

Annual Report 2026

Bracken Ridge Uniting Church

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Welcome

Bracken Ridge Uniting Church

This report provides an opportunity to reflect upon the past year (1 July 2026 - 30 June 2026) since the last Congregational Annual General Meeting which was held in September 2025. The report acknowledges the work and contributions of our congregation and ministry teams, and gives thanks for the many ways God has continued to guide and sustain our church.

Our mission is to worship God, spiritually nourish our congregation, and share Christ with our community so that all may come to faith in Jesus as Saviour and grow as His disciples.

We give praise and thanks for the commitment, service and generosity of our church community and look forward with faith and hope to the year ahead.

Chair Persons Report

Isa Mafle'o - BRUC Council Chair

Psalm 95: 1-2,

"Come let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving"

Praise God, another 12 months travelled under His grace, His mercies, His peace. THANK YOU LORD for your unfailing love, hope and joy!

Church council has navigated much this past 12 months. Supply ministry, resignations of key roles, farewelling long term congregational members/position holders, Sandgate Stalls future, Church financial situation, Youth fundraising efforts, and an increasing awareness of the need to up skill, equip and develop more leaders. It begs the questions of Church Council - How are we managing - Spiritually, Financially, Corporately? Where is God leading Bracken Ridge Church? Are we fulfilling our mission here at BRUC? This report aims to answer and provide an overview to some of those questions. At the time I write this report, we have been without a Minister or Pastor for two months - (July/August). For that reason, as you may have noticed, we do not have a Minister or Pastor report.

Our mission

To worship God and spiritually nourish congregational members, to share Christ with the community so that all may come to faith in Christ Jesus and grow as His disciples. Bracken Ridge Uniting Church and its leaders strive to fulfill its mission through Sunday Worship service, Sunday School, Weekly Connect groups such as Prayer, Bible Study, Youth group, DOVs, Friends group, Mens ministry.

These focus groups remain a priority here at Bracken Ridge: They serve to nurture, evolve and develop one's spiritual life, building and enhancing meaningful relationships so that all come to the faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ - understand the path to salvation through his saving grace, receive him, acknowledge Him, be baptised into the faith, and grow as His disciples, we then will be able to share Christ with our community within BRUC and without.

BRUC Church Council

Church Council have continued to meet bimonthly on a Sunday. On occasion, the need might arise to call a special standup meeting after Sunday service or during the week - these adhoc meetings are for the sole purpose of making quick decisions on unexpected or urgent matters. Church council exists to manage and oversee spiritual and operational governance for our Church. Decision making is not always clear cut, we can either be unanimous on a matter, unclear on a direction, or need more time to discern God's will and purpose for His church. Church councillors bear much responsibility for the benefit of His church, please do keep them in prayer that God would continue to sustain and enable their service to Him.

Congregational Meeting

There has been at least two congregational meetings over the past 12 months, these meetings are facilitated by Church council and only permitted to proceed after notice is given to church two weeks prior to the intended congregational meeting date.

Where there is limited opportunity to alert congregation to any specific matter, delivering Church council information during the "Announcement" segment in Worship service might also be a medium for information reporting. Participation at these meetings are important for the life of the church in discussing current or upcoming matters which require the acknowledgement and support of our congregational members and adherents. It gives opportunity for congregants to voice any concerns. Positively meetings have been well attended and informative. Thank you Church family for recognising and accepting the value you all hold in being present and in contributing to the conversation.

Supply Ministry

Thank you to Pastor Moana Teulilo-Schaaf for guiding, supporting and caring for BRUC over the past 22 months from August 2024 - June 30th 2026. Moana offered a considerable amount of her time, knowledge and experiences with BRUC, she had a passion to pastorally care for not only BRUC members, but the wider community, as well as studying at Trinity College. I would like to especially note that Moana co-ordinated and led two important services which had not been conducted (recently) or in prior years within Bracken Ridge - these being Maundy evening service (Holy Thursday) - and Easter Sunday Dawn service (6am - Bracken Ridge Reservoir). These two special Easter services are a legacy Moana leaves for BRUC to continue. We pray blessings upon Moana as she faithfully continues to serve God in Supply ministry at Geebung/Wavell Uniting Church and towards completing her studies at Trinity College.

An Overview of the Year that was:

July 2025:

Garage Sale - What an amazing effort yet again. BRUC certainly knows how to host a Garage Sale : From weeks of planning to on the day set ups and set down, Bracken Ridge Church

Community continues to thrive in this space - there is so much fellowship and fun realised at these events regardless of how much is raised. Getting out there and doing your best for each other is special. To God be all the glory for all that is received and achieved in His name.

Church Pull Up Banner - DOVs initiated a purchase of a Church banner to further promote and display Bracken Ridge Church mission and Worship service times - it is lite and mobile and is intended to be transported to any event offsite where BRUC is represented. It was a welcome addition at the Garage Sale and events since then to date.

August 2025:

Fiafia Night: Church Roof repair costs continue to be driven and managed by our Raise The Roof Committee. Last year, our dedicated team demonstrated their exceptional fundraising efforts through an Island Night fundraiser which raised a substantial profit. The night was such a wonderful display of outstanding cultural performances, excellent food and top notch MCs. Thank you RTR team!

Security: Our Church was broken into : The police came out and did finger printing of doors and windows that were removed during the break in. Council needed to act fast - most cost effective solution was to bolt all Sliding Doors x1 in the hall, and x4 in the Church and door key lock chambers changed. We have not had any issues with security since that period.

September 2025:

2025 AGM: The main street letter sign board is being vandalized - letters are removed and obscene words are reapplied - the Congregational consensus was to remove all letters and remove the board. The discussion around seeking quotes for a digital sign would be attended to - Quotes received were upwards of \$30K+. As there is no budget to enable the purchase of a Digital sign, it is encouraged that we keep our ears and eyes open for any funding opportunities to be considered for.

October 2025:

White Sunday - The Young people continue to work tirelessly and diligently for this production. The Children's and Youth ministry presence remains a vibrant and active part of our Church community. The efforts and commitment of leaders is extraordinary and life giving. Praise God for His heart in our young people. Ellen is a protege of that ministry - utilizing her gift to play piano when required. How awesome is our God that He would continue to develop gifts of musicianship gained from Him for Him. As time evolves, we pray that God will lead all other willing young and old participants into the Church musical worship space.

November 2025:

Commencement of WellBeing Check In - Please see below Well Being Check In (Nov - Feb 2026)

December 2025:

The Kids Art Work Space (KAWS) Wednesday evening KAWS ceased its operation in December 2025 due to facilitator work commitments.

We appreciated all that this group contributed to our Church - the Rainbow mural outside on the boards are one of many great works produced by this group, during the advent season you will be blessed by more of their creativity as we see their Three Wise Men banner displayed. To God be All the glory for what the hearts in the creative space made.

Closure of Bald Hills December 17/12/2025: Thank you to those from our Church who were able to attend and support BHills at their final service. It was important that representation of BRUC members attended, there has been life long relationships established over the years. Those of us who were not able to attend were still able to provide plates of food to support catering for that final service.

Christmas Night Market/ Carols: A proposal to shift from the traditional BRUC indoor Carols night to an outside Night market style Carols event was approved. A plants and crafts stall, Children's Bauble decorating table, DOVs baking table, Youth designed Advent pilgrim tour in the church with handouts, Youth ministry - free burgers stall, was well planned and enjoyed by those of the community who attended and joined in the singing. Moana led the Carols service and invited the Tongan Brass band to play - they were an additional highlight to the whole evening.

Farewells

Over the years BRUC has been blessed with members and families who faithfully serve God and each other here at BRUC. In the past year our congregation have farewelled the following members:

December 2025 - Niki and Mareanne, passionate and spiritual supporters within their connect groups and especially to the Children's ministry. They moved onto a Fijian congregation.

