



Redcliffe Uniting Church  
*At the heart of the Peninsula*



# Redcliffe Uniting Church History Project 1880 – 1990



Griffith Road Uniting Church

**Part A:  
Annual Report 1978  
and  
Summary of Parish Council Minutes  
1977 – 1979**

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CHURCH

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AUSTRALIA

REDCLIFFE

PENINSULA PARISH

PARISH

ANNUAL

MEETING

for 1978

FEBRUARY 18

1979

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT (JUNE 1977 - DECEMBER 1978).

From February 1975 the nine Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches on the Redcliffe Peninsula had been working in co-operation.

In January 1977 a Co-operative Parish was legally constituted, so that at the time of the Inauguration of Union on June 22nd 1977 we had already become acquainted with each other and had begun to see the way forward together.

The Parish has been led by three Ministers:- Rev. R. A. Paterson, Rev. J. D. Robinson, and Rev. E. McChesney Clark. As well, Rev. D. K. McLennan has served the Parish in a part-time and honorary capacity. A number of Ministers living in the district who are either without settlement or retired have also given valued service to the Parish - Rev. G. Hall, Rev. R. Lugton, Rev. A. Calvert, and Rev. C. Thompson. Lay Preachers in the area have assisted in conducting Worship. One of their number, Mr. Albert Goward, in 1978 completed 50 years of devoted service as a Lay Preacher in the Methodist and Uniting Churches. Early in 1978 Rev. R. A. Paterson had 12 weeks sick leave, and during that time the assistance of Rev. G. Moore was appreciated.

The total number of Communicant Members is 474. Morning Worship has been conducted regularly in all Churches, and Evening Worship in two Churches. Combined Services have been held on special occasions, and have met with a varied response. Worship has also been conducted weekly at Nazarene Nursing Home, and Girraween Hostel.

For the purposes of administration the Parish has been divided into three Areas. In each Area there is an Elders Council. The Elders have sought in all the Churches to support the Ministers, to maintain an oversight of all activities, to visit the people, and to build up the Church in faith and service.

In each Area also there is a Property Committee, and these Committees will be presenting their own Reports to the Annual Meeting.

The Parish Council appointed Rev. D. McLennan as Chaplain, and he has carried out a very devoted service of visitation to the people in hospital and nursing homes.

The Parish Council appointed Rev. D. McLennan also as Press Officer, and when necessary he provides news of Parish Activities to "Life & Times", or the local newspapers.

The Parish Council felt that it was necessary to have an Historical Officer whose task would be to see that items of historical interest in any of our Churches were not lost but were preserved for future generations. Rev. A. D. Calvert agreed to accept this task.

There are three Sunday Schools in the Parish at Gerald Avenue, Chatham St., and Josephine St., with a total enrolment of 216 children at the end of 1978. The Churches which do not have a Sunday School greatly regret that because of this they do not have much contact with young families.

The Rays & C.K's have continued to meet at Ernest St. and until June 1978 the Boys Brigade met at Chatham St.

During the year a new kind of children's activity was investigated and set up with the help of Mr. David Young - these Boys and Girls Clubs now meet at Gerald Ave. and Josephine St. & have a combined enrolment of 80 children from Grades 3 to 7.

The Parish Youth Group has continued to grow. It meets at Griffith Road, and has a membership of 23.

The Ladies Fellowships in all the Churches offer good companionship and avenues of service for the ladies of the Parish. The money which they raise in diverse and interesting ways goes to support the Church locally and further afield.

The Ministers assisted by a number of Lay people have conducted Religious Instruction Classes in Primary and High Schools on the Peninsula.

The Parish Council is comprised of elected Representatives of all of our Congregations, Elders Councils, and Property Committees, together with the Ministers, Ministers without settlement, and Lay Preachers. At full strength this has given us 47 people on our Parish Council. In the period of 18 months under review, the full Council has met 12 times, and the Executive 10 times.

The Council has sought to streamline its activity by appointing Committees. The following are permanent Committees:-

1. Finance Committee
2. Christian Education Committee
3. Christian Outreach Committee
4. Social Concern Committee
5. Property Development Committee
6. Koolkuna Committee
7. Blue Nursing Service Committee
8. New Haven Committee
9. Social & Fund-raising Committee.

Other short term Committees have been appointed to do specific Jobs -

1. Stewardship Committee 1977
2. Stewardship Committee 1978
3. Parish Settlements Committee June 1978
4. Parish Settlements Committee December 1978.

The Finance Committee has been convened by Mr. N. Grant, and the Parish Council has constantly received from it good advice regarding all the financial concerns of the Parish. The Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report show what a tremendous task they have had.

The Christian Education Committee convened by Rev. G. Hall has undertaken a great variety of tasks ---

- conducted a survey of the devotional aids used by people in the Parish, and then introduced the International Bible Reading Association Notes.
- arranged training sessions for people doing Parish Visitation.
- encouraged study groups and a Men's Dinner during Bible Month in September 1977. This Men's Dinner proved to be the nucleus of the Men's Society which is now flourishing.
- organised a Vacation Church School in January 1978.
- brought young families together on a number of occasions for a barbecue, discussion, and entertainment.
- studied the functioning of all-age Sunday Schools, and recommended that we establish one in the Parish.
- held a consultation with Members of the Presbytery Mission and Education Committee.
- conducted a Parish Survey which led to a consultation at which attempts were made to make plans for the Parish for the next 3 years.

The Christian Outreach Committee has been convened by Mr. A. Watson. It has arranged 3 Parish Fellowship Teas followed by combined Evening Services at which the Guest Speakers have been:- Miss Margaret Mosson, a Missionary from South India; Mr. Devasundaram, an Indian who was in Australia in relation to the Methodist Church - "One Great Day of Sharing"; and Rev. R. Elvery of the Division of Home Mission. Parish Family Camps were arranged in Sept.-Oct. 1977 (attended by 37 people), and May 1978 (attended by 60 people). Representatives attended Meetings in Brisbane in relation to the Leighton Ford Reachout Program. This Committee accepted responsibility for organising the "Life Line Door Knock Appeal in Redcliffe in March 1978."

The Social Concern Committee was convened by Mrs. Fran. Lugton. Parish Fellowship Teas and combined Evening Services were arranged at which Speakers were:- Rev. John Woodley (Director of Division of Citizenship), who spoke on the role of Social responsibility in the Uniting Church in Australia.

- Dr. Noel Preston (Education Officer of Action for World Development). A Uranium Forum was well attended, and the Speakers for and against Uranium Mining were Rev. Dr. Thomas Peacock and Rev. Prof. Hans. Spykerboer.

A Program for teaching the English language to Migrants was initiated, and investigations were made into the need for an Adult Literacy Program.

The Property Development Committee consisted of Representatives from each of the 3 Property Committees under the convenorship of Rev. J. Robinson. The task of this Committee was to look at the situation we have in the Parish because we have such a large area and ten properties with eight sets of buildings. A great deal of time has been spent in many ways in consideration of this problem, and most recently the Parish Council has met with Rev. R. Elvery of the Department of Parish Services.

The Property Development Committee has now been superseded by the Property Planning Committee with Rev. J. Robinson as Convenor. This Committee has terms of reference and a plan of action suggested by Rev. R. Elvery, and we look forward to some progress in this regard in 1979.

KOOLKUNA which in the Presbyterian Church was a home for unmarried mothers ceased to be needed for this purpose. The Division of Child and Family Welfare converted it into a Family Care Home, and a local management Committee has been set up to administer the home.

THE BLUE NURSING SERVICE COMMITTEE functions as an agency of the Parish Council, with Rev. J. D. Robinson as Director. The Director and nine Members of the 15-strong Committee are appointed by the Parish Council. The Blue Nursing Service pays to the Parish Council \$1000 per year, as a contribution towards Parish funds.

The Blue Nursing Service Committee has plans for Extensions to Nazarene Hospital, and during 1978 conducted a very successful Appeal for the Building Fund.

NEW HAVEN UNITS while administered by the Church's Division of Aged Care, have a local supervisory Committee appointed by the Parish Council with Rev. R. A. Paterson as Chairman.

Our financial situation has been of continual concern to us - there has been a feeling that the General Fund has suffered, because so much money has to go to maintain all our properties. It was decided that we would set up a Social & Fund-raising Committee - this has not yet begun to function, but we have high hopes for it in 1979.

STEWARDSHIP. When we came into the Uniting Church, the Methodist Church already had contracted with the Department of Christian Education to conduct a Stewardship Program in September 1978. The Parish Council decided to allow this arrangement to stand, but decided to conduct a Program itself in September 1977. This locally run program brought the systems of all the Churches together, brought 52 new people into the Envelope System, and established some increased giving. The full scale 'Design for Living' Program was carried out in September 1978. A great deal of valuable visitation work was done. We now have 334 people using Offering Envelopes, and Pledges range from 20 cents to \$22 per week.

While there are many people not prepared to pledge it is impossible to arrive at an estimated Income, or to say how successful a Stewardship Program has been. However, the average offering over recent weeks has been quite markedly increased. The cost to the Parish for the Department run Program was \$2863.

A PARISH SETTLEMENTS COMMITTEE was set up in June 1978, because Rev. J. Robinson's 5 Year Settlement in the Parish would finish at the end of 1978. The Parish Council adopted the recommendation of that Settlement's Committee that Mr. Robinson's Settlement be extended by one year. His Settlement will now conclude at the end of 1979, and a new Settlement's Committee, under the co-chairmanship of Rev. E. McChesney Clark, and Rev. D. Mc.Lonnan is dealing with the matter of finding a new Minister to commence in the Parish in 1980.

In addition to the visit of Rev. R. Elvery, the Parish Council has also been addressed by Rev. S. Cassells on the 'Synod Development Fund', and Rev. C. Schloss on 'Family Care Homes'.

The Parish was honoured and delighted by the visit of the Moderator of the Qld. Synod (Rev. R. Busch) on Sunday, 6th November 1977. He spoke at a combined Morning Service in Griffith Road Hall, and afterwards met people during morning tea in the grounds of the Manse.

Towards the end of 1977 the Kate St. Congregation decided to discontinue using their buildings. There were a number of City Council requisitions on the buildings which the Parish could not afford to meet. This was a sad occasion for the whole Parish, but particularly for the small band of devoted people for whom the Kate St. Church had been a very special place for many years. The little Church was packed for the closing Service in November.

The buildings were subsequently demolished free of charge by Christian Outreach folk in return for the materials which they were able to use. The Kate St. congregation has remained a separate entity, and meets at Anzac Avenue with the Anzac Avenue congregation.

At the end of 1978, the congregation at Jeays St. decided to discontinue holding Services there. They will meet again on the first Sunday in March to review the situation.

Obviously it is impossible to include in a Report all that has taken place since we became the Uniting Church, but perhaps sufficient has been said to show that we have been busy.

Sometimes too we have been very frustrated -

- because we dont seem to be able to make up our minds about what to do with properties.
- because in so many ways we continue to function as we did before Union.
- because we dont have the money to do some of the things we want to do e.g. buy a Church Bus.
- because there seem to be so many committees taking up so much of our time.
- because it is so hard to find people to work on Committees, or do some of the other necessary jobs - so often it is the same few willing workers.
- because when functions are arranged they are sometimes so poorly supported.

But in spite of all the frustrations, the tremendous event of the period we are reviewing is the fact that we came together into the Uniting Church, and because of that reconciliation, perhaps we are seeing a little more clearly what it is that God requires of us in this place.

