

Christian Youth Camps 2010 A.G.M

26th June 2010 ~ Main Building

- 10.00am A.G.M.**
Welcome
Apologies
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General Business
Election of Council
Prayer
- 10.45am Morning Tea**
- 11.00am Bible Exposition**
Alf Bradfield
- 12.00pm Shared Lunch**
- 1.30pm Kids Camp Activities Training**
(all welcome)



Chairman's Report

It gives me particular pleasure to make this year's report, especially given the fact that our vision of making better use of our camp-site is coming together in a very positive way. The number of campers coming through has greatly increased both in terms of school users and those attending CYC camps. Thanks to Tim's visits around the schools not only has the profile of our camps been well publicised but also the camp-site's usage has increased considerably. As a Council we certainly appreciate our staff's commitment to making the camps an exciting experience for all campers.



However this extra activity poses a few issues for us, in continuing to keep the standard of our camp-site up. Having extra staff has also put more financial strain on us as a Society but God is faithful and has continued to meet all our needs. We believe as a Council the changes that we have made to promote the use of the camp-site will show through in increased cash flow as time goes on. We have a multi-million dollar asset here at Waihola and with the right kind of promotion that will assist in providing income which we can use to fund our core ministries - that is to make Christ known through camps.

We were sad to lose one of our founding members during this last year. Alan Kerr was tragically killed in a road accident. We certainly miss the help and advice that he gave to Council. To Marion and the family we extend our sympathies. A minute of appreciation was moved by Council to record Alan's contribution to the life and ministry of CYC.

Some other members have also stood down and we extend to them our appreciation for their contribution to CYC in many different ways. To those new members who have just come on Council we welcome you and look forward to working together to continue the vision for CYC that Alan and his fellow founders have set forward for us.



The camping committee continues to come up with new prospects for camp leadership as well as new ideas for camps. All of which highlights just how much as a Council we depend on the wider membership of the Society to give of their time to lead camps, to cook at camps, provide transport, and to come as speakers. All these various roles are filled by various folk who give of their time and expertise willingly and gladly. That is where the strength of CYC lies, in all the people who contribute to the work out of their love for the Lord and their desire to see children of all ages come to know Him, whom to know is life eternal.

As a Council we wish to acknowledge the work that Grant and Joanne, Tim and Rochelle do for CYC. They are of necessity the public face of CYC Waihola and their dedication and initiatives have added greatly to the profile of CYC and the support it enjoys here in the south.

Finally let us acknowledge the goodness of our God who makes all things possible. There is no doubt that our Lord has been with us and we pray He will continue to be the catalyst for all the good things that happen at CYC.

Let us rejoice together in His gracious providence which has brought this ministry about and has sustained it through many years. May He be pleased to continue to strengthen us and guide us into the future.

May the Lord be Praised

Mervyn Marshall

Executive Officer's Report

That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children. Psalm 78:6

What a blessing it has been for us as a family over the past year being involved in this ministry. I remain convinced that Christian Camping is the most exciting, fruitful, challenging and rewarding ministry you can be involved in. There are unique challenges when it comes to engaging our younger generation with the Gospel, but it's the ministry of 'Christian camping' that provides penetrating opportunities to meet these challenges. Our typical post-modern teenagers have huge appetites for 'extreme' experiences, care more for 'authentic living' than rational truth and want to see if something 'works', not just if it's true. The relevance and need for the ministry of Christian Camping has never been more important than for the young people of our day. Christian Camping engages folk with adventurous holiday experiences that form a temporary community (extended family) effect. The temporary community created through our camping environment fosters and produces Christian development and commitment like no other. This is why it is so incredibly fulfilling to be involved in such a ministry at the coal face.

This past year Council has been committed in strengthening our ministry by maintaining two remunerated staff positions. Humanly speaking with no reliable income stream other than donations it makes no sense to have such a heavy financial burden of maintaining salaries but praise the Lord our ends have been met and the ministry continues to grow in its effectiveness. The heavy financial burden carries over from salaries into maintenance without giving considerations for capital improvements. However it's been very satisfying for Council to get back to this level of staffing although up until 2005 we had 2.5 equivalent full time staff. Council has also strengthened our ministry by appointing a Strategic Planning Sub-Committee. This committee is to advise and prioritise for Council on long term maintenance and capital development requirements with critical path programmes dovetailing requirements of legislators, up grade requirements, capital items for services and activities into an overall cohesive plan.

