

***ASCM January Executive Committee Meeting***

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***Brisbane***

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## **1 ATTENDANCE**

Rachel Anderson – Minutes Secretary  
Ray Barraclough – Qld Rep  
Bronwyn Crowe – Nat Coordinator  
Anastasia Dalziell – Women’s Officer  
Jazz Dron – ACT Rep, Human Rights Officer  
Roger Horton – WA Rep

Hannah Jones – Human Rights Officer  
Bronislava Lee – Women’s Officer  
Caroline Loader – Qld Staff  
Tim Ngui – NSW Rep, WSCF  
Clare Schulz – WA Staff

## **2 WORSHIP**

Worship was lead by participants of the meeting.

## **3 WELCOME**

Every one present was welcomed.

Bronwyn gave an explanation of decision making by consensus and the Sexual Abuse Policy.

## **4 RECEPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Resolution: That the agenda be accepted.*

## **5 RECEPTION OF THE MINUTES**

*Resolution: That the minutes of ASCM July General Committee Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2006 be adopted with the changes detailed above.*

*Resolution: That a vote of thanks was expressed to Rachel Anderson for her work preparing the minutes.*

## **6 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

### **6.1 National Coordinator's Report**

Bronwyn submitted a written report to the meeting ([Appendix 1](#)) and spoke to it.

*Resolution: A vote of thanks was expressed to Bronwyn for her energy, support, and commitment to ASCM.*

### **6.2 Treasurer's Report**

Bronwyn submitted the budget as the Treasurers Report.

### **6.3 Women's Officer**

Bronislava and Anastasia presented a verbal report. Have shared ideas and are looking forward to a bright future together.

### **6.4 WSCF Liaison Officer**

Tim presented a written report ([Appendix 2](#)) and spoke to it.

*Resolution: A vote of thanks was expressed to Tim for his ongoing work as the WSCF Liaison Officer and for submitting a written report.*

### **6.5 Human Rights Officers**

Jazz and Hannah wrote a written report ([Appendix 3](#)) and spoke to it.

*Resolution: A vote of thanks was expressed to Jazz and Hannah for their ongoing work as the Human Rights Officers and for submitting a written report.*

### **6.6 Jubilee Grapevine**

Clare presented a written report and spoke ([Appendix 4](#)) to it:

1. Thankyou to everyone who has written articles etc.

2. Asking people to source articles for JG, e.g. if people are having interesting discussions with friends or in a branch ask them to send in an article.
3. Articles do not need to be tied to the theme. Question on back just designed as discussion starters.
4. Anyone prepared to take on a roll as film or book reviewer.

### **6.7 Database Application Developer / Coordinator**

Chris Jeffery presented a written report ([Appendix 5](#))

*Resolution: A vote of thanks was expressed to Chris Jeffery for his ongoing work as the Database Application Developer / Coordinator and for submitting a written report.*

## **7 STATE REPORTS**

State reports were presented as part of the planning day yesterday.

### **7.1 Australian Capital Territory (ACT)**

ACT Area Council presented a written report ([Appendix 6](#))

### **7.2 Queensland (QLD)**

Queensland Area Council presented a written report ([Appendix 7](#))

### **7.3 Victoria (VIC)**

Bronwyn highlighted during her report that she has had numerous conversations with Rachael Palmer about the Victorian SCM. Victoria has Young and Senior Friends but no students at the moment.

