

LIFE CAMPS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

# President's Report

*Presented at the 2025 AGM*

## **WE HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE.**

Praise God for His great mercies. He continues to be faithful through all things, and we learn of His great works, day after day. Praise His Sovereignty.

Our God, the source of Holiness and the One True God is unchanging, never ending, all powerful, all knowing, ever present.

Time after time we have seen His generous, merciful, gracious, forgiving, loving hand extend across our community as another year of camps' run. Without His Spirit we would be a divided mess! But with Him in our hearts and minds we delight in Unity.

We look forward to continuing to Trust in His eternal unifying Spirit, who has come to us for salvation of mankind. To save all from man's corrupt ways day by day, without ceasing. It is by grace we have been saved, not by works. From grace life flows and we work diligently for more of His peace for all mankind.

Since last AGM we were involved with 10 camps and 421 attendees, including 158 leaders.

Thank you for believing in one mind, one heart, one body. When a collective group of believers gather and work together amazing spiritual love pours out generously, to transform lives for Jesus Christ's sake and glory. You were a part of this!! May you allow the Love to grow and burst forth more in the coming year, as we continue in Faith, Hope and Love for more of God to shine in our community and beyond. We are alive in the John 17 prayer of Jesus to be one as they are one.

We raised \$2,547.90 through Coins for Campers for Mission Without Borders in Eastern Europe and Tumaini Miles of Smiles in Kenya and we are so excited to continue to connect and participate in being generous. Freely receive, freely give. Please look at the link below to read testimonies of kindness shown to children through camps. Reading God's Word and experiencing much love, hope, faith.

<https://www.missionwithoutborders.org.au/> <https://tumainimilesOfsmiles.org/>

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## OUR TEAMS

Our Participants, Members and Church Partners, thank you for your dedication toward LCA and spreading the word about us. Investing time, gifts, talents and money. Many hands, hearts and heads when camps are on lightens the load and gives time for God's love to shine.

We have an awesome team of employees. They have such a trust in God to do good through the efforts they are paid for. They love to do excellent work and have dedicated, kind ways of doing so. They collaborate creatively and work effectively and efficiently. Thanks Beth, Bella and Liz. We Praise God for you being a part of LCA's team. We are so blessed to congratulate Bella and Willem on the coming arrival of their first baby in January 2026.

I would like to acknowledge the Board of 2025. They continue to turn up as volunteers, giving the best they have so LCA has some backbone structures and can function as an incorporated organisation, respected by government regulations. The Board also pray and have dreams for the future of camps expanding and bringing more joy to people's lives through experiencing God.

Outgoing Board Members PHIL ARNOLD. Phil has given us such a rich Spiritual presence, wisdom, encouragement. We will miss him greatly. We wish all the best for he and Nola on their next adventures with God!! THANK YOU.

Incoming Board members ELLA HANDRECK, JOSHI PHILLIP & CAM GILLIES. Welcome to the team so glad to be working together and excited for the upcoming year.

Camps sites have had to change over the past year as the price of ordinary services increases. With change comes challenge and opportunity, which we have found. We are thankful for people to understand the changes and support LCA anyway. I believe regardless of the physical change, the culture of LCA is transferable and we are so grateful for all the leaders and campers who have invested positively to the changes. Navigating newness brings new challenges, but also new opportunity. God is everywhere!!! Thankfully we can hold on to His Spirit in all circumstances. LCA endeavours to keep prices as affordable as possible. We are so grateful for committed donors, who put aside a little each month for LCA and the generous one-off annual donors. Whether giving a little or a lot it is always God who multiplies. So, keep in faith, obedience and service to where God is calling you to give..... and be ready to be amazed!!

We have two camps to finish off 2025, Nourish and Schoolies in Samoa. Thank you for praying for our Father's will to be done on earth as in heaven for these camps. Amen

See you at the AGM reunion!!

Kind regards,

**Natalie Burchett**

PRESIDENT

