



Minutes
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
13 July 2025, 10:30am, Acacia Hall

1. **Welcome** – Brian Duguid opened the meeting.
2. **Apologies** – No apologies were received.
3. A **Quorum** was reached: 15 proxies were received, 50 members were in attendance, exceeding the required quorum of 63 by 2 members. There were 6 regulars (not yet members).
4. **Minutes of previous AGM** had been distributed prior to the meeting via email and on the church's website. Minutes accepted as a true reflection of last year's AGM.
5. The **2024/25 Annual Report** was made available on the church website prior to the meeting.

A special thanks was extended to **Mandisa Makasi** for compiling the professional report and to **Lynne Jones** for editing and proofreading.

The Chairman's Report was taken as read, with the following highlights noted by **Brian Duguid**:

- **Leadership Changes:**
 - Senior Pastor **Nick Bekker** resigned and left at the end of **September 2024** to take up a post at Karratha Baptist Church in Australia.
 - Church Administrator **Trish Bekker** concluded her role at HCC in **December 2024**.
 - The congregation continues to pray for the Bekker family as they await Australian residency approval.
- **New Appointments:**
 - **Ryan Jones** was appointed Senior Pastor effective **1 October 2024**, following unanimous support at a **Special General Meeting on 25 August 2024**. His wife, **Lynne Jones**, has also actively engaged in church ministries.
 - **Will Rudling** and **Daniel Nyoni** were appointed as elders at the same Special General Meeting.
 - **Andrew Copeland** joined the eldership in **February 2025** after **Paul King** stepped down.
 - **Siyanda Yaka** was appointed as **Next Gen Youth Director** and also serves on the eldership in his pastoral capacity.
- **Eldership Transitions:**
 - **Will Rudling** will be stepping down as elder due to relocation to the Western Cape in **July 2025**.
 - **Margie Klein** and **Brian Duguid** announced their intention to step down from eldership. Tacit approval of new elder nominations will be tabled at this AGM as per the church constitution.

- A heartfelt thanks was given to **Margie Klein** for her nearly **19.5 years** of faithful service, including her leadership on the original steering committee prior to the planting of HCC in **2006**.
- **Administration and Operations:**
 - **Mandisa Makasi** assumed the role of **Church Administrator** in **December 2024** and was thanked for her energy and commitment.
 - **Debbie Kreft**, church treasurer, stepped down due to work and family commitments. Thanks were extended for her **four years** of faithful service.
 - **Peter Rigby** has taken over the role of **church treasurer**. He will present the **2024/25 financial highlights**. We are grateful to Peter, once again, for agreeing to serve as church treasurer.
- **Church Financial Position:**
 - HCC continues to reflect a **healthy financial position** as per the latest audited financials (year ending **28 February 2025**). The church gives thanks for God's ongoing provision.
- **Venue and Partnership:**
 - Appreciation was expressed for continued use of **Acacia Hall** and the broader HeronBridge College facilities.
 - Gratitude was extended to **Mr. Kenneth Checkley** and **Curro Holdings Ltd.** for ongoing support.
 - Siyanda Yaka is actively developing partnerships between the church and college, especially in **Youth/Young Adults ministry**.
- **Future Location Discussion:**
 - The church has decided **not to pursue relocation** at this stage, following strategy sessions held in **January–February 2025** and an Exco meeting on **27 May 2025**. This decision may be revisited in the future.
- **In Memoriam:**
 - The church mourned the passing of **Clive Douglas** (April 2025), a long-time member and founding Chair of Council, and his wife **Cynthia Douglas** (2024), a founding elder. Their legacy and Christian witness were honoured.
- **Thanks to Volunteers and Ministry Leads:**
 - Deep appreciation was extended to all elders, ministry leads, and congregational members who serve week after week, enabling the church's "pop-up" model to function.

6. Treasurer's Report

Peter Rigby was invited to provide an overview of the **audited annual financial statements** for the year ended **28 February 2025**. Key highlights included:

- **Cash and cash equivalents:** R1.492 million
- **Surplus for the year:** R119,000 (vs. R142,000 in 2024)
- **Tithes:** Flat year-on-year at R1.840 million
- **Expenses:** R1.777 million (vs. R1.725 million in 2024), reflecting a **3% increase**

The church continues to reflect a **stable and healthy financial position**, and thanks were expressed for the Lord's continued provision.

7. Confirmation of Eldership Appointments

In accordance with the church constitution and eldership processes, the following appointments were tabled for **tacit approval by the congregation**:

- **Andrew Copeland** – Invited to join the eldership in **March 2025**
- **Tony Verwey** – Nominated and confirmed by the existing eldership
- **Siyanda Yaka** – Appointed as **Next Gen Director** and, in line with the church constitution, automatically joins the eldership as a **pastor of the church**

A **show of hands** was conducted by the congregation, and **tacit approval was confirmed** for all listed appointments.

8. General

No further matters were raised from the floor.

9. Closure

The meeting was formally closed.