January 2026 - Alan Mitchell - moved to Caboolture: Alan Mitchell contributed generously to BRUC in weekly supplies of Morning tea/kitchen supplies, regularly provided iceblocks and treats for the young people.

February 2026 - The Taelagi family - actively served as faithful members for 18 years. In a special service, we were able to celebrate the Taelagi family and all that they brought to Bracken Ridge - especially their commitment to the grounds and gardens maintenance.

April 2026 - David Clarke - Due to ill health, gave notice that he no longer would be able to attend Worship service and withdrew his BRUC membership. David now resides in residential care.

We uplift Mereanne and Niki, Alan Mitchell, the Taelagi family and David Clarke into God's continued care as they embark on new beginnings in their new respective communities.

Resignations

December 2025: Alan Mitchell - Mens Ministry

February 2026: Susi Taelangi - Church councillor, AGM collator/publisher, Cross Chat editor

March 2026: Talia Lio - Eldership, Youth leader, Sunday School Teacher, RTR Chair, Safe Church Agent, Website manager, PA and Mic Setup

June 2026: Rodney Sternberg: Church Council Treasurer

Rodney has held the Treasure position for many years - Rodney leaves a legacy of dedication, knowledge, expertise, accuracy and trustworthiness encompassed in this position. On behalf of Church Council and Bracken Ridge Congregation - we say a huge thank you to Rodney for his gifts of service and care to this appointment, we pray a blessing upon both Rodney and with Kathleen as they take some much deserved rest from Treasurer duties.

Wellbeing Check in

The welfare of our leaders and volunteers are important. During the months of October 2025 - February 2026 - Individual Wellbeing Checkins were conducted, these conversations proved beneficial in identifying roles where we thrived, roles in which we were doing ok, and roles where we identified a lack of support in. The results of these interviews were formatted into a power point which was presented to the Church council and the congregation on two separate occasions. We as a church council and as the congregation accepted these findings, acknowledged the information shared, and appreciated that for the most part, most role bearers felt supported. There were areas that were highlighted where support did lack - and Church Council was confronted with this reality ahead of being able to prevent a situation occurring and or implement and provide support. Since then, an attempt to reduce workloads, identify breakdown in structures and plan ahead in a more safe and supported approach to roles has been enacted. The wellness team (Phill Macey and myself) aim to closely monitor role bearers to prevent any issues where one might become overwhelmed, over stretched, unsupported - leading to "burnout". Annual (or sooner) Wellness checkins will remain an integral systemic function of BRUC promoting trust, role support, and care of the person. We strive to regulate good and important relationships not only for our church members but for our leaders and volunteers too.

Presbytery Minister Visit : March 2026

Nigel Rogers attend to share information and answer some questions which Church Council were asking:

1. With the closure of Bald Hills Uniting Church in December 2025 - What will happen to the Manse at 9 Merino Place which responsible bodies - Bald Hills Uniting Church and Bracken Ridge Uniting Church collectively share;
2. Pastor Moana Teulilo Schaaf Supply ministry term would expire on June 30th 2026 - Will BRUC renew Supply Ministry for another 6 months or will BRUC seek to find a permanent minister in placement, if the latter, what does BRUC need to do.

Nigel Rogers (Presbytery minister) was able to provide some answers:

1. Presbytery Mission Resource Committee (MRC) have made the decision that all Manse income (including Bald Hills allocation) would be directed to BRUC - This means as well as receiving all rental income, all expenses for the Manse would be directed to and is the sole responsibility of BRUC. (Bracken Ridge was granted full rental income - backdated to January 2026) The Presbytery Mission Resource team indicate a review of this arrangement and allocation will be undertaken before next January 2027. It is not guaranteed that we will have full rental income after January next year but we remain prayerful that God always provides.
2. Nigel Rogers gave a breakdown of JNC process for seeking a Minister in Placement. It was outlined that the Church (BRUC) needs to nominate and approve members from within who will represent the church (BRUC) on a committee formed with Presbytery. The church would need to detail its Congregational Profile and Church Council needed to review Church Financials to determine in what capacity the church (BRUC) could afford a Minister in Placement.

Other options Nigel advised was that BRUC could consider Ministry in Location placements, or Shared Minister scenario.

Congregational Meeting: 24th May 2026:

A questionnaire was provided to Congregants from 3rd May (circulated for 3 weeks before this May 24th meeting) - questions regarding what we prioritized as important versus least important - A slide show presentation summary of results was given at this congregational meeting - those findings would enable JNC to form BRUC's Congregational Profile. (As per required for seeking a Minister in Placement)

In following the process to seek a Permanent minister in placement (as per informed by Nigel Rogers - Presbytery minister) - nominations and selection of the Joint Nominating Committee - specifically the congregation representatives would need to occur: Four members of the congregation were voted in by the Church at this Congregational meeting. You approved the four representatives: Phil Macey, Vasa Lesatele, Genevieve Mafile'o, and Talia Va'avale to prayerfully discern and consider which ministry candidate God would call to Bracken Ridge Uniting Church. This responsibility is not an easy one, having been a part of the previous JNC - I can attest to the demands and commitments this task force entails. The pressure and desire to get the call for a Shepherd to BRUC as being the right call and fit - is not only heavy at times, but also can become a sensitive time - Please do support and pray for our JNC reps for wisdom and discernment as they navigate this space.

March 26 - Church Working Bees

We have had one working bee since September last year - there is always a good turnout of people offering up their skills in window cleaning, tree trimming, weed pulling, pantry sorting, general clean up duties, etc. Thankyou to everyone who attends with hearts to get stuck in! The fellowship is always good but having Claires scones are always a good incentive to attend too.

Sandgate Plants and Crafts Stall Future

While Church Council acknowledges the importance and benefits of the Sandgate Stalls over many years. Co-ordinating and servicing the plants, crafts and bake stalls to and from Sandgate has become increasingly challenging forcing a review of its viability. Earlier this year in February 2026, an "End of an Era" Council slip was issued to Congregants requesting feedback on ways to support Sandgate Stalls or input any other ideas of how BRUC can fundraise - these works essential for Church operational expenses. Unfortunately, only 2 congregants provided feedback, there were good ideas put forward which were considered and held, but just not suitable at this current time. Church council further discussed and it was raised to establish a "Market Day" on a Saturday at church when there are more helpers and volunteers readily available to assist with all Plants/ Crafts/Bake setup. This 1st Market Day proved successful. DOVs, Uniquely Pacific and the Youth stalls were in addition to the usual Plants/Crafts and Bake stall and together contributed to an encouraging amount of funds raised for the church. It is envisaged that Market Days will now take place of what once was - Sandgate Stalls.

BRUC 50 Year Anniversary - Actively planning for Next Year

What an achievement - in a season where Presbyteries are reducing and Churches are being closed down, we look forward to preparing for a great celebration - an invitation to the Presbytery moderator is already underway. A call to be apart of the 50 years anniversary team has been delivered -Please see Marilyn to get on that committee.

In a previous Church Council meeting - it was indicated that Beryl Robinson is the longest standing foundational member here at BRUC - we look forward to hearing any reflections that Beryl and Doug contribute towards celebration planning efforts.

Recently Church council approved for \$15,000 for refurbishments to the church interior. Works in attendance will be painting both the church and hall walls, hallways, entrance doors and carpeting of the church floors. You will appreciate that \$15,000 may seem a minimal amount for these extensive works, however we are blessed to have men with skills of the trade and the know how to carry out these works. The full allocated \$15,000 will go solely towards materials - paints, carpet etc. These men work full time jobs and will co-ordinate with each other and work a suitable time to perform this labour of love for our Church. Once dates are determined (likely over 1 - 2 weeks) - BRUC will be alerted ahead of time to the Church premises being out of bound. A plan of Worship services will be detailed closer to time. These refurbishments will tie in appropriately and in time for BRUCs 50 Year anniversary celebration next year. You will already notice subtle changes already being underway. The front entrance foyer has been stripped back to appear light, airy and more modern - less clutter and no more stored items. The lace curtains throughout the foyer and hall area have all been replaced with roller curtains enabling again, a clean, bright and uniform look. If you would like to contribute financially to the Upgrade/Refurbish works - You could do this at any time by direct crediting any donations to the Church account (referenced Church Refurbishments) or see Phil or Anne in person.

