

Parish Council response to 2018 AGM recommendations

#	Recommendation	Parish Council response
1.	Consider plastic film on windows inside St Thomas worship area.	Agreed – Wardens to source some protective adhesive film.
2.	Find someone to bring in St Thomas bins in on Tuesday	Agreed – Ministry staff will bring the bins in on Tuesdays.
5.	Consider joint parish activities so people across parish can get to know each other	Attention drawn to men’s and women’s activities, parish prayer nights, prime time, After school kids club, Friday night youth group (RAYG) and Big Day In. Future publicity of these events may mention that it’s an opportunity for us to get to know each other.
6.	Consider adjusting the use of AC as temperature in St Thomas too cold on Sunday morning.	Parish Council sympathises with the discomfort experienced by some on account of the heating in winter and cooling in summer and encourages people to consider their sitting with this in mind.
7.	Additional fans at the back of St Thomas church	Parish Council is of the view that the three a/c units provide adequate cooling and that additional fans are not required at this time.
9.	Change what is offered during morning tea after Sunday church to coffee and tea with biscuits for adult and fruit for children. Reduce the financial cost to those on morning tea roster.	As the governing body for church property and finances, Parish Council considers this a matter best dealt with by those who serve in this particular ministry. Accordingly, this suggestion will be passed on to the morning-tea co-ordinators for our Sunday services.
11.	I would like 10.00am service to have a vote on morning tea. I would like to suggest only biscuits be given to the adults with tea or coffee. The children can have a table with fruit e.g. apples, oranges, watermelon. Some people who supply the morning tea are finding it very costly to supply the amount we are needing. 10.00am could have a vote & we would see how many people are willing to keep providing morning tea & setting & cleaning up. They should put their name down so we could put them on the roster. It would have to be worded so they know if they want it to continue they will have to go on a roster.	As the governing body for church property and finances, parish council considers this a matter best dealt with by those who serve in this particular ministry. If people are finding serving in a particular ministry difficult for any reason – they should speak with their ministry team leader, ministry staff member or church warden.
14.	Scripture - Is there a government grant, community grant or the likes we can apply for?	Parish Council is not aware of any grant-type funding available for SRE.

15.	First aid - I think there is wisdom in having a list with photos of those people who are first aid qualified in both churches. Additionally a poster in minister offices of those parishioners who are anaphylactic ... this is common practice in workplaces and schools.	Parish Council require our children's and youth ministry programs to have a leader present who has first aid training. Additionally, we will ask our congregations to advise if they have first aid training and then display this on a list at St Thomas' and St Anne's. We can request photos' of children who are anaphylactic.
16.	Hall Hire ... a martial arts group called GKR rent school halls and community halls for their martial arts lessons is it worth approaching them as a site they can use?	The long term practice of parish council has been to wait for approaches from potential hall hirers rather than actively recruiting them. Parishioners may encourage potential hirers to contact the church office.

Outstanding Recommendations still to be considered by Parish Council

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2.	Digital Sign out the front of St Thomas	
3.	Armidale church has approached parish to record sermons and make available to churches and Christians in remote areas	
8.	Installing solar panels	
10.	I would like the church to buy new partitions for the hall. The ones now are extremely dangerous. The cost would be from \$5,000.00. PORTABLE PARTITIONS AUSTRALIA has a good range. They are on the web with a video for each group, Showroom Mona Vale but they don't come out but if we ring on 81884516 they would have someone there to help. The church has been looking into this for at least 3 years. We need the groups who use the hall to have a meeting to discuss what will work best for everyone.	
12.	The plans for the KITCHEN , I would like to be put on display so those that use the kitchen maybe can suggest ideas that will make the kitchen work well for everyone. If we only get from insurance a certain amount, I would like the church to make up the balance so we can get a functional kitchen. I am happy to gather the ideas, colours so we can discuss with kitchen supplier, with the price always in our mind. It really has to be done soon so when the floor goes in, the kitchen can follow without too much disruption.	
13.	It had been proposed last year that the lobby in the church be tidied up with name tags etc. Liz Trotter & Karen Nugteren were willing to do this with new signs. I would like this to be given the go ahead with groups in mind who use the lobby, Physical Culture, ministers, etc. A new narrow long cupboard maybe put at back with the brochure, papers, etc so the square small tables maybe can be put away. A meeting should be done with a plan of what would be proposed. I am willing to get this started.	
17.	<p>Lastly raising funds. Asking people to partner with church in a field of sponsoring in addition to their weekly contribution. So they may choose to be :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SRE sponsors \$5 per child (or whatever the breakdown is); cleaning sponsorship \$20 covers an hours cleaning b. mowing sponsorship \$20 covers an hours lawn mowing; photocopying \$10 covers 100 bulletins c. Etc etc .. breakdown a few others <p>They did this at WCCS with things like bus, music, sport and they saw an exponential increase in donations .</p>	