



2020 Annual Report

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<i>Armidale Spring Bible Week</i>	<i>Christadelphian Refugee Assistance Council</i>
<i>Combined Memorial Meeting</i>	<i>Inter-Ecclesial Speaking Plan</i>
<i>Isolation League</i>	<i>NCC Treasurer</i>
<i>NCC Website</i>	<i>NewStart (event was early 2021)</i>
<i>PraiSing (cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19)</i>	<i>SCYP</i>
<i>Support Network</i>	<i>Women at the Well (reformed in 2020, planning 2021)</i>
<i>Worship Book (Financial Report)</i>	
<i>Children's Club Camp (cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19)</i>	<i>Kids Club (not operational)</i>

NCC Secretary's Report

The New South Wales Christadelphian Committee (NCC) consists of the Recorders or Secretaries of Christadelphian ecclesias in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. Membership of the NCC is open to all 45 Ecclesias in these geographical boundaries who meet on the Australian Unity Basis. There were 28 member Ecclesias in 2020 after the sad closure of Baringa after more than twenty-five years of community and service.

The NCC met four times in 2020 with the following attendances (with a quorum of 5 Ecclesias):

February	7 Ecclesias	Baringa, Castle Hill, Doonside, Hurstville District, Lakemba, Shaftesbury Road & Sutherland
June	7 Ecclesias	Baringa, Castle Hill, Doonside, Hurstville District, Lakemba, Shaftesbury Road, Sutherland plus Support Network & SCYP
August	7 Ecclesias	Charlestown, Castle Hill, Doonside, Hurstville District, Shaftesbury Road, Sutherland & West Ryde
November	7 Ecclesias	Castle Hill, Doonside, Hurstville District, Lakemba, Shaftesbury Road, Sutherland, & West Ryde

The NCC represents the Christadelphians of NSW and the ACT in matters which concern our community. For example, particular representations have been made in relation to individual members in jury panels and in relation to maintaining our Child Safety objectives and in assisting Ecclesia's and NCC Sub Committee's with their annual auditing of each member's understanding of Child Safety legislation.

Administratively, the NCC has continued to arrange copyright licences for member Ecclesias and public liability insurance for the committee and its subcommittees.

The work of the NCC and its sub-committees is undertaken by individuals who volunteer for this role, based on their own diverse interests and abilities, in response to the individual and collective needs of Christadelphians in NSW and the ACT, and elsewhere. The NCC expresses its grateful thanks for this support, recognising also that these offerings are made under the hand of and through the grace of our collective Father as we wait and prepare for the appearance of His Son. May the day soon come on which these hopes will be fulfilled.

The NCC works directly and through sub-committees to initiate, oversee and support coordinated ecclesial activities and the interchange of ideas or matters of common interest.

This Annual Report provides the opportunity to reflect on these activities and contributions, and to thank those whose quiet, committed gifts of time, energy, vision and resources benefits the community we all share.

This report also provides the opportunity for each NCC sub-committee to communicate their activities and finances. Not all of these subcommittees were active in 2020, as a consequence of the impact of the coronavirus and the ever changing health regulations.

The reports from NCC subcommittees reflects their own areas of focus, with a common theme around the need for real support from individuals interested in assisting with their work.

Administratively, the NCC has continued to arrange copyright licences for member Ecclesias and public liability insurance for the committee and its sub committees. The Committee maintains an interest in the development, application and review of appropriate child safety policies and procedures, and aims

to complete early in 2020 the review of arrangements for the care and support of the children and young people involved in its activities.

In addition to Sub Committees, some additional activities undertaken by the NCC this year include:

Combined Memorial Meeting

- Date: 20th September 2020
- Exhorter: Zazz Oosthuisen (Castle Hill)
- Zoom Presider: David Henry (West Ryde)
- Zoom Technical: Ross O'Toole (West Ryde)
- Reader: Dan McGonigal (Doonside)
- Prayers: Scott Boyd (Hurstville) & Jason Gilmore (Kemps Creek)
- Music Coordination: Dan Blackwood (Shaftesbury Road) and a great crowd of musicians and singers who contributed to the music and video meditation hymns / songs.
- Flyer: Mic O'Neill (Castle Hill)

The meeting was very successfully held via Zoom and the participant count achieved 238, noting that these included families in homes and several Ecclesias had connected from their hall or from homes. Therefore the total attendance would have been much higher.