Air Conditioning

Church council have previously approved to look into Aircon for the Church, there has been 1 company who have visited to quote, we still await this. We will continue to seek another 2 quotes and weigh up which quote is cost effective.

Looking ahead before the year is out

We continue to look forward with hope and excitement for the following upcoming events: Confirmation and Baptismal classes; Membership acknowledgements; Eldership Course; Koble Course: Discipleship 10 week classes - Phil Macey will facilitate; White Sunday; and Christmas Night Market (Carols service).

Closing

These past 12 months have been a time of enlightenment, it is evident how much God has done and continues to do for BRUC. As our mission relies on the dedication and availability of our volunteers helpers, leaders and facilitators - we say thankyou to you all for your desire to serve eachother in love and faith as we march on to sharing Christ with the community and heeding Jesus instructions to "make disciples". God bless you all , you are vitally important to the work of this church and to the advancement of God's kingdom here on earth. For the next 12 months, we are excited to embrace all of what God has in store for us. We accept that there will be challenges but we hold firm to His promises that He will never leave us and trust that if we "*Committ to the Lord whatever we do, He will establish our plans' according to His purpose*".

In Jesus name.

01. Spiritual Growth & *Discipleship*

Elders & Pastoral Carers Report

Marilyn Linnett - Pastoral Care Coordinator

1st July 2025 commenced with five Elders and two Pastoral Carers. At 30th June 2026 there were four Elders and one Pastoral Carer.

Meetings were held as needed. Our Pastor, Ana Teulilo-Schaaf was usually present at these meetings. Pastoral Care Lists were reviewed and updated where necessary. Any issues of concern were raised.

Elders and Pastoral Carers kept in touch with those on their lists and visited where possible. On many occasions our Pastor was able to visit congregants. Sometimes group texts were sent to ask for prayer support for those who were not well.

Cards were sent where appropriate. These included thanks, bereavement, congratulations and thinking of you.

The Elders and Pastoral Carers played a vital role in the function of the church and I would like to thank them for being servants of the Lord in this way.

Worship & Congregational Life

Anne Murton - Co-ordinator

There are 84 people attached to our church with 38 Confirmed Members and 8 Members-in-Association. The average attendance is 50.

Services

Sunday morning worship is held at 9.30am.

Good Friday and Christmas Day services are held at 8.30am.

A Youth Service is held every two months on the fourth Sunday of the month

Multicultural Services were held on 31st August, 30th November, 29th March and 31st May followed by lunch.

Bai Poilapa has filled in for Moana when she's away and led some of the youth services.

Moana led most of the Word for All segments in our services.

Special Services

White Sunday Service was held on 5th October followed by lunch.

On Sunday, 7th December, Selepa Li'o and Talia Li'o were dedicated as Members-in-association.

Eunice Rienecker has transferred her membership from Sandgate.

A Christmas Night Market and outside Carols Service was held on Saturday, 20th December.

The World Day of Prayer Service was held in our Church on Friday, 6th March. The women from the country of Nigeria put the service together.

This year a dawn service was held up at the Reservoir Park in Bracken Ridge at 6am on Easter Sunday with Moana leading the short worship service.

Bible Studies

Marilyn or Phil led one on a Tuesday morning at 9am and Moana led one on a Tuesday night at 6pm during school terms.

Prayer Group

Phil led this on a Monday afternoon from 5pm and again on a Sunday morning at 8.30am during school terms.

Farewell to the Taelangi Family

This family has transferred their membership to the Caboolture Uniting Church and we farewelled them with a lunch after the service on the 8th February. A gift card to the value of \$500, a plant and other gifts from the children were given. We miss this hardworking family very much.

02. BRUC *Ministries*

Children's Ministry

Sunday School

Bless Mafile'o

Sunday School and children's ministry is a vital part of our church life. We are passionate about helping children discover God's love, grow in their faith and learn what it means to follow Jesus.

Our children are curious, eager to learn and excited to discover more about Jesus and His Word. Through Sunday School and other activities, they have opportunities to learn, worship, build friendships and be involved in the life of the church. We love seeing their faith grow and watching them become an important and joyful part of our church family.

Our Mission

The mission of Bracken Ridge Uniting Church is to worship God, spiritually nourish members of our congregation, and share Christ with our wider community so that all may come to faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and grow as His disciples.

As some of the youngest members of our congregation, our Sunday School seeks to participate in and contribute to this mission by providing a welcoming and engaging environment where our children can learn about God's Word, grow in their understanding of His love, and develop their faith.

Sunday School Ministry

Our Sunday School currently consists of two classes: a Primary School class and a High School class.

Our lessons aim to follow either the weekly lectionary reading or the Scripture reading relevant to the Sunday service.

This allows our children to engage with the same biblical themes being explored by the wider congregation and encourages them to understand that they are an important part of the life of the church, it also flows on from the Word for All segment the children partake in during service.

Our hope is that, through Sunday School, our children will not only learn about the Bible but develop a lasting understanding of God's love and begin to recognise how they can live out their faith in their everyday lives.

Year in Review

A significant part of our annual ministry is the organisation and facilitation of Easter Day Camp and White Sunday, which are undertaken jointly by our Sunday School and Youth Ministry Leaders.

These events provide valuable opportunities for our children and young people to come together outside of the regular Sunday School program, deepen their understanding of their faith, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Some photographs of the children are enclosed below.

White Sunday 2025

White Sunday has been an annual service at Bracken Ridge since 2019 and is a special service led entirely by our children. Each year, the children present a biblical production, taking part in all aspects of the service, from leading worship and readings to presenting the story through drama and song. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to use their gifts, grow in confidence and share God's Word with the congregation.

The theme for last year's White Sunday was centred on the story of Gideon, whose journey of faith reminds us that God can use ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. Through Gideon's story, the children were encouraged to trust in God, even when they may feel uncertain, inadequate or afraid. The lessons throughout the day highlighted the importance of faith, courage and obedience, reminding our children that when we place our trust in God, He equips and strengthens us to fulfil the purpose He has given us.

Our children worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to White Sunday, practising non-stop for the preceding weeks to prepare and memorise their lines to ensure the production was ready. Their hard work really paid off and helped make White Sunday a wonderful and memorable day for our church family.

BRUC Easter Day Camp 2026

This was our third year running our own Easter Day Camp. Our camp grew from a desire to cater to our primary school-aged children, who were not old enough for the presbytery easter camp. Day Camp has been a blessed opportunity to host our own three-day day camp during the school holidays, opening it up to children from the wider community as well. We are blessed by our Youth and Youth Ministry leaders, who have led fundraising efforts to cover the costs of running this free program for the children.

We are also incredibly thankful for our Sunday School and Youth Ministry leaders and volunteers who generously give their time to spend the weekend with us, leading, teaching and encouraging the children as they learn about the blessing and hope of Easter.

This year, our Easter Day Camp theme was "Saved – Anchored in Salvation." Throughout the three-day program, the children were encouraged to explore the meaning and significance of Easter and the hope we have through God's gift of salvation.

Our key memory verses were John 3:16 and Titus 2:11, which reminded the children of God's great love for the world and His grace made available to all through Jesus Christ. Through lessons, activities and fellowship, we sought to help each child understand that they can be firmly anchored in the hope and promise of God's salvation.