### **7.4 Western Australia**

WA presented written report ([Appendix 8](#))

## **8 NATIONAL UPDATE**

### **8.1 Appointment of Treasurer**

*Resolution: Diane Hatwell is appointed to the position of National Treasurer of ASCM. The ASCM Executive recognises that Diane may not be able to stay in this position for the full three year term, subsequently the ASCM executive requests that Diane gives six months notice if possible of her intention to resign.*

*Resolution: The ASCM Executive give authority to Diane Hatwell to engage a bookkeeper for up to 5 days to assist with bringing the ASCM books up to date.*

*Resolution: The ASCM Treasurer has authority to change the bank with which the ASCM accounts are held with the authorization of the ASCM Executive. That the decision regarding the bank of choice takes into account ethical business practices.*

*Resolution: That the receiver/payee of a particular cheque is not a signatory of the cheque.*

*Resolution: That the signatories on the ASCM General account held at the Commonwealth back account are:*

*Bronwyn Crowe*  
*Diane Hatwell*  
*Kate Watts*  
*Roger Horton*

*Resolution: That the signatories on the ASCM Conference account held at the Commonwealth back account are:*

*Bronwyn Crowe*  
*Diane Hatwell*  
*Kate Watts*  
*Roger Horton*

*Resolution: That the signatories on any new or changed ASCM bank accounts are:*

*Bronwyn Crowe*  
*Diane Hatwell*  
*Roger Horton*  
*Barrie Baker*

**8.2 Appointment of Web Weaver**

*Resolution: Chris Jeffery is appointed to the position of WebWeaver of ASCM.*

**8.3 Appointment of Men's Officer**

*Resolution: That we re-advertise the position of Men's Officer with a formal closing date.*

*The applications will be posted to the 'Policy List' for an appointment decision to be made prior to the July General Committee Meeting.*

**8.4 Appointment of Representative to the NCCA Ecumenical Youth Network Position**

*Resolution: Bronislava Lee is appointed to the position of ASCM representative on the NCCA Ecumenical Youth Network.*

**8.5 ASCM Endowment Fund**

*Resolution: Shawn Whelan is appointed as a Senior Friend member of the ASCM Endowment Fund.*

*Resolution: Rachel Anderson and Roger Horton are appointed as the ASCM Executive representative to the ASCM Endowment Fund.*

**8.6 Pastoral Care Coordinator**

*Resolution: That a Pastoral Care Coordinator (PCC) is appointed by the ASCM Executive or General Committee as per the job description outlined below. The PCC shall not be a member of the Executive or General Committee.*

**Role description**

1. The Pastoral Care Coordinator (PCC) will be responsible for organizing pastoral care for the members of the executive, particularly the national coordinator.
2. The Pastoral Care Coordinator (PCC) will find a support team or person for the National Coordinator. This support group or person will meet regularly with the National

Coordinator. The PCC has the responsibility to ensure that support occurs. The PCC will contact the national coordinator at least quarterly.

3. The PCC will also contact the other office bearers at least quarterly and should pastoral care be needed, coordinate an appropriate response.
4. The PCC shall not be a member of the Executive or General Committee.
5. That the PCC has expenses paid but no honorarium.
6. That the coordinator is encouraged to attend conferences and social events, but does not attend or participate in policy meetings.
7. The PCC will act for a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 3 years before the position is re-advertised, after which the incumbent PCC may be reappointed.

#### **8.7 Pink Book**

*Resolution: That the Pink Book be reviewed by office bearers and Area Council under the direction of the National Coordinator ready for review at the July General Committee Meeting.*

#### **8.8 Carbon Neutral Meeting**

*Resolution: That the carbon impact of the January Executive Meeting 2007 be offset according to the process available through Carbon Neutral.*

*Resolution: That the carbon impacts of all ASCM activities be reassessed with the aim of reducing ASCM's total carbon impact.*

*Resolution: That the July General Committee meetings develop a more holistic policy regarding offsetting carbon impacts of national events, taking into consideration more detailed research and issues such as habitat regeneration and long-term impacts of tree planting on both carbon levels and ecological systems.*

*Resolution: The ASCM as a National Movement provides support to the ACT ASCM efforts to lobby Politicians regarding global warming.*

### **8.9 July Conference**

*Resolution: The ASCM Executive suggest the theme of the July Conference to be “Habitat”.*