Drought Relief

The three households in regional NSW who have been supported through this initiative continue to express their gratitude for both the physical support and also the thoughts and prayers of our community. The impacts of the drought have been reduced with some rainfalls through the year but the pandemic and Aus/China trade friction has resulted in significant ongoing impacts. For two families there have been reasonable rain but the drought is not over yet, some local work and the promise or more have helped make ends meet, whilst praying for more rain. Thank you to the Ecclesias who have contributed to this appeal.

2020 Appeal Receipts	\$1,020
2020 Appeal Payments	\$ 750
Cash on Hand (to be distributed)	\$ 270

NCC Website

It has been a while since the NCC has had a website.

The primary purpose of our website is to improve inter- ecclesial communications and sharing of information to our community and also with the public.

The NCC website has the usual elements:

- Who and what is the NCC
- A listing of all Ecclesias and identifying NCC member Ecclesias
- NCC Sub Committees (with links to these sub committees if they have their own website)
- NCC public facing information
- NCC contact point

In support of a faster update of ecclesial information, the website has incorporated the devolving of maintenance and communications to each ecclesial Recorder / Secretaries. Ecclesial Recorders / Secretaries can now update much of their own information on the NCC website. This includes:

- Ecclesial location and contact details; which also allows the addition of a map, map links and images.
- An ecclesial calendar to promote coordinated planning of activities and communication of the same. This replaces the previous manual NCC calendar system as well as the previous centralised mail out of information by the NCC Secretary.
- A forum for communication of temporary ecclesial closures, ideas, surveys and other inter-ecclesial information. This has been particularly relevant for quickly disseminating COVID-19 information and individual ecclesial responses as well as shared resources.

As the maintenance and currency of the NCC website is now substantially in the hands of ecclesial Recorders / Secretaries, it is recommended that each becomes familiar with these facilities, regularly reviewing ecclesial information. It would also be appreciated if ecclesias could include link(s) to the NCC website on ecclesial websites (if they exist).

All of the work of the NCC is done in the knowledge that our Father provides all things, and in the expectation that His Son will shortly return to directly rule on earth. May the day soon come on which this hope is fulfilled.

Paul Niven
NCC Secretary

SCYP

2020 was a challenging year for SCYP. The committee started the year with high hopes of delivering an excellent 2020 program entitled “2020 Vision”, which aimed to address a range of topics relating to maintaining our personal focus on God, Jesus and the coming Kingdom in spite of difficulties (a very relevant topic, as it turned out!). Various aspects of the program had to be changed and adapted from March onwards, however, due to the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Several carefully planned activities had to be cancelled, including the March CYC/SCYP Combined Activity (a trivia night), and our annual Easter Camp and August Camp. In the case of Easter Camp, SCYP was fortunate to benefit from the work of Dan Blackwood in organising an external online event called “Easter Online”, that combined members of SCYP with members of the Melbourne CYC as well as Christadelphian young people from around the world. This event demonstrated the powerful capabilities of online events, and showed the SCYP committee that with creativity and determination, we can overcome limitations of distance to unite young people in Jesus.

Our February and March classes proceeded as planned. April class was cancelled, and from May to August, all SCYP classes and activities were held online via Zoom. This format was successful, allowing for spiritual talks and presentations, praise music videos, break-out discussion groups, and games nights using online apps such as Kahoot and Skribblo. During the isolation period, many classes and activities had to be changed, shuffled and re-scoped, and the committee worked hard to enable this. Classes returned to face-to-face attendance from September to December, implementing initiatives such as social distancing, hand sanitizing, mask wearing, and pre-packaged suppers to ensure the safety of attendees. The face-to-face classes were also streamed online via Zoom and discussion groups were facilitated between those online.