This year, we were blessed to have 34 children registered for Easter Day Camp, making it a wonderful opportunity to share the message of Easter with children from both our congregation and the wider community.

Reflection

Praise God for the work He continues to do through our Sunday School Ministry. We are thankful for His guidance and for the opportunity to nurture and encourage our children as they learn more about His Word.

As Proverbs 22:6 reminds us, "*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*" We pray that the seeds of faith planted in our children today will continue to grow throughout their lives.

Conclusion

Our Sunday School children are an important and valued part of the Bracken Ridge Uniting Church family. Their enthusiasm, creativity and eagerness to learn are a blessing to our congregation.

Our prayer is that, as our children continue to grow, they will come to know more deeply the love of God, grow as disciples of Christ, and one day share that same love with others.

Thank you to our congregation for your continued prayers and support of our Sunday School ministry. Your prayers and encouragement are a great blessing to our children, leaders and volunteers.

White Sunday - Oct 2025



White Sunday 2025 - The story of Gideon

Easter Day Camp - Apr 2026



Our theme for this year: Saved - Anchored in Salvation



Two of four teams from Day Camp: Defenders of Christ (DOC) and God's Mighty Champs

Youth Ministry

Bless Mafile'o

Youth ministry holds an important place in the life of our church. We see our young people as the church of tomorrow and seek to nurture them in their faith, encouraging them to step out with confidence, use their God-given gifts and take part in the mission God has entrusted to us all.

It is a joy to see our youth actively involved in the life of our church and the wider community. From visiting homes to sing carols and share their dances, to supporting church activities and serving those around them, they embrace opportunities to put their faith into action. They are also willing to give their time and energy to fundraising, whether to support the running of our Easter Day Camp or towards the purchase of church equipment such as our church PA system. Their enthusiasm, generosity and willingness to serve are a wonderful reflection of the important role they play within our church family.

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In keeping with this mission, the Youth Ministry seeks to provide a welcoming and Christ-centred environment where young people can worship God, grow in their faith, develop meaningful relationships with one another, and discover practical ways to live out their faith.

Our prayer and hope for our young people is that, as they experience the love of God within our church community, they will be encouraged to share that same love with others, enabling more people to come to know and follow Christ.

Youth Ministry

Our youth group meets fortnightly on Friday evenings, with a break during the school holidays. Throughout the year, attendance has generally ranged from around five to 14 youth and young adults each fortnight.

A typical youth evening includes: opening prayer; praise and worship; icebreaker and sharing about the week; announcements; games & fellowship; biblical message; small-group discussion and application; worship and closing prayer.

During our youth nights, our young people have the opportunity to open up about their own experiences, weekly struggles (and victories), and be encouraged by their brothers and sisters in Christ. It is wonderful to see these young hearts feel comfortable being open and vulnerable about their individual walks with Christ, knowing that youth is a safe and supportive environment where they can share without judgement. Our youth are continually reminded to pray for one another, encourage each other and build one another up in faith. It is a beautiful part of our youth ministry to see these relationships grow and to watch our young people support one another as they journey together with Christ.

Our young people have continued to worship together, explore and apply God's Word, build relationships, and step forward to serve both our church and the wider community.

Hearts for Outreach

Our youth continue to be eager and willing to take part in outreach opportunities within our community. In December 2025, our youth visited a BlueCare retirement village, Maranatha Aged Care and Redcliffe Hospital, spreading Christmas joy and singing carols for residents and patients.

We also had the opportunity to perform for patrons at Sailability Shorncliffe and host a stall at the Bracken Ridge Christmas Market, where our youth made around 150 burgers and drinks which were provided for free to the community. We are grateful for these opportunities to share God's love and serve others.

Our youth are also eager to support and serve within our own congregation. They regularly take part in cleaning bees, help with morning tea (set up/pack down/ dishes) when needed, and more recently, sold sausages and baked goods at our church market day, with all funds raised going directly towards the church. We are encouraged by their willingness to serve wherever they are needed and to use their time, energy and talents to bless others and glorify God.

Year in Review (Sept 2025 - Sept 2026)

As always, our Youth at BRUC are blessed with countless opportunities to serve, perform and fundraise together. Below are some photos capturing the highlights, memories and moments from throughout the year.

From cultural performances and community events to fundraising, church celebrations and fellowship activities, our young people have consistently demonstrated enthusiasm, creativity and a willingness to contribute.

We are grateful for the generosity of our Youth Leaders, who not only voluntarily give their time throughout the year, but also willingly contribute financially for the continued runnings of our Youth activities.

Youth Led Worship

Every two months, our youth have the opportunity to lead the fourth Sunday service. This service is primarily led by our young people, who are involved in many aspects of worship, from welcoming the congregation and writing their respective prayers, to choosing and leading the songs. These opportunities allow our youth to grow in confidence, develop their gifts and learn

what it means to actively participate in the life and worship of the church.

We are thankful for the enthusiasm and commitment they continue to show in serving God and our church family.

Reflection & Praise

As is written by Paul in 1 Timothy 4:12, *"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example."* Praise God for the blessing of our youth and for the work He continues to do through their willing hearts.

Our junior youth continue to grow in their identity in Christ as they navigate the challenges of their teenage years. We pray that they will remain grounded in God's Word and find strength, wisdom and confidence in knowing who they are in Him.

For those in their final high school year (Shia Ne'emias and David Fale), this season marks an exciting transition as they close one chapter and prepare to begin another. We pray they will step into the future with faith, encouraged by God's promises and excited for the opportunities He has prepared for them.

As for our senior youth, we are incredibly proud of the God-fearing young leaders they are becoming. It has been a blessing to watch them grow in faith, character and confidence, and we look forward to seeing how they will use the gifts God has given them as they enter young adulthood and continue their journey with Christ.

Conclusion

As we reflect on the past year, we give thanks to God for the growth, service and fellowship we have seen among our youth.

Thank you to our congregation for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support of our Youth Ministry.

Youth Breakup - Nov 2025



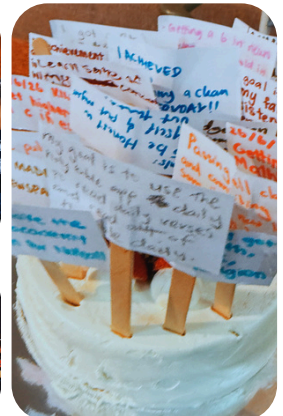
Youth Breakup at Eatstreet Northshore

Sailability - Dec 2025



Sailability Shorncliffe, Sandgate Yacht Club

Youth Fridays 2026



Carols Outreach - Dec 2025



Carols at Bluecare Yurana Retirement Village Springwood with Dr. Rev. Lek



Carols at Maranatha Aged Care & Retirement Village

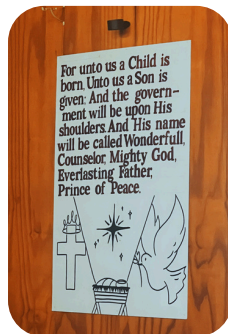
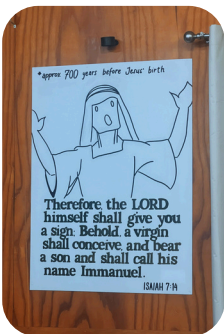


Carols at Redcliffe Hospital

Christmas Market Outreach - Dec 2025



Youth made free burgers & drinks for the community who joined - about 150 burgers were made.



The Christmas Story illustrated by our Youth for the Christmas Market

Youth Car Wash - Mar 2026



Youth fundraiser

Friendship Group

Sue Macey and Claire Milligan

The Friendship Group is a group for senior church members and invited guests based on friendship, fun, food and our love of God. Highlights for the second half of last year included visiting the Boondall Wetlands, well-worth a visit, followed by afternoon tea at Sands Social; candle making with Teleise and a very welcome visit from a lady representing ADA Australia, Aged Care and Disability Advocates at Bing's place. The final 2 months had a Christmas theme: making Christmas ornaments with Sue and Phil, followed by our Christmas party at Bing's.