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA REDCLIFFE PENINSULA PARISH  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 21st. November 1977 - 31st. December 1978

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Cr. Balance	1933 - 84		
Envelope Offerings	39423-12	Ministerial Exp.	32423 - 04
Loose Offerings	<u>9073-22</u>	Budgets & Beneficiary	12303 - 96
Donations	2170 - 71	Advertising	244 - 72
Biscuit Drive	180 - 40	Telephone	593 - 98
Proceeds May Parish Camp	57 - 80	Stationery & Repairs	573 - 86
Workers Compensation Board	130 - 90	Rates (Susan Av. & Kate St.)	374 - 22
Trash & Treasure Fair	1062 - 63	Stewardship Exps.	2863 - 05
Dept. of Mission	75 - 00	Christmas Bowl 1977	1239 - 46
Interest (Bank & C.B.A.)	393 - 17	Amounts for Appeals	597 - 01
Christmas Bowl 1977 & 1978	2516 - 07	Vacation Bible School	30 - 62
Amounts Received for Appeals	642 - 51	Study Books	41 - 80
		D.C.E. (Youth Club)	100 - 00
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			\$ 51385 - 72
		Balance	<hr/>
			6273 - 65
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	\$ 57659 - 37		\$ 57659 - 37
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AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR APPEALS

BANK RECONCILIATION

World Mission Appeal	184-06	Cr. Balance 4/1/79	6874-95
D.C.E. 500 Appeal	172-50	Less 421 Joint Board	55-20
Bible Society	59-28	422 N.J.Rodd	42-00
C.T.A.	53-97	423 Q.T.L.	2-10
Child & Family Welfare	119-00	424 Children's Homes	2-00
Home Mission	9-60	425 U.C.A. Foundation	500-00
Red Cross Africa Appeal	40-00		<hr/>
Misc.	4-10		\$ 6273-76
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Cr. Balance	6273-65
C.B.A. Properties	8800-00
U.C.A. Foundation	<u>500-00</u>

Total Cr. Balance \$ 15573-65

Audited & found correct

N. S. McLean 5/2/79

ESTIMATED BUDGET 1979

Budget		8,500 - 00
Beneficiary Fund		2,871 - 00
Ministerial Stipnds		31,000 - 00
Travelling		5,000 - 00
Advertising		250 - 00
Telecom		600 - 00
Rates		375 - 00
Stationery, Repairs, Postages		804 - 00
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		\$ 49,400 - 00
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Average per Sunday \$ 950 - 00



SUMMARY OF CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS.

	Confirmed Members	Baptised Members	Members in Association	Adherents	Average Attendance at Worship		Number of Elders	Number of Baptisms	Number of Marriages.
					A.M.	P.M.			
Griffiths Rd.	95	2	1	79	60	18	10	5	17
Jeays St.	18	-	-	46	16		2	-	-
Anzac Avenue	14	-	3	3	18		2	-	1
Kate St.	13	-	-	-	8		2	-	-
Josephine St.	107	125	2	6	64	18	9	27	33
Buckingham St.	41	-	-	45	28		3	5	2
Ernest St.	80	-	-	33	58	25	7	8	7
Chatham St.	49	-	-	37	28		6	4	-
Gerald Avenue	57	-	-	40	35		5	4	-
<u>Totals</u>	474	127	6	289	315	61	46	53	60

DETAILS OF CONGREGATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

Name of organisation	Number of enrolled members	Average attendance	Income in 1978	Credit Balance Dec. 1978
<u>Ladies' Fellowships -</u>				
Griffiths Rd. - Jeays St.	22	16	\$749	\$238
Anzac Ave. - Kate St.	18	15	\$356	\$50
Josephine St.	30	21	\$724	\$296
Buckingham St.	14	10	\$1247	\$290
Ernest St.	24	16	\$1415	\$1414
Chatham St.	20	16	\$303	\$33
Gerald Avenue	16	14	\$514	\$215
Griffiths Rd. Evening Fellowship	12	9	\$114	\$55
Josephine St. Evening Fellowship	12	8	\$96	\$22
<u>Sunday Schools -</u>				
Josephine St. - Griffiths Rd.	84	50	\$325	\$235
Chatham St. (Combined)	82	60	\$259	\$351
Gerald Avenue	50	40	\$432	\$276
<u>Choirs -</u>				
Griffiths Rd.	14	13	\$46	\$24
Josephine St.	8	6		
Ernest St.	14	11		
Chatham St.	4	3		
<u>Bible Study Groups -</u>				
Josephine St.	8	6		
Gerald Ave.	11	11		
Buckingham St.				
<u>Bowls Clubs -</u>				
Chatham St.	27	10		\$273
Gerald Avenue	24	20	\$200	\$215
<u>Day Kindergarten -</u>				
Josephine St.	50			

DETAILS OF PARISH ORGANISATIONS.

Name of organisation	Number of enrolled members	Average attendance	Income in 1978	Credit Balance Dec. 1978
Parish Fellowship Hour		50		
Parish Social Club	20	12		
Mens Society		20		
Parish Youth Group	23	18	\$225	\$90
<u>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs -</u>				
Josephine St	50	35	\$292	\$142
Gerald Avenue	30	20	\$133	\$40
Order of Knights	14	12	\$239	\$193
Rays	14	12	\$54	\$47
Boys Brigade	(Disbanded in June 1978.)			

PROPERTY COMMITTEES.

Area			Income in 1978	Credit Balance Dec. 1978
Northern Area			\$2562	\$1359
Central Area			\$2587	\$1256
Southern Area			\$1524	\$1616

# REDCLIFFE UNITING CHURCH

## PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS

### SUMMARY OF MINUTES (1977)

#### 18<sup>th</sup> March 1977

##### Notes:

- First record of the meeting of the Redcliffe Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1977
- According to these Minutes, a meeting had been conducted prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> March, but there is no record of that meeting
- The inauguration of the Uniting Church of Australia was **26<sup>th</sup> June 1977**
- After Union, the Redcliffe Uniting Church will be an amalgamation of 9 separate congregations of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian denominations:
  - Anzac Ave (Congregational)
  - Buckingham St (Methodist)
  - Chatham St (Presbyterian)
  - Ernest St (Methodist)
  - Gerald Ave (Methodist)
  - Griffiths Rd (Methodist)
  - Jeays St (Presbyterian)
  - Josephine St (Presbyterian)
  - Kate St (Congregational)
- The Redcliffe Parish has been divided into three areas, borders according to the boundaries used by the Redcliffe City Council:
  - **Southern Area** (to include Chatham St, Gerald Ave and Ernest St congregations)
  - **Central Area** (to include Buckingham St and Josephine St congregations)
  - **Northern Area** (to include Griffiths Rd, Jeays St, Kate St and Anzac Ave congregations)
- One of the initial tasks of the newly formed Redcliffe Parish Council was to find a way of managing and organising this disparate group into one body
- Two senior bodies were set up:
  - Elders Council
  - Property Committee
- Each congregation appointed representatives to each body

##### Main Business of Meeting:

- Meeting was constituted with Bible Reading and Prayer by the Chair Rev AR Paterson
- Thirty four members of Council were present
- Establishment of three Property Committees with representatives from relevant congregations (See Other Business)
- It was also suggested that three additional committees be set up, one representative from each congregation to be appointed to each committee:
  - Outreach
  - Christian Education
  - Social Concern
- New Notice Boards to prepared for each on the 9 church properties

## **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Property Committees:
  - Southern Area Committee has not yet met
  - Central Area Committee:
    - Discussion re future operation of accounts
    - Matters concerning insurance of buildings
    - Buckingham St celebrations on 18 / 19 June
  - Northern Area Committee:
    - Griffiths Rd church is being painted
    - Kate St and Anzac Ave churches are in a bad state of repair; recommendation not to repair buildings at this stage
    - Jeays St church requires repairs to guttering and drainage
  - Methodist Parsonage Property Board:
    - Will continue to operate separately until June
- Financial Committee:
  - Financial Report

## **Other Business:**

### **Membership of the three Property Committees:**

- Southern Area:
  - Chatham St: Mrs Avery  
Mrs Hedley  
Mr Dooley
  - Gerald Ave: Mr Buckley  
Mrs Buckley  
Mrs Donahue  
Mr Granville
  - Ernest St: To be advised
- Central Area:
  - Josephine St: Rev RA Paterson (Chair)  
Mr Benson  
Mrs Arthur  
Mr Johns  
Mrs Johns
  - Buckingham St: Mr Thompson (Secretary)  
Mr Goward (Treasurer)  
Mr Watson  
Mrs Hounsell
- Northern Area:
  - Griffiths Rd: Rev E McChesney –Clark (Chair)  
Mr Wareham (Secretary)  
Mr McLean (Treasurer)  
Mr Broderson  
Mr Kidd
  - Jeays St: Mr Matheson  
Mrs Matheson
  - Kate St: Mrs Carter
  - Anzac Ave: Mrs Little

## **23<sup>rd</sup> March 1977** (Parish Council Executive)

- Meeting constituted with Bible Reading and Prayer by the Chair Rev D McLennan
- Nine members of the Parish Council were present
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

## **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Inauguration of Union:
  - Australian-wide telecast of the inauguration of the Uniting Church of Australia from Sydney Town Hall on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am
  - A local combined celebration service will be held at Clontarf State High School at 9.00am (transport to be arranged)
  - Presbytry to arrange combined service of celebration at Aspley High School
  - Suggested that local Bible Study / House Groups meet on evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> June to watch a re-broadcast of the Inaugural Service from Sydney, together
- Education regarding the Uniting Church:
  - Discussion re the need to provide information to parishioners and the general public
  - Material to made available through local church
  - Rev D McLennan to act as Publicity Officer advising the media of details regarding Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>
- Church Records:
  - The question of how to store old church records under deliberation
  - No decision made at this stage
- Church Notice Boards:
  - Church Notice Boards to be changed to read:
    - Crest of the Uniting Church
    - Uniting Church in Australia
    - Redcliffe Peninsula Parish
    - Street name (eg "Jeays St")

## **22<sup>nd</sup> April 1977**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman Rev A R Paterson
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

## **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Southern Area Property Committee:
  - Representatives from Ernest St Congregation:
    - Mr J Hooper
    - Mr M Brown
    - Mr H. Harris
    - Mr R Watson
- Parish Council:
  - Office Bearers:
    - Rev J. Robinson (Chair)
    - Mr H Harris (Vice Chair)
    - Mrs J Donahue (Secretary)
    - Mr H Harris (Treasurer)
  - Representatives on other Committees:
    - Outreach:
      - Mrs Spies (Buckingham St)
      - Mrs Watson (Buckingham St)
      - Mrs Rich (Josephine St)
      - Rev Lugton (Griffiths Rd)
      - Mrs Little (Anzac Ave)
    - Christian Education:
      - Mrs Edwards (Buckingham St)
      - Mrs Paterson (Josephine St)
      - Mrs Beales (Griffiths Rd)
      - Miss Harvey (Anzac Ave)

- Social Concern:
  - Mr Wright (Buckingham St)
  - Miss Higgins (Josephine St)
  - Mrs Althaus (Griffiths Rd)
  - Mrs Greenhalgh (Griffiths Rd)

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Parish Executive:
  - Plans for combined celebration:
    - Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am on
    - Venue: Clontarf State High School
  - Elders to organise House Groups to view telecast of Inaugural Service of the Uniting Church of Australia from Sydney
  - Erection of new notice boards on church properties
- Elders Council:
  - Reports from three Elders Councils
- Property Committees:
  - Area Property Committees to raise and manage their own funds
  - Each Property Committee responsible for cleaning and care of church and church grounds
- Finance Committee:
  - Yet to be appointed; to have oversight of all church finances
  - Stewardship Committee to be formed:
    - to investigate financial structure of the Parish
    - to prepare a draft budget
    - to investigate possible Stewardship campaign and envelope `system` to be implemented by the Redcliffe Uniting Church
    - to appoint a Recorder who will keep records of pledging / giving from members of the congregation
- Worship Committee:
  - Discussion re the service of celebration on 26<sup>th</sup> June at Clontarf State High School:
    - Invitation to local dignitaries to attend
    - Redcliffe Municipal Band invited to assist prior to the service
    - Appropriate mementos to be distributed
    - Transport to be arranged
- Pastoral Visitation:
  - Rev D McLennan (Chaplain to Hospitals)
  - Reported on visits to local hospitals, nursing homes etc

### **11<sup>th</sup> May 1977 (Parish Council Executive)**

- Meeting was constituted with Bible Reading and Prayer by the Chair
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Inauguration of Union:
  - Plans are in hand for the inaugural meeting of the Redcliffe Uniting Church at Clontarf State High School on 26<sup>th</sup> June
  - Banners representing the three denominations are to be on display (one for each denomination)
  - Mrs Harris is preparing a dramatic presentation for the service
  - Invitations are to be sent to local dignitaries to attend the service

- Education regarding the Uniting Church:
  - A notice will be placed in the Redcliffe Herald (on 22<sup>nd</sup> June) with details of the services at Clontarf State High School and Aspley State High School on 26<sup>th</sup> June
  - Rev D McLennan to approach local radio and TV stations re advertising these services
- Wearing of Name Badges: Church members requested to wear name badges to make it easier for members to get to know each other during this time of transition
- Stewardship and Finance:
  - Current Finance Committee to handle finances during this period of transition
  - A draft budget to be drawn up by a small committee comprising Mr N. Grant, Miss E Goerssling and Mr G Lipp
  - Three Recorders (one from each area) be selected to establish an 'envelope system' for the Redcliffe Uniting Church
- Plans immediately following Union:
  - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July:
    - combined service at Griffiths Rd Church Hall at 9.30 am
    - to be followed by a Parish Meeting
- Miss Margaret Mossom (a Missionary on Leave from India) has advised that she will be available to take part in an evening service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Senior Minister: The Chairman of the Parish Council is to be regarded as the Senior Minister of the Parish

