

Annual General Meeting Report 2010



Engage, Grow, Go.



PITTWATER UNITING CHURCH
LEADING PEOPLE TO MATURITY IN JESUS CHRIST

INTRODUCTION

There are certain times and seasons when the favour of God seems much clearer than others. During 2010 God's favour has been so evident in the myriad of ways that he has gone before us, setting out what he would have us do and then bringing along the people and resources to make it happen. In saying this it is important to note that God pours out his favour for the cause of his Kingdom, not so that we can glory in our own achievements. This whole report, and the many things that God has done in the life of PUC, serves as a means for us to praise God.

At the beginning of 2010 we set out on a new strategic direction as a church. With this new direction came new initiatives such as Integrate, New Life Personalised Group Training and PBN being held in the Basement. There was also a greater gathering of ministries and mission around our core focus of **Engage, Grow and Go** which all together has given us greater focus and direction overall as a church.

This report will hopefully give you a snapshot of the things that God has done in the PUC community throughout the year. Whilst it is the first year of a new season we can see that already God is moving us into new places with new opportunities to point people to Jesus. This year is only the beginning of God's new movements within the PUC community ... I can't wait for 2011.

Rev. Nigel Rogers
(Senior Minister)

STAFFING/PERSONNEL OUTLINE

During 2010 there has been a big shift in the PUC staff. Whilst this has provided various challenges during the year it has created a clear example of how God calls the right people into the ministry that he wants to see happen. The changes to the staff is reflected in the fact that at the beginning of 2010 we had the following people as part of the team:

Nigel Rogers (Minister), Steve Everist (Minister), Lexi Oldenburg (Office Manager), Esther Durham (Office Assistant), Ken Hedstrom (Caretaker), Lisa Billington (Sport and Rec Coordinator) & Bronwyn Eadie (Children's Worker)

In the first half of the year both Bronwyn and Lisa finished in their respective positions and we are most grateful for the way in which they served here at PUC. A big note of thanks needs to go out to Lachie Wheeler who ran the Winter Futsal and Multisport competitions with a professionalism that belied his years.

As we moved through the first half of 2010 we found ourselves looking for a Sport and Rec Coordinator, Children's Worker and a Youth Pastor. There was also conversation being had amongst the Senior Leadership Team concerning the possibility of using the Sports Centre for other activities that would serve to connect the wider community with the PUC community. These staffing needs were key prayer points which then became such a strong Testimony to God's provision as the various positions were filled. The Staff at PUC have a strong sense of call and work together with joy, enthusiasm and a passion for Christ.

I am so grateful for this team and love serving with them. They make it a real privilege to come to work each day and serve alongside them all. Here is a list of the current staff, can I encourage you to pray for them during the remainder of 2010 and into 2011:

Nigel Rogers (<i>Minister</i>)	Ken Hedstrom (<i>Caretaker</i>)
Steve Everist (<i>Minister</i>)	Fiona Blair (<i>Youth Missions Pastor</i>)
Ric Bollen (<i>Pastor</i>)	Katie Marshall (<i>Children's Worker</i>)
Lexi Oldenburg (<i>Office Manager</i>)	Deb Everist (<i>New Life Sport and Fitness Centre Coordinator</i>)
Esther Durham (<i>Office Assistant</i>)	David Vaealiki (<i>New Life Personalised Group Training Coordinator</i>)

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Age groups involved in this ministry

Adults

Leaders involved in this ministry

Rhys Bollen, Bruce Kelman, Cliff Powell, Rosemary Johnston, Carl Hubbard, Jan Robergé, Gabrielle Brown, Courtney Matheson, Steve Everist, Nigel Rogers. Also Matt Gleeson.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

This team is responsible for casting the vision of the church, implementing policy and forward planning on behalf of the church as a whole. The last year has been a very busy time for this team as it was involved in –

- Direction, organisation and support of the process of transition, and settling of ministry leadership at PUC.
- Leadership of the ongoing process, with Presbytery, of Nigel's movement through to ordination and placement.
- Planning and the forward vision of PUC and implementation of a program to bring that to fruition: Engage, Go, Grow – Vision Launch Sunday in February.
- Recasting and implementing the vision for use of the Sport and Fitness Centre in response to changing trends.
- Discerning and responding to the need for staffing expansion to meet the thrust of that recasting in our vision.