This year began with an interesting guest speaker, our very own Isa Mafileo on her life story and teaching us to sing in Samoan. Our next outing was to Osprey House Environmental Centre, also well worth a visit, followed by a picnic. Phil's 70th birthday at Sands was followed by the popular return of Marilyn's grandson Josh for a musical memory lane and afternoon tea.

We had another delightful year with outings, guest speakers and too much to eat! Our outreach continues with many unknown to our church.



Women's Ministry

Daughters of the Vine

Genevieve Mafle'o

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit." – John 15:5

Daughters of the Vine is the BRUC women's ministry founded on the truth of John 15:5. Our name reflects our desire to be women who are deeply connected to Jesus, the true Vine. As His daughters and branches, we grow through Him, draw strength from Him, and bear fruit that reflects His love. We encourage, equip, and empower women to remain rooted in Christ through every season of life.

The July 2025 to July 2026 year has been a year of fellowship, spiritual growth, service and community outreach for Daughters of the Vine. Our individual relationships with our loving Heavenly Father have sustained us throughout this season, opening our hearts not only to receive and live out His Word, but also to share His love with those around us.

Through Bible study, prayer, worship, fellowship and practical service, God has continued to draw the women of Daughters of the Vine closer to Himself. In our monthly get togethers, as well as through times of our personal challenges and change, we have seen the value of walking together in faith. God has encountered us and used our different backgrounds, gifts and our willingness to serve to build up each other in Christ. He has strengthened us and we bear witness of these experiences, to how great our God is and the miracles he continues to work in our lives.

Gather and Grow

Throughout the year, we have created opportunities to laugh, learn, worship, pray and simply share a life of faith together. We studied John 15 and the Book of Ruth, reflecting on abiding in Christ, faithfulness, courage and the ways God works through the everyday lives of His people. These gatherings provided space for women to know one another and to discover that we do not have to walk alone.

Our fellowship events have included:

- Paint and Fellowship Night
- DOVs Mother's Day Dinner
- Fellowship walks in the park
- Christmas breakfast, reflections and gift exchange
- Songs of Praise and Worship evenings
- Weekly prayer, Bible study groups at BRUC
- Strike Night



Serving Together

One of the beautiful things about Daughters of the Vine has been seeing women willingly use what God has given them to serve others. Whether through cooking, baking, creative arts, welcoming, organising, financial support, praying or simply making themselves available, the women have generously given of their time and gifts. During the many demands of family life, parenting, full-time work and many other responsibilities, their willingness to make time to serve has been a beautiful expression of our love for God and for others. Each act of service has been an opportunity to reflect the love of Christ.



Throughout the year, the women supported a range of BRUC and community initiatives, including the BRUC Garage Sale, where women welcomed visitors, shared information pamphlets about our church, sold raffle tickets and received prayer requests. On Father's Day, gifts and scripture encouragement were provided while supporting the Mark Hughes Foundation beanies. The women also helped collect and deliver generous donations from the BRUC congregation for the AspleyCare Christmas Hamper Appeal, demonstrating the generosity that can flow when a church community works together.

The BRUC Christmas Market provided another opportunity to serve through the baking stall, while the women also supported the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl, helping

raise awareness and encouraging the congregation to participate. For World Day of Prayer, women assisted with set up, kitchen duties and clean-up. At the Easter Day Camp, they provided catering and practical support across two full days serving behind the scenes. It was a precious opportunity especially as the theme was 'SAVED – Being anchored to Salvation'. What a powerful and spirit led weekend it was! Not only for Christ's youngest disciples but just to be part of that weekend and experienced firsthand the work of God sowing into young lives, planting seeds of faith that we trust will bear lasting fruit.



DOVs also continued to support our Youth ministry through baked goods and supplies for Youth sausage sizzles, and participated in Walking with Love Mothers and Babies, facilitating donations from the congregation to bless young mothers and their newborn babies in our community.

The year concluded in June 2026 with a High Tea following Moana's final Sunday service. As a founding member of Daughters of the Vine, it was a special opportunity for the women to honour, bless and celebrate Moana as we gave thanks for her faithful service during her time with us. We pray for God's continued guidance and blessing over her new placement.



In each of these opportunities, we have been reminded that ministry is about who we become as we serve. God has used these moments to grow patience, generosity, compassion, humility and reliance on Christ alone, we read in Zachariah 4:6 *“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts”*.

We Praise God for all his provision for only through Him we have been able to accomplish these things.

Conclusion

We give thanks to God for His faithfulness throughout this year. He is the One who has brought us together, kept us here, sustained us and enabled us to serve. As we continue to abide in Christ, my prayer is that Daughters of the Vine will always remain a place where women are strengthened in their personal relationship with Jesus becoming women deeply devoted to prayer and committed to seeking Him through His Word. As we remain rooted in Christ, may we be equipped to use our God given gifts to bless others, serve with purpose, and boldly go out to share the Gospel with those around us.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the BRUC Church Council, our ministers and pastors, church family and everyone who has supported and encouraged Daughters of the Vine throughout the year.

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to the riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be the glory forever and ever!”
Philippians 4:19-20

Safe Church Ministry

Talia Va'avale

Bracken Ridge Uniting Church is committed to providing a safe place where people are cared for, nurtured, and commits itself to the care, protection, and safety of all people. We formally record this statement of commitment, and adopt the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod Safe Church Policy as our risk of management strategy. We commit to implementing Safe Church practices and procedures and use Safe Church resources and tools to assist our congregation to meet and demonstrate its responsibilities.

We are loved and nurtured by God, and we demonstrate that love by working to ensure that our church and activities establish a culture of safety. We seek to ensure that volunteers and all people are able to flourish, feel safe in their roles, and for anyone who is in our vicinity.

Developing a Culture of Safety is not just about compliance, although there are many legal obligations to consider, it is primarily an outworking and desire to make a Jesus-shaped difference in our church community. Bracken Ridge UC meets this by completing risk assessments, volunteers complete safe church modules, well-being check ins, ensuring all necessary volunteers have blue cards, relevant reporting and record keeping on protecht.

Safe Church Module Purpose and Scope

Provides a structure and outlines the training requirements to comply with the Safe Church Policy, Privacy Policy and Synod Wide Blue Card Policy. This procedure applies to all workers paid and volunteer and includes all lay preachers, volunteers, ministry agents, and Safe Church Training Facilitators within the Queensland Synod. On the 3rd of December 2025 an online module training night was held at BRUC to complete the safe church Induction module and safe church foundations. Completed by: Talia Vaavale, Sue Macey, Phil Macey, Anne Murton, Marilyn Linnett, Alan Mitchell, Moana Teulilo-Schaaf, Louise Mafile'o, Talia Li'o, Bless Mafile'o, Cheryl Routhan, Jonathan Routhan, Rodney Sternberg, Sonia Corry (online from home) Teleise Lesatele (Online from home) Gen Mafile'o (online from home) A manual register has now been created to maintain a record of training modules and for re-freshers including a date, time, completion, location and when the modules are due. These modules are required to be completed annually.

Blue Cards

The blue card check is more than a police check. It looks for charges, convictions and any other information that may deem a person unsuitable to work with children and young people. All applicants and blue card holders are monitored daily by the Queensland Police Service with immediate notification if there is a change in a card holder's police information. It is mandatory for anyone who is working with children or making decisions about the life of the church to hold a blue card. On the 13th of November Talia Vaavale (Safe church person) attended a 3 hour Blue Card roadshow at Chermisde.