## **27<sup>th</sup> May 1977**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- With the inauguration of the Uniting Church imminent and preparations under way for the service at Clontarf High School, attention was focused on issues relating to the forthcoming celebrations:
  - Service on the 26<sup>th</sup> June
  - Wearing of Name Badges is encouraged
  - Advertising re the Uniting Church in the media
  - Notice Boards on church properties

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Parish Executive:
  - Senior Minister as Chairman of the Parish Council (endorsed)
  - Advise that each Property Committee form a sub-committee comprising two members from area re rationalising of property within the parish
- Elders Council:  
The Northern Area Elders council noted a desire to continue with the monthly Communion Service
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
  - Report from Mr N Grant re proposed draft budget
- Christian Education:
  - Encourage continuation of small groups / Home Groups
  - Encourage implementation of training sessions for parish visitors
  - Obtain more copies of Life and Times to promote its distribution

- Christian Outreach:
  - Plans are in hand for Evening Service on 12<sup>th</sup> June at Griffith Rd when Miss Margaret Mossom will be the guest speaker

## **17<sup>th</sup> June 1977**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- With the inauguration of the Uniting Church imminent and preparations under way for the service at Clontarf High School, attention was focused on issues relating to the forthcoming celebrations:
  - Guests at the inaugural service at Clontarf State High School
  - Uniting Church Name Badges
- Evening Church Services are to continue as previously:
  - Two evening church services in the Parish
  - An additional evening church service with a `Family` focus under consideration
- Arrangements after Union:
  - Parish Meeting:
    - Date: 19<sup>th</sup> July (following morning church service)
    - Venue: Griffiths Rd Hall
  - Congregational Meetings:
    - Dates: 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July
    - Following morning church service
  - Parish Council Meetings:
    - Date: 27<sup>th</sup> July
    - Venue: Anzac Ave Church Hall
- Appointment of Press Officer: Still to be decided
- Social and Fund Raising Committee:
  - To be formed
  - Mr a Broderson appointed Convenor of that committee

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Elders Council:
  - Reports from each of the three councils were received
  - A suggestion from the Northern Area that a Re-consecration Service be held in September (in conjunction with Bible Month)
- Finance Committee:
  - Finance Report
  - All existing bank accounts to be closed on 22nd June and be re-opened in the name of "Uniting Church of Australia, Redcliffe Peninsula Parish"
- Property Committees:
  - Verbal Report from the Southern Area Property Committee
  - Northern Property Committee:
    - Jeays St Church is channelling storm water into the street
    - It seems likely that the City Council will issue a demolition order on the Kate St church
    - A request to increase membership on the each property committee to `up to 6 members from each congregations`
- Christian Education:
  - Concern expressed that very little devotional material appears to be used by church members
  - Suggests that the use of the International Bible Reading Association or Scripture Union material be encouraged in 1978



- Christian Outreach:
  - A very successful Fellowship Tea was held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June when Miss Margaret Mossom, a Missionary from South India, was their guest speaker
- Social Concern Committee:
  - Some discussion re the role and function of this committee
  - Rev J Woodley is to be invited to address a Fellowship Tea re the role of social responsibility in the Uniting Church
  - Forum (forthcoming): The attitude of Christians towards Uranium mining
  - Some interest expressed in offering `conversational English` to migrants
- Presbytry:
  - Rev E McChesney Clark representative
  - First meeting of the North Brisbane Presbytry:
    - Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August
    - Venue: Chermside Uniting Church
- Nomination of Parish Representatives to Presbytry
- Presbytry celebrations re Church Union:
  - Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June
  - Venue: Apley State High School

## **27<sup>th</sup> July 1977**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall
- **This was the first meeting of the Redcliffe Uniting Church Parish Council after its inauguration on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1977**

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

#### **Declaration of Council Membership:**

The following were declared to be members of the Parish Council:

- Settled Ministers:
  - Rev EC McChesney Clark
  - Rev RA Paterson
  - Rev JD Robinson
- Ministers without Settlement:
  - Rev A Calvert
  - Rev G Hall
  - Rev R Lugton
  - Rev D McLellan
- One representative from each Elder's Council:
  - Northern Area: Miss D. Marler
  - Central Area: Alan Watson
  - Southern Area: Not yet appointed
- Lay Preachers:
  - Mr A Goward
  - Mrs F Lugton
- One representative from each Property Committee:
  - Northern Area: Mr S. Wareham
  - Central Area: Mr S Thompson
  - Southern Area: Mr J Hooper
- Representatives from the Congregations:
  - Griffiths Rd (4): Mrs I Althaus  
Mr H Bedgood  
Mr A Broderson  
Mrs I Dye  
Mr G Hewett & Mrs B Smith (Proxies)
  - Jeays St (3): Mr C Smith  
Miss M Bailey

- Anzac Ave (3): Miss M Harvey  
Mr F Meek  
Mrs N Meek
- Kate St (3): Mrs J Carter  
Mr N Grant
- Buckingham St (3): Mrs G Spies  
Mr R Wright  
Mr W Robinson
- Josephine St (5): Mrs F Reid  
Miss A Tolmie  
Mr A Black  
Mr E Camplin  
Mr H Ludke
- Ernest St (4): Mr H Henley  
Mrs Henley  
Mr K Thomas
- Chatham St (3): Miss E Goessling  
Mr A Hedley  
Mrs E Hedley  
Mrs T White
- Gerald Ave (4): Mr D Cunningham  
Mr V Hutton  
Mr D Lanham  
Miss Chambers
- Election of Office Bearers (Parish Council):
  - Chair: Rev R A Paterson
  - Secretary: Miss ME Bailey
  - Treasurer: Miss AR Tolmie
- Convenors and Members of Committees:
  - Christian Education: Rev G Hall (Convenor)  
Miss M Harvey  
Mrs I Beales  
Mrs M Paterson  
Mrs E Edwards
  - Christian Outreach: Mr A Watson (Convenor)  
Mrs S Robinson  
Mrs G Spies  
Mrs N Watson  
Mrs H Little  
Rev R Lugton
  - Social Concern: Mrs F Lugton (Convenor)  
Mrs I Althaus  
Mrs Greenhalgh  
Miss P Higgins  
Miss J Schloss  
Mr R Wright  
Mr W Kylie
  - Finance Committee: Miss A Tolmie  
Mr N Grant  
Mr W Johns  
Mr Dale
- Representatives to Presbytry:
  - Miss D Chambers
  - Mrs J Silver
  - Mr E Camplin
  - Alternatives: Mr A Watson  
Mr H Ludke  
Mr K Thomas
- Press Officer: Rev D McLennan agreed to fill the role as a temporary measure

## **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Finance Committee:
  - The Treasurer presented the final Financial Statement of the Redcliffe Peninsula Co-operative Parish Account (to 21<sup>st</sup> June 1977)
  - The Treasurer then presented the first monthly statement for the Uniting Church Redcliffe Peninsula Parish
- Ministers' Meeting recommended that the Parish Council Executive be comprised of: the Ministers, Office Bearers and Convenors of Committees
- Christian Education:
  - The Convenor reported that 34 Elders attended the Visitation Program conducted recently
  - The committee is working on a program for a "Bible Month" for September of this year
- Christian Outreach:
  - A Family Camp is being organised for the last weekend in September; proposed venue: Greenwood Campsite
- Presbytry:
  - The first meeting of the Uniting Church Presbytry will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1977
- Stewardship:
  - The following people were appointed to the Stewardship Committee:
    - Mr A Broderson (Convenor)
    - Recorders: Miss D Marler  
Mrs O Cahill  
Mr V Hutton
    - Mr H Bedgood
    - Miss M Bailey
  - September was to be designated "Stewardship Month"
  - Plans were in place for the forthcoming Stewardship Campaign
- Social and Fund-raising Committee:
  - A proposal was put to the Parish Council to establish a Social and Fund-raising Committee with the intention of raising much-needed additional revenue for the Redcliffe Uniting Church
  - This issue to be further investigated
- Elders Councils:
  - Northern Area:
    - Plans are in hand for the distribution of Membership Cards
    - An Elders Visitation is being planned to members
    - Confirmation Classes will be available in the near future
    - Discipleship booklets are being purchased for distribution
    - A Cradle Roll (for infants) is being prepared
  - Central Area:
    - Plans are in place for the preparation of Membership Cards to be made available during Elders Visitation
    - Concern re "imbalance" in some congregations, composed of mainly older people (eg Buckingham St)
- Property Committees:
  - Central Area:
    - Josephine St:
      - Repairs to Manse property
      - A fan to be installed in the Choir area
    - Buckingham St:
      - Stumps to be replaced under church

## **Other Business:**

- Harvest Festival to be held in all churches on 21<sup>st</sup> August
- Overseas Mission Deputation on 16<sup>th</sup> October
- Visit of State Moderator of the Uniting Church in late October

## **14<sup>th</sup> August 1977** (Parish Council Executive)

- Meeting was constituted with Bible Reading and Prayer by the Chair
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Use of Church Building:
  - There are nine church buildings in the Parish; are these all fully utilised?
  - A special meeting of the Executive to be called for 11<sup>th</sup> September
  - Questions for consideration:
    - Numbers of people in the congregation
    - Distances people have to travel to attend church
    - Condition of buildings
- Policy regarding Sunday Schools:
  - The Buckingham St congregation has expressed concern that they are cut off from young families in the area because they have no Sunday School (See 27<sup>th</sup> July 1977)
  - Executive recommended that the Education Committee look in to the question of all-age church schools to involve whole families)
- Appointment of Lay Representatives to State Synod:
  - The Chairman to approach 4 people who might be interested in this role
- Stewardship:
  - Thanksgiving Sunday will be held on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>
  - An invitation to attend the Thanksgiving Service will be handed out at church or hand delivered to members of the congregation in the week prior to this
  - The use of the "Envelope System" will be introduced in early September
  - A letter from the Dept of Parish Services re allocating the period 19<sup>th</sup> September – 6<sup>th</sup> October 1978 for a visit to the Redcliffe Parish
- State Moderator (Rev R Busch) to visit Redcliffe Parish on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November; Executive recommend that a combined service be held on that day

## **26<sup>th</sup> August 1977**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Appointment of members to Parish Council
  - Representatives from Elders Councils:
    - Southern Area Elders Council: Mrs J Silver
    - Central Area Elders Council: Mr A Watson
    - Gerald Ave Congregation: Miss D Chambers
  - Representatives to Education Committee:
    - Chatham St Congregation: Mrs B Miller
  - Members of Finance Committee:
    - Miss Tolmie
    - Mr Grant
    - Mr Johns
    - Mr Dale
- Prebytry:
  - Parish Representatives to Presbtry:
    - Miss Tolmie
    - Mrs Miller

- Press Officer:
  - No appointment to date
  - Rev D McLennan agreed to fill the role as a temporary measure

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Stewardship Promotion Program for 1978: A letter from the Executive (See 14<sup>th</sup> August) re visit from Dept of Parish Services over the period 19<sup>th</sup> September – 6<sup>th</sup> October 1978
- Parish Executive:
  - Appointment of lay representatives to Synod:
    - Miss Chambers
    - Mr Bedgood
    - Alternatives: Mr Watson  
Mr Lister  
Mrs Lister
  - Visit of State Moderator:
    - Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November
    - Venue: Griffiths Rd Hall
    - Combined Church Service at 9.30 am
    - Followed by Morning Tea
- Elders Councils:  
Reports were received from:
  - Southern Area Elders Council
  - Northern Area Elders Council
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
  - Retiring Offering (to assist the work of Hospital Chaplains) received from the following congregations:
    - Ernest St
    - Chatham St
    - Buckingham St
    - Griffiths Rd
  - Methodist Parsonage Property Board (See 18<sup>th</sup> March): Two ex-Methodist Parsonages to come under the Property Committee
- Property Committee:
  - Northern Area Property Committee:
    - Painting of Jeays St church (front exterior)
    - Report re the poor condition of Kate St property has been received from Redcliffe City Council
- Christian Education Committee:
  - Bible Study Month to be held in September
  - A Men's Evening to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September; Guest Speaker from Bible Society
- Outreach Committee:
  - Family Camp to be held on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> September
  - Mr A Devasundaram, from South India representing the Christian Conference of Asia will be visiting Qld in October; a Fellowship Tea to be arranged with Mr Devasundaram as Guest Speaker:
    - Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October
    - Venue: Ernest St Hall
- Social Concern Committee:
  - Some interest has been shown in the Migrant Education Scheme; this is to be encouraged
  - Plans under consideration for a forum addressing the Uranium question
  - Contact has been made with Social Responsibility groups in the local Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches re possibility of joint projects

- Stewardship:
  - Thanksgiving Service on 18<sup>th</sup> September
  - Envelopes have been printed and are ready for distribution
- Chaplaincy:
  - Report from Chaplain re Hospital Visitation
  - Visits to Maiala Court at Redcliffe and Scarborough Nursing Home

### **Other Business:**

- Visit of Mr D Young on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September to discuss Youth Work in the Redcliffe Parish

### **11<sup>th</sup> September 1977** (Parish Council Executive)

- Meeting was constituted with Bible Reading and Prayer by the Chair
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

#### Future of Church Properties:

- The purpose of this meeting was to consider the future of the various church properties within the Redcliffe Uniting Church Parish
- The number of "Preaching Places" needs to be reduced
- All congregations should start to consider future usage of church properties
- Due to safety issues (Redcliffe City Council recommendations), the Kate St church is to be closed
- The Susan St property (land only) to be retained for the time being.

