


ANNUAL REPORT 2024



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dayspring Community (WA) Incorporated

26th May 2024

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AGENDA

The Dayspring Community (WA) Incorporated

Annual General Meeting

26th May, 2024

St Peter & Emmaus Community Church

1. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**
2. **Welcome to Country**
3. **Contemplation** – Dr Brian Holliday, *Anam Cara to the Guiding Committee*
4. **Apologies** – noted and attendees reminded to sign the attendance sheet.
5. **Minutes of Previous AGM** – to be received by the meeting.
6. **Reports** - Chairperson, Dennis Ryle, to present his report and then invite attendees to raise questions or observations about any of the other reports.
7. **Approval of Budget for 2024** – Details on Screen. Moved: Seconded:
8. **Appointment of Independent Financial Reviewer** – Nominee Mr Robert Gibb
9. **Acceptance of Reports:**
10. **Election of Office Holders:** The nominees are:
 - Chairperson – Jenelle Pike
 - Secretary – Glenis Holliday
 - Treasurer – John ClaptonThere being no other nominees, these Members are declared Elected.

Thanks to Committee Members who are not seeking re-election

Margaret Beach, Sue Wilkins

11. **Election of Ordinary Members:** The Guiding Committee has determined that there shall be no more than 5 Ordinary Members on the Guiding Committee.

The following nominations have been received:

Dennis Ryle

Deborah Robertson

June Ashe

Further nominations from the floor of the meeting may be received.

There being no other nominees, these Members are declared Elected.

12. **Graduation** – Introduction by Rev'd Dr Cathie Lambert.

Masters of Spiritual Direction: Judy van Rossum, Jenelle Pike

Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction: Vicky Webb

Dayspring Diploma: Chiara von Perger

Certificate of Participation: Siow Yee Lee, Valerie Chan

13. **A Reflection** – A Presentation by Graduands reflecting on their studies.

14. **Presentation of Certificate of Life Membership to Mr John Auer** – Rev'd Dr Cathie Lambert, Dr Brian Holliday

15. **Any Other Business**

16. **Close** – Dennis Ryle

MINUTES

AGM – Dayspring Community (WA) Incorporated

7th May 2023

St Peter & Emmaus Community Church

1. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians**

We are blessed to be meeting in this place that has been cared for by the Wadjuk Noongar people for a thousand generations. We here acknowledge them, and we wish to show our respect for their elders, past, present and emerging. We rejoice with them at the rekindling of their culture, that some had thought was lost, and we thank them for their contribution to our life together as one people on their country.

2. **Welcome to Country** – short video

3. **Contemplation** – Dr Brian Holliday, *Anam Cara to the Guiding Committee*

4. **Apologies** – noted and attendees reminded to sign attendance sheet.

5. **Minutes of Previous AGM** – Among those who were present can we have a Mover John Clapton and a Seconder Noel Giblett to receive the Minutes.

6. **Reports** - Chairperson, Beth Robertson to read her report and then invite attendees to raise questions or observations about any of the other reports.

7. **Coursework Promotional Video** – to be played on screen.

8. **Approval of Budget for 2024** – Details on Screen. Moved: J Clapton Seconded: Glenis Holliday

9. **Appointment of Independent Financial Reviewer:** Mr Rob Gibb, Moved: J Clapton Seconded: S Wilkins

10. **Acceptance of Reports:** Moved: Sue Wilkins Seconded: John Clapton

11. **Election of Office Holders:** The nominees are:

Chairperson – Dennis Ryle

Secretary - Glenis Holliday

Treasurer – John Clapton

There being no other nominees, these Members are declared Elected.

12. **Election of Ordinary Members:** The Guiding Committee has determined that there shall be no more than 5 Ordinary Members on the Guiding Committee.

The following nominations have been received:

Dennis Ryle June Ashe Margaret Beach Sue Wilkins

A further nomination from the floor of the meeting may be received.

There being no other nominees, these Members are declared Elected.