### **8.10 Merchandise**

*Resolution: That each state / branch conducts a ‘stocktake’ of ASCM merchandise they currently hold and post results to the policy list.*

*Resolution: That the policy list is authorised to approve the purchasing of ASMC merchandise prior to the July General Committee Meeting.*

### **8.11 Resignation of National Coordinator**

*Resolution: Bronwyn has indicated that she will be resigning as at the end of the July General Committee Meeting 2007.*

*Resolution: That the new job description for the National Coordinator will be initially written by Bronwyn, to be refined over the Policy for a final version to circulation and the job advertised by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007. The applications will be considered and appointment to made at July General Committee Meeting.*

*Resolution: A vote of thanks was expressed to Bronwyn for her role as National Coordinator thus far. We acknowledge the commitment and sacrifices she has made whilst fulfilling this role. We also acknowledge the support and sacrifices that Brad and Bronwyn’s friends and family have made whilst Bronwyn has served and continues to serve in the ASCM in the role as National Coordinator.*

## **9 WSCF**

### **9.1 RCM Update**

Tim presented a verbal report on his trip to the Regional Committee Meeting. Details to follow in a future issue of *JG*.

*Resolution: That we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Students nationally during the first weekend in September.*

### **9.2 SCMA Update**

Bronwyn highlighted the details of Kate Watt's trip to SCMA. Kate will write a report and article for *JG*.

### **9.3 Human Rights Workshop**

Hannah highlighted the details of her trip to the WSCF AP Human Rights Workshop. For details please refer to Hannah's article in the *Ugly* edition of *JG* and a full report to come.

## **10 MONEY MATTERS**

### **10.1 ACT Staff Worker Funding**

A request has been received from ACT to support their staff funding ([Appendix 6](#)) for \$3,500.

*Resolution: That we fund the ACT staff fund request of \$3500.*

### **10.2 WA Staff Worker Funding**

A provisional request has been received from WA to support their staff worker funding ([Appendix 8](#)) for \$4500.

*Resolution: That should a formal request from WA be received to support their staff worker funding \$4500 would be available from National ASCM budget under the line item Staff Worker Funding.*

### **10.3 Appeal Letters**

*Resolution: That in the 07 National Appeal we include the information about direct debiting and remembering the ASCM in wills.*

*Resolution: That state Appeals will be sent out First Semester and the National Appeal will be sent out in Second Semester.*

### **10.4 ASCM / SCMA Exchange**

*Resolution: There will be a policy list discussion around the issue of funding for ASCM participants to attend SCMA events following Bronwyn's discussions with SCMA*

### **10.5 Budget**

*Resolution: That we accept the budget as presented by Bronwyn as outlined in Appendix 9*

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## APPENDICES

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### A1. NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- ▶ Ensure the activities of the ASCM help us to achieve our mission,
- ▶ Coordinate a team of volunteers, motivate them to fulfil their tasks, and ensure those holding the positions are performing adequately,
- ▶ Keep abreast of what is happening at the Branch, Region, and National levels,
- ▶ Be prepared to visit one Branch or Region each year,

I have been in contact with Area Councils, staff and students around the country over the past 6 months via post, email and phone. I am confident the activities organised have been open, active, ecumenical and critical, building up the ASCM community and connecting us with broader society. I've worked very hard to motivate our team of volunteers with mixed success. The absence of a Treasurer has taken up much of my time. Also finding new volunteers for vacant positions and helping them to settle into their roles has been very involving. Whilst in Queensland I saw Caroline and when in Melbourne I spent time with Rachael.

- ▶ Call meetings as required, solicit reports, set meeting agendas and chair meetings,
- ▶ Attend July General Committee, January Executive, and all teleconferences, and provide a report for these meetings,

I have fulfilled all the meeting requirements of the Movement to my knowledge.

- ▶ Bring any concerns about the functioning of ASCM to the Executive,

I will be following up with concerns regarding the effectiveness of the January Executive meetings raised in July 2007, as well as travel policy and budget considerations.

