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**CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY FOR
2022/23**

AND

**BUDGET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

2022/23 Financial Year Results

The 22/23 Church year is the first, in a number of years, in which full minister programs were carried out Covid free. This is evident in the statistics, reported elsewhere, and the financial reports which are summarised below. In all a point of thanks and praise.

The accounts for the year have been externally audited and we have received an unqualified Audit Report. The Operating result (line 26) shows a surplus of \$49,000 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$37,000

There are two major factors for the better than budget result - firstly we received an unbudgeted general gift of \$30,000 (included in line 9) and the savings from the six monthly gap between the retirement of our Childrens a & Family Minister in December and the commencement of our Generations Minister in late July (line 15). In addition, there was better than budgeted Offertory (line 2) and better than expected income from Other Income (line 8), principally Weddings & Funerals. In total our income was \$58,000 over budget (line 11)

Apart from the gap in the staff replacement mentioned above expenses were, plus or minus, within budget. The other main 'saving' was we overestimated the Parish Assessment (line 18). This is the amount we pay the Melbourne Diocese

Line 32 shows a payment of \$12,000 which was for larger, non-reoccurring, building maintenance e.g., painting

Overall it was a pleasing financial result, for which we should be thankful, and we start the new year in a strong financial position.

2023/24 Budget

The Parish Council has accepted a budget deficit of \$36,000 (line 26) for the new year. This deficit should be seen in the context of the \$48,000 surplus in 22/23.

The main factors contributing to the budgeted deficit is the absence of the two main reasons for the 22/23 surplus mentioned earlier – ie the special gift and the gap in replacing staff

The key assumptions in the following budget are:

- That 'normal' church ministry activities will operate for the full year,
- Ministry staff hours will be increased by one day a week (line 15),
- A 3% increase in the Offertory (line 2) and an unchanged Thanksgiving target of \$40,000 (line 3), and
- Staff benefits have been increased in line with Diocesan directives and Award determinations

With a full year of staff and programs it is our desire to ensure that, by God's strength and leading, we will be able advance the Vision to 'know Jesus and make Him known' throughout Diamond Valley and beyond. I believe that it needs staff, volunteers and money to prayerfully discern the will of God and then get on and 'just do it', to use a well-known phrase. How much are we as a Parish and individuals prepared to trust God?

A more detailed commentary on the 22/23 actuals and the 23/24 budget will be provided at the AGM on 8 November, so please join us.

Thank You

As always, the regular monthly reports to Parish Council and annual accounts and budget are not possible without the committed and efficient work of a number of people. A big thank you is again due to Dianne Cheraghi with wonderful support from Carolyn Burns, Henrike Brussaard-Kerr and one or two others who filled in while staff were on leave.

A big thank you should also go to the staff, volunteers and the whole Parish for the support given that has enabled a high level of ministry to be provided in these very challenging times.

David Woods
Treasurer

November, 2023

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