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Church

Experience.
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IMPACT REPORT

2021



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VISION

FOR ALL PEOPLE TO
BECOME FOLLOWERS
OF JESUS

MISSION

LOVING GOD
LOVING PEOPLE
MAKING DISCIPLES OF
JESUS TOGETHER

MATTHEW 22:37-40
MATTHEW 28:18-20

VALUES

EXPERIENCING GOD
CREATING COMMUNITY
REACHING BEYOND

WHAT MATTERS MOST

As we have continued to navigate a global pandemic, in 2021 at Clovie we have focussed on 'What Matters Most'. We have focussed our energies on Experiencing God, Creating Community and Reaching Beyond. I'm so grateful to God for His leading and I'm extremely proud of the Clovie leadership team as we have stayed focussed on loving God, loving people, and making disciples of Jesus together. As a community of faith over the course of 2021, we saw:

- 40 people make a decision to follow Jesus for the first time
- 11 people recommit their lives to Jesus
- 21 people go through the waters of baptism, declaring Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
- Over 70 bibles being given to people exploring faith

Generosity is at the heart of all we do and who we are, and due to your generosity we have been able to continue to subsidise fees for counselling for people, and also give to people in our wider community with needs, and other churches in need.

We praise and thank God for His ongoing financial provision – we have experienced strong growth in our offerings in 2021 and H4H was our largest on record. Thank you!

This year we began living out the God Sized dream of what Clovie will look like in 2030:

- Developing digital mission and Clovie Online [REACH / EXPAND]
- Exploring leadership academy and leadership development pathways [MULTIPLY]
- Asking God what it looks like for Clovie to embrace more congregations [EXPAND]

Our ministries continue to grow and develop as we seek to introduce people to Jesus. I trust you will be encouraged by the stories of impact from ministry areas that fill this report.

I would like to especially thank the Church Council and staff, and all Team Clovie volunteers, who have demonstrated incredible resilience and gospel innovation through these COVID times. We look to 2022 with faith and belief that with God, the best is yet to come!



Your Pastor and friend,

Mike Stevens
Lead Pastor

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FIRST TIME
COMMITMENTS

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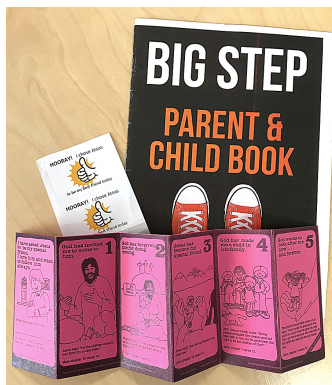
RECOMMITMENTS

SAYING YES TO JESUS

Jesus is always calling children to Himself, and we celebrate that this year we saw 17 kids say yes to Jesus for the first time. Our Clovie Kids team is passionate about creating an environment where all children can experience God and connect with each other. Zoe is one of those kids and here is an encouraging reflection from her parents, Mel and Craig.

“It was such a delight to find out that Zoe had chosen to accept Jesus into her heart at Clovie Kids this year. Zoe has built trusting relationships with her leaders in Rise and it was very encouraging that she felt safe enough to take this next step in her faith journey. Zoe was given a little

pamphlet about accepting Jesus as her friend and this was an open door to keep the conversation going at home. After making this decision, Zoe felt very peaceful and told us it meant that Jesus would be her friend forever and He would never let go of her. A huge smile reflected her inner joy as we talked about all of Heaven celebrating her decision that day. What a privilege it is to partner with Clovie Kids in the ongoing discipleship and spiritual growth of Zoe. This has been a wonderful step and we are grateful to have Clovie Kids in our corner, cheering us on as Zoe continues to learn what it means to put her trust in Jesus every day and become more like Him.”



BAPTISMS

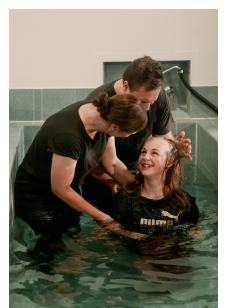
JIRAH'S TESTIMONY

“I was raised in a Christian home, going to church, and watching Veggie Tales from a young age. By the time I reached age 13, I couldn't seem to find God in my life, and I felt in many ways abandoned by him. I spent many nights crying out for help, only to receive what I felt was no response. This brings us to around mid-2017. I had just started high-school and life was not really looking up. I was completely lost. One night I prayed the prayer that I thought would be my last, “God I'm sick of looking for you, if you want me come and find me.” That is it, I thought it was done. Two years passed and I went to Echo Youth for the first time in 2019. Little did I know that it would be the year that my life changed 180°. Slowly as the year passed, my walls started to crack. I craved this love and connection that people were talking about, the love of God. The first moment in my life when I felt God moving in a truly undeniable way was at a youth event called United, We Stand in 2019. The preacher had requested those who wanted to put their trust in Jesus to put their hand up. I stuck my hand up, I was pretty much thinking “Yeah, alright, what's the worst thing that could happen.” The very next moment

the preacher was asking those who put their hands up to come forwards. I did not plan to move forwards; God had other plans for me that night. My feet began to move when I did not command them to; God moved me to the front, when I wasn't willing to. God carried me through that moment in arms of love. That was the night when I put my faith in God again. Looking back, I realise that not only did He come and find me when I was lost but He actually never left - He was with me through the toughest moments, even when I didn't realise. I was once lost, broken and hopeless. I stand here today more alive than I have felt in many years. That is because of God's redeeming and unwavering love.”