- ▶ Ensure any conflicts within the movement are resolved,

I am unaware of any conflicts within the Movement that have affected our activities or membership.

- ▶ Be a central contact point for internal and external communication,
- ▶ Be one of the “public faces” of the ASCM, and represent ASCM nationally to university, church and student bodies.

I have dealt with all mail and email correspondences as required, being in contact with the NCCA, local Council of Churches, local parishes and Senior Friends.

- ▶ Ensure relevant documents are archived at the National Archives, and that those in other roles also archive documents,

At present I have not archived any documents but have copies prepared for archiving shortly.

**A2. NATIONAL TREASURER’S REPORT**



**A3. HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER’S REPORT**



**A4. JG EDITOR'S REPORT**

- ▶ Collecting material for publishing in JG. (This can be done partly by liaising with contacts in each state, as well as targeting specific people, and using other sources),

I am consistently impressed with the material that comes in for JG. I have pursued a policy of locating one key article from a non-SCM voice for each issue, and this has been a successful approach that has increased the quality and variety of the magazine's content.

- ▶ Editing the material to make it suitable for publication

Most material requires little editing. Where significant edits are made I attempt to run the changes past the author before going to print, although this is not always possible.

Roger Horton provided editorial assistance for the Spring issue, as it had run tremendously behind time. One of the Murdoch SCM group has expressed interest in sharing some of the editorial work also.

- ▶ Ensuring that the design and layout of JG is attractive and appropriate

Feedback through the year has indicated that people are enjoying the current format of JG. The majority of the layout is now established as a template.

- ▶ Coordinating the printing, packaging and distribution of JG

This is the most tedious aspect of the editorial job, as I often end up doing the mail out on my own. That said, the Spring issue mail out was processed with remarkable speed by a group of willing (or just captive) volunteers, which was wonderful.

As I had not checked the comparative cost of the printer we have been using in over two years, I again went for quotes for the Spring issue. Eagle Print, who we have used for the last 7 issues, did not respond to my request to quote, and as a result the printing was done by Print By Design. I have not checked the price per copy compared to the Winter issue, but I suspect Eagle Print is cheaper, and will check with them again for the Summer issue.

- ▶ Forwarding an electronic copy of JG to the webweaver

Electronic copies of all 2006 issues have been forwarded to the webweaver. I have been disappointed that none have been uploaded to the website.

- ▶ Promoting JG and increasing its subscription base

There has been no specific campaign to promote JG this year. However, having non-SCMers writing for JG has been an opportunity to introduce a wide range of people to the magazine. Some of these once-off writers are now on the subscription list.

Approximately 220 copies of each issue are printed: 130 to individual subscribers, 70 to branches, and 20 for promotion and to send to contributors who are not on the subscription list.

I note that the job description states: *The JG Editor is expected to take on this position for two to three years.*

Summer 2007 will be my 9<sup>th</sup> issue of JG, completing three years in the position. I am happy to continue as editor but am not sure if this is a limited tenure position.

**A5. DATABASE APPLICATION DEVELOPER / COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Following my previous update, I have completed the conversion of the former ASCM National database into Microsoft Access. Most queries and reports that were in the previous database are now available within Access with the former structure. I appreciate the responses given from July's meeting regarding my questions and am still working through incorporating those decisions into the new structure of the database.

I understand that the National and Membership Directories were distributed at July's General Committee meeting for updates. I am still concerned with the accuracy of the database as I have received several emails that appear that some updates have been requested that have not been passed onto me for actioning. Further, I recently discovered an issue that some reports have a "bug" that is not showing some of the information of changed addresses properly. I am currently working on a solution to this. I would still appreciate to receive any updates you may have. Those received to 3 December 2006 have already been updated.

I am still looking to incorporate state databases, and am expecting to receive advice from Western Australia soon. Unfortunately, I have not received any information from the other states. Contact Lists were sent to Western Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and Australian Capital Territory. However, updates have only been received from Western Australia. I have received a list email addresses from Queensland.

