



Tree Cull near the Hall:

4th February

James Babb organised an arborist to come and cut down trees that are threatening to fall on the church hall. James was able to organise a very good price for the service. Chris Bruce and Pastor Daniel helped throughout the week to clear debris with support from Tsunkeo Babb & Mr Arai. 3 gum tree stumps have been left standing, with the hope that they will sprout new branches.



Bundoora Park HDH Service:

5th February

We had a HDH style service at Bundoora Park yesterday. This allowed members who lived in the north of Melbourne to attend service in person. Noriko Jede invited us for afternoon refreshments at her house afterwards. Thank you to all members coming the long distance.





Geelong Fishing Competition:

12th February

Victorian members gathered at Barwon Heads Bridge for Sunday service and to take part in a fishing competition. Randal Apps, President of Geelong Interfaith, gave the sermon & Rev Rick McInerheney played the guitar. The fishing competition was organised and run by Chris Bruce, with money prizes awarded to those catching the heaviest weight in fish.



Witnessing for PCLC:

15th February

Last Wednesday Candace Robertson, Jacinta Darbishire and Debbie Bruce went witnessing to Christian Churches for PCLC. Candace: "We first read an article by Washington Times on religious freedom that Randall Apps had sent us. Then we copied the PCLC poster and first visited the Hillsong church on Burwood highway and managed to give a poster to the secretary. Then we visited a Russian theologian at the Melbourne Theological School in Wantirna. Mr Denis Savelyev, whom Candace and Jacinta had met last year at a "how to witness to Muslims" series of lectures, hosted by the Pakistani Christian church. He was interested to attend the zoom and seemed polite and friendly. We then visited Australia for Christ, also in Wantirna. We called into the Burrinja Art Gallery and viewed art on climate change and met some of the artists. It was fun and inspiring.



Establishment of new garden bed:

16th February

With the bark, sawdust and other refuse left over from the tree cutting Pastor Daniel and Property Caretaker Chris Bruce built a garden bed by the gazebo retaining wall. The grass by this wall was a pain to cut, and the stringy bark makes excellent fertilizer when broken down. We are planning to cover it all with wood chips made from the cut branches and will be considering to plant beautiful flowering plants and shrubs.



Geelong Interfaith Network:

25th February

Geelong Interfaith Network (GIN) stall at Pako Festa. Scores stopped to talk; dozens took literature; 12 came in for extended chats; 17 present or past GIN members and their friends came. Faith groups included: Catholic, Protestant, Latter Day Saints, FFWPU, Muslim, more Muslims, Hindu, Jainism, Baha'i, Shik, Aborigines, even more Muslims, and non-religious hoping for an argument but leaving pleasantly surprised. (We have a chart to read either the Bible or Quran. The Muslim international student group from Deakin Uni liked the respect we showed Islam.) – Randall & Lay Tin Apps



Sikh and you shall find:

28th February

Jacinta Moreau, Debbie Bruce and myself (Candace Robertson) went out to distribute the PCLC posters. We went to several churches around Cranbourne. We gave out the posters mostly to the receptionists who said they will pass them out to the ministers or priests. Finally on the way to a St Agatha's Catholic Church we saw the Sikh Temple and decided to visit as the topic being religious freedom...We met many open people and they invited us to their lunch. It was a beautiful experience and we were very grateful as we were hungry too!

In North Melbourne Noriko Jede is ringing up ministers and has made many contacts through the telephone.