MINUTES- GENERAL MEETING OF MONASH INTERCHURCH COUNCIL

Thursday 22nd October 2026
Christ Our Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Huntingdale Rd, Mt Waverley

Commencing at 7.30pm

Devotions: Maureen Fordyce prayed for our ICC and meeting. Then she read the story of The Starfish.

Chairman's Welcome: Veronica Nicoll welcomed all, especially Rev Viola Liang, the Minister of Mulgrave Uniting Church.

Apologies: Jan Clear, John Hurst, Allison Schorah, Gavin Faichney, Karolee Jones

Present: Noelle Sullivan, Margery Kennett, Doug Hastings, Joanna D'Souza, Joseph Persico, Anthea Persico, Ros Faichney, Marg Taylor, Marika Sivak, Fran Brooke, Rev David Moffat, Heather Safstrom, Doug Hastings, Ruth Hastings, Rev Viola Liang, Maureen Forsyce, Heather Spurling, Veronica Nicoll

Minutes: 27th August 2026 Moved: Doug Hastings, Seconded: Ros Faichney

Matters arising:

1.Church Visiting Trinity Sunday 23rd May 2027: Joe Persico had prepared a format that covered every eventuality from 2 to an infinite number of participating churches.

Gavin Faichney had prepared and distributed a new invitation at the August meeting to be returned by delegates at the February 2027 meeting.

2.Square Reader: Allison Schorah had provided an old iPad to be used in conjunction with the square reader. The Bendigo Bank told Joanna D'Souza that the iPad was too old and not compatible. The choices are to purchase a new iPad, or a ?card reader. Joanna to investigate whether Bendigo Bank will loan out a device for EFT payments on an individual event basis.

3. Interchurch History: Ros Faichney reported that Gavin had made a start. He needs more information about the Glen Waverley churches. Joe Persico can help by providing annual reports.

4. MICC Website Update: John Hurst could not attend the meeting (Glen Waverley UC currently has a bible study group on Thursday nights). Several delegates had tried to access John's current MICC website. There is a warning "Not a secure connection" but some people "soldiered on". So far there are only 4 member churches. There is an invitation for churches to send an email to John to join. Doug Hasting will invite John Hurst to discuss the Website at the November meeting. Joe Persico said that he thought it was best to have 3 people authorised or able to maintain/or who have access to updating a website - in case one is away or ill or whatever, but John's version is not easily accessible to all. To properly discuss this, Doug will invite John to the November next meeting

5. Food For Friends: Margery Kennett reported that she would like to confirm that the ICC wished to have the usual Food for Friends this year. Our members are older and some church members are no longer available to volunteer. The consensus was to go ahead. Many churches have volunteered on the same "half days" for many years and may wish to continue to do so. Veronica Nicoll is prepared be contacted by volunteers unavailable for their church's time slot to arrange an alternative.

An area at MWUC will be available but the current Foyer (old Narthex) is too small. She will work with the MWUC Church Council to identify a suitable area to sort and pack the boxes. A summary

of how Food for Friends is carried out, copies of the rosters for manning Ritchies and sorting and packing at MWUC are attached with the minutes.

6. MICC Hymn Singing: The MICC congratulated Doug Hastings on the Ecumenical Hymn Singing at St Stephen and St Mary AC. One highlight was the first section when 31 members of the Cedar Christian Church sang 2 hymns in Mandarin. The hymns were introduced by the choir leader, in Mandarin and translated into English. The lyrics were projected in both languages. Since the Cedar Church had been at SSSM since 10.30 am, most of the choir then left the church. Six MICC churches introduced one or more hymns. One church sent the selection late, it was sent later but was not included by error. Debra and Gerard of St Justin's RC sang 2 hymns while Gerard played a guitar. A special thanks goes to Rev David Moffat who accompanied on the piano and Katherine Rushby who prepared and projected the slides.

Treasurer's Report: (Included in Church Reports)

MICC FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 19TH OCTOBER 2026

		Amt $
BANK BALANCE AS AT 25/08/26		**2,861.19**
INCOME	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME		0.00
Less : **EXPENDITURE**		
Victorian Council of Churches-Affialiate Membership	100.00	
Margery Kenneth - Pastoral Lunch for Clergy	48.50	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**148.50**
BANK BALANCE AS AT 19/10/26		**2,712.69**

Moved: Joanna D'Souza Seconded: Doug Hastings

Correspondence:

IN: Victorian Council of Churches Certificate of Insurance

OUT: None

General Business:

1 Monash Interfaith Gathering (MIG): Rev David Moffat announced that MIG is organising Visits to places of Worship. Would one of our Christian churches prepared to host either a day or night visit?

2 Christian Science Church: Heather Safstrom reported that an internationally appointed speaker Bill Warrick CS will give a talk on Christian Science at their church edifice at 256 Stephensons Road, Mount Waverley on Sunday 22nd November from 2-3pm. All welcome.

3 MICC Street Stall December 12: Ros Faichney said that the Faichneys would not be at the Stall this year. They will be at the November meeting and will distribute rosters, suggested prices, and sticky labels so unsold items can be identified and collected. Rev David Moffat has offered to transport the tables from and to St Luke's UC. Maybe Heather Safstrom and David Moffat can sing Carols.

4 **Annual General Meeting:** All committee positions will be declared open. Nominations for President, vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor are welcomed.

The Meeting finished with the Benediction at 8.45pm.

Next Meeting:

General Meeting: 26th November, St Luke's UC at 7.30pm followed by Annual General Meeting 26th November 2026 St Luke's UC

Doug Hastings has circulated the AGM agenda, nomination forms and the November 2025 minutes

The meeting finished with the Benediction at 8.45pm.

Next Events:

World Community Day Friday 30th October 2026 10:15 am followed by Refreshments

Holy Family Catholic Church Stephensons Rd Mt Waverley

23rd-27th November 2026 Food for Friends IGA Mt Waverley

5th December 2026 St Luke's Stall Outside Westpac Hamilton Place

12 December 2026 MICC Street Stall 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Outside Westpac Bank-

39 Hamilton Place, Mt Waverley