This was very insightful for me as I gained knowledge about Blue Card validity, Child Safe Standards, how to manage the organizational portal and create a manual template that assures we are within the guidelines. As of now we have 14 of our volunteers who are registered and hold active Blue Cards. We have a manual blue card register along with the online register. This gets updated accordingly and checked regularly.

Protecht

The Protecht Online platform is used across the Synod for WHS, compliance audits, and reporting hazards or incidents. In the past, we relied on an email process to manage the Safe Church Audit. Presbyteries would email requests to congregations and congregations would respond via email. Now that congregations and presbyteries have access to Protecht, we can use better tools to do the job more quickly and easily. The new process involves the Synod Risk and Compliance Team assigning questions to one of your congregation's Protecht account-holders. That person then signs in and answers a series of questions, adding documents to show that you have various processes in place. These instructions apply only to people assigned a Protecht login in congregations, for Bracken Ridge UC this is Isa Mafileo (Council Chair) and Talia Vaavale (Safe Church Coordinator). Manual registers, risk assessments, SOPC and any reporting can now be uploaded to protecht.

Statement of Personal Commitment

The organisation has a Code of Conduct called the Statement of Personal Commitment. This gives clear rules for leaders/ volunteers about how they should behave and what their responsibilities are in all situations. This statement of Personal commitment is for volunteers and leaders to agree for a safe and friendly place for everyone, especially kids and those who may need extra care. Our goal is to follow Christian values, work together as a team, and make sure everyone involved, including participants and volunteers, is taken care of. The SOPC is to be signed every 12 months by leaders and volunteers and uploaded to protecht. I have created a register of this and all volunteers have handed in their SOPC. Renewals for this are in January 2027.

Image Release Form

Bracken Ridge UC ensures that consent is approved before any media of you or children are uploaded to any platforms. Media release forms can be found in the weekly crosschat with instructions on how to submit this. Easter day camps online rego also provide this option. Thank you to all group leaders that ensure media consent is gained before any digital uploads.

Closing

The Uniting Church affirms that all people are made in the image of God. Bracken Ridge Uniting church commits itself to the care, protection and safety of all people with whom it comes in contact. To do this we need to safeguard each other from potential harm or abuse. But safeguarding is about more than keeping each other safe, it is about nurturing and lifting each other up so that everyone can thrive and grow into who God calls them to be.

I want to thank Isa and Phill for holding well-being sessions for the leaders/volunteers here at BRUC, this highlighted the importance of why this should be carried out.

Early detection, builds trust, releases stigma, boosts productivity and improves retention to overall uphold a safe space at BRUC. Thank you to all our leaders who safeguard and comply with policy and lastly thank you to all our congregants who contribute to creating and maintaining a Safe Church.

Philippians 2:4: "Let each of you look not only to His own interests, but also to the interests of others"

I praise God and thank Him for the community we have at BRUC and the opportunity to serve Him in this way. There are many ways you can reach out if you need someone to talk to about safety concerns at BRUC or information please see myself, any of our Elders or reach out to <https://www.brackenridgeuc.com/visit-us> and complete the enquiry box.

Blessings

03. Missions & Community Outreach

Raise the Roof Committee

Bless Mafile'o

The Raise the Roof Committee was established in 2024 in response to the significant need for repairs to our church roof. While its main goal at the time of establishment was to raise funds to repair the roof, the RTR Committee have grown to understand our purpose more broadly. That is, that we are both a fundraising and missional team.

Our Mission

In alignment with our church mission, our mission is to raise resources, build relationships and create opportunities to share Christ - supporting the life of our church while helping extend its witness into the wider community.

We recognise that fundraising and missional initiatives are vital to the life and ministry of the church. They provide practical support for the work God has entrusted to us, while also creating opportunities to engage with our community, build relationships and share the hope of the Gospel. In this space, RTR ultimately seeks to bring together people, resources and opportunities to support the needs of our church while helping to extend its mission beyond the walls of the church building.

In this way, RTR serves not simply as a means of raising money, but as a practical expression of the church's wider calling to serve, witness and participate in God's mission.

Funds Raised

As at date, the RTR Committee have raised a total of \$12,559.55. This amount was raised from the initiatives held between 2024 - 2025.

Work In Progress

RTR has been on hiatus since our last event; however, this period has provided an opportunity to pause, reflect and prayerfully consider where we go next. Over the past couple of months, the RTR team has continued to meet regularly, developing and discussing ideas for future fundraising initiatives, both large and small.

While we may not have been actively running events during this time, the work of RTR has continued behind the scenes as we seek to plan initiatives that not only support the practical needs of our church, but also create meaningful opportunities for fellowship, community engagement and mission.

One of our main ideas at present is to establish an RTR market stall that could operate at different community events. Recognising the gifts and talents within our team, particularly in cooking and hospitality, we are prayerfully and diligently working through what this initiative could look like in

practice. Our desire is to create a welcoming presence within the community where we can use the skills God has given our team to serve others, build relationships and raise funds in support of our church.

While this idea is still in the planning stages, our hope is that the market stall could become a recurring initiative, providing RTR with an ongoing opportunity to engage with our wider community, strengthen our church's presence beyond its walls and create natural opportunities to demonstrate and share the love of Christ. In doing so, we hope that this initiative will be about more than simply selling food or raising funds, but about using the gifts God has given us for His glory and the furthering of the church's mission.

As we continue to work through the finer details and explore what is needed to bring this idea to life, we ask for the prayers and support of our congregation.

Our Team

Earlier in the year, our congregation farewelled the Taelangi family who transferred their membership to Caboolture Uniting Church after relocating the family there. Given their relocation, our RTR committee also farewelled Finamoa and Susi Taelangi who were founding committee members who contributed greatly to our past initiatives. We thank them for their contributions in the RTR team.

We also recognise and are deeply grateful for our ongoing and existing members of our RTR team who give of their time voluntarily in service to the church. Our team often meets fortnightly to discuss, develop and refine fundraising ideas and initiatives, while also taking time to prayerfully consider and pray over the plans we are making. We praise God for their willingness to serve, and their spirit of stewardship.

Reflection

We praise God for the ideas He has placed on our hearts, for His presence throughout the planning of each initiative, and for His continued guidance and hand upon our lives. As we look ahead, we are encouraged by Paul's words to the Philippians, reminding us of the faithfulness of God and His work in and through His people: that *"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* - Philippians 1:6.

With this encouragement, we look forward with excitement and anticipation to seeing these plans come to fruition in His name.

04. Financial Overview

Treasurers Written Report

Rodney Sternberg

Financial Overview

Please refer to the attached financial statements prepared on a cash accounting basis. The accounts for the financial year 2025/26 show an actual cash surplus of \$12,464.45 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$6,815.00. The difference between these two amounts of \$5,649.30 was represented mainly by the following variances:

Expenses

1. Ministers Stipend - \$1,397.09 decrease. When budget was set, it was unknown how long the supply person would be at Bracken Ridge so the budget was overestimated.
2. Pastoral Care - \$1,000.00 was budgeted but nothing was spent.
3. Raise the Roof - \$5,000.00 was budgeted but the proceeds from the fund-raising event were net of all expenses.
4. Repairs and Maintenance - \$1,701.61. Less spent on maintenance issues at the church as there were no major issues during this period.
5. Combined Activity Expenses - \$1,729.76 increase plus Bald Hills Contra \$2,129.74 decrease reflect that Bracken Ridge Uniting Church had to pay all manse expenses from 1 January 2026 as all rents are now coming to Bracken Ridge Uniting Church.

Income

1. Offerings - \$6,211.55 decrease.
2. Hall Rent - \$2,872.72 decrease. The proceeds from hall rent has dropped off and at 30 June 2026 there were no hall rentals.
3. Manse Rent - \$5,334.77 increase. This reflects that Bracken Ridge Uniting Church received the full amount of the rent from 1 January 2026. Previously, half of the rent was being paid to Bald Hills Uniting Church.
4. Raise the Roof - \$2,559.55 increase. The fund raising activity was more profitable than originally expected.