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

In so many ways God has affirmed the direction of our recast strategy and the pathway of transition that we have undergone:

- The response to our recruitment of staffing has led to the emergence of a larger team, which has integrated well and has brought many valuable and diverse gifts to the Church through some remarkable individuals.
- The opening of our New Life program using the Sport and Fitness Centre has been blessed at every turn, and there has been an incredibly enthusiastic response already to the distinctive opportunities offered there.
- The transition of ministerial leadership has been remarkably smooth and for this we thank God for his grace of oversight.
- All PUC Congregations showed a strongly enthusiastic embracing of the Engage, Grow, Go strategy, and response to the integrate training program that underpinned that was remarkable and very encouraging for us as a church moving forward positively.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

All Senior Leadership Team initiatives for 2011 are deliberately anchored firmly in the **Engage Grow Go** strategy which is designed to encourage each individual to continue to grow in maturity in Christ. Our initiatives for 2011 are aimed at:

- Creating opportunities to nurture PUC input into, and relationship with, Treetops.
- Strengthening the beginnings made in the new uses of the Sport and Fitness facility.
- Encouragement of initiatives that seek to enhance the evolution of outreach ministry by the congregation as a whole and on a personal level.
- Continuing attention to broadening and improving worship opportunities and commitment at PUC.
- Further attention to evolution of the structure of worship at PUC particularly in relation to the 6.30pm service.
- Direction and implementation of strategies that affirm discipleship and individual personal growth in Christ and also evolving leadership development (training days, guest speakers), as well as nurturing small group membership.
- Structuring and implementation of Safe Church strategies as required by the Uniting Church.

INNOVATIVE WORSHIP

Age groups involved in this ministry

All Ages.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Key people involved in Innovative Worship Planning during the year have included: Steve Everist, Marion Powell, Gabby Brown, Jan Robergé, Nigel Rogers, Fiona Blair, Cliff Powell, Ric Bollen, Fiona Wheeler.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

- Developing a clear and coordinated plan for worship that integrated PUC's Strategic Direction ie preaching through Engage, Grow and Go.
- Utilising various methods of engaging people in worship such as music, spoken word, dance, hands on activities, multimedia
- Ensure there is a Vision Launch Sunday
- Discern and develop the direction for PBN
- Develop a monthly church magazine and a weekly church news clip for worship services
- Develop a team of people who can work on reviewing and growing PUC's plan for Innovative Worship

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

- Guest preachers and performers have provided fresh, challenging and inspiring Worship for us in 2010.
- The Music Ministry has continued to produce new music that is relevant to the seasons we have been in. They have also explored various musical styles to help draw people into new places of worship. What an awesome team!
- The preaching in 2010 has seemingly stepped up a notch from recent years with messages regularly challenging people to live more deeply in Christ and serving Him. The impact of these messages seems to be flowing into various small groups as they discuss the sermon topics during the proceeding week.
- The Vision Launch Sunday created a great deal of momentum and interest in the reality that God was leading us as a church into a new season.
- Easter Services incorporated each of the innovative areas that we were seeking to integrate with Dance, people getting hands on by nailing confessions onto the cross, multimedia clips, strong preaching, great music. In this people were able to reflect on how liberating these things were in terms of their capacity to worship God in different ways.
- Having a more testimony-related service for Mother's Day impacted numerous women.
- Having a series of Belonging Sundays served to refine and shape the PUC Community in numerous ways. A key aspect of worship during this time was people planting trees around the property as a sign of being planted in Christ here at PUC.
- A proposal for developing PBN was discussed and approved by the Senior Leadership Team at its last meeting. The proposal was put together in consultation with numerous people who regularly attend PUC's evening service. The first step of the proposal was to have a trial period throughout November and December of this year, which has a heavy emphasis on running PBN in the Basement. The 14th November was the first Sunday in which PBN was in the Basement with the feedback being very positive. After the trial period a decision will be made as to whether the various styles and location for PBN will be a regular feature of Worship in 2011.
- The monthly publication of Square 1 has, by all accounts, provided people with a greater sense of connecting into the PUC community through knowing what is going on.
- The launching of church news as a media clip in recent times has provided a greater conciseness and consistency across the services as to the key events coming up in the PUC Community.

INNOVATIVE WORSHIP..

- Understanding the extent of how God has moved during worship services in 2010 is impossible to encapsulate in this report but praise God for the ways He has impacted you this year as you have engaged in worship here at PUC.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

- Continuing to develop a culture that encourages people to invite friends and family to our worship services.
- Create new ways to include other areas of the PUC Community (ie. Treetops and New Life Sport and Fitness Centre) into our worship services.
- Continuing a coordinated approach to worship in line with PUC's Strategic Direction.
- Further development of PBN in terms of style, location and connection with youth and families
- Continuing to intentionally integrate various innovative ways of worship such as dance, multimedia and hands on/tactile activities.
- Consolidate a team of people to constantly plan, review and implement things for worship services.

