

RECC Report for KAC AGM 2020

RECC is the name for our KAC team who intentionally serve as “Relational Evangelists / Community Chaplains”.

Members of this team are those who have undergone the Level 1 Sports Chaplaincy Australia training, or who are interested in doing so. Further training is also available. Here within KAC, we gather each month to pray, consult & support one another. This keeps us all engaged & effective. Though originating in the context of Australia’s sporting context, the training is brilliant for any network or community, whether locally, nationally or globally.

We provide this Level 1 training as needed, including online. It can be done in one session. In 2017, two of these courses were provided within KAC, resulting in the awarding of certificates to 9 KAC members. Bomaderry & Nowra Anglican Church members also underwent this certification process in 2017. Several members of KAC are booked in for the online Level 1 training to be held on 21st April.

It’s now 2020, & the RECC Team, so far, consists of Kareen Edwards, Steve Hackett, Mary Wainwright, Cheryl Pearce, Dave Wilson, Jo Bailey, Rhoda Pooley, Aiden Sibrava & Steve Bligh. A number of others have also been trained, using their giftedness in the emerging Christian Surfers ministry.

The foundational principles we stand on are Biblical. For example, we are Christ’s ambassadors (2 Cor 5:20); those around us - our flock - need our compassion (Mk 6:34); we speak of Christ’s kingdom (Luke 10:9); Jesus is our model (1 Jn 2:6).

As relational evangelists, which is what community chaplains are, our behavior has four characteristics. Firstly, that we are regularly present with our network. Secondly, that we pastorally care for each member of our network - especially listening to them. Thirdly, that we pray for - & with - our network. Fourthly, that we lovingly speak the good news of Jesus to them.

The networks we are so far connected with (our “flocks”) include our neighbours; the people we work with; Berkley Life Centre; women’s associations; RFS; SES; Kiama Golf Club.

God has revealed exciting opportunities for prayerful consideration in the next 12 months:

- A. The coronavirus has caused people to stop, think, and reflect, about life, death, and values

- B. We have telephones, Skype, and Zoom apps to reach bored people who are locked-down at home
- C. KAC Call Club - opportunities for RECC, and opportunities for Call Club supporters to join RECC
- D. BLC 121 Mission - opportunities to do one-to-one Bible studies using TheWord121
- E. BLC Adopt-a-Block - post coronavirus opportunities to do on-the-job RECC training at Berkeley
- F. BLC Mentoring - opportunities for further training and to apply RECC principles in mentoring individuals at Berkeley

The RECC Team seeks new members to join its lively meetings (come and see):

- A. Front-line gospel work is exciting, invigorating, & brings spiritual growth
- B. Sharing testimonies in the RECC Team meetings encourages others to pray, get trained and participate

We are thankful for the support & encouragement of KAC.

Together in Christ's service,

Steve Bligh, Steve Hackett & the RECC Team