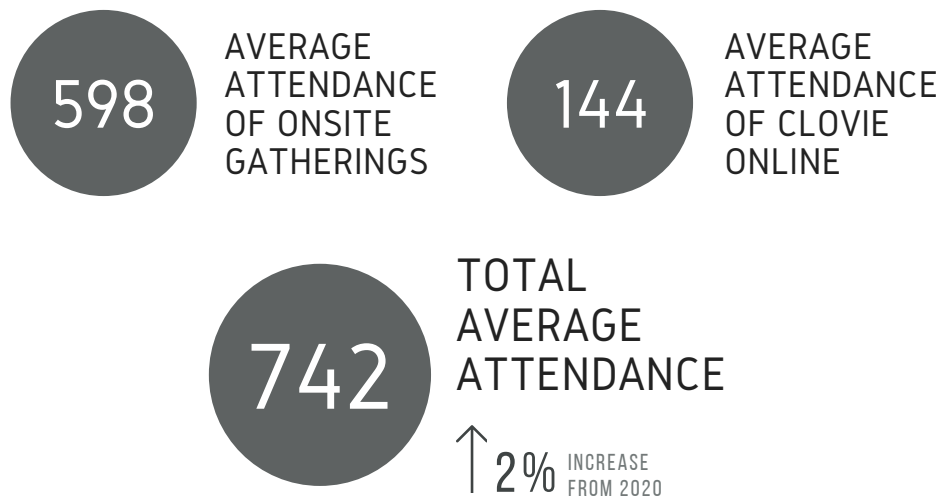


BAPTISMS



EXPERIENCING GOD

WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES



CHURCHWIDE PRAYER

“The last Prayer and Worship night was such a special time and much more than I expected or have even experienced during my time at Clovie. The prayer night was evidence of the living Word. In my own personal journey I have been hungry to see more of God move and more of the presence of the Holy Spirit. God showed up and blew me over. I was deeply moved by the invitation, encouragement and teaching on how to engage in the Holy Spirit in a more deep and personal level. It was a safe place of learning and growing both individually and corporately. I am very excited about what God is going to do next at Clovie!”

EXPERIENCING GOD

IN THESE DAYS

Youth Camp was breathtaking on so many levels. This year in Echo we have been leaning into a word from God in Joel 2:28; that 'In These Days' God would pour out His Spirit, that students would be activated in the prophetic, and have dreams and visions. Throughout camp we saw the outworking of that word; students heard from God for the first time and we saw students have significant encounters with the Holy Spirit. In the Saturday night sessions the students just worshipped and worshipped. It got to the point the students were



louder than our band - that's how much they wanted God. The hunger for God was contagious! We can't wait to see what God will continue to do in our youth ministry.

YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

“House Sessions in 2021 have helped me reflect on what God is doing in my life and press into what He has planned for me. I was challenged through the prayer and worship time to bring my concerns about my future to God and pray specifically and consistently into a few key areas. As days, weeks, and months passed by, I became discouraged that I had not seen God working in these areas and doubt crept in about whether God

was able to answer my prayers. In the next House Session, Dubsy prayed for those who were experiencing doubt that they would receive fresh faith. I gave my doubt to God and was renewed in my trust that God does hear and will answer my prayers in His way and time. I praise God for encouraging me through His Word and His people!”

- Emily Fawcett

EXPERIENCING GOD

TRUSTING GOD

“I was diagnosed with melanoma cancer in September 2020, which had spread to other areas in my body. The prognosis was a five-month life expectancy without any treatment for the cancer. I commenced immunotherapy treatment in October 2020. I was re-diagnosed at the end of January 2021 and the relevant scans remarkably revealed I had a complete metabolic response to the treatment and my cancer had disappeared. I am currently on a maintenance program; however at the time of writing, two subsequent scans since January have confirmed the absence of any cancer. I feel very blessed given the results of the treatment.