PRAYER

Age groups involved in this ministry

All age groups.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Steve Everist (Co-ordinator), Lindy Hubbard, Jo Rogers, May Smith, Ric Bollen, Fiona Blair, Katie Marshall.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

- **Prayer ministry** – we seek to build an environment where it is normal for Christians to pray as a natural part of their lives and to pray for one another after services, in small groups, whenever the Spirit moves or the need arises.
- **7/12/7 Prayer** – February 1-5, November 22-26. 7/12/7 is a week set aside for the church to come together to be still and know God, to praise and seek God's direction. We begin and end the year in this way acknowledging our dependence on God for the health and direction of our church community.
- **United in prayer** – First Wednesday evenings of each month we seek to pray for those things which are on God's heart. We particularly pray for spiritual revival of our community.
- **Prayer for the congregation** – Team meets every Thursday at 9am to pray for the people of our church and especially pray over requests recorded in pastoral care slips.
- **Wednesday morning Prayer breakfast** – 6:30, with breakfast and great prayer.
- **Staff Prayer** - on Mondays and Wednesdays staff meets together for prayer.
- **Healing room training** – began on June 26, exploring the possibility of establishing this ministry at Pittwater.

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

- We have seen many answers to prayer throughout the year.
- We have seen God's clear hand in answers to prayer in the coming together of a new staff team under the leadership of Nigel.
- We have experienced the refreshing movement of God in preaching and worship.
- Prayer meeting on Mona Vale Heads was an inspiring time of prayer for our community.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

Pittwater Healing Rooms – We are planning to launch a weekly healing ministry from February 2011. Through worship, prayer and fasting the Healing Rooms team seeks to create an environment in which the Holy Spirit is free to move in the lives of those in need. The hallmarks of this ministry is God's love and the belief that God chooses to minister supernaturally through his people.

SMALL GROUPS

Age groups involved in this ministry

Adolescence through adulthood.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Nigel Rogers, Steve Everist, Ric Bollen.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

- Provide clear avenues and encouragement for people to join small groups
- Develop new small groups as the needs arise
- Equip new leaders to facilitate small groups
- Encourage small groups to participate in wider church initiatives such as Integrate

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

Throughout the year there have been numerous people joining both existing and new small groups. Currently there are 19 small groups that operate in the life of PUC with approximately 45% of people who call PUC home involved in a group.

Small groups are a key strategic priority for us as a church and as such God has been continuing to develop the long-term approach that we seek to implement for Small Groups. This year has been a time of intentionally and carefully developing this long-term approach. Therefore, a Small Group Proposal is currently being finalised for discussion by the Senior Leadership Team at its December meeting this year.

During 2010 many people have grown in Christ through sharing life with others in a small group. These testimonies will always be somewhat unheralded in the broad life of PUC but they reflect the fact that God moves in extremely significant ways in the midst of a small group.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

- Rolling out long term plan for Small Groups
- Have 70% of people who call PUC home involved in a small group

MISSION TO THE NEEDY

Age groups involved in this ministry

Adolescence through adulthood.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Nigel Rogers, Cliff Powell, Courtney Matheson, Rhys Bollen.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

- Taking small teams into Edward Egar Lodge to lead worship services for people living on the margins of society.
- Engage in Micah Challenge events.
- Provide financial support for and develop a long term strategic relationship with Our Neighbours ministry in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

During the year there were 5 teams (approx. 25 people) that went to Edward Egar Lodge in Surry Hills on various occasions to lead Worshipping at the Margins. Here is a reflection from a team member who went in August:

“What was God revealing to me in my visit to Edward Eager Lodge? The contrast of our society today ... We arrived in Surry Hills at around 9am on Sunday morning after enjoying a great time of fellowship on our journey from PUC. We parked on Bourke St and walked back towards Edward Eager Lodge. It was here that God presented an image that defined the whole experience of Worshipping at the Margins. On the left side of Bourke St sat the Lodge with about 10 homeless people mingling around the entrance. On the right was a new apartment block with a couple of cafes beneath. People sat enjoying their cooked breakfast and reading papers in the morning sunshine, seemingly oblivious to what lay 10 metres away on the other side of the street. I wish I had a panoramic camera to capture the image because it said a lot about the world in which we live. The rest of the morning was a humbling experience for me. God not only touched the lives of those in need of outreach, He also left me with a deeper desire to serve others.” (Matthew Smith)

Reaching out to the marginalised in our city, especially the homeless is our primary local mission priority. It is also a long-term focus, which God has started to give us a perspective for as a church through Worshipping at the Margins. Praise God that this is just the beginning of our reach into God’s concern for the Marginalised.