13. **Appointment of Deputy Chairperson:** The Guiding Committee recommends the appointment of a Deputy Chairperson from among the Ordinary Members of the Guiding Committee and has nominated for this position; Moved: Seconded:

14. **Graduation**

15. Adrienne Ince, Ross Jones

16. – – Introduction by Beth Robertson

17. **A Reflection** – A Presentation by Ross Jones

18. **Presentation of Certificate** – Rev'd Dr Cathie Lambert, Dean of Coursework

19. **Any Other Business**

20. **Thank You** – Dr Brian Holliday, *Anam Cara to the Guiding Committee*

21. **Close** – Dennis Ryle

REPORTS

Chairperson's Report

During 2023, the Guidance Committee has had the privilege of leading the Dayspring Community through a season of consolidation and opportunity. We have now transitioned well into using the space and facilities generously provided by St Peter and Emmaus and we look forward to continuing our mutual relationship.

It was my honour to succeed Beth Robertson as she relinquished her role as Chair of the Guiding Committee. During this period, Beth had also completed passing the Dean of Studies mantle to Cathie Lambert. Beth remains a strong friend and supporter of Dayspring, but this signalled the passing of a significant period of leadership under her guidance.

The Guidance Committee thrives on full participation and input from its members, all contributing thoughtfulness and energy to initiating community life and events. Thanks are due to Glenis Holliday and Jenelle Pike who put countless hours into ensuring smooth management of administration and programming. John Clapton brings great talent to ensure ongoing financial viability and compliance, maintain our web presence, and produces *On Being*, the twice-monthly news bulletin. Brian Holliday graciously continues his role as Anam Chara, holding the committee in a contemplative space while curating the library and promoting its resources. Cathie Lambert has seamlessly taken up the Spiritual Direction formation program expanding and equipping it well to provide internationally accessible awards including entry and university levels.

It's Dayspring Community members and friends, however, who are the essence of our life together whenever we gather. We are not a large community, but your impact is strong, lending strength to the metaphors of leaven and mustard seed influence. Since the inception of Dayspring under the leadership of Brian and Patricia Stitt, we have seen the spread of awareness, reception and adaption of the contemplative way across a range of communities.

At the 2024 AGM, I will hand on the mantle of Chair, confident that the Guidance Committee remains well-motivated and resolute in its vision for advancing and sharing rich contemplative life, practices and ministry across the WA community and beyond.

Dennis Ryle
Chairperson

Librarian's Report

The past year the Dayspring library has continued its normal operations on most Tuesdays. I am grateful for the support of Sandy Clifton, Jenelle Pike and Glenis Holliday who have helped keep the library open when I was unwell, including a time with Covid. The library continues to be well used, with over 100 books on loan at the present moment.

This past year the library has received books loaned or donated by the generosity of a number of people, including both Dayspring members as well as non-members. This has provided a richness to the library which is complemented by the acquisition of more recent works by such authors as Bernard McGinn, Ruth Burrows, Bernard Rooney, Gary Deverell, and local author George Trippe. It is also pleasing to let you know that the library now holds a number of the Masters dissertations written by Dayspring coursework graduates, one accredited through the Adelaide College of Divinity, and several through the University of Divinity. These dissertations add to the collection of student projects completed under the former Vocational Education Graduate Diploma program, each piece of work exploring specialized areas of spiritual direction research.

The library continues to provide good books, as well as a space for quiet conversations, or a listening ear. It also continues to provide a contemplative setting for spiritual direction, supervision, and meditation.

Thank you to all those who have supported the library this past year, and all those who have generously loaned or donated books. It has been a pleasure for me to fulfill the role of Dayspring librarian.

Dr Brian Holliday
Librarian



Events and Admin Report

Office work has been administered again in 2024 by John, Clapton, Jenelle Pike and Glenis Holliday. Jenelle and Glenis meet regularly at St Peters and Emmaus and contact with John is handled via email or on zoom, with some consultation when warranted with Chairperson, Dennis Ryle. This team facilitates the more detailed planning for Events run by Dayspring which includes corresponding with presenters and arranging practical support where applicable.