June 2026

As at 30 June 2026, the congregation has the following funds:

General Bank Account	\$ 47,943.39
Term Deposit	\$ 5,000.00
Term Deposit	\$ 8,343.60
Total Funds	\$ 61,286.99

Outlook for 2026/27

The budget for the current financial year 2026/2027 has several major differences from the previous year resulting in a loss of \$6,579. While this is a loss, planning is underway to increase income to at least break even for the coming year.

Major Differences to the previous budget

- Offerings decrease of \$5,000 to just above last years actual result.
- Manse rent up by \$18,000 due to Bracken Ridge Uniting Church recieveing 100% of the rent since Bald Hills church closed. The current agreement is until 31 December 2026. The budget is for the 100% to continue into 2027 pending presbytery approval.
- With the manse being 100% for us also the expenses for the manse have been increased to \$7,500.
- Hall hire has been reduced by \$4,000 to zero as we currently have no hall hires.
- Ministerial expenses have been increased by \$5,000 to allow for a minister a 0.6 FTE.
- Other income (fundraising) has been decreased while new ways to raise funds are researched.

Financial Report

Rodney Sternberg

Financial Statement for Year Ending 30 June 2026

RECEIPTS

Balance 1/7/2025	\$35,478.94
Offerings	\$38,788.45
Hall Rent	\$1,127.28
Manse Rent	\$20,334.77
Fund Raising	
Ladies Fellowship	\$0.00
Other Activities (see list)	\$12,265.98
Interest	\$1,305.70
Grants	\$200.00
Sundry	\$63.20
Key Deposits	\$0.00
Insurance Claim	\$0.00
Benevolent Fund	\$0.00
Youth Funds	\$0.00
Raise the Roof	\$12,559.55
Friendship Group	\$60.00
Bald Hills Contrás	\$2,181.08
Other Contrás	\$936.00
GST Rec'd (from Renters)	\$112.72
G.S.T. Refund (from Tax Off.)	\$624.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$90,558.73**

TOTAL **\$126,037.67**

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) **\$ 12,464.45**

Notes:

"Combined Activity Expenses" is the Bracken Ridge portion of those expenses we share with Bald Hills.
 "Bald Hills Contrás Out" is the Bald Hills portion of those expenses which we initially pay.
 "Bald Hills Contrás In" is the refund we receive from Bald Hills.

Other Financial Assets:

Term Deposit	\$5,000.00
Reserve Fund(MDF)	\$10,560.04
Term Deposit	\$8,343.60

PAYMENTS

Mission & Service Fund	\$7,568.04
Ministerial	
Stipend & Allowances	\$46,569.72
Redress Funds	\$340.90
Congregation Ministries	
Pastoral Care	\$0.00
Worship & Cong. Life	\$884.76
Youth, Child & Family	\$461.21
Outreach & Community Service	\$0.00
Benevolent Fund	\$0.00
Youth Funds	\$400.00
Raise the Roof	\$0.00
Friendship Group	\$0.00
Office etc.	\$826.92
Property	
Rates	\$2,422.37
Insurance	\$3,935.73
Power	\$1,164.81
Telephone	\$1,255.79
Cleaning	\$1,246.00
Sundry Reimb.	\$0.00
Repairs & Maint.	\$3,298.39
Return of Key Deposits	\$0.00
Manse expenses	\$4,879.76
Sundries	\$73.00
Bald Hills Contrás	\$1,160.82
Other Contrás	\$934.46
GST Paid (to Suppliers)	\$671.60
GST Paid (to Tax Office))	\$0.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS **\$78,094.28**

BALANCE 30/06/2026 **\$47,943.39**

TOTAL **\$126,037.67**

Fund Raising - Other Activities
2025 - 2026

	OPENING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	NETT
		(other activities - Sundries)	(in Sundries)	
Yoga		\$99.00		\$99.00
Street Stalls		\$5,185.78		\$5,185.78
Garage Sale		\$6,407.20		\$6,407.20
Christmas Market		\$574.00		\$574.00
Adjust Bank Tfr Fee		\$0.40		\$0.40
Container Receipts		\$42.80		\$42.80
Taelangi Farewell Gift		\$20.00	\$73.00	\$ (53.00)
TOTAL		\$12,329.18	\$73.00	\$12,256.18

OTHER CONTRAS

	OPENING BALANCE	IN	OUT	CLOSING BALANCE
Floats- Stalls		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Float - Kitchen Supplies	\$ (200.00)			\$ (200.00)
Float - Youth Ministry	\$ (500.00)			\$ (500.00)
Garage Sale Floats		\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Frontier Services	\$ 305.85	\$ 66.00		\$ 371.85
Farewell Gift Moana		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$ -
Badges			\$64.46	\$ (64.46)
TOTAL				
	\$ (394.15)	\$ 936.00	\$ -	\$ 934.46
			\$ -	\$ (392.61)

Budget for 2026/27

Phil Macey

BRACKEN RIDGE CONGREGATION

Actual/Budget 2026/27

EXPENSES	Bud. Y.T.D. 2025/26	Total Bud. 2026/27
Mission & Service	\$ 7,568.04	\$ 10,551.00
Stipend etc.	\$ 47,966.81	\$ 50,078.43
Redress Funds	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL MINISTERIAL	\$56,284.85	\$61,129.43
Congregation Ministries		
Pastoral Care	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00
Worship & Cong. Life	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Child Youth & Family	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Community Support & Outreach	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Benevolent Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Office & Admin.	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Youth Funds	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Friendship Group	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Raise the Roof	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Rates - Church	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
Insurance - Church	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Power	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,300.00
Telephone	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Cleaning	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Expense Reimb.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Repairs & Maint.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Congregation Expenses	\$25,150.00	\$27,000.00
Manse Expenses	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 7,500.00
Sundry	\$ -	
Return of Key Deposits	\$ -	
Total Congregation Expenses	\$28,300.00	\$34,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$84,584.85	\$95,629.43
INCOME		
Offerings	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Hall Rent	\$ 4,000.00	
Manse Rent	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 33,300.00
Fund Raising		
Ladies F/Ship	\$ -	
Other	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Interest	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Grants/Donations	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Sundry	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00

Cont. Actual/Budget 2026/27

EXPENSES	Bud. Y.T.D. 2025/26	Total Bud. 2026/27
Raise the Roof	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Key Deposits	\$ -	
Insurance Claim	\$ -	
Benevolent Fund	\$ 500.00	
Friendship Group	\$ -	
TOTAL INCOME	\$88,250.00	\$89,050.00
Other Transactions(Contras)		
GST Refund from Tax Office		
GST Paid to Tax Office		
GST Paid		
Other Contrasts		
Bald Hills Contrasts	\$ 3,150.00	
GST Rec'd		
Total Other Transactions	\$ 3,150.00	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME & OTHER	\$91,400.00	\$89,050.00
	\$ -	\$ -
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 6,815.15	(\$ 6,579.43)
TOTAL CASH INCOME	\$91,400.00	\$ 89,050.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 6,815.15	(\$ 6,579.43)

Auditors Report

Barbara Irvine

Auditors Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2026

I have audited the financial report of the Bracken Ridge Uniting Church for the year ended 30 June 2026. Source documents examined included case payments and receipts statements, bank statements, receipts, invoices, cheque and deposit books.

The committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. An independent audit has been undertaken in order to express an opinion to the members of the Bracken Ridge Uniting Church.

The audit procedure included examining on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting amounts, analysis and other disclosures in the finance report. In relation to cash receipt the audit procedures were limited to amounts recorded as the receipt of cash from activities and fundraising lacks sufficient controls to adequately verify completeness and accuracy of income generated. This is not unusual for organisations of this nature.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the accounts are properly drawn up to present a true and fair view of the affairs of the Bracken Ridge Uniting Church for the year ended 30 June 2026.