Over the summer months we experienced an unseasonably high occupancy of our facility by school groups wishing to utilise our tranquil and safe setting for large groups of children. While this kept staff busy it did mean we were able to recover some of our wage costs through charging for 'supervised activities'. An increasing number of groups are also inquiring about catered options for their stay. It's amazing what doors the Lord opens to increase our income streams. Increasingly there have been a number of folk taking up regular tithing mostly through electronic transfer. This has been such a blessing having regular income as account payments can be staggered and overdraft fees minimised. Interestingly we also handle less cash and cheques at Camp as increasingly parents use electronic banking for fee payments.

In June we were deeply saddened to suddenly lose the contribution that Alan Kerr made to the life of CYC. Included with these reports is the Council's memorial minute for Alan Kerr.

I encourage you to continue your support of this absolutely vital ministry. Christian camping remains a crucial evangelism tool for this nation and is now becoming even more relevant with recent secular trends. As we move forward into the future we are facing a more challenging framework to operate in so your continued support is highly valued and coveted. We appreciate and value your contribution to this ministry over the past year in assisting to make things happen, whether by prayer, service or finance. Without support and provision from the Lord's people, we would go out of existence. Thank you for your partnering of this ministry to the young folk in Otago and Southland.

The next few months are still going to be busy for us here at camp with many school groups and weekend groups booked. I have schools and churches to visit promoting our winter camps. Your prayers and thoughts are well sought after.

Camping and Promotions Co-ordinator Report

God's providence and faithfulness has been shown to us this year through our camping program here at CYC. An increase in the number of camps from previous years has presented its challenges but the popularity of our camps amongst young people also seems to be on the rise with 255 campers attending over the past year.

It is a real encouragement to see campers come back to consecutive camps, which can only reinforce the message of salvation they receive in their hearts. We need to continue to pray this message will mean something to the campers.

The camping committee again this year has provided great leadership of putting together the camping programme and this has been invaluable to the Council in finding directors, leaders and pivotal in coming up with new ideas for the camp.

Camps in the past year have included the boys hunting camp at Paton's farm, the girl's pony camp, the boy's and girl's winter camps, the art and snow camps, the new computer camp which was small but very worthwhile, the boy's motorbike camp, the girl's and boy's summer camps (although these could have been mistaken for winter camps with the weather we had those weeks), the rail trail and horse trekking camps and the co-ed adventure camp. All these camps were at capacity for the leadership we had.



The horse and pony camps continue to be the most popular camps we run at CYC with enrolments for these camps coming in for 2011 almost before the camps had finished this year.

The camps and great leadership teams have given high quality experiences to the young people attending that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. The enthusiasm towards CYC camps from some of the campers can be seen to overflowing as they extol the good times to be had on social networking site Facebook.

Facebook and the CYC website (www.cycwaihola.org.nz) have continued to provide wonderful tools for promotion, organisation and camper follow-up. These technologies allow us to post photos from the camps online almost as soon as the camps are finished. It is great to see CYC embracing the technology available for the furtherance of the Kingdom.

I wish to extend my thanks to the many directors, cabin leaders, speakers, junior leaders, cooks and everyone else that has had their part to play in making the camps of past year such a wonderful experience for the campers attending.

Another wonderful area to give thanks to the Lord is the promotion of camps in schools and churches. Just before Christmas we were able to visit 3 schools and 4 churches to promote CYC and the upcoming camps. Please pray that I am able to do the same over the coming months.

As we look forward to the coming year there are some difficulties ahead to keep before the Lord, we are in dire need of more leaders for our camps and especially leaders with horse experience for our horse camps. Under our obligations to OSCAR, staff training is now a must so finding leaders who can commit to training and coming to a camp is making it more difficult for directors as they put their camps together.

It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. Isaiah 55:11

Family Camp Report

It was my privilege to attend the CYC Family Camp this year held in the April holidays. What a blessing it was to be able spend a week together with like minded Christians as we studied the word of God and had fellowship with one another over the course of the week.

The Camp started with dinner on the Monday night 5th of April and concluded on the afternoon of Friday the 9th.

During the course of the week we were blessed to hear three speakers, Andrew Young, Stewart Johnston and Richard Worth.

The formal part of camp started each day with Alf Bradfield leading in family worship. Alf's lively ways of retelling the scriptures while adding in his own (and his horse's) life experience proved to be very encouraging and held the audience enthralled. It would be hard to say between the children and the adults who would have enjoyed his talks the most. Needless to say he proved to be a hard act to follow.