The Guiding Committee consists of 9 members including ex officio members Brian. The Committee plans and schedules events in our regular Guiding Committee Meetings and checks the completed office tasks. As well as this, the Committee discerns important decisions on behalf of the organisation and keeps up to date with current Government regulations for Not-for-Profit organisations. The Committee meets around every two months, either in person at St Peters and Emmaus or via Zoom. Dayspring appreciates the dedication and expertise each member of the committee who volunteers their gifts to the organisation.

Between May 2023 and May 2024, the following events were rostered and overseen by guiding committee representatives.

Quiet Days and Ebb and Flo days coordinated by Glenis Holliday, Jenelle Pike, Sue Wilkins and Susan Somerville are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Nathanael's Rest in Mundaring. On offer is a sacred space and time to set aside for participants to spend time in contemplative reflection. Resources to guide reflection, and morning tea, are provided by Dayspring. Eucharist and BYO lunch are shared to complete the morning's reflection time and enjoy fellowship together for those who wish to participate. We are grateful for the continued generosity of Jeremy and Beth Robertson for the use of the wonderful resource at Nathanael's Rest. Although numbers who attend are small different folk at different times have dropped in to take advantage of this as part of their soul work rhythm.

Tuesday mornings at St Peters and Emmaus 56 Green St Joondanna. The Dayspring Library is open and Dayspring office staff work during this time (except for school holidays). Anyone is welcome to attend morning prayers together with this group. The Eucharist is celebrated at 12:30pm and then participants, who BYO lunch, can spend time in fellowship together. People are welcome to find a space to do their own soul work, use the church's labyrinth or join with the group for the other activities that may be on offer.

Morning and Evening Prayers are shared Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays online via Zoom, coordinated by Sandy Clifton, Abi Lewis and Tess Humphreys. A small group of regulars use this activity on a regular basis. Sandy also coordinates a meditation group that meets regularly at St Peters and Emmaus church on a Thurs at 5 pm.

Sensible Shoes was a 6-week course run by Sandy Clifton and Jenelle Pike in 2023. There were around 10 participants. A small group will meet with Sandy in 2024 as a continuation of that work as they enjoyed their time together.

Paul Cannon, one of our former committee members, ran a Liturgical online retreat for Pentecost in 2023 using poetry as a creative response in preparation for the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Our treasurer, John Clapton ran Care of the Soul workshops in 2023 offering explanation and some practice in using some of the spiritual disciplines. 3 sessions offered Lectio Divina, Examen, Jesus and breath prayer, the use of the labyrinth and contemplation in nature.

The Committee has affirmed that we will continue to support professional development opportunities for Spiritual Directors where we discern it may be helpful for Course work students and graduates of our Course work programme. With this in mind, we advertised and co-hosted with ANSD four events in 2023. In August, Beth Robertson shared a day reflecting on her pilgrimage to Spain with focus on the lives of Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross. The day was titled "A Day with the Spanish Mystics". In October "The Mystical Heart" and "Gertrud Von Helfta" retreats with Dr Kerrie Hyde and Dr Robyn Fitzgerald from New South Wales and in November, Supervision workshops, "On Reflexive Practice" and "Group Supervision" with Michael Paterson from Britain. All these events were well attended, and feedback was very positive about the content provided by the presenters.

Nine people registered the online 2023 Advent retreat hosted by Cathie Lambert. Participants enjoyed the exercises provided for contemplation and the opportunity to share with others in small groups via the "rooms" facility on Zoom.

The Stitt Oration of October 2023 held at St Peters and Emmaus church Joondanna had Dr Jennifer Turner OAM as guest speaker on the topic of "Turning Points in contemplative life: uncovering the healing power of awe". 31 registered and were treated to an inspiring lecture on this topic. The lecture was also featured on the Dayspring website.