Class attendance declined in 2020, significantly impacted by having to hold classes online. With the exception of February class, every single SCYP class' attendance was lower than the equivalent class' attendance in 2019, with a final 2020 average attendance of 27 (versus a 2019 average attendance of 42). With improved publicity to both young people and parents and the hope of maintaining face-to-face classes, the SCYP committee aims to significantly improve attendance in 2021.

In spite of the significant challenges posed in 2020, the committee and SCYP as a whole displayed a commendable spirit of unity and making the most of a difficult situation, and God blessed us in this challenging time. Particular thanks go to Tilly Johnson, who was SCYP secretary in 2020.

SCYP's financial situation is healthy, with few expenses in 2020 due to either cancellation or significant reduction in scope of activities. The most significant movement of funds related to the cancelled Easter and August camps, with many refunds processed to attendees. SCYP has continued to take up collections and make donations to the Agape in Action sponsorship program. A complete financial statement for the year 2020 accompanies this report. The primary reason for a net loss for 2020 was the need to repay historical amounts owing to past organisers of Praise in the Park.

As the committee begins a new year, there is an ongoing need for more hosting couples. At present our Presidents are Lyndon and Hazel Crossley, but beside them is only one other hosting couple who need to move on as soon as possible. All ecclesias have been and will continue to be asked to promote this important role to their members.

All members of NCC ecclesias are encouraged to make themselves aware of our channels of publicity, including class and activity emails, the SCYP website (www.scyp.net), our Facebook page and associated group, and Instagram page. We also request that recorders/secretaries of NCC ecclesias announce SCYP classes and activities on Sunday mornings (their ecclesial delegates will be reminding them of this regularly).

The SCYP program for 2021 is titled "Praise You More and More" and speakers have been fully organised. The committee is excited about this program, which aims to provide topics with a strong Biblical foundation and which will challenge SCYP to think more deeply about praise, which is a concept that is very important to our youth group.

The SCYP committee's goals for 2021 include adoption of Google's "G-Suite" as our primary organising platform, making particular use of Gmail as our email system, and setting up a Google Drive system that will provide excellent organisation and storage of SCYP files. It is hoped this organising platform will be a helpful legacy to future committees. We also intend to carefully review and potentially update the SCYP constitution (last updated 2007) to ensure it is as accurate and effective as possible.

SCYP committee meetings are currently being run via Zoom on the Tuesday night two weeks before the SCYP class (the first Saturday of the month). If you have any questions, concerns or ideas related to SCYP that you would like addressed or discussed at committee meetings, please email secretary@scyp.net.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in service of the Sydney Christadelphian Young People, to the glory of our Heavenly Father.

God bless,
Matt Teal | SCYP Secretary

Sydney Christadelphian Young People Financial Report for period

1 January 2020	-	31 December 2020		
Description	Income	Expenditure	Net	
Opening Balance				
1 January 2020			NAB (SCYP)	6,059.48
			NAB (PiP)	1,856.50
			Total	\$ 7,915.98
			-	
Class				
Supper / Dinner	20.00	-	31.92	-
				-
Activities				
End of Year	-	-	-	-
Play	-	-	-	-
Other Monthly Activities	-	-	37.25	-
				-
Camps				
Easter Camp	-	-	1,400.00	-
August Camp	1,440.00	-	1,440.00	-
				-
Preaching				
Praise in the Park (and Mall)	-	-	1,856.50	-
				-
Fundraising				
Handy Helpers	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
				-
Donations				
Miscellaneous to SCYP	1,207.40	-	100.00	1,107.40
Class Collections (eg. To Agape in Action)	411.21	-	440.00	-
				-
Other				
Music License	-	-	484.00	-
ATO GST return	421.00	-	-	421.00
Interest and Charges	0.57	-	-	0.57
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
				-
Total	3,500.18	-	5,789.67	-
				2,289.49
Total Closing balance				-
31 December 2020				5,626.49
Bank Statement Balances as at	NAB Transaction (Cheque) Account		5,626.49	
31 December 2020	NAB Business Account (PiP Account)		0.00	
Total				\$ 5,626.49
Net Change				-\$ 2,289.49
Notes	For simplicity of reporting (as of January 2018) the NAB account balances include the SCYP Cheque account and the PiP Business Account in separate fields, however the PiP account transaction history is not reported to SCYP excluding movement of funds in or out of the SCYP Cheque Account.			