There is still much to do on the donations side of the database due to its complexity and this has been put on hold for the moment.

Several enquiries have been received requesting information for contacts and addresses of ASCM, which have been responded to as directed by the National Executive, and in accordance with privacy legislation. Jim Martin has not been in touch regarding the history book.

Please find in the following pages how I have been achieving my tasks. As always, thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Chris Jeffery

ASCM Database Application Developer/Database Coordinator

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**Reporting of tasks achieved****Maintain the database of ASCM student members and Friends**

The database is maintained using the updates, provided by the ASCM executive, student members and friends which are typically received by email. These updates are incorporated on a monthly basis as well as before any mailing (such as the Jubilee Grapevine publication or National Appeal letter) goes out.

**Record JG subscriptions, and other details as required**

Following information provided by Kate Willard, NCCA Data Co-ordinator at the National Council of Churches in Australia every two months, or by Clare Schulz, editor of the Jubilee Grapevine publication, updates are processed as part of the monthly address updates.

**Promptly produce printouts of lists and labels as required by ASCM workers**

Lists and labels have been produced as required, for the Jubilee Grapevine publication and National Appeal as requested by the ASCM workers. The National and Membership Directories were distributed at July's meeting and will be provided on a more regularly basis in the future. Contact Lists were also distributed to some states for actioning of the updates.

**Assist the ASCM executive to manage information efficiently and effectively**

Through the development of a new structure of the database, the ASCM executive to manage information efficiently and effectively. Enhancements are currently underway to improve this process.

**Control access to the database, and only distribute information as directed by the National Executive, and in accordance with privacy legislation**

Access to information contained within the database has been distribute information as directed by the National Executive, and in accordance with privacy legislation.

**Archive the database annually**

As the database is only new, it has not been archived, but a monthly backup is created. The first archive will be created in July.

**Provide a report for July General Committee meetings**

I have, and anticipate continuing to provide reports for both the January Executive and July General Committee meetings.

**A6. ACT REPORT**

For ANU-SCM 2006 began with SCM employing myself, Jazz Dron, as development worker. The events of first semester consisted of various dinners (with guest speakers), breakfasts, and movie nights in the aim of building community. In Semester two we held a similar pattern with two dinners at which Heather Thomson spoke on 'restorative justice', and Doug Hynd on 'Fear, Violence and Jesus' both were well attended and catalysts for great conversation. We had planned a bush walk at Namadgi National Park which was unsuccessful because of various transport issues and an ankle injury, instead we met for a picnic lunch and walk through Floriade (Canberra's flower festival). The day turned into a great day of socialising. In October we made our way to Parliament House for the 'Stand against Poverty' event, this was a definite highlight with approximately 9 SCMs attending! Later in 2006 Eloise travelled to Africa to represent ASCM at a conference on 'Gospel and Empire' on her return we were privileged to hear many stories and have great conversation on this topic. In September we had a service for the 'World day of Prayer' using the liturgy provided by the WSCF. We combined this service with the regular Friday midday Eucharist at St. Mark's National Theological Centre. SCMs and Friends of SCM were invited to share in the service and a potluck lunch afterwards.

Alongside these events we have continued to meet at the ANU Chaplaincy between 12-2 with various people coming at different times to eat and discuss. These Monday meetings have evolved into a time of conversing on what we might have read or heard in the media in the past week or just laughing and sharing stories of life. These meetings have become a safe place at which people feel comfortable to arrive when they can and share what they like.

On reflection 2006 has seen a small but open and vibrant community continue to emerge within which people are constantly thinking about issues of justice, politics, world events, and faith.

I am no longer working as development worker with the ANU-SCM but hope to stay involved with the group in the coming year 2007. My time with SCM has been a life-giving challenge and it has been a privilege to get to know the movement.