Award winning WA artist Jessica Holliday ran an all-day art workshop in November 2023 at Nathaneal's Rest in Mundaring. Jessica shared how art is an expression of her spirituality. She modelled for participants how to use the medium of pastel chalks. They were then sent to develop their own artistic endeavour as a meditation process using the natural environment at the Nathanael's Rest retreat centre. Some younger participants than usual were attracted to our events, who enjoyed expanding their artistic skills as well as engaging with the natural environment. This has encouraged the Committee to pursue more creative endeavours that may attract younger adherents to learn how to employ useful tools in exploring the contemplative disciplines.

The final event for 2023 was in December when Dayspring hosted a luncheon at a restaurant to thank our volunteers. Dayspring would not be able to offer events or continue its operation without these dedicated individuals who offer their gifts and time to the work of Dayspring.

January 2024 the committee attended a weekend retreat at Nathanael's Rest to discern a theme for the year and to schedule which events Dayspring would bring to the 2024 programme. Brian Holliday led us with thoughts from Meister Eckhart. The theme chosen as the Dayspring focus for the year is "Walking Carefully and Lovingly in Creation.

Consequently, Dennis Ryle hosted the first event for 2024 Spirituality and the Seasons with the walking carefully in creation theme in mind. The 10 participants were positive in their feedback and were grateful for the venue to be taken indoors on a very hot day.

The extreme heat in February meant only 3 people attended the 'Sorry Time' Lenten retreat of 2024 held at All Saints church, Henley Brook. However, the excellent reflection provided by John Clapton brought rich engagement with the message of Lent. The particular focus of the reflections drew attention to the need for all Australians to acknowledge and repent of actions that have caused great sorrow for First Peoples of the nation and for all Australians to look to God for hope, love and healing going forward into the future.

Watering Whole is a new initiative brought to the programme by Cathie Lambert and Margaret Beach. The first of 4 planned afternoons of community contemplative focus was on March 2024. The participants found it both a creative and stimulating experience to engage with spiritual disciplines revolving around the natural element of water. The second session in May focused on fire.

In April 2024 Cathie Lambert's reflections on the Beguine Mystics attracted 12 participants. Cathie's thoughtful, creative approach was appreciated by all who attended at St Peters and Emmaus in Joondanna.

Going forward the committee is working together in planning with ANSD WA on the forthcoming visit of Dr Lynette Dungan in July at St Johns retreat centre in Shoalwater, an enneagram workshop exploring the Nine Ways of Praying the Enneagram with Adrienne Inch in November as well as the Stitt Oration in September.

We have dreams of improving our online presence on the website and facebook but need people with passion and skill to join us on the committee to drive those dreams. As vacancies become available on the committee perhaps YOU would consider offering your gifts for discernment from the present committee. Application forms are available through the secretary at info@dayspring.org.au

Glenis Holliday and Jenelle Pike

Coursework Report

The last year has been our first full year running our Dayspring courses in their current form. This has been both exciting and daunting. We are now offering five separate courses: three higher education degrees under Uniting College for Leadership and Theology as part of the University of Divinity and two of our own courses under Dayspring.

The courses are:

- Dayspring Certificate of Contemplative Spirituality (1 year)
- Dayspring Diploma in Spiritual Direction (2 years)
- Graduate Certificate in Spirituality (1 year)
- Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction (2 years)
- Master in Spiritual Direction (approx. 4 years)

This year we have had three students in the Master of Spiritual Direction program, two of whom have just graduated. One student completed the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction at the end of 2023. One student completed the Dayspring Diploma in Spiritual Direction in December 2023 and two others (living overseas) who audited the course received Certificates of Participation. Our current cohort began with seven students. Two have withdrawn from the course for personal reasons. This leaves us with Three completing the Dayspring Certificate in the middle of this year and two completing their first year of the Dayspring Diploma. We are currently going through the discernment phase which will determine how many choose to continue to the second year.

We are hoping to commence a new cohort in the second half of 2024 and have received a few inquiries and applications. We would value the Dayspring community discerning others who may be interested in joining the course at this time. Now that we can offer a variety of courses, we can also cater to those who want to deepen their understanding of contemplative spirituality without intending to become a spiritual director.

