

Minutes of Our Lady of Graces Social Justice Group Meeting – Tuesday 6 February 2024

1. **Opening:** meeting opened and welcomed all present including new member Juliana Choe
2. **Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Country:** conducted.
3. **Present:** Henry, Leoni, Roseanne, Juliana
4. **Apologies:** Ravina, Joni, Marie, Paul
5. **Opening Format:** Roseanne asked whether the Acknowledgement of Country should precede the Opening Prayer. To be discussed at the **March** meeting.
6. **Starting Time:** Paul raised a concern that the 5.30 pm starting time might be too early for those in full-time employment and that it might also be a disincentive for parishioners to join the SJG. To be discussed at the **March** meeting.
7. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of 5 December 2023 (Paul) were accepted as a true and correct record.
8. **Queensland Churches Together - 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence (25 Nov – 10 Dec 2023):** Leoni reported that she contacted Carol Danby to see if she could join the planning group for this and future DV events. Carol has reached out to the group to provide an update on progress and the way forward.
9. **Voice Referendum 2023 Review:** Ongoing throughout 2024.
10. **Post-Referendum Workshop:** The Brisbane Archdiocese (Southern & Eastern Deanery area) is holding a Workshop (RAP Information for Parishes and Parish Networking) at The Dominic Centre in February/March 2024. Joni to confirm details.
11. **Closing the Gap:** Ongoing throughout 2024.
12. **OLoG Parish RAP:** Henry to follow up with the Parish Council and Joni with a report back during the first quarter of 2024.
13. **Archdiocese of Brisbane RAP Implementation Plan 2023 – 2025:** Joni to update at the February meeting.
14. **Cherbourg Ration Shed Museum Visit 2024:** The available dates are 8, 14 & 15 May, 11 & 12 June, and 16, 17, 23 & 24 July 2024. It was resolved that a visit to Cherbourg should tie in with either National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) or NAIDOC Week (7 – 14 July). Ravina to co-ordinate. It was further resolved that we would invite neighbouring parishes.
15. **Financial Matters:** Leonie reported that she discussed the details of our annual budget with the Parish Finance Committee and what finance is available for the Cherbourg visit. Leonie to give a full report to the **March** meeting.
16. **Community Refugee Sponsorship Program:** Henry to follow up with the Saints Peter and Paul Social Justice Group (Bulimba) and report back during 2024.
17. **Social Justice Networking:** Paul to inform neighbouring SJGs of the RAP Information & Parish Networking Workshop and the Cherbourg Visit.
18. **2024 Program –** The meeting revised the 2024 Program of Events.
19. **Closing Prayer:** Rosies' Prayer
20. **Closure:** The meeting declared closed.
21. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 5.30 pm.