Jazz Dron

**A7. QUEENSLAND AREA COUNCIL REPORT**

- Number of members (committed and potentially interested).
  1. At ACU campus about 5-6.
  2. The occasional *Qld SCM Newsletter* is emailed to around 28-30 students who have expressed a desire to be kept in contact with SCM.
  3. Around 10 recent graduates come to the *SCM Dinner Party* held twice a year.
  4. This year a supporter of SCM has gathered a group of around 20 students at the Gold Coast campus of *Griffith University* who are interested in practical justice. A number would come within the potentially interested category of possibly linking with SCM.
- The energy level seen to be characteristic of the group (in terms of what it is potentially capable of achieving).

Again this year our part-time SCM development worker Caroline Loader and Ray Barraclough are the key energy providers. Again this year both will seek to establish an ongoing SCM branch at ACU and make contact with various secondary schools.

- Degree of community (quality of interaction between members, level of community).

Community development is still in early stages for two groups, viz. the small number who meet at ACU and the group who meet for the *SCM Dinner Party*. A third group which Heather Cetrangolo has initiated at the Gold Coast campus of *Griffith University* are not an SCM group but we hope members of the group may be happy in 2007 to be linked with SCM.

- The presence of a supportive chaplain (and what is offered by her/him).

In reality, the only really supportive chaplain is Andrew Beiers at the ACU campus. Chaplains at other campuses have to be prodded to distribute any information on SCm. They never (even the supposedly ecumenical ones) ever contact us.

- Specific details relating to branch activities: What has been done? Ideas about what could be done?

In 2006 at ACU we endeavoured to build a group around sessions led by the Rev'd Marilyn Cullen on *Relationships*. Those who came appreciated them. In 2007, to express a more diverse program, we are planning:

- 3 sessions with a contributor respectively on *Why I am a Catholic, Why I am an Anglican, Why I am Uniting Church*
- Sessions over lunch with an ACU academic as the key contributor
- Several sessions by Marilyn Cullen further on *Relationships*
- Level of communication between branch and other branches, and between branch and ASCM.

There is no cross communication between the ACU group, the *SCM Dinner Party* group and the *Griffith University* group. The only link is that Caroline Loader is with the first two groups and Ray Barraclough is in contact with the latter two groups.

- The problems that the branch confronts, and their possible solutions.

Our basic challenge, as is so often the case, is to build a group who are prepared to own an SCM branch and be self-sustaining (and expansive) as a group. Those are our keys tasks again this year in regard to ACU, the Griffith University group and our contact with seniors secondary school students. For the latter we will be happy simply to have them link up as recipients of the *Qld SCM Newsletter* and any SCM sponsored activity that is accessible for them.

- Interest in participating in an ASCM project.

Our energies are stretched just surviving and trying to build branches in the Brisbane area.

Ray Barraclough - Convenor of Qld SCM Area Council 27 Dec, 2006.

**A8. WA STATE REPORT** 

- ▶ Number of members (committed and potentially interested).

Over 2006, there have been four regulars at Murdoch and three at UWA, plus another two interested occasional drop-ins at Murdoch. There are about 10 young friends who remain involved in off-campus activities, most of whom waver in and out of being students from time to time. One of our Area Council members and a regular at SCM events is a full-time mature age external post grad student.

- ▶ The energy level seen to be characteristic of the group (in terms of what it is potentially capable of achieving).

The Murdoch core group is very committed and has energy to be creatively involved in projects and actions beyond the regular on-campus meeting time.

The UWA group is over-committed, all post graduate, and one of the three has just graduated, so some reconsideration of SCM's role at UWA is taking place.

One of the young friends is about to return to uni for a three-year degree at Edith Cowan, and has expressed interest in trying to initiate an SCM presence at that uni.

- ▶ Degree of community (quality of interaction between members, level of community).

There is an excellent sense of SCM community between students and friends on and off campus. The Murdoch core group has developed a particularly strong sense of community and self-identifies this as one of the aspects of SCM most valued by the group.

