



TIME TO BUILD

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Newsletter of Our Place Christian Communities
and Hope Christian Homes - FEB 2024

On the road - January family and supporters meetings

In January, we held meetings with families and supporters about housing and inclusion. Kirk and Rod met with families in Mittagong and Kangaroo Valley. Lisa, Mark and Simon met with a group online.

The meetings were encouraging and exciting. It highlighted the long term planning and vision needed to keep working towards our goals.



Kirk with Jim and Melinda Good



Zoom meeting for Eastern Suburbs

Belonging Workshops can help your church start its journey to being more inclusive. Express your interest in training today via our website:

<https://ourplacecc.org.au/>



Welcome Home Springwood News

There has been lots of fun at Welcome Home Springwood.

- A Christmas party for the support workers
- Farewell for one of Jerrah's long term support workers
- Lots of friends, games, food and music
- Learning about puppetry with Fluffy the blue puppet and boy George the dog!



Our CEO Kirk Patston has been unwell with Long COVID for some time. He is on sick leave from February - April 2024. Pray he will get better!

Jenny Bawden, our chairperson, will oversee the work of OPCC and Fiona will continue working in administration and communications.

If you have any questions, contact us at:
admin@ourplacecc.org.au

Annual General Meeting

On Sunday 17th December the Annual General Meeting for Our Place Christian Communities was held in Springwood. We talked, prayed and enjoyed dinner together. The following positions were made by the committee:

Chairperson:

Jenny Bawden,

Secretary:

Ian McGilvray,

Treasurer:

Paul Dickens.

Committee members:

Renee Dickens,

Lisa Patston,

Simon Shead.

OPCC Christmas Dinner



*Thank
you*

We say thank you to Sam Wan and goodbye from the Our Place Committee. We are thankful for all that he has done for us and excited about his continued support as a member.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR
YOUR STORY.



Our organization is looking for parents of people over 18 who live with intellectual disability and/or autism and who are part of a faith community to participate in a research project. You would complete a one hour interview regarding the spiritual life of your adult child with disability.

Contact us today to learn more about this exciting volunteer opportunity.

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Our February Prayer points

- For Kirk's health and recovery during his medical leave
- For overcoming the challenges facing people with disability in securing stable housing options
- For provision for our Springwood home to continue towards the next steps.



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