### **4<sup>th</sup> October 1977** (Parish Council Executive)

- Meeting was constituted with Bible Reading and Prayer by the Chair
- The meeting was held in the Josephine St Manse
- Mr H. Harris and Mr N Jay representing the Southern and Northern Property Committees had been invited to attend this extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council Executive

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

The purpose of this meeting was to consider the future of the Methodist Parsonage Property Board (See 26<sup>th</sup> August)

### **21<sup>st</sup> October 1977** (Parish Council Executive)

- Meeting was constituted with Bible Reading and Prayer by the Chair

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Use of Kate St buildings:
  - The final service in the Kate St church will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November
  - It was recommended that the Kate St property be advertised for sale
- Property Development Committee
  - In the light of the closure of the Kate St church, it was recommended that a Property Development Committee be set up to consider the overall and future strategy in relation to church properties

- The Property Development Committee consist of one representative from each of the three Area Property Committees plus one Minister
- Methodist Parsonage Property Board
  - The matter was referred to the relevant Area Property Committee
- Moderator`s Visit:
  - Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am
  - Venue: Griffiths Rd Church Hall
  - Extra seating to be brought from Ernest St and Josephine churches
  - Stewards: to be arranged Northern Area churches
  - Flowers: Griffiths Rd Ladies Fellowship
  - Choir: Youth Group will lead the singing
  - Sunday School to finish at 9.20 to allow Sunday School teachers to attend the church service
  - Procession of Clergy will be held at the commencement of the church service
  - Morning Tea to follow church service; will be served in the garden; Northern Area Ladies Fellowship to arrange; everyone to “bring a plate”
- Finance Committee:
  - A report on the recent Stewardship Campaign
  - Weekly offerings will not cover expenses
  - Need to investigate alternative means of fund raising

## **28<sup>th</sup> October 1977**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Guest Speaker: Rev Cec Schloss (Director of Child and Family Welfare) addressed the meeting re
  - Family Care Homes where mothers and children might be cared for in times of crisis
  - Koolkuna (ex-Presbyterian “Home for Unmarried Mothers”; in the Redcliffe area) might be a suitable building for such a home
  - Suggestion that Redcliffe Parish establish a committee to consider the possibility. Committee to comprise:
    - One minister
    - One social worker
    - A number of local women who might assist
  - A team of cleaners would also need to be employed
  - Mr Schloss asked that the matter be considered and that he be advised of the decision
- Moderator`s Visit:
  - Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am
  - Venue: Griffiths Rd Church Hall
  - Plans are in hand
- Visit of Mr D Young in September:
  - See Notes 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1977
  - Mr Young experienced in Youth work has suggested a program for young people in the Redcliffe Parish
  - The program requires a team of ten leaders who will need special training
  - While the program sounds interesting, concern expressed re finding sufficient suitable leaders

## **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Executive Committee:
  - Future of Church Properties
  - The number of “Preaching Places” needs to be reduced
  - Congregations to consider future usage of church properties
  - Kate St church is to be closed
  - Susan St property to be retained for the time being
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement was received
- Stewardship Committee:
  - The Stewardship program is well underway
- Elders Council:
  - Reports were received from:
    - Central Elders Council
    - Northern Elders Council
- Property Committees:
  - Reports were received from:
    - Central Property Committee
    - Northern Property Committee
    - The final service in the Kate St church will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November; it is hoped that members from other congregations will attend this service and support Kate St congregation
- Christian Education Committee:
  - Vacation Bible School to be held in January
  - Men`s Dinner to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November
  - An informal meeting for young families to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November
- Christian Outreach Committee:
  - Family Camp (See 26<sup>th</sup> August) was a great success; 37 people attended
  - Tentative booking for another Family Camp in 1978
  - Fellowship Tea (17<sup>th</sup> October) was a great success; 80 people attended
- Social and Fund-raising Committee:
  - Catering Committee has been set up
  - Request to use the now vacant Kate St building to store goods for a proposed Trash and Treasure Sale
- Social Concern Committee:
  - The Uranium Forum on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Ministers Meeting:
  - Christmas Day Services: Services in the morning only
    - Southern Area:
      - 7.00 am Ernest St
      - 8.00 am Chatham St
      - 8.00am Gerald Ave
    - Central Area:
      - 7.00 am Josephine St
      - 8.30 am Buckingham St
    - Northern Area:
      - 7.00 / 7.30 am: Combined service at Griffiths Rd



## **9<sup>th</sup> November 1977** (Parish Council Executive)

- Meeting was constituted with Bible Reading and Prayer by the Chair

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Koolkuna Family Care Home:
  - Local Committee:
    - Minister: Rev A R Paterson
    - Social Worker: Rev G Hall
    - Committee: Yet to be determined
  - Team of Cleaners: Yet to be determined
- Youth Club:
  - Names of potential leaders to be advised
- Finance:
  - Discussion re investment of surplus funds
  - Discussion re future fund-raising activities
- Property Development Committee:
  - Discussion re the Ministerial representative of the Committee
- Historical Officer:
  - Discussion re appointing an Historical Officer to record and track information and events that might be of historical significance
  - Rev A Calvert to be asked to consider this position
  - Storage of historical documents: no decision made
- Candidates for Confirmation:
  - The names of 10 people were presented as candidates for Confirmation; all were approved
- Development in the Kippa Ring Area (West Redcliffe):
  - A block of land is for sale in the Kippa Ring area
  - Currently zoned as `Commercial`
  - Mr N Grant to make some private inquiries
- Resignation of Miss Tolmie as Treasurer

## **7<sup>th</sup> December 1977**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Guest Speaker: Rev S Cassells (Synod Development Fund) addressed the meeting re:
  - Role of the Synod Development Fund
  - This fund will incorporate former funds of:
    - Congregational Church
    - Methodist Church
    - Presbyterian Church
  - This fund will receive applications for grants from agencies and boards of Synod
  - Request that Redcliffe Parish support this appeal to raise funds
- Koolkuna Family Care Home:
  - This issue is still being investigated
  - Suggestion that a "Parish Council Welfare Committee" be established to investigate all welfare matters in the Parish
  - Committee comprising:
    - Rev G Hall
    - Rev A Paterson
    - Rev J Robinson
    - Miss M Bailey

- Ministerial Representation on Property Committee:
  - Rev J Robinson was appointed as the Ministerial Representative to the Property Committee
  - Representatives from each of the three areas:
    - Northern Area: Mr N Jay
    - Central Area: Mr W Hope
    - Southern Area: to be advised
- Historical Officer:
  - Rev A D Calvert agreed to act as Historical Officer
  - His duties would include preserving records and other items of historical interest
  - A decision has not yet been made re storage of these items

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Executive Committee:
  - The names of members who gave recently been confirmed were noted
- Finance Committee:
  - Resignation of Miss Tolmie as Treasurer
  - Mr W Robinson appointed as new Treasurer
  - Christmas Bowl Appeal
- Elders Councils:
  - Central Area Elders Council:  
Names of new Elders who have been recently commissioned at Josephine St:
    - Mrs E Rich
    - Miss J Lane
    - Mr E Camplin
    - Mr R Rode
  - Northern Area Elders Council:  
Names of new Elders who have been recently commissioned at Griffiths Rd:
    - Mr A H Kerwitz
    - Mrs J Lister
    - Mr R J Lister

Mr Stuart Lang to be accepted as a candidate for training as a Lay Preacher  
Ministers asked to consider using a greater variety in evening services (to cater for predominantly young people in the congregation)
- Property Committees:
  - Reports were received from:
    - Northern Area Property Committee
    - Central Area Property Committee
  - Methodist Parsonage Property Account was closed at the end of November
- Christian Education Committee:
  - Vacation Bible School planned for 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January 1978
  - Consideration is being given to the establishment of a Men's Society
- Christian Outreach Committee:
  - Mr E Adsett joined the Committee as a representative of the Northern Area
  - Fellowship Tea is being planned for February 1978
  - A "People's Service" to be conducted early in the new year; Ministers asked to consult with Parish Council re this
  - Parish Family Camp is planned for 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May 1978; to be held at Alexandra Headlands campsite
- Social Concern Committee:
  - The Uranium Forum (See Notes for 28<sup>th</sup> October) was very successful
  - Interest expressed in the Migrant "Home Tutor" Scheme
  - The possibility of offering an Adult Literacy Program is being investigated
- Fund-raising and Social Committee:
  - Men's Dinner, held in November, was a financial success
  - Suggestion that a Catering Service be established

- Modifications to the Kitchen at Griffiths Rd Hall in order to meet Health Inspection requirements; the matter was referred to the Northern Area Property Committee
- Youth Groups:
  - Rev J Robinson reporting
  - Leadership of Rays:
    - Farewell of Mrs V Wakeling and Mrs J Dellitt as leaders of the Rays
    - Appointment of Mrs O`Malley as new leader of the Rays
  - Leadership of Order of Knights:
    - No leader appointed at this stage for the OKs
  - Three Youth Groups to be set up in 1978 with the assistance of Mr David Young:
    - Griffiths Rd
    - Josephine St
    - Gerald Ave
- Chaplaincy: Reports by Rev D McLennan re hospital visitation
- Presbytry: Rev E McChesney Clark (Presbytry Representative) reported that:
  - Parishes contemplating major property changes must approach Presbytry first before approaching Synod
  - Presbytry must be notified before local committees for Child and Family Welfare are set up
  - Presbytry Youth Consultation will be conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February 1978

**Other Business:**

- Resignation of Mrs Silver and Mr Camplin as Lay Representatives to Presbytry
- Resignation of Miss Goessling as representative from Ernest St congregation to Parish Council
- Christmas Day Evening program:
  - As Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, only morning church services will be conducted (See Notes 28<sup>th</sup> October)
  - A Christmas Fellowship Night (Coffee, Carols and an Epilogue) will be conducted in the Anzac Ave church, commencing at 7.00pm

# REDCLIFFE UNITING CHURCH

## PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS

### SUMMARY OF MINUTES (1978)

#### 15th February 1978

- Opening devotions led by Acting Chairman (Rev E McChesney Clark; Rev RA Paterson in hospital)
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

#### Main Business of Meeting:

- Rev RA Paterson:
  - On Leave for 2 months due to illness
  - Arrangements for Supply during this time
  - Synod to meet costs involved
- Letter from Redcliffe City Council re Susan St property
- Koolkuna Family Care Home
  - A committee to be set up to be responsible for oversight of this
  - Membership:
    - Rev G Hall
    - Miss Darelle Doyle (Social Worker)
    - Ladies Fellowship and Men`s Society to nominate members to act as their representatives on this committee
- Historical Documents:
  - The Northern Area Property Committee be approached re:
    - Providing space at the Anzac Ave Church (now not in use) for storage of historical records
    - Cupboards not in use at Kate St to be sent to Anzac Ave for storage of documents
- Youth Groups:
  - New leaders for Order of Knights (OKs):
    - Mr M Gibbons (13+ age group boys)
    - Mr W Robinson ( 7 - 13 yr boys)
  - New leader of Rays (Girls)
    - Chief Ray: Mrs O`Malley
    - Assistant: Miss Joyce Schloss
- David Young Youth Groups:
  - A number of people have offered to be potential leaders
  - David Young to meet these and to decide on their suitability