I am extremely grateful for the scientific developments regarding the treatment for melanoma and for the skill of the medical professionals who are treating me. However, as a Christian, I believe my faith has also

been a significant part of my recovery. I prayed each day for recovery, but on the understanding that it is God's will for our life and not our own that is important. I surrendered myself completely to God's will and placed myself at the mercy of his love and grace. I believe my prayers were answered regarding recovery, but regardless of the result, I know faith sustained me throughout the treatment process. I felt God's presence and somehow knew all would be okay, whatever the outcome. My illness has strengthened my faith and understanding in ways that are difficult to describe. The experience has very much reinforced for me the truth of the Christian faith and the power of a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Lindsay Saul

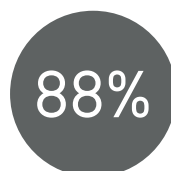
PERSPECTIVE - SENIORS MINISTRY

Our purpose is to provide food and fellowship with opportunities of discipleship, and to allow people to share stories of what God has been doing. We have heard of people being healed, both physically, emotionally and spiritually, and getting closer to God in their relationship and faith. Community has also been flourishing, with people inviting friends and strong friendships forming between our Seniors.

CREATING COMMUNITY



ATTENDED
A MEET
& GREET



ARE NOW
REGULAR
ATTENDERS

JOIN THE FAMILY

“We first experienced Clovie through the online services while we were adjusting to life with our new baby, and loved the authenticity and depth of the teaching we heard. When we came to Clovie in person, we were warmly greeted by several people, shown where the parents' room was, and shown to the family seats - we were delighted to see so many other families with young babies just like us! Since then we have been consistently welcomed week after week and find everyone at the church so friendly and eager to have a chat. We were so impressed by the meet and greet lunch we went to, and were so honoured to sit with Pastor Mike and chat with him one-on-one all about our lives and experiences with faith. Becoming part of a Life Group has brought us to another level of feeling at home at Clovie. Journeying through life with the beautiful people in our group is such a privilege and we've learnt so much by studying God's Word together in a small group setting.”

- Terry & Hannah Hillson

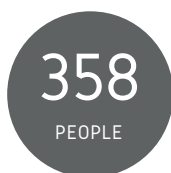
FINDING CONNECTION ONLINE

On Christmas Eve, one of our online hosts prayed with a woman who has been attending Clovie for many years and had settled into the online community during COVID. She had received some difficult news about her employment and faced significant challenges in her workplace as 2021 began. By June, she was experiencing anxiety and depression as a number of difficult personal and professional situations compounded. Throughout this time, our online team were able to pray with and pastorally care for her, while she also received appropriate medical support. She reflected that she felt more connected online than she used to feel when she attended in person - online is her right fit. God guided her through this difficult season, and He has provided a new short-term employment position. She has since joined our online host team, where she is thriving as she greets and prays with people online.

CREATING COMMUNITY

BELONG & FLOURISH

Our Life Groups (LGs) have had a wonderful year of growing together, sharing together, and serving together. One LG has seen an answer to prayer as one person, who had been absent from Christian community for many years, is now regularly attending. Another LG has kept up a regular prayer diary over the year,



CONNECTED
IN A LIFE
GROUP

filling it with prayer needs and celebrations, and sending it out after each meeting. Group members have grown and are able to share vulnerably with each other. Another LG in our community has been able to Reach Beyond by supporting David & Rosemary Girvan, who are part of Andrews Farm, and their outreach to disadvantaged school children in the Northern suburbs with financial and practical gifts. It is wonderful to see Life Groups as a place to belong and flourish.

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

“Our Life Group spent time over the year sharing our life and faith stories with one another. This was so enriching as we saw how different each of us is and yet how God has been at work in our lives and brought us together. A man with serious health issues and no faith background came to know Jesus and then regularly attended the group with a wonderful lady God asked to be his carer. Another man suffered a stroke after routine knee replacement surgery. God has answered prayer, as this man is making a remarkable recovery and is almost back to his old self.”

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

We have seen significant growth in the Year 7 boys Life Group at Echo Youth this year. Youth Camp was a key moment where they encountered God together and were able to go deeper as a group. We have since noticed this group looks out for each other, worships together, and goes from strength to strength. They are shifting from being just a group of lads put together at the start of the year, to becoming more like family.

CREATING COMMUNITY



In 2021 Quench continued to build in team and engagement, receiving some fantastic reviews and publicity. There have been many stories of people coming to church activities and services after having a positive experience at Quench. Through the year we sought where God was at work in our church and community which led to us supporting other ministries including Life Groups, Perspective and Welcome Team.

We consistently hear stories of people feeling blessed and those with food allergies feeling cared for and safe. One of our favourite highlights was staying open late on a Friday afternoon to support Revelation Dance in providing a warm and welcome environment for the dance families. It was great to be part of Revelation's final year and we are excited for the new opportunities God has for us in the coming year.

