wrap-up

- progress continued on the project to construct the new manse;
- investment proceeds from term deposits and other securities matured successfully;
- despite lower offerings we finished the year making budget – as a result of lower payroll associated with the Pastor vacancy;
- another successful fete was held; and
- Rebecca Wallace joined the Finance team.

## 2024 Final Budget position

Income \$251,609

Expenses \$249,688

Surplus \$1,920

The final financial position for 2024 was slightly favourable to budget.

## Finance Team Meetings

The Finance Team, comprising Peter Freund, Jon Schutz, and Luke Wachtel, who were joined and supported by Allen Kupke, met twice in 2024. At the May meeting, the provisional budget was reviewed in light of progress to date and any new circumstances, so that the final budget could be presented to the May AGM. At the November meeting the budget for 2025 was prepared for presentation to the December HYM.

After reviewing the provisional 2025 budget in our April 2025 meeting, with Bec Wallace now joining, and with Allen Kupke attending as an extra, it was agreed to present the budget for approval unchanged at the AGM.

## 2025 Budget

Subsequent to the provisional budget that went to the HYM, and following Finance Team review of the provisional 2025 budget in their April 2025 meeting, it was agreed to present it for approval unchanged at the AGM.

The 2025 budget is presented here unchanged for ratification.

<p><b>Motion: That the Final Budget for 2025 - expenditure \$258,104, income \$252,950, deficit \$5,154 – as attached, be adopted.</b></p>
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## **2025 Year-to-Date**

Snapshot at 30 April 2025

Income \$64,348

Expenditure \$57,682

Surplus \$6,665

Financials are tracking ok and currently show a surplus YTD, partially due to the timing of payments and the reduced payroll as a result of Pastor vacancy, however offerings continue to be lower when compared against historical receipts and are behind budget for the year-to-date.

The Café has started 2025 strongly with revenues favourable prior year comparative.

## **Manse Investments and Loan**

All investments relating to the sale of the old manse and purchase of the new have matured (LLL term deposits and various first mortgage trusts with Australian Unity). Some of the funds remain in an Australian Unity cash account waiting for the final milestone payments.

The full amount of \$70k on the LLL loan to complete the new manse build has been drawn down as of May 9, 2025. This is likely to be somewhat in excess of what is required but the decision to do this was based on the need to ensure cash flow as we head into 2026 with potentially higher salary costs (if we have a pastor) and a continued shortfall in offerings (based on current trends). How we approach the loan repayments is to be reevaluated later in the year once we have a picture of the final budget position for this year.

It may prove useful to be able to invest some of the excess funds in the short term, and to this end there will be a motion to the AGM to allow continued operation of the Australian Unity account (which was originally intended to be used only for the duration of the manse build).

Peter Freund

Treasurer

**GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**Receipts**

BankSA Opening Balance	\$	11,125.64	
LLL Opening Balance	\$	39,917.39	
LLL Term Deposits Opening Balance	\$	129,500.00	
Australian Unity Opening Balance	\$	186,424.96	
<b>Bank Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 366,967.99</b>
Annual Budget Receipts	\$	251,609.21	
Building Receipts	\$	52,532.42	
<b>Receipts Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 304,141.63</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>\$ 671,109.62</b>

**Payments**

BankSA Closing Balance	\$	6,655.02	
LLL Closing Balance	\$	58,068.54	
LLL Term Deposits Closing Balance	\$	-	
Australian Unity Closing Balance	\$	151,043.63	
<b>Bank Total</b>			<b>\$ 215,767.19</b>
Annual Budget Payments	\$	249,688.24	
Building Payments	\$	205,654.19	
<b>Payments Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ 455,342.43</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>\$ 671,109.62</b>

**Bank Reconciliation**

**BankSA**

Balance as per Statement	\$	6,655.02
<b>Closing BankSA Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,655.02</b>

**LLL**

Balance as per Statement	\$	58,068.54
<b>Closing LLL Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>58,068.54</b>



# Annual Budget Receipts & Payments

	Receipts	Payments
Total from Summary Below	\$ 251,609.21	\$ 249,688.24
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,920.97	