NewStart 2021 Summary Report

Dates: Sun 03 – Fri 08 Jan 2021

NewStart:
 Macquarie College
 182-222 Lake Road,
 Elmore Vale NSW 2287
Correspondence:
 7 Kelbrae Close,
 Morisset NSW 2264
www.newstartweek.com



Statistics

<u>NewStart Stats</u>	2020	2021*	% Difference
Session Numbers			
Family Night	65	80	23.08%
am session	210	191	-9.05%
Memorial Meeting			
emblems	205	800	290.24%
collection	\$1,900	\$0	-100.00%
Attendance			
reg attendees	356		
46 day visitors	46		
402 TOTAL	402	1373	241.54%
Current Bank Balance			
	\$13,658.23	\$17,961.93	31.51%

*Explanation of Numbers:

191 session attendance is the average no of devices connected x 1.5

Memorial meeting is a guesstimate based on 273 devices x 2 = 546, plus 6 Ecclesias:

- Charlestown
- Dandenong
- Kedron Brook
- Gosford
- Shafestbury Rd
- Riverwood

Total number is 800 (Memorial) + all the devices connected each day x 1.5

Locations from which attendees which Zoomed In:

- Bangalore, India
- England
- SA
- USA, Nevada
- BC Canada
- India
- South Africa
- Vermont
- Belgium
- Massachusetts
- Sri Lanka
- VIC
- Bermuda
- New Zealand
- Suva, Fiji
- WA
- California
- NSW
- TAS
- Wales UK
- Canada
- QLD
- USA, Indiana

Format

NewStart 2021 was the fifth of the annual conferences since its inauguration in 2017. NewStart delivered a fresh, slim line program, **entirely online via Zoom**.

The uncertainty of Covid-19 cancelled out the regular venue and format, but the spirit of fellowship, unity and worship shone through.

NewStart Week is an all ages, bible Study Week, designed to help us all make a NewStart to our spiritual sensitivities and aspirations.

There is no official dress code and all sessions are optional, allowing people to come and go as they please.

Importantly, NewStart is supported by all eight local ecclesias in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Central Coast areas of NSW and has promoted unity in the area since its inception.

The atmosphere is welcoming and accepting, where the Word is promoted, fellowship is enhanced, and faith is strengthened.

SPEAKERS:

Adults Studies

Bro Jim Styles, from the Simi Hills ecclesia, California, presented adult studies to the theme: "God's righteousness has been revealed".

Youth Studies

Bro Richard Hillhouse, from the North West ecclesia, presented Youth studies to the theme: "Navigating the narrow way - Christianity in a post-modern world".

There were no Children's Classes.

Recordings of all studies are feely available at www.newstartweek.com

Finances

Income \$0

Expenses \$412.01 (\$70 for Zoom upgrade + \$342.01 Speakers gifts)

Surplus **-\$412.01**

Opening Bank Balance \$18,363.94

Closing Bank Balance: \$17,951.93

Past Speakers

Year	Speakers	Subject
2017	Rob Oosthuizen - NZ	A New Start for People of God
2018	John Pople - USA	The King Who Fell – Song of Solomon
2019	Jeff Gelineau - USA Anthony Oosthuizen - NSW	Forgiveness – Doing the Unthinkable How to be a Kingdom Citizen
2020	Matt Blewett - SA Craig Blewett - SA	Meditations in Revelation One New Thing
2021	Jim Styles - USA Richard Hillhouse - NSW	The Righteousness of God Revealed Navigating the narrow way - Christianity in a post-modern world

Future Speakers

Year	Speakers	Subject
2022	John Pople - USA Adam Byrnes	Leading Ladies The Beginning
2023	John Launchbury Shane Kirkwood	TBA TBA
2024	Joe Miles - UK Matt Norton	TBA TBA
2024	Craig Blewett - SA Matt Blewett - SA	TBA TBA

May the Lord who walks among the Lightstands continue to bless future NewStarts as we await his return.

