



TOONGABBIE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Wardens' Report

We are thankful for the privilege of serving you and God's church here at TAC. Over the years God has blessed this church in so many ways, and continues to do so through both the ministry staff and the many parishioners who come here and the gifts they have been blessed with. Our job is made much easier by the hard work that so many put in throughout the year, and we thank all of you who contributed in any way to our church here.

Our church office staff sometimes go unnoticed but are so critical to the day-to-day running of all our ministries. This year Anne Whiting, who has been in the role for 10 years, finished up. We want to thank her for all her hard work and dedication, the quiet and effective way she went about her work, and the huge support she has been for all the staff and wardens. Her work underpinned so much of what happens at this church and she will be hugely missed. We pray she will continue to be blessed by God in what she does next.

Nicole Jeremy subsequently joined us at the start of this year to take on a church administrator role. As our church grows bigger, this role will oversee the office administration but also provide support to our ministry staff as they deal with increased responsibilities and numbers of people. We thank Nicole for taking up this role and pray she settles in quickly.

We also said goodbye to our student ministers Jack and Kate Hamer, who returned to Adelaide to commence university ministry. Leesa Vesey, who commenced MTS last year, was blessed with child and so also finished up at the end of 2018.

Our investigations into options around our property continued in 2018. At the AGM a number of areas to think about were brought up, with an

endorsement to seek further expertise on potential options. Augusta Advisors were engaged and continue to explore ways to best utilise the resources we have, but we have not yet reached the point of a recommendation or way forward. We will continue to work closely with the Building Committee and Augusta over the next few months to determine a way forward. We want to thank the Building Committee for their hard work as they continue to explore options.

Alongside that work, we have been fortunate to have received a number of community grants from the government, totalling almost \$30,000, for work within the auditorium, on a new LED sign and on the youth garage. This money enables work which would not have been able to be funded otherwise, which we are very grateful for.

Thank you to all the ministry staff. Raj, for your leadership and vision in seeing TAC grow under God, and Murray, Kate and Ben for your hard work, expertise and enthusiasm as you lead both the the Families, Women's and Youth ministries and your various ministry areas. Stuart, Kate and Jack, thank you for the many many ways you serve despite the full-time study load you also have, and a massive thanks to Rachael and Leesa, who in their training have not only been able to learn but have given so much back in their work here. Finally, to the office staff, to Anne, Sally, Jon Flood and Susan Burgess, thank you for efforts throughout the year.

We thank all of you for not only making TAC your home, but in so many other ways as you lead and serve here. There are far too many people to thank, but each one of you helps to further the work of the Gospel in this community. God calls each one of us to use our gifts for his purposes and we thank you that you do that here with us.

As we look forward to the rest of 2019, we pray that God continues to bless us here at TAC, but more importantly that through us, the Gospel may reach the lost around us and bring many people into his Kingdom.

*Jacqui Doran, Simon Butler & John Chensee
Church Wardens 2018*