PUC’s national missional focus is a partnership with Micah Challenge. The essence of this partnership is advocacy on behalf of the poor through drawing the attention of our Federal Government to its continuing commitment to the UN’s Millennium Development Goals. We believe that God wants us to act through words and deeds when it comes to mission. Through Micah Challenge we have had wonderful opportunities this year to speak up on behalf of the poor through events such as:

- Survive Past Five – at which both our Federal Member (the Hon. Bronwyn Bishop) and our State Member (Mr Rob Stokes) shared their heart for the poor and were challenged afresh as to the Federal Governments commitment to the Millennium Development Goals.
- Members of PUC attending the Micah Challenge National Gathering – In May this year Nigel Rogers, Courtney Matheson and Killian Gavin attended this gathering in Canberra on behalf of PUC. The Gathering was fundamentally concerned with advocating on behalf of the poor directly to Members of Federal Parliament. Collectively over 100 people met with almost every member of Parliament to provide a unified voice of advocacy ensuring that the Millennium Development Goals remained a priority in the government’s focus and budget.

MISSION TO THE NEEDY...

- 10/10/10 – The commitment of PUC to the Millennium Development Goals was most clearly seen as we collectively put our painted handprints on various canvasses during Micah Challenge's 10/10/10 event, which was held around the world. We completed nine canvasses one of which will be taken to the Hon. Bronwyn Bishop's Office and the remaining eight will be hung in the PUC auditorium as a consistent reminder of our commitment to the eight Millennium Development Goals.

The global mission focus of PUC is the continued development of a partnership with the Our Neighbours Ministry in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. In 2010 there were people from PUC (Courtney Matheson, Nat Wade, Cliff and Marion Powell) who visited this Ministry, which contributed to a first hand understanding of the areas that PUC can continue to assist in developing.

Throughout the year there have been various fundraising initiatives for the Our Neighbours Ministry including PUC men attending the "Steak of Origin" night, various Shimmer Women's events as well as specific Revolve Youth fundraising activities.

During November and December there will also be an intentional focus on raising the profile of Our Neighbours Ministry starting with our Sponsorship Sunday on the 21st November. From this Sunday through to Christmas there will be a great deal of information available and opportunities to engage more deeply in this Ministry. In many ways 2010 has marked a new time in the growth of the partnership between PUC and Our Neighbours as together we work to ensure that the marginalised in Bulawayo know the love and hope of Christ.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

- Continued development of opportunities to engage youth and adults in Worshipping at the Margins and other avenues to serve the homeless at Edward Eagar Lodge.
- A larger number of youth and adults attending the Micah Challenge National Gathering.
- Short term mission trip to Bulawayo.
- Exploring and discerning new areas of mission on a local, national and/or global level.

INTEGRATE

Age groups involved in this ministry

Adolescence through Adulthood.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Cliff Powell, Jan Robergé, Sue Kelman, Steve Everist, Nigel Rogers, Kirstin Barchia, Rhys Bollen.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

- Module 1: ENGAGE, Feb – April
This module focused on “What We Believe” as a church
- Module 2: GROW, May – June
This Module focused on teaching some of the key tools for living in Christ
- Module 3: GO, October
This Module focused mobilising people for Ministry and Mission

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

- Somewhere between 60 and 80 participants taking each of the modules
- An observable “buzz” of anticipation and involvement by participants as each module got under way, giving evidence of the desire for members to “catch” more of God’s call for PUC to Engage, Grow and Go
- The teaching/input involvement of a range of gifted members of PUC
- The final module – GO – has already seen fruit as a number of people have offered to serve in new areas of ministry at PUC.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

- Running each module again throughout the year and continuing to look at the best possible formats with which to offer the Integrate program.
- Look at how the Integrate program might be run in Small Groups.



CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY

Age groups involved in this ministry

0-12 year olds.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Oversight: Steve Everist, **Children’s worker:** Katie Marshall

Cubbyhouse (0-3): Mikala Kelman (Coordinator) with Parent volunteers

Treehouse (3-5): Paula Paterson (Coordinator), Emma Watson, Fiona Turner, Julie Mountain, Kathy Brocklebank, Karin Witanowski, Dianne McKenzie, Yvette Pascoe.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY...

Leaders involved in this ministry...

