

MAY 2021

*Mackay Street  
Chaplaincy  
Monthly  
Newsletter*



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*A Note from Niki*

FIRSTLY – Hello again!

2021 has come with changes to our Mackay Street Chaplaincy. Those changes include three new members of our committee. This means lots of work for all members as we strive to come together as a working unit. We are grateful that we have a gifted group of people and these people are working hard to serve the Mackay Street Chaplaincy and community with their gifts. We are very grateful that Steven Morgan, after his shock diagnosis, is keeping well enough to steer us in the right direction, leading us in some training. More official training governance will follow.

1 Peter 4:9, 10 says, ***“Show hospitality to one another without complaining. good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another.”***

We are a diverse group of people with many gifts. And I would like to especially bring to your attention that one person who you have overlooked. The squeaky wheel gets the oil, but without a sound the engine will stop without fuel. What I’m saying by this is that there are many

silent people who are the powerhouse of any organisation. They get in and get the job done. They work without letting you know when the tank is low. There probably is a little red light there somewhere, but unless you know to look, you could well miss it.

Since COVID we have lost some great members. I believe their tank was running low and we didn’t notice... we couldn’t, as we didn’t see them through that time, but with the added pressures of COVID they opted out.

I know that we have Chaplains now, who love doing Street Chaplaincy, but their tanks are low. I asked a question at our last members meeting for all to write a personal answer. The question was this; “How can I be a blessing to my team?” & “How can I be a blessing to chaplains on other teams?” I ask this question again in the light of that scripture verse, as we are encouraged to use our gifts to serve one another.

While pondering this you may be thinking, “but I’m the one with a low tank”. So here is something else to ponder. Jesus went away to rest and the crowd followed. He ministered to them. There is a story of a lady who Jesus praised. She was giving to the poor – giving out of her own poverty.

Trusting in God, when we seek to serve, we find our own tanks can be somehow miraculously filled by the interactions. People need people. We need each other, and we need to be mutually supportive and caring for each other. This truly is the way of the Kingdom of God.

Many Blessings,  
Niki

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT from ROB** - On 13th of April Niki and I attended the SNP meeting and I have the following to report.

I commented on the good Rapport that has been established between QPS and Night Club patrons.

Thursday 6th of May I attended the Mayoral suicide Prevention Taskforce from 07:30 to 16:00 Hrs

Tuesday the 11th of May I will be attending the QPS Violence prevention Community Forum, Mackay

I will follow up on Managing Actual and Perceived Aggression training with Jesse Webb from Chaplain Watch in Brisbane.

I also follow up on quotes from Aluminium fabrication businesses to replace the trolley with a lighter stronger more efficient version

If anyone has questions or comments, feel free to contact me for clarification.

Regards,

Rob.

## NEWS & INFORMATION



- **Next meeting will be 10<sup>th</sup> of MAY** - We welcome all interested people. Come along, book in for an observation. We need you on this wonderful adventure with us.
- We have extended our time on the Street on Saturday nights. First shift will be on the street at 10pm – 1am and Second shift will be on the street from 1am -4am.

- **PRAYER:** Remember that Wednesday's at Chaplaincy premise, we meet to pray for just a half an hour. **All are welcome** to join us from 11:30am – 12 midday. People who attend find this to be vital, as it keeps us focused on what we are doing and why. It keeps us motivated and checks that our attitudes reflect the heart of God. We pray for the heart of our city, those that work there and with us. Please join us.
- **CHAPLAINS** pay tribute on ANZAC day and marched in the parade.



- **Reporting** - We continue to navigate the changes. It is important that chaplains note **ALL** their interactions and report these. Ask you team leader if you are not sure.
- **Airlie Beach** - Recently we almost had an opportunity to volunteer to help out the Street Chaplains in that area. Two points from



this – 1, These are great opportunities to learn. 2, Neither they nor us could find the Chaplains to cover over that weekend. This means we need to pray for more chaplains and speak to people who might like to join... on that point....

- **Volunteer Expo-**

-The Volunteer Expo is 10am-1pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. It will be held at the Mackay Show grounds. Please let Niki know if you can be there to talk to people about Street Chaplaincy

- -----We continue to pray for Chaplains with health issues especially for Steven Morgan and family.
- In April we had a small commissioning service following our monthly meeting, with guest John McKim on behalf of Mackay Churches together. His input to our code of conduct discussions and his words of encouragement for our ministry were very much appreciated. Thank you .



*The 2021 Committee with Reverend John McKim; (from left to right) Stephen Cutting, Andrea Nicholson, Niki Vella-Power, Rev. John, Helen Hewit, Chris Mallett, Kai Baldock. (Absent President Keith McCollim)*



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