Category	Subcategory	Receipts	Payments
Administration	GGLC Receivables	0.00	0.00
	GST	1,132.51	0.00
	IT Equipment	162.22	264.12
	LCA Funds levy	0.00	4,896.00
	Music copyright	0.00	1,148.19
	Photocopying	0.00	854.82
	Synod	0.00	795.00
	Worship Service Requirements	296.21	270.14
Administration Total		\$1,590.94	\$8,228.27
Cafe	Cash Sales	6,583.00	0.00
	Consumables	(1,390.64)	18,925.67
	GST	0.00	3,132.00
	Sales	34,386.70	0.00
	Utilities	0.00	14.45
Cafe Total		\$39,579.06	\$22,072.12
Offerings	Cash	21,452.70	0.00
	Donation/Appeal	3,000.00	0.00
	Online website donation	8,363.93	0.00
	REG	117,835.00	0.00
Offerings Total		\$150,651.63	\$0.00
Other	Catering	1,583.00	45.52
	Interest	2,366.48	0.00
	Misc	0.00	5,361.19
Other Total		\$3,949.48	\$5,406.71
Payroll	BAS tax return	0.00	10,240.00
	Fellowship	203.66	0.00
	HRS fees	0.00	615.64
	Wages & Super	2,892.24	138,197.40
	Workcover/LSL Levy	0.00	697.95
Payroll Total		\$3,095.90	\$149,750.99
Programs	Children's Ministry	0.00	903.75
	Fellowship	10.50	0.00
	Gifts	0.00	5,382.35
	Mainly Music	1,878.70	0.00
	Women's Retreat	20.00	0.00
	Youth	96.00	132.30
Programs Total		\$2,005.20	\$6,418.40
Property	Cleaning	0.00	1,190.50
	Council rates	0.00	1,597.90
	ESL TAX	574.43	1,265.70
	Facilities Hire	8,098.00	0.00
	Insurance	5,339.81	13,419.16
	Loan Repayments	0.00	15,000.00
	Maintenance & Repairs	1,489.02	5,268.34
	Security, Fire, OHWS	0.00	504.25
	Stage Lighting & Audio Equipmen	0.00	2,438.91
Property Total		\$15,501.26	\$40,684.76
Sales & Fundraising	Fete	32,650.37	12,750.09
	LCA Car parking	1,885.37	0.00
	Olive Oil	700.00	0.00
Sales & Fundraising Total		\$35,235.74	\$12,750.09
Utilities	Electricity	0.00	1,704.45
	Gas	0.00	194.56
	SA Water	0.00	1,697.89
	Telephone/Internet	0.00	780.00
Utilities Total		\$0.00	\$4,376.90
Grand Total		\$251,609.21	\$249,688.24

## Building Receipts & Payments

	Receipts	Payments
<b>Total from Summary Below</b>	\$ 52,532.42	\$ 205,654.19
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	\$ (153,121.77)	

<i>Category</i>	<i>Subcategory</i>	Receipts	Payments
Manse Upgrade	Donation/Appeal	3,500.09	0.00
	Future Provision	15,000.00	0.00
	GST	14,066.49	0.00
	Interest	19,965.84	0.00
	New Build	0.00	150,042.72
	Site Works	0.00	55,611.47
<b>Manse Upgrade Total</b>		<b>\$52,532.42</b>	<b>\$205,654.19</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$52,532.42</b>	<b>\$205,654.19</b>

**GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Sundry Account Balances as at 31 December 2024**

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS**

**1. Lutheran Laypeople's League - Asaroka Support**

Opening Balance 1/1/2024	7,452.64
Deposits	115.00
Interest Credited	152.92
Withdrawals	-5,338.96
<b>Closing Balance 31/12/2024</b>	<b>\$2,381.60</b>

**TERM DEPOSITS**

**1. Lutheran Laypeople's League**

Opening Balance 1/1/2024	48,000.00
Deposits	0.00
Interest Credited	2,334.38
Withdrawals - Transfer to LLL REG Account	-50,334.38
<b>Closing Balance 31/12/2024</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**2. Lutheran Laypeople's League**

Opening Balance 1/1/2024	47,500.00
Deposits	0.00
Interest Credited	2,310.06
Withdrawals - Transfer to LLL REG Account	-49,810.06
<b>Closing Balance 31/12/2024</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**3. Lutheran Laypeople's League**

Opening Balance 1/1/2024	34,000.00
Deposits	0.00
Interest Credited	702.73
Withdrawals - Transfer to LLL REG Account	-34,702.73
<b>Closing Balance 31/12/2024</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**OTHER INVESTMENTS**

**1. Australian Unity Cash**

Opening Balance 1/1/2024	6,424.96
Deposits - Interest from Property Investments	14,618.67
Deposits - Property Investment Redemptions	150,000.00
Interest Credited	0.00
Withdrawals - Transfer to LLL REG Account	-50,000.00
<b>Closing Balance 31/12/2024</b>	<b>\$121,043.63</b>

**2. Australian Unity Investments (12 Properties with various maturities)**

Opening Balance 1/1/2024	180,000.00
Deposits	0.00
Interest Credited - Refer Cash Account	0.00
Withdrawals - Property Investment Redemptions	-150,000.00
<b>Closing Balance 31/12/2024</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>

**LOAN ACCOUNTS**

Nil

04-May-2025

## AUDIT REPORT

We have examined the accounts and associated records of Golden Grove Lutheran Church for the year ended 31 December 2024. In our opinion the attached financial statement, which has been prepared using the cash basis of accounting, is a true and fair view of the financial position of the Church as at that date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Hoklas', written in a cursive style.