Clubhouse (6-12): Katie Marshall (Coordinator), Natalie Prentis, Andrew Prentis, James Brocklebank, Julie Mountain, Michelle Mills, Brendan Paul, Phil Watson, Steve Everist. Assistant Leaders – Kim and Nicholas Hodge, Isabella Lorimer.

Playhouse (Preschool playgroups): Monday - Kathy Brocklebank, Wednesday - David Jeskie

Kuca (Friday kids club 6-12's): Tom Knox (Coordinator), Clive Coombes, Steve Everist, Katie Marshall, Brendan Paul, Indy Griffiths, Chloe Purl.

Marriage course: Lindy and Carl Hubbard (coordinators), Matt and Renee Gleeson, Lexi Oldenburg.

MOPS: stands for Mothers of Preschoolers and is an outreach ministry of this church that allows mums to have time out whilst their 0-5 year olds are cared for in the MOPPETS program. Yvette Pascoe (Coordinator), Gill Wood (Mentor), Lisa Jackson (MOPPETS Leader) Debra Phillips (Publicity and Discussion Group Leader), Amanda Moran (Discussion Group Leader), Mel Bray (Hospitality) Simone Yakich (Discussion Group Leader), Helen Lam (Finance and MOPPETS carer)

Moppets (Program for children of parents in Mops): Fiona Turner, Jan Figgis, Joy Hartshorne, Rob Wood, Bronwyn Boyer, Isolde Basner, Paula Patterson, Gill Williams, Jeff Phillips, Helen Lam, Ray Lam, Alyce Lawrenson, Felicity Evans, Glenda Hedstrom, Barbara (Huan) Li, Vanessa Smith.

Treetops Preschool Bible stories: Bronwyn Boyer

Key planned events/strategies 2010

- Four children's celebration services
- Kuca Campout
- Children's Easter special
- Marriage Course
- Nursing home Christmas outreach
- Christmas Eve Workshop

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

- Mop's participants becoming involved in the life of the church
- The calling of Katie Marshall.
- Development of children as they have taken leadership and demonstrated growth.
- Children's leadership and contribution in celebration services.
- Growth of the number of children involved. Over 100 children involved in ministries.
- Constantly evolving teaching program.
- Successful marriage course involving 20 people.
- Awesome Christmas eve workshop.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

- New Year 6 discipleship group designed to help children transition into adolescence, high school and youth group. Friday afternoons from 4:30-6:30 during school term time.
- Early childhood parenting course.
- Greater involvement with Treetops preschool.
- Developing stronger ties between church and play groups.
- Kuca Campout March 12-13.
- Children's Easter special.
- Children participating in mission outreach.
- Christmas Eve Workshop

REVOLVE YOUTH

Age groups involved in this ministry

Year 7 to year 12 (12 years to 18years).

Leaders involved in this ministry

Fiona Blair, Brett Downie, John Dacker, Jess Nicholson, Shannon Wherrett, Reisha Squire, Heather Svensen, Emma Jeffress, Matt Venn, Sam Whittaker, Kieran Ash.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

- Revolve Disco
- Camp
- Youth Worship Band
- “Kids Pray!”

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

This year has been a year of refining and unifying for Revolve. The young people who attend are primarily from families who don't attend church. There are over 60 young people on the roll, some of them attend sporadically. They are mostly in years 8 and 9. Some weeks will see over 40 young people at Revolve and other weeks only 15 or so.

“Youth Band” emerged at the beginning of 2010. The Leadership of the Youth Band was undertaken by John Dacker who grew and nurtured a few young people who showed talent and interest in music. It was a significant and fruitful part of the Youth Ministry

Kids Pray! (‘kids’ refers to young people 7 -17 years old)

In the later part of 2010 we have been exploring how young people are equipped with “eyes to see and ears to hear” so as to help them come into a greater (or new) understanding of Father God by hearing His voice. It would be awesome if young people could go through the adolescent years hearing the voice of their heavenly Father and to have their eyes opened to the ways of the Kingdom and God's great plan for their life.

The emphasis has been to exhort the youth, no matter their age or where they are on the journey of faith in Jesus that they have an amazing purpose right now in the body of Christ.

A lady by the name of Jane Mackie has provided training for us as leaders and also guided the youth to realise that; God wants us to talk to Him, we need to repent of our sins, be right in our relationships with God and others, God wants our praise and worship, we need to submit to His plans, receive the Holy Spirit, resist the devil, wait and listen, then act on what He says. How exciting!! And God did speak personally and powerfully to some of our young people!