With Love in Jesus,
Bro Jem Ryan
Secretary

Armidale Spring Bible Week

Spring Bible Week @ Armidale

Secretary:
Wayne Levick
PO Box 126
JESMOND. NSW. 2299
Australia

Mobile: 0409371245

Spring Bible Week Report to NCC - 2021

This would normally be a SBW year and we'd be well underway with preparations. We retain a glimmer of hope that Armidale will go ahead in the usual manner, 25th September to 2nd October 2021 but we recognise that as long as social distancing restrictions remain, it's unlikely that there'll be a 2021 Armidale.

We have surveyed those on our Armidale email list regarding alternative options. On the question of whether we might substitute an online Armidale for the usual 'live' event, two-thirds of those responding favoured a postponement in preference to online. The suggested postponement is until September/October school holidays in 2022. We have decided to wait until early April to make a final decision regarding a 'live' Armidale this year.

Even if we go ahead this year it's unlikely that our speakers will be able to attend in person unless they spend a couple of weeks in quarantine. Fortunately, their locations/time zones and availability mean that we could stream them from their homes in real-time onto a big screen at Armidale at times convenient to our normal programming, if needs be.

There have been some changes in the Committee. Rachel Latta and Josene Huisman have retired and we thank them for their invaluable contribution. The current Committee members are Wayne & Joy Levick, Andrew & Liz O'Toole and Joel Latta. We will be seeking to recruit new committee members in the near future.

Our finances remain healthy with total current assets at 31/12/20 of \$51,874 up from \$39,480 in 2020 due to a GST refund following 2019 SBW. A financial statement for the 12 months to 31/12/20 is attached.

Wayne Levick
Secretary
30/1/21

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SPRING BIBLE WEEK @ ARMIDALE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/20

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

CURRENT ASSETS	\$
Cash: Cheque Account	1,767
Cash: Savings Account	50,107
Total Current Assets	51,874
Non-Current Assets	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	51,874
Current Liabilities	0
Non-Current Liabilities	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>51,874</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOME	\$
Bank Interest	88
ATO – GST Refund	<u>13,793</u>
TOTAL INCOME	13,882
EXPENDITURE	
Sundries*	<u>1,488</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,488
<u>NET OPERATING SURPLUS</u>	<u>12,393</u>

Notes:

1. GST refund in 2020 from 2019 expenditure
2. Sundries includes 2019 Photobook, Website & Content

Andrew O'Toole
Treasurer, SBW
26th January, 2021

PraiSing

It was not intended to hold PraiSing in 2020, which in hindsight was a good idea as Covid-19 Health advice prohibited/restricted choral rehearsals, performances and their audiences.

PraiSing may be held in 2021, God willing, at a date to be advised, if it is deemed safe to sing with manageable rehearsal procedures by NSW Health.

Report prepared by Nita Lawrie, December 2020.

Isolation League

CIL REPORT NSW 2020

CIL (UK) Exhorts, Studies, and one Lecture are distributed each calendar month plus three issues per annum of the **CIL Newsletter Magazine**.

Seven paper copies of the weekly Exhorts and Studies plus one lecture are mailed each month via Aust.Post.

Thirteen other recipients are sent material by e-mail (including four members who are not in isolation). (The Quarterly CIL Newsletter Magazine is sent by post to these members).

There are four other brothers and sisters in Northern NSW who receive the CIL papers via Brisbane.

One copy, plus various literature, goes to a young brother in Nigeria (at his request) who is in virtual isolation at the University of Ibadan.

There have been Problems/Delays re Postage due to Covid 19.

Maintaining Contact: Members are also contacted by Phone/AusPost/Texts – as appropriate.

CIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

Balance from 31 December 2019	\$186-10
Jan-31 Dec.2020 Anon Donations: \$100, \$40	\$140-00
TOTAL INCOME	\$286-10

EXPENDITURE

Stamps	\$302-00
Stationery	\$12-00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$314-00

DEFICIT as at 1 JANUARY 2021

\$28-00

Kenneth Camplin
January 2021

Support Network

The NSW Christadelphian Support Network 2020 Report

The NSW Christadelphian Support Network has been mostly dormant over the past year. Any counselling for individuals and ecclesias has been conducted on a personal basis.

Our www.caring4u.org.au website is still online but needs updating. An appeal was made in 2020 through the NCC, for anyone interested in working with the CSN, particularly on the website. Only two responses were received. Neither were in a position to become actively involved.

Doug & Cyndy Mogg continue to organize the printing and distribution of the Christadelphian Pre-Marriage discussion course throughout Australia.

Marriage Enrichment Courses are available for groups of 5 couples or more. If you would like to have a Marriage Enrichment Course as part of your pastoral care program, please contact us at dougandcyndy@bigpond.com and we will give you details of available course facilitators.

Financial Report 5/11/19- 23/11/20

Balance Brought Forward	\$14,952.06		
Income		Expenditure	
Books/pamphlets	\$332.10	Copying 50 Pre marriage books	\$587.00
Total Income	\$15,284.16	Total Expenditure	\$587.00
BALANCE as shown in the CSS record book	\$14,697.16		
Balance as shown on account statement at 23/11/2020	\$14,697.16		

CSN Committee

The CSN coordinating committee for 2021:

- Doug Mogg Chairman/Secretary
- Robyn Henry Counselling Coordinator
- Cyndy Mogg Treasurer

Doug Mogg
Chairman NSW CSN

Women at the Well for 2021

Planning is underway for a 2021 W@W weekend.

After a break of 3 or 4 years, a new W@W committee has been formed and we have begun tentative plans. Due to the unusual Covid times in which we find ourselves, we're fully aware that our weekend together may not be able to proceed as we hope, but we decided to go ahead and make a start, being willing to postpone it if necessary.

The new committee comprises of the following sisters

Keren Dando (West Ryde)
Emma Hill (West Ryde)
Liz O'Toole (West Ryde)
Jenni Sawell (Doonside)
Cathy Strachan (Castle Hill)
Lauren Watson (Orange)

Liz has agreed to be Secretary for the committee and Keren and Emma are going to share the Treasurer duties.

We are hoping to hold the weekend in the middle of the year (Mid July- early August) but as yet haven't finalised the actual dates or venue. The Central coast is a good location, being halfway between Sydney and Newcastle, so we are looking in this area for a venue.

We have lined up Sister Lucy Dangerfield from the South Adelaide meeting to be our speaker. Lucy is preparing some thoughts on practical faith, which should be really encouraging for everyone attending. She has a wonderful presentation style that lends itself to reaching out to others.

The closing balance of the existing W@W bank account is \$2,611.88

Our thanks to the previous committee, and to Jane Burns (Doonside) for her work as Treasurer.

We're looking forward to sending out more information to the ecclesias shortly, and to a really wonderful weekend together.

With love in Jesus,

Liz O'Toole
(on behalf of the committee)

Christadelphian Refugee Assistance Council

Christadelphian Refugee Assistance Council

dedicated to assisting fellow believers in refugee circumstances who are seeking asylum in Australia.

Correspondence to CRAC coordinator, Garry Hindmarsh: garryhindmarsh@gmail.com; 0425345675

"Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive." Titus 3v14

Annual Report to NCC ...2020

Introduction

Firstly, we would like to thank the Australian brotherhood for their amazingly generous support for CRAC and through CRAC, the Iranian brothers and sisters living in Turkey.

With very little encouragement, the Australian brotherhood have donated an incredible amount of money (as seen in the report below) that has been put to good use in assisting the families in Turkey.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the Christadelphian Refugee Assistance Council (formerly, Committee) are to assist and propose refugees for the Special Humanitarian Visa to Australia and once approved and arrived, to support them physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually in the settlement process.