- ▶ The presence of a supportive chaplain (and what is offered by her/him).

The UWA Anglican chaplain has been very supportive, both personally to SCM members needing pastoral support and also towards SCM as a movement.

The Murdoch Anglican chaplain has provided much practical support to SCM, including space at her O-day table, office space and free photocopying. The Catholic chaplain at Murdoch changed midyear and the new chaplain has not followed up the strong relationship that the previous chaplain was building with SCM.

- ▶ Specific details relating to branch activities: What has been done? Ideas about what could be done?

Winter retreat saw SCMerS lounging around a beach house north of Perth yarning about Simple Living, walking the marvelous winter beach (some even swam!) and setting a few

simplicity goals. Through semester, groups at both Murdoch and UWA workshopped ways to respond to the Make Poverty History/ Micah Challenge campaigns, assisted by staff from TEAR. SCM had a vibrant presence at Perth's October, with nine SCMerS coming along costumed as 'Aid', 'Trade' and 'Debt Relief', the three emphases of the MPH campaign. Through semester a regular group met for lunch each week at Murdoch to read the newspaper, reflect together on faith responses to the news, and share stories of hope from the week. The UWA group struggled to meet, but enjoyed some challenging and enriching newspaper-based faith conversations late in semester. 'Prayers for Peace and Justice' continued to be offered as a quiet space each week at Murdoch. The year ended with a workshop day around ways to have a less consumer-oriented Christmas, and a prayer service and celebration BQ with SCM Friends. One student, commenting on SCM WA after a year of involvement, remarked 'we sure can talk, can't we?!'

- ▶ Level of communication between branch and other branches, and between branch and ASCM.

Due to my involvement with JG, and the presence of the SCM National Coordinator and Treasurer in WA, I personally retain a strong sense of the movement beyond WA. However, it is increasingly apparent that the students on campus, particularly the strong UWA group, has little sense of themselves as part of a national or international body. I am hoping that hosting national conference in WA in 2007 will help to address this. I am also continuing to try and get our newer SCMerS to apply for WSCF programs.

I would like to see greater interaction and resource sharing between staff workers/ Area Councils, and am excited that the January meetings include training days to build these relationships.

- ▶ The problems that the branch confronts, and their possible solutions.

A major problem is how to connect with new people. Generally I am finding that people with a leaning towards SCM are those who are very wary of events advertised in (eg) church bulletins or uni noticeboards – its seems to relate to people having been burned by institutional church somehow. Word of mouth and relationships are really THE way to build SCM. This is challenging, and I would be interested in anyone else's ideas of how to be proactive about it.

The lack of a core group of at UWA is a challenge as it is difficult to create critical mass for events, and new people walking in tend to get scared off by this. It has also been difficult to

connect with undergraduates and younger students, as the core group for a number of years has been older students and post graduates.

- ▶ Interest in participating in an ASCM project.

I am not sure exactly what this question is asking! We are hosting national conference in July in WA. Given that the most active members feel disconnected from the national movement, there is unlikely to be tremendous interest for organising national projects. However, if something is being run nationally we would hope to be able to send a WA participant. After national conference in July the WA interest in national events and projects may increase.

Dear Bronwyn

Thank you for your suggestion that I write to you on this matter.

I do not have the current figure, but our response to our local begging letter is around \$4,000. We have also sent special major appeal submissions to four church bodies. We have not had a response from them so far.

I have also asked the Anglican Deposit Fund, our bankers to underwrite our budget of \$13,500. There is no response yet, but the proposal has not long been made to them.

If all the ships come home, we will be self-sufficient for 2007, but the worst case is that we have only funding to employ Clare through to April 30.

Could an allocation, say up to \$4,500, be set aside from National funds, as a contingency, so that Clare can be employed for at least until September. We would only draw on this if necessary.

Yours in Christ

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