

Membership - have you thought about becoming a member of Stewards?

Why? Being a member is one way of showing support and encouragement to the Stewards Board. You can have an input into the operation of Stewards and are the people who appoint the Board.

Fees? A yearly fee of \$10 is all it will cost.

How? Phone and ask for an application form, fill it in, have two elders sign it and then post it to us.

Glenhaven Gardens Retirement Village

The residents have settled in and are enjoying village life. At Christmas they held an Outdoor Carol Service with guest artists. This was enjoyed by residents, families and neighbours.



Stage 2 is now ready for building to commence. 14 villas will be built, made up of nine 3 bedroom villas and five 2 bedroom villas. Phone the Office if you are interested in purchasing a Villa or for more information.

Current Chairman of Stewards Committee is Ross Bunyon.

Ross and his wife Sandra attend St George Christian Church where Ross is an Elder. He is committed to seeing Christian Brethren Assemblies and para assembly organisations work together and be more effective in service. Ross is Chairman of the NSW Co-Ordinating Conference and the National Committee. He is a Director of both Lutanda Childrens Services and Emmaus Bible College.



Ross brings to the Stewards Board both his passion to see Christian Brethren Assemblies grow and his experience as a Chairman. He is a non-executive Director and Chairman of a number of public and private Companies. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from UNSW and has done an Advanced Management Program from Harvard.

Please pray for Ross that he will bring Godly leadership and guidance to Stewards and that he will be able to help the Christian Brethren move forward and be effective in reaching people for Christ.

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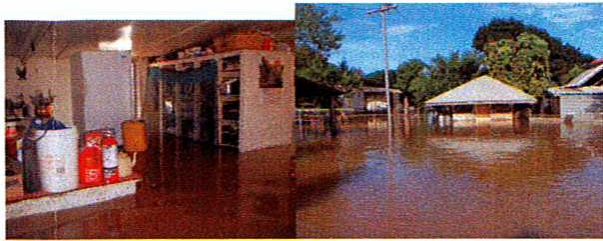
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*We were all stunned and saddened by the news this year of floods in Queensland and bushfires in Victoria. The devastation, the loss of homes, buildings and lives affected everyone. Individuals and Churches have given **very generously** to our Disaster Relief Fund and we thank you all.*

Floods in Queensland

We have been able to send \$10,000 to people in Queensland who are in touch with families affected by the floods. Each recipient would like to express their sincere thanks.



From Doug & Faye Jones at Bourketown ...
“Many thanks for your kind gift. We took it out to Floraville and gave it to Ernie & Kylie who had water up to the table in their camp kitchen.”

During the flood their son needed urgent medical help and the airstrip was flooded so they went by boat, then plane to Bourke, then flying Doctor Service to Mt Isa. They were very thankful for the gift.



FIRES in Victoria

We have been privileged to give some \$100,000 to Victoria. We have sent it to Mobile Mission Maintenance and to six Assemblies who have distributed the money in a variety of ways to help those who have suffered loss.



Warragul ... “Thank you so much. Funds have been used to purchase ingredients for hundreds of casseroles that have been cooked and sent out to fire affected families and also hampers of food and essential items distributed. Future plans include Community Development activities. The fire affected community needs ongoing support as it rebuilds.”

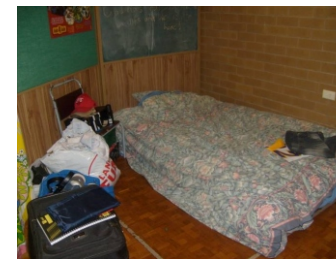
Morwell ... have replaced uninsured tools, given food parcels and clothing, helped someone who is waiting for a heart transplant and given to many individuals, one of whom lost his wife and 2 sons.

Warrandyte ... Gave funds (\$1000) to families who lost everything and were uninsured. Some were believers and others not. Peter wrote “In one case, when I made the initial phone contact, the lady had just returned to, and was standing in, the remains of her burnt out home. When I told her I had some assistance for her she broke down and cried. Another man said ‘I am critical of my Church-going mates, but you Christians are like ants in this thing. You are everywhere.’ He cried too.

It has been such a privilege, not just to take people money, but to speak with them about their experience and pray with them about their future.”

RINGWOOD Chapel ...

“Please convey to Stewards our sincere thanks for being able to distribute the funds that you so generously gave.” Ringwood gave to Betel Australia who lost all their property at Marysville. Two families were hosted with church families and the 7 guys in the program were housed in the Church. Both families have now found accommodation and the 7 men in the program are now 5 and moved into a rented home. There has been so much loss for all of them. The money has helped buy tools so the guys can get back into work and a laptop to help with administration needs.



Ringwood Chapel became a “Hotel” with makeshift bedrooms in the Youth Hall and. Sunday School dividers giving privacy. An outdoor washing machine was provided with power from the kitchen, water from

garden hose and a rubbish bin to collect water. Also a camp shower was put in the play ground with hose running from ladies toilet. The guys were very thankful for everything.



Mission in Action ... The back of the chapel stacked with donated beds, bedding and gear. All stacked in front of the Mission Board and people sat around it for Church. This was mission in action as we lovingly cared and showed support for Betel. You too were part of this Mission act of compassion through your giving.