MEMBERSHIP

“Our family has attended Clovie for a significant number of years and over this time we have always felt accepted, loved and grounded in the life of the church. We have always been active and involved with Life Groups, Women's Ministry, Projection, the Welcome Team, and many events over the years. In 2019, David was re-evaluating his baptism as a child and was led by the Holy Spirit to be baptised as an adult. Ella was

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MEMBERS
(NOV 2021)

also baptised at the same time. This event led to church membership for the three of us. We love Clovie as our spiritual home and have a strong commitment to serve God and His church. Church membership is about planting our spiritual roots even deeper into church life and God's people.”

- David, Fiona & Ella
Van der Linden

CREATING COMMUNITY

MAKING ROOM AT THE TABLE

Our Clovie Kids team has continued to partner with parents of kids with additional needs, so we can create an environment where they can experience God and understand his love for them as they are. We see them – we value them and know that there is always room at God's table for them. These children are a blessing and teach us as we imagine ministry through their eyes.

CLOVIE EATS

In 2021 we launched Clovie Eats! Our heart is to provide practical care and support to families that are going through a tough season. Since our launch in May, we have been able to bless over 50 families with a meal. This has included families at the Heights School, with 4 meals going to a family who were experiencing grief and hardship after their mum sadly passed away.

EQUIPPING PARENTS

“The opportunity to engage in a Parent Night on Zoom was such a blessing. It was encouraging, supportive and I came away with genuinely helpful resources that we have started using in our family. I was grateful to be absorbing the wisdom of parents who are further along the journey than I am. As parents, we all face challenges and it was comforting to find connection in a community of people who are walking the same path that I am. We tackled the tough topics and difficult conversations, all through the lens of wanting God's best for our kids. I came away feeling better equipped to tackle some of the trickier moments that could be ahead. It was a great night of parenting insights, connection and a timely reminder for me that I am not alone. Parenting is a shared experience and the journey is better together.”

REACHING BEYOND

EQUIPPING TO REACH BEYOND

Our Reaching Beyond Course helps people learn how to share their faith in the everyday. One of the attendees shared their experience:

“I found the Reaching Beyond course really helpful in equipping me to better share my faith. Michelle reminded us that in Matthew 28:18-20 we are told that we go with Jesus’ authority and we are not alone. I now have a regular fortnightly catch up with a friend where we pray for people in our lives that do not yet know Jesus. This consistent time of prayer has opened up our eyes to see opportunities to talk naturally about our faith. From this, I have had a friend start coming to church and they are wrestling with the big questions around God and faith. My prayer partner was also able to share a children’s Bible with a colleague whose children had been asking questions about God. We can be encouraged that we don’t need all the answers but just a desire to share the most important thing in our lives with the people we care about.”

QUENCH CAFE

A few times in 2021 the Quench team felt led to ask the question “How can we support you?” and just listen with no agenda. This led to some fantastic opportunities to go into our community and bless and work with them. We were able to bless a family at a local kindy with a birthday package, support Ann’s team in blessing staff at The Heights School with coffee and banana bread, and work with the Year 12 Café Skills class at Banksia Park International High School. Because of COVID the Café Skills class was unable to participate in their usual activity for their community connection major assignment. By working with the teacher and being willing to let the students make cakes and savouries to fill our cabinet, we met their felt need. The teacher said it was one of their most successful community connection assignments ever. It was great to build relationship and we plan to work with them again.



REACHING BEYOND

MAINLY PLAY

Mainly Play started in February 2021 and we have seen God's faithfulness in growing this pre-school ministry in His timing. We now have eight community families connected in and we have started a waiting list. One Mum shared on her mums group Facebook Page: "The volunteers are so welcoming to everyone that attends, you feel like one big happy family. I have been fortunate in making many new friends." We are so thankful for the leadership team that have continued to create a warm welcoming environment each week.

PONG-A-THON \$17,527

Pong-A-Thon continues to capture the heart of our church. Once again we saw a significant lift in engagement with 170 players (double the participation from 2020). We also saw a lift in funds raised, from \$12,602 in 2020 to \$17,527 in 2021. This represents 11 people being freed from slavery. We thank God for the work of Pong-A-Thon, as well as the participation and commitment from our church to fight against modern day slavery.

COACH

COACH is described as a friend with a purpose, for one hour, once a week in our local school. We celebrated 4 new mentors starting this year, bringing us to a total of 11 Mentors from Clovie, who each week are consistent, reliable, caring, faithful friends to their Mentees. At the end of 2021, 3 of our Mentees graduated and celebrated their time together with their Mentors as they move up to Middle School. Some of these Mentors have seen the value and difference that one hour a week makes in a child's life and are excited to start a new chapter with another child in 2022. We have been able to personally contact many of the Mentees' parents, who have given positive comments about the support and difference that each Mentor makes. It is wonderful to see many of our COACH Kids attending our weekly Blast lunch time program at the school, where they hear about Jesus' love and acceptance for each one of them. We celebrate that several of our COACH kids have come along to once-a-month Year 5 and 6 outreach program called JAM – another safe, fun place where they can hear and learn more about Jesus.