Testimonies: Hearing the testimonies of youth leaders and young people has been a significant highlight at Revolve. Bringing out the stories is what God is doing in our lives and how God is at work in our relationships, families, work situations; school is enormously encouraging for everyone.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

At Revolve:

- Continue to develop and model the ‘kids pray’ approach in small group time
- Hear/share more testimonies

With leaders;

- Prayer and worship (and dinner) as a team before Revolve.
- Develop and expand the team into leadership roles at PBN

REVOLVE YOUTH...

In missions:

- Identify local outreach opportunities for small groups eg Worshiping at the Margins
- Revolve Youth and leaders to lead a camp (or school holiday program) for a remote community/location within Australia
- For a number of young people to participate in PUC mission to Zimbabwe

Year 6 Program:

- Involvement in the pioneering/leading of a new group of young people in year 6. With the main purpose of assisting them to transition from Children's ministry to Youth ministry.

NEW LIFE SPORT & FITNESS CENTRE

Age groups involved in this ministry

At the New Life Sport and Fitness centre we are currently running Futsal for 12-16 year olds, both boys and girls, and adult women in Futsal and Multisport.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Deb Everist is coordinator of the centre, Bethwyn McIldowie manages the sessions and Sue Kelman helps with administration. Esther Durham has also begun Zumba classes under the banner of New Life. David Vaealiki runs the Personalised Group Training studio [see separate report]. Max Steele runs the Table Tennis club. Lachlan Wheeler did a great job of running the winter competition under some difficult circumstances. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his efforts. Fiona Wheeler and Lisa Billington were also valuable staff members over the last 12 months.



Key planned events/strategies 2010

Running the Summer Futsal and Multisport competitions are the main events for the rest of the year. We also assist Youth with a Dodgeball competition every Friday night.

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

The Table Tennis club has a slight increase in number from 59 to 63 and continue to have a lot of fun on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as other social occasions. They are a compassionate group, raising money for Rickshaws, supporting people after disasters in Haiti, Chile and Indonesia.

Rebranding of the sports centre went smoothly and marks a new season for our sports ministry with a renewed focus on relationships. The response to the fitness studio has been fantastic [see New Life Sport and Fitness Personalised Group Training report for detailed information].

As we approached the Summer Futsal and Multisport season we were aware that Pittwater RSL were about to open their futsal courts. We feared that our competition was in danger of collapsing entirely. However, we have been blessed with being able to run four different age groups and did not lose any of our over 35 women futsal teams. Although this is less competitions than last summer, it is a blessing to be able to interact with these families and share their love of sport.

Zumba began in October with good numbers, especially on Wednesday nights.

We have had some great opportunities to cross-promote between Futsal and Multisport and Personalised Group Training and Zumba which will only deepen our relationship with participants.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

The majority of our participants are women and we plan to continue to explore new sports that may attract men to the centre.

Dodgeball has been very popular with the Youth on Friday nights and the possibility of running a mixed comp for adults next year exists.

NEW LIFE PERSONALISED GROUP TRAINING

Age groups involved in this ministry

16-80 – we have a minimum age of 16 and senior classes which have ages up to 80.

Leaders involved in this ministry

David Vaealiki, but also planning on training Bethwyn to be a part of the program.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

We are having an official end of Christmas break up with a few awards which will be the first official invitation for clients to attend Church.

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

The program has been blessed with amazing results! Clients have been losing weight, increasing their fitness levels, lowering blood pressure, cholesterol levels etc.

The program has educated clients, into not only look after their bodies physically, but dealing with their emotional bad habits.

For a small personal training studio we have had no major marketing and after 3 months we are at near full capacity. Word of mouth has been such a powerful tool, Christians and non Christians from all over the Northern Beaches have been joining.

We have nearly 100 clients with 50% of clients that don't attend Pittwater Church and each week new clients from the church are joining.

It was a originally 75-25% split of PUC to non church clients. As numbers have increased I would say it is now a 50-50 split.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

- New staff to increase the momentum.
- More expansive marketing e.g. visiting businesses, seminars, Lead boxes, promotional materials.
- Increase opening hours.

TREETOPS PRESCHOOL

Age groups involved in this ministry

Children aged between 3-5 years old.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Management Committee: Nigel Rogers (Chairperson), Tim Patterson (Treasurer), Mikala Kelman (Secretary), Simone Yakich, Karin Witanowski, Michelle Jennings, Robyn Cate, Vesna Leith, Kylie Pinwill, Justine Osborne.