#### Reports to Parish Council:

- Synod:
  - Uniting Church Foundation and Investment Board
  - Dept of Home Mission
  - Iona Passion Play
  - A bequest from the Estate of Mr TTC Dilger
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
- Elders Councils:
  - Southern Area Elders Council:
    - two additional names for their committee: Mrs A Davies and Mrs G Brooks
    - combined Fellowship Tea and Evening Service will be held at Chatham St on March 12th

- Property Development Committee:
  - Mr N Jay was welcomed as a visitor to the committee
  - Suggestions for the immediate future:
    - Arrange for a `Central Cause` in each area
    - To be based at one of the properties in that area
  - Suggestions for long term:
    - To work towards establishing one central church for the Peninsula
    - May need to investigate providing transport
- Property Committees:
  - Northern Area Property Committee:
    - Kate St property to be sold for demolition and removal
- Christian Education Committee:
  - 64 children attended the vacation Bible School
  - income received did not cover costs (to be investigated further)
- Christian Outreach Committee:
  - Rev E Elvery (Division of Home Mission) to be the guest speaker at a Fellowship Tea on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February
  - Plans are being made for a Family Camp in May; Mr Bob Warwick will be the Leader
  - Members of this committee will participate in the Life Line Door Knock Appeal (6 – 12<sup>th</sup> March)
  - Copies of the Lenten Study are available
  - Leighton Ford Visit planned for 1979
- Social Concern Committee:
  - Proposed visit of Dr Noel Preston (Action for World Development)
  - A request from a Greek gentleman who wants to learn English

## **15th March 1978** (Parish Council Executive)

- Opening devotions led by Acting Chairman (Rev J Robinson)
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Rev RA Paterson:
  - A request for further leave (due to illness)
- Koolkuna Family Care Home:
  - A meeting has been held of a group of interested people
  - Mr Kerry Brownsey in attendance
  - Next meeting at Griffiths Rd on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm
- Youth Groups:
  - David Young Youth Groups:
    - 6 potential leaders have indicated their interest
    - Awaiting action from David Young
- Land at Kippa Ring:
  - Mr N Grant reported:
    - A potential site for the new church
    - owners of the land in Apex Ave interested in selling
    - may need to be re-zoned in order to build a church
    - matter referred to Property Development Committee
- Kate St Property:
  - Synod has agreed to the sale of Kate St property
  - Demolition and removal of the building is now taking place
- Parish Bus:
  - Mr N Grant presented information on the costs involved in providing a bus service for Parishioners
  - Matter to be referred to Parish Council

- The names of newly confirmed church members were recorded
- Suggested that an evening Communion Services be held on the third Sunday of the month
- Easter Services:
  - Palm Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> March): No evening service
  - Members are encouraged to attend the Iona Passion Play (which is to be held at De la Salle College on 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.
  - Good Friday:

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
  - A new Stewardship Committee to be formed to investigate the feasibility of organising a Stewardship Campaign
- Property Development Committee
  - Rev G Hall proposed that:
    - Parish Consultation be held regarding the work of the Parish in the coming 3 years
    - this consultation be held as part of the celebrations of the first anniversary of the formation of the Uniting Church
- Christian Education Committee:
  - Rev G Hall reported on the concept of "All Age Church Schools"
  - Idea to be promoted

### **12th April 1978**

- Opening devotions led by Acting Chairman (Rev J Robinson)
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Koolkuna Family Care Home Committee:
  - A group of interested persons met on 5<sup>th</sup> April
  - The following people had registered their interest in supporting this endeavour:
    - Rev RA Paterson
    - Rev RJ Robinson
    - Miss N Doyle (Social Worker)
    - Mrs D Hall
    - Mrs M Maskelyne
    - Mrs S Pordage
    - Mrs Willson
    - Mr K Bronwsey
  - These names are to go forward to the Division of Child and Family Welfare for appointment
  - Redcliffe Uniting Parish Council is prepared to undertake this liaison role, on the understanding that they are not financially responsible for it
  - The Committee will now be known as Koolkuna Management Committee
- Church Development Fund:
  - A notice of motion that a `Church Development Fund` be established
  - Another motion put to the Parish Council that `we commence looking forward to the day when we will be more centralised in this Parish`
  - Both motions were passed and adopted
  - The question of how to implement the establishment and growth of this fund was referred to the Finance Committee

## **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Executive Committee:
  - Finance (Investment of the Estate of Mr TTC Dilger)
  - Evening Communion Service to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
  - Consultation with parish members re plans for the ensuing 3 years
  - Consideration of a bus service for use of the Parish
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
  - The current “envelope system” is not working; people are “getting behind” in their “planned giving”
  - Need to remind members to make up arrears in their “planned giving”
  - Inquiry re how RUC is meeting salary for Rev RA Paterson (on leave) and Rev G More (Supply in the absence of Rev Peterson)
- Elders Councils:
  - Reports from 3 Elders Councils:
    - Southern Area
    - Central Area
    - Northern Area
- Property Development Committee
  - The property proposed at Kippa Ring is too small for our purpose
  - The property at Susan Ave to be retained for the time being
  - The property at Kate St to be under the control of Parish Council
- Christian Education Committee:
  - A Day Camp is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> May
  - The concept of an “All-Age Sunday School” to be fully investigated
  - Consideration of a “Family Education Centre”
- Christian Outreach Committee:
  - Plans are in hand for a Parish Family Camp at Alexandra Headlands (26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May); Mr Bob Warwick as leader
  - Planning is under way for the Leighton Ford Crusade (later in the year)
- Social Concern Committee:
  - Dr Noel Preston (Education Officer for Action for World Development) is available on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May for a Fellowship Tea followed by a Parish Evening Service; to be held at Griffiths Rd
  - Concern expressed for the situation at Aurukun and Mornington Island (two aboriginal communities in the Gulf); decision to write to Rev R Busch (Moderator of the Qld Uniting Church) supporting him in the difficult role he has to play in this
  - Topics under consideration for future forums: Aurukun; Education; etc
- Ministers` Meeting:
  - Celebration of the first anniversary of the inauguration of Church Union (June 1978):
    - Each congregation to arrange their own morning service
    - Combined evening service (preceded by a Fellowship Tea) to be held at Ernest St
  - Mass Media Sunday to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June
  - Chaplaincy: Rev D McLennan
  - Presbytry: No Redcliffe representative to Presbytry
- Blue Nursing Service Committee:
  - A new constitution of the Blue Nursing Service as an activity of the Uniting Church has been formulated (ie following Church Union)

### **Other Business:**

- **Celebration of the First Anniversary of Union:**
  - On Sunday morning 25<sup>th</sup> June, each of the areas will hold a combined area service:
    - Southern Area:
      - Ernest St
      - 9.00 am
    - Central Area:
      - Josephine St
      - 8.45 am
    - Northern Area:
      - Griffiths Rd
      - 9.30 am
  - In the evening there will be a Parish Tea at Ernest St Church Hall at 5.00 pm followed by a combined Parish Service
    - Parish Tea will include:
      - Hymn-singing
      - Fellowship activity
      - Agape Meal
      - Slide-show presentation
    - The evening service will include:
      - Segments from the Parish Inaugural Church Service
      - Hymns for the new Australia Hymn Book
    - Contributions by the Parish Choir and Parish Youth Group

### **14th June 1978**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman (Rev AR Paterson)
- Rev RA Paterson and Mr C Smith welcomed back after a period of ill-health
- A letter to be sent to Rev G Moore thanking him (on behalf of the Parish Council) for his assistance during Rev RA Paterson's recent illness
- Mr N Jay is the new representative of Northern Area Property Committee
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Celebration of the First Anniversary of Union (Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June):
  - Morning Service: each area will hold its own combined service
  - Evening Service: Parish Tea at Ernest St church followed by a Parish Service
- Because of the number of committees / reports to be received at the monthly Parish Council meeting (time consuming). Reports were divided into three categories:
  - **Group A** (to be presented at every meeting of the Parish Council):
    - Executive
    - Finance Committee
    - Ministers' Meeting
    - Chaplaincy
    - Presbytry
  - **Group B** (to be presented in each alternative month's meeting):
    - Property Committee
    - Property Development Committee
    - Christian Education Committee
    - Koolkuna
  - **Group C** (to be presented in each alternative month's meeting):
    - Elders Councils
    - Social Concern Committee
    - Christian Outreach Committee
    - Blue Nursing Service



## **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Executive Committee:
  - Youth Work (See David Young):
    - Two Clubs began last week:
      - Girls Club
      - Boys Club
    - Attendance:
      - Gerald Ave: 21 children
      - Josephine St: 20 children
    - Activities:
      - Games
      - Craft work
      - Devotions
    - Target population:
      - Children who have no other connection with the church
      - Recruited through `RE` classes in schools
  - Annual Meeting:
    - Congregational Annual Meeting to be held in late November / early December of each year (at the end of the year); summary of activities for the year
    - Parish Annual Meetings to be held in February (at the beginning of the new year; appointment of Office Bearers)
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
  - Stewardship Campaign for 1978
- Property Committees:
  - Northern Area:
    - Mr N Jay is the new representative to Parish Council from the Northern Area Property Committee
    - Report on property maintenance
    - A Grand Concert is being arranged to coincide with Anniversary Celebrations
    - A Trash and Treasure Fair is being organised for 8<sup>th</sup> July (for the whole of Redcliffe Parish) by a Joint Property Committee
  - Southern Area:
    - Report on property maintenance on all three properties in the Southern Area
    - Plumbing repairs at Chatham St
- Christian Education Committee:
  - Consultation to develop plans for the next three years (30<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm)
  - Consideration being given to the idea of an All-Age Sunday School
  - Christian Endeavour Re-Union will be held at the Anzac Ave Church (16<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm)
- Christian Outreach Committee:
  - Family Camp (3<sup>rd</sup> May) was a great success socially and financially
  - Over 60 people attended
- Fund-raising and Social Committee:
  - Some concern re the effectiveness of this committee
  - Elders Councils and Ladies Fellowships to suggest members to join this committee
- Koolkuna Management Committee:
  - A newly-formed committee of the Parish Council
  - Division of Child and Family Welfare has approved the appointment of Committee members
  - The units at Koolkuna have been refurbished and are now ready for their first tenants

- Ministers' Meeting:
  - Concern expressed re the number of church properties in use on the Redcliffe Peninsula; How is RUC going to address this issue?
  - Need to establish a Parish Settlements Committee:
    - To review annually the settlements of ministers within the Parish
    - The committee to be composed of:
      - Parish Secretary (Convenor)
      - Three representatives of Parish Council
    - The following were elected as members of the Parish Settlements Committee:
      - Secretary of Parish Council (Convenor)
      - Mr Cunningham
      - Miss Tolmie
      - Mr N Jay (or Miss Chambers)
    - Rev J Robinson completes 5 years of his settlement with the Parish at the end of this year; Settlements Committee to meet with Rev J Robinson to determine whether or not his settlement with the Parish should be extended
  - Chaplaincy: Rev D McLennan
  - Presbytery:
    - Rev E McChesney Clark (Parish Representative)
    - A Presbytery Youth Consultation will be held at Wavell Heights on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July
    - A Seminar on Family Ministry will be held at Mt Gravatt on 25<sup>th</sup> July; led by Rev d Stoltz
    - Preparation for the Leighton Ford Reachout Program to commence on 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Blue Nursing Service Committee:
  - Nominations from Redcliffe Parish Council for membership of the Blue Nursing Service Committee:
    - Rev JD Robinson (Chairman)
    - Mrs I Althaus
    - Mrs A Buckley
    - Miss D Chambers
    - Mrs J Bray
    - Mr N Jay
    - Mr C Kroll
    - Nr D Fisher
    - Miss V Miller
  - The Annual Meeting of the September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Margate Youth Centre
  - Plans to extend Nazarene Nursing Home (an additional 20 beds)

## **5<sup>th</sup> July 1978** (Parish Council Executive)

- Opening devotions led by Chairman (Rev RA Paterson)
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

## **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Stewardship Campaign:
  - Letter from Rev C Ray (Dept of Christian Education) re forthcoming Stewardship Campaign
  - Inaugural meeting to be held at Griffiths Rd Hall (9<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm)
  - One member from each congregation to attend