Barbara Irvine BA (Accounting) CPA

14A George Street, Redcliffe 4020

16 August 2026

Original Report enclosed as Annexure A

04. Facilities & Runnings

Property Report

Wayne Milligan

During the last 12 months, the following has been completed or is under review.

- All locks have been replaced and new keys issued as required. Old keys were returned and destroyed by the locksmith, Bramble Bay Locksmith who installed the original locks.
- Lawn mowers are being maintained with the request that they are cleaned after each use and I be advised when fuel or maintenance is required.
- Spray has been purchased for bindi infestation
- A gardening working bee was held early this year to weed garden beds and clean gutters
- The neighbour's leopard tree has been trimmed back
- Brisbane City Council has advised that they plan to repair the gutter nearest the driveway in September and I will follow up on this.
- Council has trimmed the big tree on the footpath but please be aware of raised roots in that area.
- The church roof has been given some waterproofing around the screws to help maintain it until we can afford to replace it.
- The exit door nearest the shed needs to be replaced
- Toilet doors were painted and new signage attached.
- A new emergency assemble area sign has been place on the sign board at the main gate.
- An asbestos inspection has been undertaken
- Essential Fire Protection attend the church 6 monthly to inspect fire extinguishers and emergency exit lighting.
- A damaged fan has been replaced
- Quotes have been received for the side fence nearest the shed

Hall Hire Report

Phil Macey

The year started with one regular hire on a Monday.

That hirer has left us recently due to a change in their circumstances. I have had a number of people contact me about hall hire, these did not lead to any hires.

There were different reasons why the hire did not go ahead some were due to insurance costs and one was due to the location of the church building not being suitable.

Church Website Report

Talia Va'avale

Our church website is an essential tool to connect with the community and share our church mission. With the rise of the internet, more and more people are turning to online resources to find information and connect with others. Bracken Ridge Uniting Church has established a presence online that has allowed people to stay engaged and connected with information, upcoming events and more.

We have seen that in the last 12 months website visits have increased, in the months of March and April of 2026 the children's Easter day camp registrations have played a big part in this. A great way to utilise the full potential of a website is to promote registrations or bookings online as it builds curiosity to seek other areas of the church website such as our service times and connect groups.

Leads such as posting our church website hyperlinks on socials, emails, flyers and crosschat are a great strategy to put our church out there, it has since proved online engagement and even better... people walking through our door on Sundays or Bible study on a Tuesday night. Hallelujah! I know and believe that this is the working of the Holy Spirit. All Glory to God.

Online submissions via the website enquiry box have increased in the last 3 months, this box allows people to fill out a form about any questions or information they may be seeking, the submissions then get sent to the websites email address where i get notified and can determine next steps for example sending on information about specific events, connect groups or even hall hire. This is always exciting - to me it means people have been intrigued and it's an opportunity to plant a seed regardless of their faith.

I believe that through the church website we are doing our part to carry out the BRUC mission "To share Christ with the community" and if it's one or two people we can reach through this platform then praise God!

There are always ways to improve the website, right now it's easy to find, it's easy to navigate. It has a simple aesthetic that appeals to everyone but most of all represents who we are as the body of Christ.

The future of the online space is vast. My hope for the BRUC website is that we can reach as many people as possible to share Christ with them, to spread the Gospel, to make it known that we are their local church and that it is for all people.

New hope for 2027

- Live worship or recorded sermons to be available online

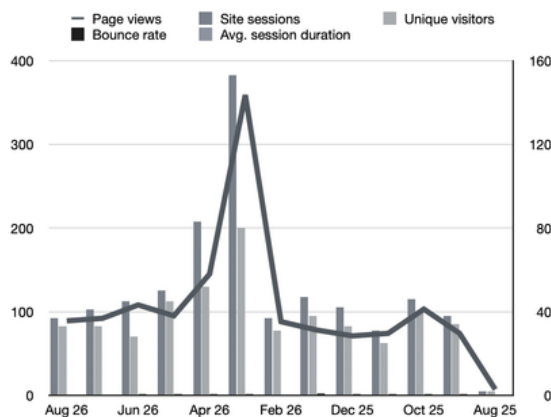
As we journey through the evolving times of technology we can remain steadfast in Christ alone, that He will continue to equip us to do His work. I am always open to feedback, new ideas to build His kingdom. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Blessings.

Table 1 : Traffic Over Time Report 2025/26

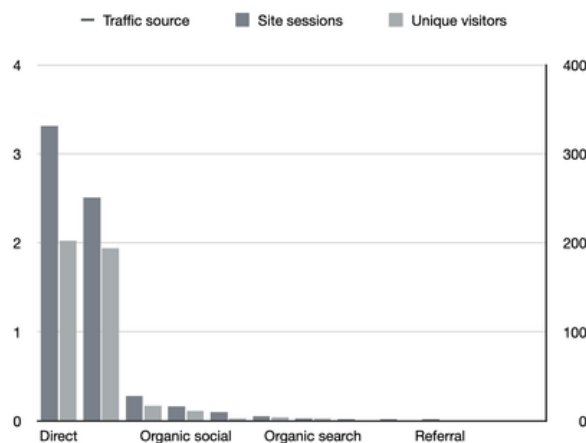
Key Metrics

- Page Views - the number of times a site page is visited.
- Site Sessions - Visits to the site
- Unique visitors - The number of visitors that visited the site. A visitor is considered unique when connecting from separate IP addresses
- Bounce Rate - The percentage of visitors who left the site after viewing one page
- Average session duration - Average time spent on the site



Date	Page views	Site sessions	Unique visitors	Bounce rate	Avg. session duration
Aug 26	89	37	33	51%	3m, 51s
Jul 26	92	41	33	51%	1m, 34s
Jun 26	108	45	28	60%	3m, 52s
May 26	95	50	45	66%	2m, 30s
Apr 26	145	83	52	66%	2m, 32s
Mar 26	359	153	80	54%	2m, 51s
Feb 26	88	37	31	41%	1m, 58s
Jan 26	78	47	38	77%	1m, 52s
Dec 25	71	42	33	69%	1m, 39s
Nov 25	74	31	25	61%	2m
Oct 25	103	46	40	57%	1m, 38s
Sep 25	74	38	34	68%	3m, 14s
Aug 25	7	2	2	50%	54s

Table 2 : Top Traffic Sources 2025/26



Traffic category	Traffic source	Site sessions	Unique visitors
Direct	Direct	331	202
Organic search	Google	251	194
Organic search	Bing	28	17
Organic social	Facebook	16	11
Organic search	Yahoo	10	3
Organic social	Instagram	5	4
Organic search	DuckDuckGo	3	3
Referral	ntp.msn.com	2	1
Email marketing	Wix email marketing	2	1
Referral	unitingworld.lightning.force.com	2	1
Referral	manage.wix.com	1	1
AI platforms	ChatGPT	1	1

Annexures

'Annexure A' - Original Copy of Auditors Report

Bracken Ridge Uniting Church Auditors Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2026

I have audited the financial report of the Bracken Ridge Uniting Church for the year ended 30 June 2026. Source documents examined included cash payments and receipts statements, bank statements, receipts, invoices, cheque and deposit books.

The committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. An independent audit has been undertaken in order to express an opinion to the members of the Bracken Ridge Uniting Church.

The audit procedures included examining on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting amounts, analysis and other disclosures in the finance report. In relation to cash receipts the audit procedures were limited to amounts recorded as the receipt of cash from activities and fund raising lacks sufficient controls to adequately verify completeness and accuracy of income generated. This is not unusual for organisations of this nature.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the accounts are properly drawn up to present a true and fair view of the affairs of the Bracken Ridge Uniting Church for the year ended 30 June 2026.



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