Director in 2010: Sue Schenau

Key planned events/strategies 2010

- Implementation of the Early Years Learning Framework
- Installation of Smart Boards in Each Classroom
- Development of a Memorandum of Understanding between Senior Leadership Team, Treetops Management Committee and Uniting Care
- New Enterprise Bargaining Agreements for Treetops Staff
- New Playground area for the Children

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

During third term the current Preschool Director Sue Schenau advised the Management Committee that she was resigning at the end of 2010. In the search for a new director we received 11 applications for the position. An interview panel consisting of representatives from PUC, Treetops Management Committee and Uniting Care was set up in order to create a short list of applicants and subsequently interview them. From this Interview process the interview panel offered the Director position to Julie Swavley. Julie is a committed Christian with strong experience and training in Early Childhood Education. Her appointment is indeed a reflection of God working toward a new season at Treetops Preschool.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

- Successful transition of new director into the role for 2011 and beyond
- Increased integration between the Treetops community and the PUC worshipping community through combined children's services
- Increased connection and understanding amongst the Treetops community as to how the preschool is a part of the wider PUC community. This will be done by communicating how our vision to develop a culture of care relates in the context of the preschool.



SHIMMER

Age groups involved in this ministry

15-105.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Marion Powell, Jo Rogers, Deb Everist, Lindy Hubbard, Steph Andrew, Emma Watson, Bronwyn Boyer, Katie Young, Sue Kelman (minute sec)

Key planned events/strategies 2010

- Retreat in May
- Shimmer Seminars: Women Relating with God, Women Relating with Men, Women Relating with Children.
- Night fundraiser for Esandleni Sothando
- Dinner with guest speaker, Naomi Reed
- Prayer and Praise Night in November during 7/12/7

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

- Testimony of women encouraged and helped by the teaching input of seminars – meeting their felt needs
- Seeing a growing sense of community among the women of our church during meetings and also in logistical support – would love to see more!
- Richness of knowledge and authentic experience in our own women who led
- Strengthening team building with changes in format
- Raising a further gift of \$2,800 for Esandleni Sothando

One of our PUC women summed it up nicely:

“Shimmer means a lot to me. It is a chance to hang out with ‘the girls’, be silly, have some fun and get to meet girls of all ages from PUC. There is time to spend with God and time to reflect on my own faith and journey, to pray and share with others. I also love to hear about how God has been at work in other women’s lives and their journey. I always come away with a sense of renewal and refreshment.”

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

Looking forward to 2011, our annual retreat will be held at Merroo from 1-3 April, earlier than usual, so please make a note in your diary.



Shimmer



MEN'S MINISTRY

Age groups involved in this ministry

The ages range from 18 onwards.

Leaders involved in this ministry

James Evangelidis, John Matheson, Nigel Rogers.



Key planned events/strategies 2010

- Men's Retreat
- Men's Breakfast with the focus of "What on Earth is a Man of God?"
- Steak of Origin fundraising event for the work of Our Neighbours Ministry
- Slow Food Day
- Men's Canoe Trip
- Gazebo Brothers Monthly Gatherings

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

- The teaching and testimonies at the Men's Retreat impacted such a large number of those who attended leading to many leaving the retreat transformed by God!
- The way of Christ for all people, particularly men is to live for the benefit of others so that they are pointed to God. This has been continually manifest amongst the connections between men in the life of PUC especially during times of hardship concerning relationship issues, grieving the death of loved ones, financial/work related issues. Connecting events such as the Slow Food Day, Gazebo Brothers and the Canoe Trip are key ways to initiate and facilitate the ongoing ways God works through the men of PUC supporting each other.
- Throughout the year we have been waiting on God for a new person to lead Men's Ministry in a coordinated and Strategic fashion. Flowing out of the "Integrate - Go Module" Ghafur Barchia signalled his interest to lead this ministry and was affirmed in this. Praise God for raising up his leaders in his timing.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

- Men's Retreat
- Consolidation of the Men's Ministry leadership team.
- Increased integration with PUC's strategic direction.
- Building on the culture of care that already exists amongst the Men of PUC as they seek to support each other.