Andrew Young followed very well indeed as he presented talks on the subject of Jesus: The Perfect Son from the book of John's Gospel. He spoke twice a day for the duration of the camp and was very well received by those who heard. Andrew's passion and conviction clearly came through as he spoke and his talks were both challenging and encouraging to all at camp.

Stewart Johnston spoke in the evenings with a series of talks from Ephesians, which included a brilliant talk on the sometimes controversial subject of predestination. Stewart's clear and direct way of speaking and his love for descriptive language made for easy listening to the clear and encouraging messages.

Richard Worth was also very well received as he spoke in the mornings on church history. This is a wonderfully interesting topic with the right teacher but with the wrong teacher it can become exceedingly boring. I'm happy to report that Richard was indeed the right teacher, as his passion for history shone through as did the subject. Richard spoke for the first time in CYC history of one of the great women of the faith, and it was very interesting to see how not only men, but also Godly women have influenced the church over time.

We were also very blessed to have Iain Sutherland from OAC at camp to run the children's programme, which he did very well with the help of Amy Bullin. The children had a very good time and had a lot of fun learning and playing games while the second morning talk was on, allowing the parents more ample opportunity to listen fully to the church history talks.

The teenagers also had their own time slot in the second part of the morning and were led by myself Sam Duthie, as we had questions and discussions on the subjects of Andrew Young's talks which were found to be helpful and encouraging. The teenagers also spent time playing an assortment of games. My apologies to the teenagers for the lack of organisation in the programme. Next year promises to be much improved.

Also during the course of the week we were very well feed and watered by Mrs Joanne Bullin, Mrs Jean Girvan and Mrs Rochelle Wiel. They and their helpers saw to it that we were very well fed and no complaints about the food were found at all. In fact quite the opposite. Most of us probably ate too much. Also those at camp were blessed to be able to eat what are currently considered to be the best scones in the world and those who were not at camp will no doubt feel very silly and will come next year!

Over all CYC Family Camp 2010 went very well and we are very thankful for all who were involved in the running of the camp. Thanks must be given to Grant and Tim and their families as they continue to serve fulltime at CYC. Also thanks to those who worked behind the scenes and who have not been mentioned in this report, may you be blessed as you serve the Lord.

Sam Duthie

Facilities Report

It has been pleasing to see improvements and maintenance continuing at a steady pace this past year. Improvements have been made to the homestead in the form of a veranda, which should make life a little easier when wet conditions are prevailing at camps. Subsoil drainage around the initiative course has been completed, again making that area much more user friendly in the wet. A couple of underground cables have also been laid through this area. One a data cable to connect the Manager's house to the main building, the second an electric cable from the main building to light up new signage at the entrance way. The initiative course is nearing completion as are the finishing touches to the manager's house.

On the repairs and maintenance front, Clark House had a repaint and new carpet laid. Farm fences got a fright at the Labour weekend work camp with new fences, and gates swung. Pruning, weeding and cleaning have also made for a solid year on maintenance- keeping the property in good form.

Looking forward, the camp site looks in good heart and there are no major projects on the horizon, other than the likely renovation of the kitchens. The scope and timing of those renovations will be entirely determined by legislation which is still being developed.

In closing I'd like to pay thanks to all those who have given of their time to make these projects happen. In acknowledging them I must also give thanks to God, for it is only through His provision that this work continues.

Mark Paton



Memorial Minute for Alan Kerr

It is with a deep sense of loss that we reflect upon God taking Alan to himself this year. Alan was one of the original founding members of Christian Youth Camps here in the south. Alan was very active in the life of CYC right to the end of his life. His wisdom and maturity were very much depended upon, by Council, in what was to be his last year of service. Alan served on the Council over its entire existence. He served as a cabin leader at camps, as a camp director, as a camp speaker, as a labourer in property development, as a speaker at family camps and study days, and he convened many sub-committees. From Council Alan will be remembered for his careful thoughtfulness and his attempts to keep our meetings moving. For many Alan has been a confident, a mentor and a friend. Alan's ministry in CYC is very much part of the fabric that has woven our history. God's rich blessing of CYC is much to do with people God has raised up to serve there. The next generation tremble as God takes these founding members from us.

... he who is wise wins souls. Proverbs 10:30b



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