REACHING BEYOND

INTO AGED CARE

This year we have been able to provide monthly worship services at Helping Hand Golden Grove and Allity Ridgehaven. God has been moving and giving us opportunities to connect with residents and help them connect with God. We have been able to provide a resident with a large print Bible, explore creative ways to deliver services amid COVID restrictions, and also reach staff and volunteers. One volunteer played a particular song for the entire month after one of our services. They play this song continuously and it's still impacting them. Residents have shared their gratitude and expressed interest in more frequent services. In 2022, we will explore expanding into other Nursing Homes and Aged-Care facilities across Tea Tree Gully. As we continue to fulfil the vision of "One Church, Many Gatherings", God continues to open the door for us to connect with people who can't come to Clovie.



INTO SCHOOLS

“Over my years in high school I’ve noticed a huge disparity between what I experience in my faith at church and youth, and what people seem to think being a Christian is. I’ve always wanted to open up faith to my friends so they can see it with new eyes but starting this conversation is challenging. After exploring various ways to bring faith into school, I decided to give it to God. I knew that if He wanted to open that door he would make a way. At Youth Alive Conference in September, I was able to meet so many people who had a similar experience to me in their schools. God brought together a group from my school to start praying – some people I had never even spoken with before. When Term 4 started, we met once a week to pray into different areas of the school and then we made a time to worship together. We spread the news through word of mouth, and through contact with the ministry team we were blessed to have live acoustic worship in the music room at lunchtime. It was something the school has never seen before and I’m so excited to see what God is going to do into 2022 and beyond!”

- Andrea Campbell

REACHING BEYOND

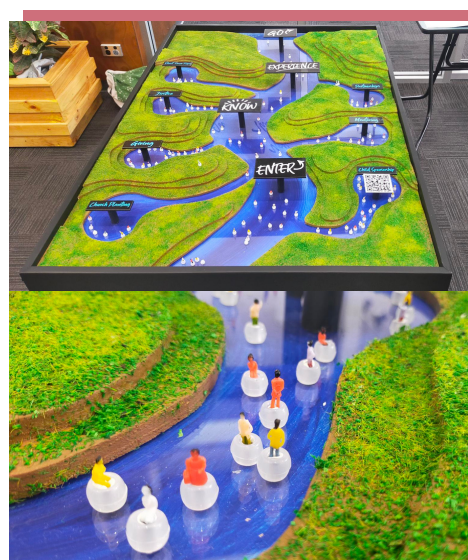
MISSIONS: THE RIVER

For our Missions series in 2021 we launched our new vision of Mission Like a River: a place where we all find ourselves responding to God's call to be on mission for Him (Matthew 28:18-20). It was an exciting series where people were all invited into the River, to either Enter, Know, Experience, or Go on mission. Throughout the series, we launched Mentors for those who are keen to explore their part in cross cultural missions. We have 5 people formally participating in Mission Mentoring, seeking God for their future in mission. We have seen God's hand and leading as we partner with Baptist World Aid, to invest in the village of Kapilvastu in Nepal. We now have 11 children from this village sponsored by individuals in our church, and we continue to work with BWA toward the goal of freeing this village in Nepal from poverty by 2030. God is clearly moving. Let's continue to be people who ask where He calls us to be in the River.

ALPHA @ CLOVIE

In August of 2021, Nathan McDuff and Lindsay Saul were able to build a team of leaders and host Alpha at our Modbury North campus. We saw a range of people, who were at different ages and stages of faith with God, attend Alpha and have an opportunity to ask the big questions. Some of the highlights included:

- People making considerable next steps in the journey of faith (such as baptism, joining a Life Group, exploring Membership and different serving opportunities).
- The Holy Spirit working through people and releasing people from their past hurts and fears.
- People growing in their faith through prayer and Bible study.



'MISSION LIKE A RIVER' DIORAMA

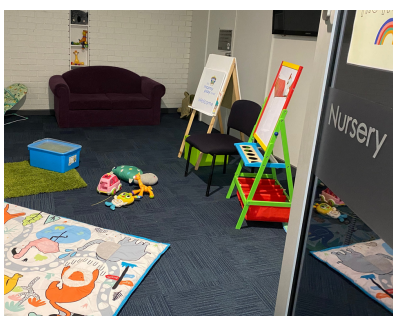
TEAM CLOVIE HIGHLIGHTS

REVELATION DANCE

Revelation Dance celebrated their final showcase in 2021. For over 10 years, the Revelation team have created a fun and safe space for families in our local community to participate in the joy filled art of dance. We are grateful to all who have contributed to Revelation over the years. We particularly want to thank the Kingham family (Emma, Amelia, Ellen, Daryl, and Deb) for their dedication to Revelation for over a decade, and the beautiful way they have brought this season to a close.

