**Minister’s Report – Member’s Meeting 20/7/25**

This past 7 or 8 months has been a time of mixed blessings for me.

Negatives:

1. Our response to homelessness in our community and floods combined in combination with the breakfast led to one person becoming increasingly paranoid and difficult; accusing me of nefarious dealings and not caring. I understand that this person probably had a sense of ownership over the place that was beyond what was appropriate for any one individual. They felt that they didn’t have control over what was happening and responded in fear and anger rather than talking through any issues so that they could be resolved. This has been an ongoing grief for Jackie and myself.
2. Part time employment can be healthy for a church minister but I have not only worked to prop up my home budget but that of the church also. The police chaplaincy 4 hours a week and the work I do with Mike Radic brings in about $900 a week. While this has been ok for the time being I am not loving it enough to do it indefinitely and would like to not be doing all of it next year or at least be working to another plan.
3. Some key people have chosen not to fellowship with us. This has been both disappointing and discouraging. We miss them.
4. We still haven’t quite met our expenses.

Positives:

1. Homeless Breakfast – met for several months here three mornings a week and now only on Mondays. This has been a good ministry with many Christians present interacting and praying.
2. Police Chaplaincy – again the quality conversations and ministry.
3. New people finding home – John and Jane Houston, Shanice and Ash, Jasmine, and those who were only here for a while like Davo and Bindi.
4. Flood response – not just the rescue but people housing some who were flooded.
5. Sharon Peaking is willing to come back on as Elder and treasurer. Two people have spoken to me about doing some Admin and another about some maintenance.
6. We have options before us. We will speak about these shortly and a plan for discerning the way forward.

So as Galatians 6:9-10 says, **9**Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **10**Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.