As part of my role, I have been involved in discussions this year regarding a specific pathway for training supervisors for spiritual directors through the University of Divinity. This has been a fruitful conversation in establishing relationships with other centres offering training under the University of Divinity as well as having a say in the content of this Supervision qualification. I hope that in the future some of our students may benefit from completing these courses.

Emerging from this discussion, I also had the opportunity to attend the School of Indigenous Studies Conference in Melbourne along with the directors from Wellspring and Heart of Life. We have been meeting periodically with Professor Anne Pattel-Gray to assess how we might better be able to acknowledge First Peoples within the structure of our courses and formation programs. This is an ongoing discussion.

I want to thank our staff team for their tireless efforts and passion for the ministry of spiritual direction. We will acknowledge the many years that John Auer has contributed to the course. John retired from the staff team at the end of last year. I am personally grateful for John's wisdom, presence, and commitment to this work. I express this as a past student and a member of the staff team. John will be greatly missed, but we know we can call on him from time to time to help us out. I am also eternally grateful to the current staff team: Beth Robertson, Brian Holliday, Paul Cannon and Jenelle Pike. Each one brings gifts to the team which provides us with breadth and depth to offer our students. I thank them for their time and energy and their love for growing spiritual direction. I am also deeply grateful for the love and support they show me, both personally and in my role.

I also want to express my thanks to Rosemary Dewerse, Lynda Leitner and Vicky Balabansky from Uniting College for their support of our courses and their willingness to keep working and adapting with us as we learn. They are a joy to work with and are generous with their time in assisting us.

Blessings!

Cathie Lambert

Dayspring Program Director

South West Report

In April 2023 Dayspring SW ran a very successful weekend in Albany and we are still hoping to follow that up this year, but dates have not been finalized. There does not seem to be interest in a "What is Spiritual Direction?" day in the Southwest so this has been put on hold.

In May 2023, Paul Cannon led a *Lectio Terrestia* day making use of the forest near The Spirituality Hub in Kirup. This led to another day on Bush Bathing which had a multi-faith focus and was well-received. The Hub has an open invitation to any individual or group who would like to organize their own "Bush Bathing" or similar day with the support of DayspringSW and the Spirituality Hub.

After 5 years as a key member of DayspringSW, Cathie Lambert moved to Perth and our group has been greatly diminished by her absence. We have scouted for other members from the southwest and are delighted that Vicki Webb from Kojonup will be joining us.

At the moment, our group consists of four - Lyn, Paul, Simon, and Deborah. Due to the demands on each of us, DayspringSW branded events have not happened this year, but DSW is in partnership with The Spirituality Hub Kirup and events continue there.

Deborah Robertson

Dayspring Southwest Chapter

Financial Reports

Dayspring Community (WA) Inc **Treasurer's Statement – 2023**

The end-of-year financials have all been reconciled with the final Bank Statements and the Financial Reports for 2023 have been presented for an Independent Review.

We are still struggling to predict our Coursework income from Student Fees, which does seem to be rather cyclical – more one year and less the next. The disparity in this area of our Income and Expenditure accounts for most of the operating deficit we incurred for the year. But there were two other areas of variation in income which contributed to the result for the year – a reduction in Membership income by about a third, and a slight downturn in our net income from events.

At its planning Retreat for this year, the Guiding Committee has agreed to undertake steps to improve the likelihood of a better result in 2024. We have sought to increase our events activity so that there will be a small income stream from them, and we are looking at the outgoings for the Coursework program to more closely match income with expenditure.

I commend the following audited statements to you for perusal and welcome any questions you may have. The tables provide details of our Balance Sheet, comparing the situation at the end of 2023 with what it was the year before. Our accounting Software has enabled us to see our Profit & Loss statement for the year with figures compared to the year before and noting the amount of variance there was. Finally, a Draft Budget has been prepared for approval by Members at the AGM, a table which shows our anticipated income for 2024 compared with the actuals for 2023.



John Clapton AIMM, MICDA
TREASURER

DAYSPRING COMMUNITY (WA) Inc.