- Leighton Ford Reachout Seminar:
  - Date of Leighton Ford Crusade: 6 – 17<sup>th</sup> May 1979
  - Encourage the use of Leighton Ford Study Book for 1979 (5 studies before Easter +2 studies after Easter) as preparation for the Crusade
  - Encourage involvement of people from other denominations in this program
- Australian Hymn Book:
  - New Australian Hymn Book to be introduced later in the year
  - A special service planned for early November to launch of the new hymn book
- Finance:
  - Financial statement

## **2<sup>nd</sup> August 1978**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman (Rev RA Paterson)
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall
- New members of Parish Council:
  - Mrs Peck (Griffiths Rd)
  - Miss H Cox (Josephine St)
  - Mr Rode (Josephine St)
  - Mrs Cunningham (Gerald Ave)

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Request from Mr A Goward re Long Service Certificate marking his 50 years as a Lay Preacher
- Request to Parish Council for a survey of all Lay Preachers in the Parish to ensure that their names and years of service are recorded
- Stewardship Campaign: Plans for the inaugural meeting re the forthcoming Stewardship Campaign are in hand (9<sup>th</sup> August)
- New members of Social and Fund-raising Committee:
  - Mrs O'Brien (Jeays St)
  - Mrs Harper (Jeays St)
  - Mrs Adsett (Josephine St)
  - Mr Robinson (Buckingham St)

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Executive Committee:
  - Study groups to be arranged using the Leighton Ford Study Books in 1979 (5 weeks prior to and 2 weeks following Easter); to be organised by Christian Outreach Committee
  - Redcliffe Parish to adopt new Australian Hymn Book and to proceed with purchasing copies of same; copies of hymnals (both words only and music editions) to be purchased for all congregations and paid for by Parish Council
- Elders Councils:
  - Reports received from each of the three Elders Councils
  - Reports indicate continuing development in the pastoral care of parishioners
- Christian Education Committee:
  - Rev G Hall reported on the recent Consultation (30<sup>th</sup> July) re amalgamation of Redcliffe Uniting Church congregations on the Peninsula; Parish Council to encourage further discussions

- Ministers' Meeting:
  - Chaplaincy: Rev D McLennan
  - Settlements Committee:
    - Mr N Jay has agreed to act on this committee
    - Miss Tolmie has resigned from this committee
    - Mr N Grant has agreed to fill the vacancy
    - Recommends extension of Rev J Robinson's settlement for one year
- Blue Nursing Service Committee
  - Report on the success of the recent Blue Nursing Service Appeal

### **Other Business:**

- Stewardship Committee:
  - A committee comprising representatives of all congregations has met to begin planning for the forthcoming Stewardship Campaign
  - A meeting has been set for 9<sup>th</sup> August at Griffiths Rd
  - Rev C Ray will address that meeting
- Susan Ave property:
  - Concern re maintaining the property at Susan Ave (overgrown)
  - An offer has been received from Evans Real Estate re sale of Susan Ave
  - Decision not to sell until decisions are made re the future of the Redcliffe Uniting Church

### **18<sup>th</sup> October; re-convened 8<sup>th</sup> November 1978**

- Opening devotions led by Rev J Robinson and Rev G Hall
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave Church

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- An order has been placed for 500 new Australian Hymn Books
- Questionnaire re Church Properties:
  - A Survey had been conducted re the future of the Redcliffe Uniting Church
  - Majority of respondents seemed to favour three large centres on the Peninsula: North; South and West
  - Decision to invite Rev R Elvery (Dept of Parish Services) to meet with the Executive and other key personnel to discuss the options available
- Kate St Property:
  - Consideration re placing the property on the market
  - Need to obtain an accurate valuation of the property
  - The matter to be referred to the Property Development Committee
- Stewardship Campaign:
  - The 1978 Stewardship program is under way
  - Visitation to Parishioners has been well received
  - Not all Parishioners are using the 'Envelope System'; some not willing to commit to a regular weekly 'pledge'; this makes financial planning for the future of the church difficult to determine
- Candidates for Confirmation:
  - A list of names of candidates seeking confirmation was read out
- New Haven Committee:
  - Members of New Haven Committee for 1979:
    - Rev R Paterson (Chairman)
    - Mrs H Campbell (Secretary)
    - Miss F Dunbar
    - Mr R Hunt
    - Mr D McDonald
- Resignation of Mr Broderon from Parish Council

## **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
- Elders Councils:
  - Central Area Elders Council:  
Parish Settlement: Redcliffe Parish is only in its infancy; it is not possible to foresee what our needs are likely to be in the ensuing 3 years
  - Northern Area Elders Council:  
Parish Settlement: In the vacancy created by Rev J Robinson's termination, suggest that we invite an ordained minister with experience in working with youth to fill the vacancy
- Property Committees:
  - Central Area Property Committee:
    - Plans are in place to replace some of the stumps under Buckingham St building
    - Painting the Josephine St Manse
    - Building a fence enclosing the children's play area at Josephine St (Day Kindergarten)
    - A stove has been installed in the Josephine St Manse
    - A new carpet has been laid in the Josephine St church (aisle and platform); a donation from the Morrison Family in memory of their parents
  - Northern Area Property Committee:
    - All properties are in good condition
- Christian Education Committee:
  - Rev G Hall reports
  - The Committee endorses the value of an All- Age Sunday School
  - The desirability of an Activities Centre (with an emphasis on Christian Living) has been discussed; preliminary discussions with Alcorn College re the provision of suitable material
  - A 4- week program ("Preparation for Marriage") is being proposed
  - A 'listening post' (for people to talk over their problems as needed) is under consideration
- Christian Education Committee:
  - Vacation Bible School is being considered for the Christmas Holiday Period.
  - Orders have been placed for International Bible Reading Notes for the new year
- Christian Outreach Committee:
  - Tentative bookings have been made for a Family Camp to held in the first half of 1979; the proposed venue is the Salvation Army Camp Site at Caloundra
- Ministers' Meeting:
  - Rev E McChesney Clark reports
  - A Settlements Committee is to be set up once Guidelines have been received from Presbytry
  - A meeting with Rev R Avery and Mr B Warwick has been arranged to discuss property matters and future direction of the Parish (14<sup>th</sup> November). All members of the Parish Council are invited to attend.
  - A suggestion that a Parish Fellowship Tea and Carol Service be held on Christmas Eve
  - Music Committee to be convened (2 representatives from each of the three choirs in the Parish) to plan Carol Service
  - Expressions of Interest called for re Watch Night Service on New Years Eve

- During the Summer Holidays season ( 31<sup>st</sup> December – 26<sup>th</sup> January):
  - Two ministers will be on holidays
  - Morning Services to be held at only three or four churches:
    - Ernest St
    - Josephine St
    - Griffiths Rd
    - Gerald Ave
- Presbytry:
  - Rev E McChesney Clark reports
  - A document “Guidelines for proceeding towards a Settlement” is being prepared by Presbytry
  - The issue of Settlements was referred to the Elders Council
  - Rev J Robinson intimated that he wishes to conclude his Settlement in the Redcliffe Parish at the end of 1979.

### **Other Business:**

- Annual Parish Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> February

### **14<sup>th</sup> November 1978** (A Special Meeting of the Parish Council)

- Opening devotions led by the Chairman Rev RA Paterson

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Rev AR Paterson welcomed Mr Elvery (Dept of Parish Services) and invited him to address the meeting
- Mr Elvery distributed a paper: “Paper relating to the Amalgamation of Congregations and the use of Properties affected by those decisions”
- He discussed points raised by the paper
- Regarding the unique situation at Redcliffe, Mr Elvery suggested that the whole situation at Redcliffe should be looked at in terms of the whole life and mission of the church in this Parish
- Mr Elvery suggested that a Planning Committee be set up to investigate this issue thoroughly.
- The decision was made to refer the matter back to the Executive

### **30<sup>th</sup> November 1978** (Parish Council Executive)

- Opening devotions led by Chairman (Rev RA Paterson)
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Visit of Rev R Elvery: Since his visit to the Parish (14<sup>th</sup> November) Mr Elvery has written to the Parish Council with suggestions as to how to proceed with the next stage of the development of the Redcliffe Parish
- Parish Planning Committee:
  - Concern has been expressed by Synod re the under-utilisation of church properties in the Parish
  - Parish Executive to establish a Committee to look into this matter
  - Membership of the Committee to include representation from each congregation
  - A workshop (re future of Redcliffe Parish) is planned for February 1979; to be conducted by Rev R. Elvery and Mr B Warwick

- Young Couples Group:
  - The Chairman advised that he had received a request that a group of “young couples” in the Parish be set up
  - The Parish Executive supported the initiative and agreed that this be investigated further

## **20<sup>th</sup> December 1978**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman (Rev RA Paterson)
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Visit of Rev R Elvery
  - A letter from Mr Elvery outlining suggestions for Redcliffe Parish to consider re their future
  - Establishment of a Planning Committee to investigate the matter more fully
  - First meeting of the Planning Committee 24<sup>th</sup> January 1979 at 7.30pm at the Anzac Ave Church
  - Membership of the Planning Committee:
    - Rev J Robinson (Convenor)
    - Mr R Lister
    - Mr K Brownsey
    - Mr D Cunningham
    - Mrs J Carter
  - A workshop (re future of Redcliffe Parish) is planned for February 1979; to be conducted by Rev R. Elvery and Mr B Warwick
- Annual Parish Meeting
  - Date: 18<sup>th</sup> February 1979
  - Venue: Redcliffe State High School Assembly Hall
  - Agenda:
    - Parish Council Report
    - Annual Financial Statement and Budget for 1979
    - Reports of Church Organisations:
      - Order of Knights
      - Boys Brigade
      - Rays
      - Boys and Girls Clubs
      - Parish Youth Group
      - Parish Fellowship
      - Parish Social Group
      - Men`s Society
    - Reports and Financial Statements from Area Property Committees

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Executive Committee:
  - Inquiry re “Young Couples” Group; supported by Parish Executive
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial statement
  - Christmas Bowl Appeal
- Elders Councils:
  - Southern Area Elders Council:
    - Elders have begun a study of the Elder` Handbook
    - Mr A Nichols, an Elder in his previous Parish, wishes to continue as an Elder (in Redcliffe Uniting Church)
    - Lack of communication between Parish Council and individual congregations

- A combined Family Service was held at Ernest St on 15<sup>th</sup> October
    - A tea and Christmas Carol Service was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December (Sunday School function)
    - During the Christmas Holiday period, church services will continue at Ernest St and Gerald Ave
  - Northern Area Elders Council:
    - Elders continue their study of the Elders Handbook
    - Elders have been visiting homes of Parishioners
    - On 10<sup>th</sup> September, a pleasant Sunday afternoon was spent at Griffiths Rd when several elderly people ('shut-ins') were invited for a time of fellowship
    - Four Elders have relinquished their Eldership responsibilities (Mr Broderson, Rev R Lugton and Mr and Mrs Meek)
- Ministers' Meeting:
  - Settlements Committee to be established comprising five lay people and one Minister (as Chairman)
  - Proposed membership:
    - Rev E McChesney Clark / Rev D McLennan
    - Mr N Grant
    - Mr D Cunningham
    - Mr H Bedgood
    - Mrs N Jay
    - Mr A Watson
  - Recommendation that a Seminar be held to introduce the new Australian Hymn Book (4<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 at Griffith Rd Hall); led by Mr Charles Clark (Organist at Holy Trinity Church, Fortitude Valley and Secretary of the Royal School of Church Music)
- Blue Nursing Service Committee
  - Miss Chambers reports
  - The Blue Nursing Service will meet on 16<sup>th</sup> January to finalize plans for the extensions to the Nazarene Home



# REDCLIFFE UNITING CHURCH

## PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS

### SUMMARY OF MINUTES (1979)

#### 24<sup>th</sup> January 1979 (Parish Council Executive)

- Opening devotions led by Acting Chairman (Rev J Robinson)
- Rev RA Paterson on 3 months Sick Leave
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave Church