Graeme Hoklas  
Auditor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Kupke', written in a cursive style.

Allen Kupke  
Auditor

## 2025 Budget

Category	Subcategory	2024 (ACTUAL, as of 31/12/2024)		2025	
		Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Budget Expenditure	Budget Income
Administration	GGLC Receivables	\$0	\$564		
	GST	\$0	\$1,133		
	IT Equipment	\$264	\$162		
	LCA Funds levy	\$4,896	\$0	\$5,200	\$0
	Music copyright	\$1,148	\$0	\$1,100	\$0
	Photocopying	\$855	\$0	\$1,400	\$0
	Stationery	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
	Synod	\$795	\$0		
	Worship Service Requirements	\$270	\$296	\$792	\$0
Administration Total		\$8,228	\$2,155	\$8,692	\$0
Cafe	Cash Sales	\$0	\$6,583	\$0	\$6,000
	Consumables	\$18,926	-\$1,391	\$19,000	\$0
	GST	\$3,132	\$0	\$3,200	\$0
	Sales	\$0	\$34,098	\$0	\$33,000
	Utilities	\$14	\$0	\$52	\$0
Cafe Total		\$22,072	\$39,291	\$22,252	\$39,000
Offerings	Cash	\$0	\$21,453	\$0	\$21,000
	Donation/Appeal	\$0	\$3,000		
	Online website donation	\$0	\$8,364	\$0	\$8,000
	REG	\$0	\$117,835	\$0	\$134,000
Offerings Total		\$0	\$150,652	\$0	\$163,000
Other	Catering	\$46	\$1,583	\$500	\$500
	Interest	\$0	\$2,366	\$0	\$450
	Misc	\$5,361	\$0		
Other Total		\$5,407	\$3,949	\$500	\$950
Payroll	BAS tax return	\$10,240	\$0		
	HRS fees	\$0	\$204	\$800	\$0
	JobKeeper	\$616	\$0		
	Wages & Super	\$138,197	\$2,892	\$163,180	\$2,800
	Workcover/LSL Levy	\$698	\$0	\$900	\$0
Payroll Total		\$149,751	\$3,096	\$164,880	\$2,800
Programs	Children's Ministry	\$904	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	Christian Education	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
	Fellowship	\$0	\$11	\$200	\$1,200
	Gifts	\$5,382	\$0	\$900	\$0
	Library	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
	Mainly Music	\$0	\$1,603	\$0	\$1,500
	Training	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
	Women's Retreat	\$0	\$20		
	Youth	\$132	\$96	\$500	\$0
Programs Total		\$6,418	\$1,730	\$4,500	\$2,700
Property	Cleaning	\$1,191	\$0	\$1,800	\$0
	Council rates	\$1,598	\$0	\$2,200	\$0
	ESL TAX	\$1,266	\$574	\$1,200	\$600
	Facilities Hire	\$0	\$8,098	\$0	\$6,800
	Insurance	\$13,419	\$5,340	\$9,350	\$0
	Loan Repayments	\$15,000	\$0	\$11,000	\$0
	Maintenance & Repairs	\$5,268	\$1,489	\$6,500	\$0
	Manse Repairs			\$4,400	\$0
	Security, Fire, OHWS	\$504	\$0	\$700	\$0
	Stage Lighting & Audio Equipment	\$2,439	\$0	\$500	\$0
Property Total		\$40,685	\$15,501	\$37,650	\$7,400
Sales & Fundraising	BBQs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200
	Fete	\$12,750	\$32,650	\$15,000	\$35,000
	LCA Car parking	\$0	\$1,885	\$0	\$500
	Olive Oil	\$0	\$700	\$0	\$400
Sales & Fundraising Total		\$12,750	\$35,236	\$15,000	\$37,100
Utilities	Electricity	\$1,704	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
	Gas	\$195	\$0	\$250	\$0
	SA Water	\$1,698	\$0	\$1,600	\$0
	Telephone/Internet	\$780	\$0	\$780	\$0
Utilities Total		\$4,377	\$0	\$4,630	\$0
Grand Total		\$249,688	\$251,609	\$258,104	\$252,950