TUESDAY CREW & PROJECT TEAM

2021 has been a big year for our project teams! It has been exciting to see the parklex project come to fruition, with the completion of the façade around the building. This has been an amazing, ongoing effort from the building committee, project teams and Tuesday crew. We are fortunate to have these people serving, giving their time and expertise for our projects and others who are happy to jump in and help when called upon. The team also put together a new Nursery space and a Filming Studio. A key part of the celebration of the projects and practical works undertaken at CBC are the opportunities for involvement, from people giving generously of their time and finance, to serving and being empowered to use their God-given gifts. Within our teams, individuals find joy and fulfilment in serving alongside each another, in building community and finding a place to belong. We are so grateful to all those who contributed to the upkeep of Clovie's buildings and to all of the various projects this year. What you've achieved is significant and such a blessing!



FINANCE

AVG WEEKLY OFFERING
\$21,834

↑ 12.7%
increase from 2020



GIVING TOTAL
\$200,348

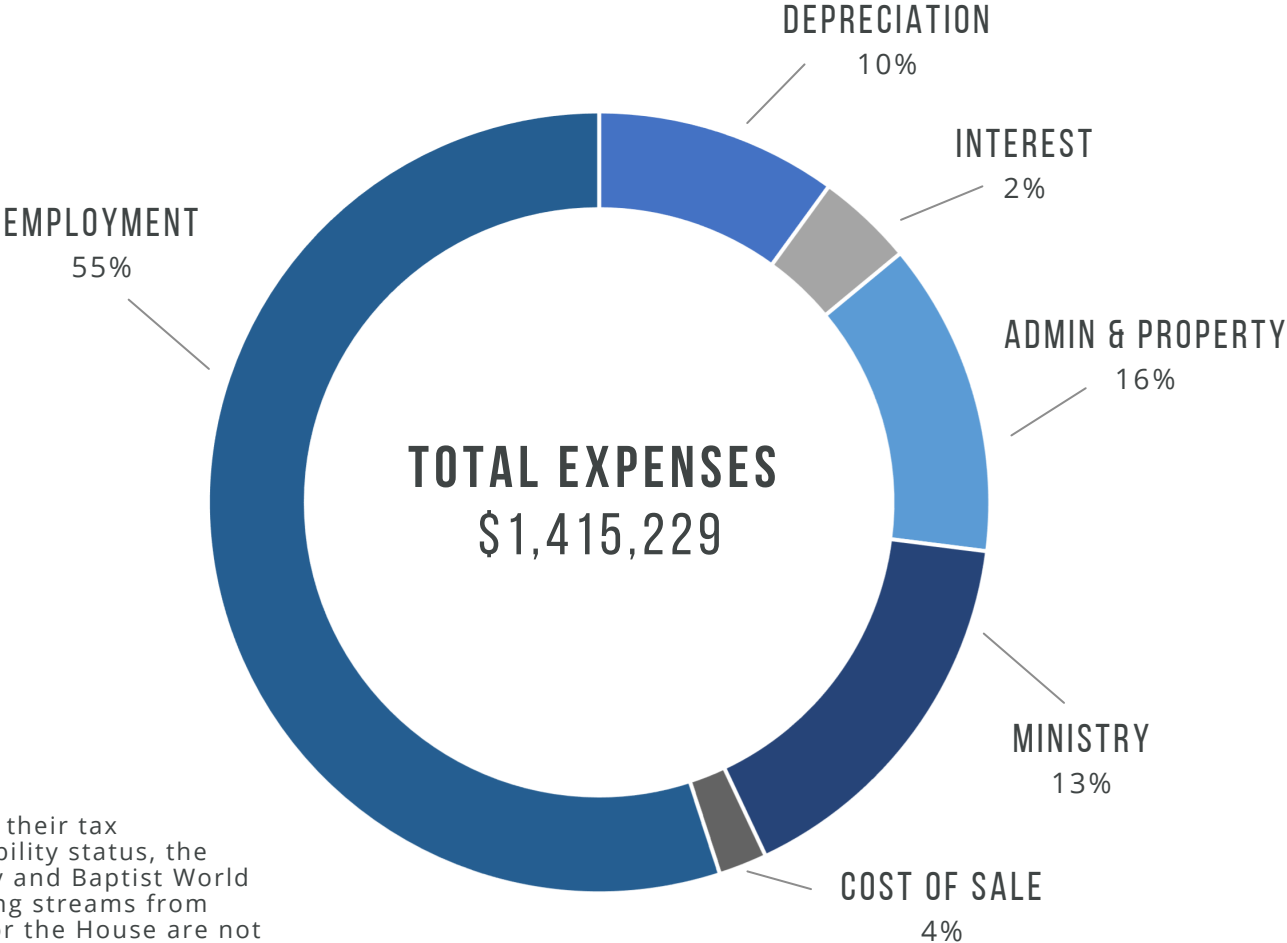
TOTAL GIVING
\$1,135,374

OTHER INCOME
\$246,734

AUDITORIUM	\$120,477
PATHWAY	\$42,323
EMPART	\$13,133
BAPTIST WORLD AID	\$24,415

NON-OPERATING INCOME
\$49,950

TOTAL REVENUE
\$1,565,668*



*Due to their tax deductibility status, the Pathway and Baptist World Aid giving streams from Heart for the House are not included in 'Total Revenue'.

PATHWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

GIVING HOPE

Pathway Community Centre exists to give hope to those experiencing tough times.



Pathway Community Centre impacts our community every day by restoring dignity and worth to broken lives touched by life's struggles. We see the impact of relationship breakdown, domestic violence, drug abuse, homelessness, unemployment, retrenchment, underemployment, addictions, bankruptcy, sickness, grief, and COVID-19. Pathway offers support to the local community in a number of ways. We provide relief by providing food to those in need, and we partner with multiple groups, churches, and schools to distribute food beyond our storefront. We offer financial support with No Interest Loan Schemes (NILS) and provide counselling support and inclusion for people experiencing hardship in the community. Our Kingdom focus is to enable other churches and ministries (as we assist Baptist Care for example), and christian workers in schools, who are serving the Lord in their local area to share the love of God and a message of hope. We provide ingredients for community meals, and provide food for youth programs to support building relationships with youth at risk. When people feel loved, valued, and cared for it gives hope and restores dignity.

Pathway's heart and vision is to continue to grow and develop programs to support creating resilience and courage for our friends of Pathway, as they navigate the tough stuff thrown at them.

We are thankful to God for our supporters, our partnerships, and our faithful team of volunteers who are making a huge difference to our local community and families across Adelaide.



PATHWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Food insecurity is a real issue facing our nation. 1 in 3 people struggle to meet their food needs. Pathway's membership has grown to over 4,600 members and every week we are supporting over 1000 families to help bridge the food insecurity gap in our community. When action meets compassion, lives change. Pathway helps vulnerable people to build financial resilience, hope, improved health, and wellbeing. Each fresh food hamper shared is a gift of love and hope.



FOOD DONATIONS FROM A LOCAL SCHOOL

"Thank you I've just come out of a Domestic Violence situation. Thank you so much for helping me with beautiful fresh food and all the other goodies. It's made such a huge difference to how we have managed. Thank you for being here for our family."

"This has been very helpful throughout a very difficult time. I have been so impressed by the variety and freshness. It has taken a huge stress off my family."

"I have been coming here with my daughter for a few years (I'm a single dad) and with what I can afford and what I get from these guys, helps me greatly."

"As an International Student, thanks for helping and supporting me through these tough few years."

"Thank you so much for the food. As I'm homeless, the food I'm given helps me have enough."

"Thank you. Every week the hamper I receive helps me feed my kids with healthy fruit and veggies and snacks."



1,308,540 KG
OF FOOD RESCUED



58,700
FOOD HAMPERS
DISTRIBUTED



2.4 MILLION
MEALS PROVIDED
(BASED ON A 450
GRAM /MEAL METRIC)

PATHWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME

North East No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) supports clients who are applying for a loan to purchase household goods and services. One client reflected, "This a very friendly and helpful place. All the people I spoke to were extremely helpful and Pathway has helped me during a difficult time." Another said, "Thank you for helping me apply for a NILS loan. I am so excited that it has been approved – I can do my own washing now and I don't have to rely on my sister to help me." In addition to the NILS application experience, clients also gain knowledge about local services and are provided counselling support or referrals as required.

- Susan Lilley, NILS

BLAIR ATHOL

We have a great connection with Eric and Heather Randall and their family. They run a food distribution program that Pathway is able to resource. They serve from back of their hardware shop, with just a handful of volunteer helpers. They are a great testimony to what can be achieved with limited resources and a lot of love.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Thank you to the team who support Creative Connections each week.

Across 2021, we have been able to:

- Sponsor two little girls through Baptist World Aid and Watoto.
- Knit and crochet blankets for the Baptist Care Blanket Appeal.
- Donate \$200 to purchase another security camera for the church carpark.
- Collect funds for Baptist World Aid and purchase three Animal Farm Packs for families in poverty.
- Collect non-perishable food for Pathway in November.
- Participate in a 'Trading Table' to raise funds for the above projects.

- Jenny Lewis,
Leader for Creative Connections



ERIC & HEATHER
RANDALL RECEIVING
THE HELP AWARD FOR
2021 COMMUNITY
CHAMPIONS

PATHWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

COMMUNITY AT PATHWAY

Our vision at Pathway is not just about food assistance. Pathway is about community: loving and caring for our volunteers as well as our clients. Maree has been serving at Pathway for 10 years, and she has shared some of her story.