#### Main Business of Meeting:

- Supply during Mr Paterson's Leave:
  - The decision was taken to fill the vacancy, initially, with whatever assistance was available locally
  - Services in January:
    - Josephine St (Morning Service): Rev D. McLennan
    - Griffiths Rd (Morning Service): Re G Hall
    - Ernest St (Evening Service): Rev G Hall
  - Synod and Presbytry to be advised of these arrangements
  - Several offers of help were given and accepted:
    - Rev C Thompson
    - Rev R Lugton
    - Mrs Lugton
    - Rev G Hall
    - Rev G Smith
- Decisions to be made regarding the several roles that Rev RA Paterson plays:
  - Senior Minister: Decision re this role to be left to the Minister's Meeting
  - Chairman of New Haven Committee to be filled by Rev D McLennan
  - Central Area Property Committee Chair to be filled by Mr A Watson
  - Central Area Elder's Council Chair to be filled by Rev E McChesney Clark
  - Signatory for Bank Accounts
- Seminar on new Australian Hymn Book has been postponed until the new hymnals have arrived

#### 7<sup>th</sup> February 1979

- Opening devotions led by Chairman (Rev J Robinson) (#)
- Rev RA Paterson on 3 months Sick Leave
- For the time being Rev J Robinson (#) is to be Senior Minister and Chairman of Parish Council
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave Church

#### Main Business of Meeting:

- Annual Parish Meeting:
  - Annual Report to cover the period: June 1977 – December 1979
  - Secretary reported that most of the church organisations have submitted their annual reports; these will be tabled at the Annual Meeting
  - Arrangements are in hand for the Annual Meeting
  - Reports from church organisations to be tabled at the Annual Meeting

- Adult Youth Group:
  - New group for young adults has been formed
  - Barbecue has already been held
  - A further meeting has been planned for the near future
- Proposal from Mrs F O`Malley to establish a Parish Youth Council:
  - Purpose:
    - to co-ordinate all youth activities
    - to liase with the Parish Council
  - Membership
    - Leaders of all youth groups
    - Sunday School Superintendents
- Australian Hymn Book: Seminar on new Australian Hymn Book has been postponed until the new hymnals have arrived
- Rev RA Paterson has advised the Parish Executive of the further deterioration of his health. Plans are in place re relieving Mr Paterson of many of his responsibilities including :
  - Pulpit Supply
  - New Haven Chairmanship (to be taken on by Rev D McLennan)
  - etc
- Rev D Kirkup (Secretary of Synod) advises:
  - Rev RA Paterson and his family may continue to live in the Manse
  - Mr Paterson is to be considered an active Minister
  - Synod is responsible for meeting additional costs of Supply during this time
- Support for the family of Rev RA Paterson:
  - Rev D McLennan reported that he and the Elders of the Central Area had met with Rev RA Paterson:
    - Much support / compassion for Mr Paterson and his family
    - Offers of support / assistance to the Paterson family in a real and tangible way
    - Suggested that a special fund be established for the Paterson Family; money can be contributed at congregation level; to be administered by Church Treasurer
- A request from Mr D Lewis (Continuing Presbyterian Church) re:
  - availability of a church building (no longer in use) for use by Presbyterians in the area
  - suggestion re Anzac Ave church
  - issue to be referred to the Parish Executive
  - further discussions with the Presbyterian Church and the Anzac Ave congregation
- A request from Christian Outreach Centre:
  - Re use of the Jeays St church for church services on Sunday mornings
  - Decision to advise Christian Outreach Centre that the future of the Jeays St church is uncertain at this stage

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Executive Committee:
  - Auditing of Books in preparation for the Annual Meeting
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Report and Budget for 1979 was presented
- Elders Council
  - Northern Area Elders Council:
    - Request for a combined Elders Council meeting to be held involving all three areas
    - Northern Area to arrange details
- Property Development Committee / Planning Committee
  - Plans are being made for a workshop to be held 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February with Rev R Elvery and Mr B Warwick as leaders

- Ministers' Meeting:
  - Parish Settlements Committee has not had any success in finding a new Minister to commence in 1980
  - Suggestion that they may need to look for two ministers for 1980

## **21<sup>st</sup> March 1979**

- Opening devotions led by Rev E McChesney Clark
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Arrangements during Rev J Robinson's Leave:
  - Rev J Robinson will be on Long Service Leave for 6 weeks (March / April)
  - Rev C Thompson will be working full time in the Parish during that period
- Leighton Ford Reach Out:
  - Dates: 6 - 13 May
  - Venue
  - Bus transport is being arranged for those who need it
- Easter Services:
  - A special 'Tenebrae' service will be held on Maundy Thursday

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Planning / Property Development Committee
  - Report on the Workshop run by Rev R Elvery and Mr B Warwick
  - Arrangements being made to discuss the findings with:
    - Area Elders Councils
    - Area Planning Committees
    - Ladies Fellowships
- Property Committees:
  - Northern Area Property Committee
    - a letter concerning vandalism on some church property
    - a request that Redcliffe City Council should be approached re this
- Christian Education Committee:
  - Parish Family Camp:
    - Date: 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May
    - Venue: Salvation Army Conference Centre at Caloundra
    - Committee to organise camp:
      - Rev R Lugton
      - Mrs S Robinson
      - Mrs M Maskelyne
      - Mrs V Born
      - Mr R Born
- Christian Outreach Committee:
  - Suggestion to combine Christian Outreach and Social Concern Committees
  - Matter to be further investigated
- Social Concern Committee:
  - Suggestion to combine Social Concern and Christian Outreach Committees
  - Matter to be further investigated
- Parish Youth Committee:
  - This new group has had its first meeting (See 7<sup>th</sup> February 1979)
  - Function of Parish Youth Committee:
    - To arrange for all the children in the various youth groups to come together for activity, celebration and / or worship service within the Parish

- To organise Parish youth representation on Presbytry and Synod occasions
    - To organise special activities such as a Day Camp
    - To help with administrative problems (such as finding suitable leaders)
  - Meetings will be held on an `as needed` basis (rather than regular monthly meetings)
  - Office Bearers:
    - Chairman: Miss Joy Schloss
    - Secretary: Miss Alison McLean
    - Parish Council Representative: Miss Joy Schloss
  - A request to Parish Council that the Youth Group meet in the Anzac Ave building every Sunday night for a time of informal worship and fellowship
  - A Youth Camp is being organised at Alexandra Headlands in April
- Ministers' Meeting:
  - Parish Settlements Committee
    - The committee is contacting two retired Presbyterian Ministers from New Zealand who may be interested in filling the vacancies as a short term measure
  - Presbytry:
    - Next meeting of Presbytry:
      - Venue: Griffiths Rd Church
      - Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April
      - Members of the Redcliffe Parish are invited to attend as observers

### **1<sup>st</sup> April 1979** (Parish Council Executive)

- Opening devotions led by Rev E McChesney Clark
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Pulpit Supply for 1979
  - Two retired Presbyterian Ministers have been approached re filling the vacancies in the Redcliffe Parish
  - Rev Jack Doig from Auckland has agreed to fill the Vacancy (created by Rev RA Patersons` illness and subsequent death) from 1st May to the end of the year (1979)
  - While the Paterson family remains in the Manse, alternative accommodation will be provided for Rev Doig
  - Cost of travel and accommodation for Rev J Doig will be met by Synod

### **11<sup>th</sup> April 1979**

- Opening devotions led by Rev E McChesney Clark
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Memorial Minute to Rev RA Paterson:**

*The death of Alan Paterson at the age of 49 took from among us a beloved Minis, a good friend and a great servant of the church.*

*Early in his life he trained as a school teacher, but soon a Call came to him to enter the Ministry of the Church. He entered Emmanuel College where, over an intensive 6 year course, he completed degrees in both Arts and Theology.*

*In 1960, he was ordained by the Presbytry of Rockhampton and inducted into the Callide Valley Charge. He served there until 1964 when he accepted a Call to Knox Church at Moorooka. In 1971 he was called to Redcliffe Parish where he remained until his death on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1979.*

*He made a valuable contribution to the cause of Church Union and, when the Uniting Church came into being, he was chosen by his brethren as the first Chairman of the newly formed North Brisbane Presbytry.*

*Alan Paterson was a faithful preacher of the Gospel and his preparation for this task was always undertaken with painstaking care.*

*He was, besides the well-loved Pastor, a welcome visitor in the homes of his people, especially the aged and the sick. He served the wider Church faithfully, both before and since Church Union and was held in the highest esteem by his brethren. In everything he was called to do, he believed that only the best was good enough for His Lord.*

*He will be remembered by many as a close friend who, by the quality of his own dedicated life and faith, pointed men and women to the Saviour whom he loved and served so well.*

*The people of the Parish offer their deepest sympathy to Mrs Paterson, their two children Graeme and Rowena, his mother and relatives with the prayer that God will sustain and comfort them in their sorrow.*

*This Minute is tribute to Rev RA Paterson who had been Chairman of the Parish Council since its inauguration, with deep reverence and thanksgiving to God for his ministry among us.*

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Election of Office Bearers:
  - Secretary: Miss M Bailey
  - Treasurer: Mr W Robinson
  - Auditor: Mr N McLean
- Convenors of Committees:
  - Finance Committee: Mr N Grant
  - Christian Education Committee: Rev G Hall
  - Fund-raising Committee: Mrs O'Brien
  - Youth Committee: Miss J Schloss
  - Combined Christian Outreach & Social Concerns Committee: Rev C Thompson
- Request from the Presbyterian Church re use of Jeays St property:
  - Presbyterian Church has requested use of the Jeays St property
  - Referred to a joint meeting of the Northern Area Property Committee and the Planning Committee
  - Terms of lease of the Jeays St property to be investigated
- Rev J Doig's visit:
  - Rev J Doig is due to at the beginning of May
  - Temporary accommodation has been arranged for them during their stay

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Executive Committee:
  - Family Camp:
    - Venue: Salvation Army Camp Site at Caloundra
    - Date: ( 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 1979)
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
- Elders Councils:
  - Reports from three Area Elders Councils
- Planning Committee / Property Development Committee
  - Meetings are being held to discuss the results of the recent Workshop conducted by Rev R Elvery and Mr B Warwick
  - Meetings to be arranged with:
    - Individual Congregations
    - Elders Councils
    - Property Committees
    - Ladies Fellowships

- Property Committees:
  - Reports received from three Property Committees
- Christian Outreach and Social Concern Committees:
  - Rev C Thompson to convene a combined meeting of Christian Outreach Committee and Social Concern Committee re the future of these two committees
- Parish Youth Committee:
  - A report from the Parish Youth Committee was well received
  - Representative of the Youth Committee to be included on Parish Council
  - Miss Joy Schloss to be the representative of the Parish Youth Committee
- Ministers` Meeting:
  - Parish Settlements Committee:
    - Rev G Coutts to visit the Parish
    - Subject to the approval of Presbytry, Rev Brian Goodacre to be invited to commence ministry in the Parish in January 1980
    - A Parish Meeting will be held re the Call of Rev B Goodacre:
      - Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April
      - Venue: Josephine Church
  - Chaplaincy:
    - Report from Rev D McLennan re Hospital Chaplaincy
  - Presbytry:
    - Lay representation to Presbytry referred to Council Executive

## **23<sup>rd</sup> May 1979** (Parish Council Executive)

- Opening devotions led by Rev J Robinson
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- New Hymn Books:
  - Have now arrived
  - Hymn Books to be marked with a notation to identify the congregation to which they belong
  - A meeting to introduce the new hymn book:
    - Date: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm
    - Venue: Griffith Rd Hall
    - Guest Speaker: Mr Charles Clark, Organist at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fortitude valley
- Leighton Ford Reachout:
  - A disappointing response from the Redcliffe Uniting Church
  - Only one referral from the Reachout Program
  - The study guide ("In the Spirit of Love") was well-used by some members of the congregation
- Family Camp:
  - Cancelled due to lack of numbers
  - A further Family Camp planned for early in 1980:
    - Potential Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> March
    - Possible Venue: Alexandra Headlands
    - Camp Planning Committee to consider alternative activities (Bus Trips, Day Camps, etc)
  - Rev E McChesney Clark to make further investigations re this
- Lay Representatives to Presbytry:
  - The following members were appointed from Redcliffe Uniting Church:
    - Miss J Schloss
    - Mr N Grant
    - Miss M Bailey