In addition to these two objectives, in 2020 we committed to help the families in Turkey financially especially through the Covid-19 crisis that still continues to grip the world and particularly Turkey as we

write. To facilitate this help we appealed to the Australian brotherhood who flooded CRAC with such generous donations that families were able to continue to live in their rented apartments throughout the pandemic.

This financial commitment has predominantly been taken over by the CBM, United Kingdom. The CBM at first (for their own reasons), did not see themselves free to assist with helping with rent and services. After about 4 months, the CBM, thankfully and generously took over the supply of financial help in support of not only food and medical but also rent and services. This largely alleviated CRAC from this task.

Cooperation with CBM

CRAC involvement with visa applications, puts us in the position of knowing the intimate details of about two hundred families. In addition Garry and Helen Hindmarsh have visited the four ecclesias in Turkey a number of times.

Due to this firsthand contact and knowledge of circumstances, CRAC has been encouraged by the CBM to maintain contact with the CBM and by giving advice on matters of welfare. This affable relationship continues into 2021.

Four Ecclesias in Turkey - Denizli, Eskisehir, Kayseri, Isparta

Each of the 4 ecclesias in Turkey, have an organising team or committee. Together with the secretary, they advised CRAC and now directly to the CBM link man, Peter Simpson, of the needs of the brothers and sisters.

Because of our historic connection and ongoing visa needs, CRAC also maintains regular contact with the ecclesias.

CRAC with the blessing of the CBM link man, is conducting weekly bible classes with the Kayseri Ecclesia.

Visa Applications

One batch of visa applications have been sent to the Australian Immigration Department. There were 65 applications comprising about 110 people. This was done August 2019 and acknowledgement of the applications was given in November 2019. Only two replies have come back from the Australian Immigration Department - both were refusals.

We have another batch of applications almost ready to submit comprising of 95 applications.

Covid-19 Pandemic

C-19 has interfered significantly in the refugee immigration application process.

Incorporation of CRAC

We have applied to have CRAC incorporated. This will enable the application for a special bank account and also the application to become a recognised charity.

Overall it will establish CRAC on a legally recognised footing and enable smoother processes. It will also offer to any government agencies, such as immigration, easy and transparent access to our objectives, etc.

Compassion

Isaiah 58v6-10 highlight our compassionate responsibilities to the vulnerable. This is what motivates CRAC in the pursuit of assisting, where we can, vulnerable refugees.

As Paul reminds us in Titus, *"Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive."* Titus 3v14

Prayer

The task of assisting the refugee seems almost futile when considering the millions in dire need. *"She did what she could"*, inspires us to work with the Lord in doing what we can.

We pray that our Lord and our God will hear the cries of His people day and night in their oppression, and be moved to send help from the sanctuary of Heaven.

May our Lord Jesus be sent back soon to deliver the millions that are being oppressed, as only he knows how.

Finances

Donations gratefully received from individuals and ecclesias: \$127,800

Moneys dispersed to thankful families in Turkey: \$116,057

Balance in hand: \$11,743

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus

Garry Hindmarsh

CRAC Coordinator

Inter-Ecclesial Speaking Plan

The one Inter-Ecclesial Speaking Plan appears to be satisfying the needs of ecclesias involved however there is a consistent shortfall of appointments available to ecclesial requirements. This could be addressed with the addition of new Speakers and if current Speakers were willing to offer an extra appointment occasionally.

An enhancement from several years ago has been utilised to identify a Speaker's willingness to use online meeting technology such as Zoom. This has been particularly useful in relation to responding to COVID-19 but also raises opportunities for the future of distant speaking appointments.

Regional ecclesias have now been incorporated into the plan. This could take advantage of the flagging of Speakers willingness to utilise online meeting technology, eliminating long distance travelling. Regional NSW ecclesias are still to be contacted about embracing their potential inclusion in the plan.

Enhancements under consideration

- Allowing the loading of ecclesial programs on the NCC website and provide each ecclesia secured access to their individual programs and activities including the updating of their loaded plans.
- Identify ecclesias and exhortations that would be streamed online by ecclesias that could be shared by other ecclesias who may like to utilise such facilities where they may have gaps in their own program.