ABN 76 621 388 205

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2023

The President
Dayspring Community (WA) Inc
56 Green Street
Joondanna WA 6060

Dayspring Community (WA)
Auditor's report

Scope

I have audited the attached financial statement of the Dayspring Community (WA) for the year 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 comprising a statement of Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet. The Treasurer is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members of the Dayspring Community (WA) for the purpose of fulfilling the Dayspring Community (WA) accountability requirements.

My examination was made in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material aspects, the financial report is presented in accordance with the basis of accounting determined by the Dayspring (WA).

In my opinion the financial report of the Dayspring (WA) presents fairly the income and expenditure for the year 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.



RA Gibb
40 Linton Street North
BYFORD WA 6122

AUDITOR (Dip. Local Govt Treasurer)
1st February 2024

Balance Sheet

At 31 December 2023
Compared with 31 December 2022
Accrual Basis

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Bank Account – Administration	\$0.00	\$6,517.75
Bank Account – Coursework	\$0.00	\$31,318.18
Bank Account – Dayspring Savings	\$9,766.40	\$0.00
Bank Account - Term Deposit	\$18,405.59	\$17,808.99
Bank Account – Petty Cash	\$160.90	\$518.96
Accounts Receivable	\$12,275.75	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$40,608.64	\$56,163.88
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable – Payroll PAYG Liability	\$1,431.00	\$1,624.00
Members Interest-Free Loans	\$15,900.00	\$16,800.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$17,331.00	\$18,424.00
NET ASSETS	\$23,277.64	\$37,739.88
EQUITY		
Opening Balance Equity (1/1/2021)	\$34,853.82	\$34,853.82
Retained Earnings (Accumulated Surpluses/Losses)	\$2,886.06	-\$7,881.70
Current Year Earnings	-\$14,462.24	\$10,767.76
TOTAL EQUITY	\$23,277.64	\$37,739.88

Profit & Loss

Calendar Year 2023
Compared with Calendar Year 2022
Accrual Basis

	2023	2022	% variance
INCOME			
Administration	\$6,157.91	\$8,387.91	-26.6%
Professional Services	\$2,635.00	\$2,430.00	8.4%
Day Events	\$1,720.00	\$1,950.00	-11.8%
Residential Events	\$0.00	\$5,034.90	-100.0%
Dayspring SW Events	\$360.00	\$180.00	100.0%
Coursework	\$32,054.01	\$51,680.00	-38%
TOTAL	\$42,926.92	\$69,662.81	-38.4%
EXPENDITURE			
Administration	\$11,527.47	\$11,587.03	-0.5%
Day Events	\$55.00	\$3,049.50	-98.2%
Residential Events	\$0.00	\$5,586.70	-100.0%
Dayspring SW Events	\$90.00	\$0.00	-
Coursework	\$45,716.69	\$38,671.82	18.2%
TOTAL	\$57,389.16	\$58,895.05	-2.6%
NET POSITION			
Income	\$42,926.92	\$69,662.81	-38.4%
Expenditure	\$57,389.16	\$58,895.05	-2.6%
NET POSITION	-\$14,462.24	\$10,767.76	-234.3%

BUDGET – 2024

	2023 Actual	2024
Administration	\$6,157.91	\$6,150.00
Professional Services	\$2,635.00	\$3,200.00
Day Events	\$1,270.00	\$2,500.00
Residential Events	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
Dayspring SW Events	\$360.00	\$1,000.00
Coursework	\$32,054.01	\$34,400.00
TOTAL	\$42,926.92	\$52,750.00
Administration	\$11,527.47	\$15,250.00
Day Events	\$55.00	\$250.00
Residential Events	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Dayspring SW Events	\$90.00	\$250.00
Coursework	\$45,716.69	\$34,000.00
TOTAL	\$57,389.16	\$52,250.00
Income	\$42,926.92	\$52,750.00
Expenditure	\$57,389.16	\$52,250.00
NET POSITION	-\$14,462.24	\$500.00