“Following the turmoil of being a carer to broken-hearted widow, I embarked on a Business Administration course where I met a lovely lady named Cheryl, who suggested I apply at Pathway as a volunteer to use my newfound skills.

I began working at Pathway in the front office, learning the ropes, and supporting those doing it tough by making up food hampers. Part of the brokenness of grief is having a lot of love with nowhere to go, and the emotional roller coaster can be quite confronting. The team at Pathway were kind and understanding as my grief would often bubble to the surface and leave me in tears. Through the kindness of the team, I was able to slowly make a new life from the shattered pieces, which in turn grew my ability to empathise on a deeper level with the clients who visited Pathway for assistance. Over the years, I have been able to use my skills in the administrative/reception areas, supporting the NILS team, baking for events, supporting Treasured, and listening to those who need to share their story or just download. I currently provide support working behind the scenes, but still enjoy the interaction with volunteers and clients. In return, when I have occasionally had a grief overload, there has been a shoulder for me to lean (and cry) on, that is non-judgmental and full of compassion. What is special about this place is that everyone has a story, and in some way is hurting underneath, yet has found a purpose and joy in helping others. Each person has found a niche in which to use their talents and skills, and the Centre is a joyful and welcoming place to be. I am indebted to the entire team at Pathway, past and present, for helping me heal and grow. They have helped me become a stronger, kinder and more compassionate person, and without their prayers, love, and support, I would not be who I am today.”

- Maree

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EMBRACE & CARE

In 2021, we had a request for help from a Pastoral Support Worker (PCW) for a family who has lived in Australia for over a decade. The husband, in his early 40's, who died very suddenly, was the primary provider, leaving a wife and young family. There was no government support as they weren't citizens. Even though they had some savings to last a few months, they needed support. We promised the PCW we would support the family each week with fresh food and staples if they needed it. We have been a lifeline to this family. The mum has been working 2 part time jobs (irregular hours) and her strong faith has kept her going. Sara had the opportunity to chat and pray with the mum and realised she wasn't connected into a community where she could be embraced and loved. So, Pathway has now welcomed and embraced her as part of our team. An amazing product of working as a Pathway team to embrace and care for the vulnerable of our community, is that the team members grow in Christlike qualities and find community and acceptance as well.

SHARING HOPE

“Each week I look forward very much to my time at the Pathway Community Centre, where I help in the Bread Room. In the same way that Jesus said He came, "Not to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45), so the work of Pathway follows the model of Jesus by serving the needs of the local community. The outstanding example of its leaders, John, Kaye, Sara and Val, are a great witness not only to the clients, but also to the helpers, who come from a wide variety of backgrounds. As I get to know the clients by keeping up the bread and bakery supply, I sometimes have the opportunity to offer them a Gideon New Testament and am encouraged by their positive responses, such as, "I need this book," and "I haven't read the Bible, but I will." The work of Pathway is touching the lives of the community in many ways!

- Ian, Pathway volunteer



PATHWAY & TREASURED VOLUNTEERS
AT OUR END OF YEAR APPRECIATION DINNER

PATHWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE



Treasured has had another record-breaking year, and celebrated our 15th birthday! Treasured empowers and enables Pathway to grow and have the much-needed funds to operate. Donations have increased due to people spending more time decluttering at home! We now have a "Val's Free Wall", a place for people to get some extra treasures whilst diverting items from landfill.

Treasured continues to be all about people. This year we have cared deeply for our treasured team of volunteers. We have shared in the joys and sorrows of our team, of which there have been many in the past year. Some of our volunteers, as well as family members of our team, have unexpectedly passed away this year. We have been able to show love and care while we have grieved for them and with them. We have also had wonderful interactions with our customers - many of whom are regulars and are known by name. There have been opportunities to show generosity to those who are doing life tough due to lack of finances. They can always find a welcome and a bargain at Treasured. We are passionate about showing Jesus' love, compassion and servant heart to all that we meet.



“Treasured & Pathway is a melting pot of people working together unconditionally to make the lives of others a little easier and at the same time reducing food waste and recycling treasures. What I love most about the time I spend here are the people and the fact that we try to treat everyone the way we want to be treated (both our fellow volunteers and customers). It is hard to believe that in our suburbs we have so many people who for one reason or another life is difficult and often very lonely. Our op shop is able to be a comfortable place, a happy space. Jesus is at work here.”

- Clare, Treasured Volunteer

FINANCE

**TREASURED
REVENUE**
\$192,181

↑ 14%
increase
from 2020

DONATIONS
\$226,458

OTHER INCOME
\$10,105

TOTAL REVENUE
\$428,744

↑ 115%
increase
from 2020