Worship Book Financial Report

THE WORSHIP BOOK FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

WORKING ACCOUNT BSB 611-000 ACCOUNT 062006108

OPENING BALANCE 1 January 2020	\$132.96
INCOME	
Payments received from Sales	\$1,360.00
INCOME TOTAL	\$1,360.00
EXPENSES	
Delivery Costs	\$462.04
PayPal Fees	\$16.80
Transfers to/from Interest Bearing On Call account	\$963.00
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$1,441.84
CLOSING BALANCE as at 31 December 2020	\$51.12

INTEREST BEARING ON CALL ACCOUNT BSB 611-000 ACCOUNT 062017934

OPENING BALANCE 1 January 2020	\$4,752.27
INCOMING	
Transfers from the Working Account	\$963.00
Transfers from Term Deposit	\$4,000.00
Interest	\$7.06
INCOME TOTAL	\$4,970.06
OUTGOING	
Video/Audio mixing	\$4,970.00
OUTGOING TOTAL	\$4,970.00
CLOSING BALANCE as at 31 December 2020	\$4,752.33

TERM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE 1 January 2020 062 020 937	\$41,401.12
Transferred to Interest Bearing On Call Account 062017934	-\$4,000.00
Interest	\$466.39
13-Nov-20 Currently reinvested with Interest for 3 months at 1.45% maturing 11 Feb 2021	
CLOSING BALANCE 31 December 2020 062 020 937	\$37,867.51
TOTAL BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020	\$42,670.96

Prepared by Nita Lawrie
6 January 2021

NCC Finance Report

Income and Expenses for 2020		<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Income			
Ecclesial contributions			
-	Baringa		\$640.00
-	Boolaroo		\$500.00
-	Cabramatta		\$100.00
-	Camden (2019 \$520)		\$520.00
-	Canberra		\$1,000.00
-	Castle Hill		\$2,912.00
-	Central West		\$100.00
-	Charlestown		\$3,520.00
-	Coffs Harbour		\$476.00
-	Doonside		\$400.00
-	Gosford		\$202.00
-	Hurstville District		\$2,400.00
-	Kemps Creek		\$100.00
-	Lakemba		\$800.00
-	Moorebank (2019 \$700)		\$1,400.00
-	Mt Colah		\$400.00
-	Shaftesbury Road		\$1,760.00
-	Southern Highlands		\$100.00
-	Sutherland		\$960.00
-	Taree		\$250.00
-	Toronto		\$100.00
-	West Ryde (2019 \$900)		\$2,340.00
-	Wollongong		\$100.00
	Donations for drought relief		\$1,020.00
	Connect19 Disposal		\$21.00
	GST Refund		\$1,042.00
			\$23,163.00
Expenses			
	Copyright Licences	\$3,023.84	
	Drought Relief	\$750.00	
	Insurance	\$1,991.13	
	Transfer to Investment Account	\$15,000.00	
		\$20,764.97	
Balance for 2020			\$2,398.03
Current funds ¹			
	NCC funds at Bank (B/F \$10,379.93) ²		\$12,777.96
	NCC funds (Investment Account) ING ³		\$64,402.14
	Main Family /Youth Conferences ⁴		\$52,197.54
	Drought Relief yet to be distributed		\$270.00
	Total		\$129,647.64
Colin Hillman Treasurer			

¹ The NCC holds balances identified for use by the Australian Christadelphian Conference and by the Australian Christadelphian Youth Conference when these combined activities are hosted by NSW. Part of the amount held for the 2024 Australian Christadelphian Conference is currently on short-term loan to Heritage College, Sydney.

² CommBank A/C ...2894.

³ ING A/C 60455684 B/F \$49,223.04 with 2020 Interest of \$179.10 and Transfers from CommBank A/C of \$15,000.00.

⁴ For Main Family (2024) / Youth Conferences but an amount of \$52,197.54 is currently on loan to Heritage College Sydney. B/F \$51,678.39 with Interest received on HCS loan for 2020 being \$519.15.