AGED CARE MINISTRY

Age groups involved in this ministry

From youth to retirees.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Steve Everist (coordinating minister), Ruth Woodley (LAC chairperson), Lorraine Coleman (LAC secretary), Louise Lorimer (Café Jacaranda coordinator), Betty (Deputy Chairperson) and Ron Snelling (Jacaranda Day care), Helen Coleman (Nursing home network), Deb McConnell (PUC Nursing home ministries), June Harris, Ken Harris, Alice Reynhout and a huge cast of volunteers.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

- **Jacaranda** refers to two complementary ministries hosted in the Jacaranda room in partnership with Uniting Care Aging. **Jacaranda Enriching Life** runs on Mondays and Fridays and aims to provide friendship, care, support and activities particularly for the frail aged and respite for carers. **Jacaranda Café** runs on Tuesdays and Thursday and seeks to bring aged members of the community together around fine food.
- **Nursing Home Ministries:** We have been seeking to strengthen our ministry to nursing homes by creating larger teams who bring a bright and energetic gospel ministry. Under the leadership of Helen Coleman and Deb McConnell we have seen real improvement in this area. Places that PUC ministers to includes: Bayview Gardens Nursing Home (Monthly), RSL Village (Monthly), Avalon House Nursing Home (Fortnightly), Seaside Nursing Home (2nd monthly), Seabeach Nursing Home (3rd monthly), Pittwater Village (Twice a year)
- **Nursing Home Network:** Throughout this year Helen Coleman has been developing a network of carers from different churches to coordinate and encourage ministry to the frail aged. The key events of this network have been a series of Aged Care Workshops which have brought people together with great enthusiasm and forged new working relationships.
- **Friday wanderers:** A fellowship ministry involving bus trips to interesting places under the leadership of Ron and Betty Snelling.
- **Pittwater Village Services:** In 2010 we have begun to run a small communion service for residents of Pittwater village with help from Joy and Snowy Hartshorne and Jan Hunter.

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

- **Jacaranda:** We give thanks to God for guiding us through big staff changes with sadly farewelling Judy Peters as Jacaranda manager and welcoming Susan Towey. For the New Volunteers coordinator Charmian Porter and activities officer Christine Yardley. We are grateful to God for the significant improvement the new Wellness Program has made to client outcomes.
- **Nursing Home:** Growth in our nursing home ministries particularly the calling of younger people and the involvement of youth and the success of the aged care workshops.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

- Proposed midweek service for seniors

MUSIC MINISTRY

Age groups involved in this ministry

All ages, main team members are between 18 & 50. Ministry to all ages.

Leaders involved in this ministry

PUMMP TEAM (Pittwater Uniting Music Ministry Panel) – Wes Harder, Andrew Bollen, Scott Wheeler, John Dacker, Jo Laub.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

Key events were Vision Launch in February, Easter and Christmas services.

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

A large number of team members had moved on from the ministry team or from the church in late 2009, early 2010. Massive rebuilding has been undertaken and total team numbers are now around 26 people. Main challenge at the start of the year was to rebuild a sustainable, excited and dynamic worship team in synch with the direction of the church senior leadership.

The main goals of the team are always in bringing excellence in authentic worship every Sunday in serving the church and our senior ministers.

Three new original songs written from within Pittwater Uniting Church (New Day, You Are and Worship the King). Another seven new songs introduced to the congregation, close to averaging one per month. New innovation in worship, especially through Acoustic Sundays and Ben Carlisle's Electronight's.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

Continuing of the new PBN plan in the basement. Including smaller band nights.

Completion of "The Cove" recording studio, targeting one new song fully recorded in a live worship service, overdubbed, mastered and mixed every 2nd month in 2011, six Pittwater songs fully recorded and launched to the church and the world ... itunes etc.

Vision Launch in February with a new Vision Launch song.

Continued strengthening of the team and drawing in of youth into the PBN and 10am teams.

Continue to bring excellence in authentic worship every Sunday in serving the church and senior ministers. Six new Pittwater Uniting Worship Songs and six new songs introduced from other churches.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Age groups involved in this ministry

Youth to Seniors - Working Bees.

Leaders involved in this ministry

Nigel Rogers, Ted Woodley, Wade Orth, Stuart Kelman, Greg Boyer, Matt Gleeson, Lexi Oldenburg, Craig Williams, Bruce Kelman.

Key planned events/strategies 2010

Working bees to keep our grounds and building in good shape!

Regular Finance & Property Committee meetings to oversee the financial aspects of PUC and the maintenance and development of our buildings and property.

Highlights of God working in this area during 2010

- Signing of the contract for the option to purchase a 20 metre wide strip of land on our southern boundary for an access road to service the proposed residential development on the western side of Boundary St.
- Extension to Treetops Preschool playground for a bike path.
- Extension to the stage in the basement
- Assist in building a sound/recording studio adjacent to the basement.
- The large number of people who attended two of our working bees.
- New concrete path from Treetops to lower car park.

Initiatives/strategies/key events planned for 2011

- Working Bees
- New door and awning for the caretakers flat.
- New door and awning for double doors in the New Life Centre.
- Install a new fence outside the basement.



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