## **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
  - Payment for new Hymn Books: \$2896
  - A fund-raiser (Chocolate Drive) is under way to recoup expenses
- Planning / Property Development Committee
  - Report by Rev J Robinson
  - Two sub-committees have been set up
    - One to investigate property matters for the whole parish
    - One to take care of the spiritual needs of the Parish
- Property Committees:
  - Northern Area Property Committee:
    - Congregational Meeting held at Jeays St (16<sup>th</sup> May) re the future of that congregation
    - Decisions made:
      - Jeay St congregation to discontinue
      - transfer church membership to other congregations
      - transfer of memberships to be arranged as quickly as possible
      - Final service to be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm
    - Decision made by Parish Council to make the Jeays St property available to the Presbyterian Church for rental at approx. \$30.00 / week (ie Jeay St is now the property of the Uniting Church)
    - Redcliffe Uniting Church is responsible for all maintenance
    - Presbyterian Church responsible for mowing the lawns, cleaning the buildings and paying for electricity
    - Jeay St congregation to prepare an inventory of contents
- Christian Outreach Committee:
  - A joint meeting of the Christian Outreach Committee and the Social Concern Committee is being called to discuss future opportunities for working together; to be chaired by Rev C Thompson
- Social Concern Committee:
  - A joint meeting of the Social Concern Committee and the Christian Outreach Committee is being called to discuss future opportunities for working together; to be chaired by Rev C Thompson

## **Other Business:**

- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August is set aside for the annual Harvest Festival
- Land at Kippa Ring – Rothwell:
  - Rev E McChesney Clark reported that land was for sale (corner of Anzac Ave and Wattle St)
  - Four blocks of 18 acres ranging in price from \$30,000 - \$45,000
  - Decision that Property Sub-Committee of the Planning Committee investigate this further
- Sunday School Picnic:
  - A meeting of Sunday School teachers
    - Date: 29th June
    - Venue: Gerald Ave
    - Purpose: to plan a Sunday School Picnic for later in the year

## **13th June 1979**

- Opening devotions led by Acting Charman Rev E McChesney Clark
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave Church

## **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Jeays St Property:
  - Negotiations between the Presbyterian Church and the Redcliffe Uniting Church are under way
  - Some disagreement re the rental amount
  - Presbyterian Church is prepared to provide man-power to paint the church if the Uniting Church provides the paint and prepares the building for painting
- Family Camp:
  - Mr Maskelyne reported
  - Family Camp planned for 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May has been cancelled due to lack of numbers
  - A booking has been made for Alexandra Park for 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1980
  - Alternative suggestions are being considered
  - The matter has been referred to a joint meeting of the Camp Committee and the Christian Outreach – Social Concern Committee
- Lay Representatives to Presbytry:
  - The following members were appointed from Redcliffe Uniting Church:
    - Miss J Schloss
    - Mr N Grant
    - Miss M Bailey
- Land at Kippa Ring – Rothwell:
  - It was reported that land was for sale (corner of Anzac Ave and Wattle St)
  - Four blocks of 18 acres ranging in price from \$30,000 - \$ 45,000
  - Decision that Property Sub-Committee of the Planning Committee investigate this further
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August is set aside for the annual Harvest Festival

## **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Executive Committee:
  - New Hymn Books have arrived
  - All Hymn Books to be stamped with the words “Uniting Church in Australia: Redcliffe Peninsula Parish”
  - Each congregation have their own identifying colour code
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
- Elders Councils:
  - Reports from each of the three area Elders Councils
  - Suggestion that Rev E McChesney Clark be given 2 weeks extra leave , given the additional responsibility she has carried in recent months (during the illness of Rev A Paterson)
- Property Committees:
  - Central Area Property Committee:
    - Josephine Manse has now been vacated by the Paterson Family
    - Discussion re offering the Manse to Rev and Mrs Doig
    - Necessity for painting the interior of the Manse
  - Southern Area Property Committee:
    - Chatham St property
      - Reported by Rev J Robinson
      - A letter has been received from a neighbour regarding vandalism of the property in Chatham St (currently not in use)
      - Matter to be referred to local police



- Christian Education Committee:
  - Rev G Hall (Convenor) outlined a number of activities that the Christian Education Committee are considering:
    - Visitation Training for Elders and other church visitors
    - Christian literature stands for church porches
    - Assistance with RE in schools
    - Extension of Bible Study groups and Prayer Circles
    - All-age Christian learning and worship activities
    - Christian Endeavour Reunion
    - Family Education Centre
- Christian Outreach Committee:
  - See Family Camp above
- Social Concern Committee:
  - See Family Camp above
- Fund-raising and Social Committee:
  - As a fund-raising venture, the Parish Council is urging the Fund-raising and Social Committee to conduct a fete or garden party later in the year for the whole parish
- Parish Youth Committee:
  - A very successful Youth Night was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April
  - A Presbytry Youth Consultation will be held in the Redcliffe Parish on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1979
  - As this is the International Year of the Child, the Parish Youth Committee is considering a suitable fund-raising activity
- Chaplaincy:
  - Rev D McLennan reported:
    - Visitation to Hospitals and Scarborough and Redcliffe Nursing Homes
    - Extra help needed to include Nazarene Hospital
  - Consideration of developing a training program for hospital visitors
- Blue Nursing Service Committee:
  - Miss Chambers reported
  - A fete will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> August
  - No door knock appeal this year; instead a postal appeal will be made

### **Other Business:**

- Presbytry Fun Day being considered:
  - Date: 22nd September
  - Venue: Bracken Ridge Uniting Church
- Suggestion of a Thanksgiving Sunday to be held in October
- Visit of Dr D Drayton (Evangelism Consultant for the South Australian Synod) on 31<sup>st</sup> July

### **18<sup>th</sup> July 1979** (Parish Council Executive)

- Opening devotions led by Rev J Robinson
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Parish Camp:
  - Booking at Alexandra Park for 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1980 confirmed

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Planning / Property Development Committee
  - No further report on the land at Kippa Ring / Rothwell (See 13<sup>th</sup> June)

- Property Committees:
  - Central Area Property Committee:
    - No report re Josephine Manse
    - Rev and Mrs Doig to remain in rental property for the time bei
- Christian Education Committee:
  - A Hospital Visiting Group to be set up
  - Rev D McLennan to be convenor
  - A training program for hospital visitors to offered to this group
- Fund-raising and Social Committee:
  - Proposed Parish Fete:
    - Venue: **Margate(??)** Youth Centre
    - Mrs O'Brien reported that the only dates that the Youth Centre would be available were 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> November 1979
    - Decision to hold the fete on 3<sup>rd</sup> November
    - Mrs O'Brien to call a meeting of interested organisations to make plans
- Ministers` Meeting:
  - Presbytry:
    - New lay representatives to Presbytry
      - Mr G Hewitt
      - Mrs G O'Brien

### **Other Business:**

- ABC Broadcast Service:
  - A combined service
  - Date: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August
  - Venue: Griffiths Rd Hall
- Thanksgiving Sunday / Stewardship Sunday: 21<sup>st</sup> October

### **15<sup>th</sup> August 1979**

- Opening devotions led by Chairman Rev J Robinson and Mr A Nichols
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Jeays St Property:
  - The Presbyterian Church is using the Jeays St building
  - Preparations are being made to begin painting the church
- Presbytry Fun Day:
  - Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September
  - Venue: Bracken Ridge Uniting Church
  - Redcliffe Uniting to provide six people to be on the Planning Committee. Those nominated
    - Rev E McChesney Clark
    - Miss J Schloss
    - Miss G Christofferson
    - Mrs H Little

### **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Executive Committee:
  - Mrs S Ramm to be appointed as Parish Secretary for Word Mission
  - Rev and Mrs Doig to continue to live in rental property
- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement

- Elders Councils:
  - Reports were received from all three Elders Councils
  - The names of people seeking confirmation were listed
  - Central Area Elders Committee:
    - Evening church services are held at Josephine St and Griffiths Rd
    - Youth Group being encouraged to participate in evening service
    - Congregations are encouraged to support and encourage Youth Group participation in this way
  - Seminar for Elders (forthcoming)
- Planning / Property Development Committee
  - Rev J Robinson reported:
    - Resignation of Mr K Brownsey (Secretary)
    - Mr N Grant appointed as Secretary
    - Mr Robinson and Mr Cunningham had met with the Town Planner
- Property Committees:
  - Central Area Property Committee:
    - Mr Watson reported that quotes are being called for painting of the inside of the Josephine St Manse
- Christian Education Committee:
  - Hospital Visitation Group has been established and will undergo a training program conducted by Rev D McLennan
  - Quotes to be referred to the Finance Committee
  - Suggestion that the three Property Committees amalgamate into one committee; matter to be investigated by the three Property Committees
- Joint Social Concern and Christian Outreach Committee:
  - Suggested that a small sub-committee be formed to plan the Family Camp for March 1980
  - Family Camp Sub-committee to comprise:
    - Mr and Mrs Maskelyne (Convenors)
    - Mrs V Born
    - Mrs B Harris
    - Mr A Watson
    - A representative from the Youth Group
    - Power to co-opt
- Fund-raising and Social Committee:
  - Mrs O'Brien reported that plans are in hand for the Parish Fete on 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Ministers' Meeting:
  - Chaplaincy:
    - Rev D Mc Lennan reported on visitation of hospital and nursing home patients
  - Presbytry
    - Rev E McChesney Clark reported on the August meeting of Presbytry and the Election of Office Bearers
- Blue Nursing Service Committee:
  - Miss Chambers reported that work had begun on Nazarene Nursing Home
  - Blue Nursing Fete to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> August
  - Blue Nursing Annual Meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> September
  - Parish Council representatives to the Blue Nursing Service Committee:
    - Rev J Robinson (Director)
    - Miss Chambers
    - Mrs Alhaus
    - Mrs Buckley
    - Mrs Bray
    - Miss Miller
    - Mr Jay
    - Mr Day
    - Mr Kroll
    - Mrs Shum

### **Other Business:**

- Thanksgiving & Stewardship Sunday:
  - A combined Thanksgiving and Stewardship Sunday to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October
  - Morning Services to be held in local congregations
  - A combined evening service and preceded by a Fellowship Tea
  - Stewardship Committee to make necessary arrangements
- Mission to the 80s:
  - Rev J Robinson reported that he is attending a meeting in Brisbane re this project
  - Redcliffe Uniting Church is planning a Mission of Renewal and Recommitment for March 1980
- ABC Broadcast:
  - To be recorded 19<sup>th</sup> August
  - To be broadcast at a later date
  - See 18<sup>th</sup> July

### **26<sup>th</sup> September 1979**

- Opening devotions led by Rev J Robinson
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Thanksgiving Service
  - Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30am
  - Venue: Redcliffe State High School Assembly Hall
- Stewardship Review to be conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> November (See 15<sup>th</sup> August)
- Parish Camp:
  - See 18<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> August
  - Rev C Ray has agreed to be Camp Leader
- Parish Annual Meeting: February 1980

### **5<sup>th</sup> December 1979**

- Opening devotions led by Rev J Robinson
- The meeting was held in the Anzac Ave church hall

### **Main Business of Meeting:**

- Parish Annual Meeting:
  - Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 1980
  - Venue: Redcliffe State High School Assembly Hall
  - Guest Speaker: Rev C Ray
- First Parish Council Meeting for 1980:
  - Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February
  - Venue: Anzac Ave Church Hall
- Induction of Rev R Painton
  - Date: 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm
  - Venue: Ernest St Church
- Jeays St Property:
  - Discussion re the future of the Jeays St property
  - Not able to consider selling Jeays St at this stage
- Buckingham St Congregation: Decision to disband
- Other properties not fully utilised at this stage:
  - Requires further consideration

## **Reports to Parish Council:**

- Finance Committee:
  - Financial Statement
- Christian Outreach and Social Concern Committees:
  - These two committees are now working cooperatively; suggestion re a name change to reflect the activity of this committee
  - The name: Mission Action Group was adopted
- Fund-raising and Social Committee:
  - Fete (See 15<sup>th</sup> August) deemed to be a success both financially and socially
- Ministers' Meeting:
  - Parish Settlements Committee
    - A third Minister might be in place early in 1980:
      - Rev D Pratt from New Zealand has agreed to occupy the vacancy in Redcliffe Parish
      - Discussion re Service of Induction for Rev D Pratt
    - Membership of new Settlements Committee (1981ff):
      - Rev D McLennan (Convenor)
      - Mrs F Lugton
      - Miss M Bailey
      - Mr N Grant
      - Mr G Maskelyne
      - Mr W Robinson
      - Mr R Lister
  - Synod:
    - Synod Celebration:
      - Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October
      - Venue: Brisbane City Hall
- Blue Nursing Service Committee
  - New Director of Blue Nursing Service
    - To be left in abeyance until the new ministers have arrived

## **Other Business:**

- Expo `80: `Expo `80` film to be shown at Josephine St on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1980
- House in Lancaster Ave (forthcoming)