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## **THE 2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:**

### **THE CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL (AUSTRALIA) LTD.**

I have been blessed to be able to travel to a number of our churches to encourage our pastors and congregation members during the past twelve months and this combined with a number of celebrations has accorded me the opportunity to discuss first hand with pastors, their own situations within their local church and how we as Directors, can serve them better.

#### **MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:**

**APMF - Our District Supervisor, Pastor Tan and I represented this movement at the Australian Pentecostal Minister's Fellowship Conference held in Brisbane in April 2016. This annual event gives us the opportunity to network across Pentecostal denominational lines with other leaders in an open discussion on future directions and current events.**

**FOURSQUARE USA CONFERENCE - My wife and I, plus a strong contingent of other pastors and leaders attended the 2016 USA International Foursquare Convention in Hawaii mid-year. This is always a melting-pot of extra-curricular meetings and networking across the nations and hugely beneficial for leadership. It brought together nearly 3000 people from 49 USA States and 51 countries for four days of worship, learning, teaching and connecting. The 2017 event is in Washington DC USA from May 29 to June 1. Details at [www.foursquare.org](http://www.foursquare.org)**

**FOURSQUARE AUSTRALIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCES - With the District Supervisor's restructuring of the Women's Ministry Department Pastor Lorelle Magee decided to stand aside from the position of Foursquare Women's President. Pastor Lorelle Magee and her team conducted two very successful Women's Conferences with guest speaker, former Foursquare USA Vice-president, Marion Ingegneri from Phoenix Arizona. Pastor Marion is held in high esteem as an international speaker and leader. The same program was run in Coffs Harbour for northern NSW and QLD and again in Sydney for southern NSW and Victoria.**

**ECFC – The Eastern Council of Foursquare Churches biennial conference held in Perth was an outstanding success and I express our appreciation to the General Supervisor, Pastor Hardy Churlew and his team for delivering as excellent few days. The logistics in accommodating and bussing the many overseas delegates to and from the venue was a considerable undertaking and the West Australian Foursquare office should be congratulated on excellent achievement.**

**NEW ZEALAND FOURSQUARE CONFERENCE – I was blessed again to support Foursquare New Zealand Leaders, Pastors Theo and Manjup Nayagam at their 2016 Foursquare Conference. As always, this is a personal time for refreshing in the Spirit and a golden opportunity to strengthen our already strong ties between the national Boards of both countries.**

#### **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**OSL - Since our last year's Australian Convention, a number of churches are undertaking Pastor Jerry Dierrman's "Operation Solid Lives" (OSL) discipleship and mentoring program. Feedback indicates good reports as people grow in the Word of God. For more information contact Pastor Lorelle Magee. Other church fellowships are undertaking separate programs and are to be commended in training and releasing the next generation of leaders.**

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

**REDIRECTION – Pastors Ding and Josie Cantre: The past twelve months have heralded in a number of important celebrations. I attended the retirement celebration at Homebush Bay for this couple as they stood aside from the position of Senior Ministers at Come To Jesus Foursquare Church, releasing Pastors Jim and Jeng Yap to assume the leadership role. Not one to sit around, Pastor Ding has filled the Overseas Mission Director's position and for the past twelve months has overseen this important portfolio admirably.**

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**FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARIES** – What a delight to also attend the celebrations in quite spectacular fashion for Pastor’s Frank and Josie Yap as they joined many guests to mark their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary during the past year.

**DEPARTURES**

**MOREE** – Pastor Greg Lawson has stood aside from the Senior Pastor position at Impact Church Moree because of illness and his wife and former Foursquare Director, Pastor Kris Lawson has assumed this role during a transition period which will see this leadership role assumed by newly appointed Pastor Joseph Cobb. Please continue to pray for Greg’s healing.

A night of celebration of Greg and Kris’s 30 year milestone at the one church – Moree was held in March. If one could sum up this tenure of service, like so many others in similar Foursquare service, it is faithfulness to the call of God and we salute you.

Sad news was received during the year of the decision of the Caves Beach Foursquare church to withdraw from the movement. While the church congregation which is now very small has left, there is an ongoing situation regarding the denominational buildings and sale of land. It is hoped this situation can be resolved amicably. It is important this meeting is advised of this. However, I am advised legally not to report further on this matter at this time until resolved.

The resignation of the Senior Pastor resulted in a casual vacancy within the Company Directorship which will be addressed during the election of Directors at this AGM. It also meant the necessity of a Board appointment of a new Safe Churches Coordinator. Pastor Judy Bradley has agreed to undertake the training for this position, and she will do this when well enough following her recent accident. Praise God she is on the mend. Please keep her in prayer.

**IN MEMORY**

**PASTOR JOE KARAKA** – We sadly farewelled our beloved Pastor Joseph Karaka in October last year. Joe was recognized across denominational lines as a real Father in the Faith. He pioneered the successful Pentecostal Church at Lithgow and brought it into the Foursquare family of churches in the mid 90’s. Not content to sit still after retiring from the Senior Pastor’s role at Lithgow, Joe went on to commence an outreach church at Cullen Bullen and later at Portland. The Portland outreach – Hosanna Christian Fellowship, is still serving that district as a testimony of this man’s legacy and life that touched so many people along his Christian journey.

**VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

**NEW DIRECTIONS** –

I have an excitement in my spirit of what God wants to do in and through our movement in the next five years. I have presented a plan for restructuring the movement to our Board of Directors at our immediate last meeting prior to the AGM 2017 which was unanimously and enthusiastically received.

The proposal shared at the Pastors’ Advisory Council Meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 as an information piece only will be tabled at the 2017 Annual General Meeting. To implement the restructuring, it will require changes to the Company Constitution. If the Company members agree to the proposal, a further Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be called once the Company Constitutional changes have been drafted. The proposal would not proceed until approved by the majority of members of the Foursquare Company.

The changes proposed will mirror, but not exactly, the local Foursquare Australian church and the Foursquare USA administrative and spiritual form of governance.

I believe for us as a movement to forge ahead in what God is pressing us to do we must begin to streamline our operation to develop in addition to existing portfolios, specific departments for Evangelism, Church Growth/Planting, and Education/Training all operating in a true spirit of unity.

I zealously ask for your continued prayers for each of the Directors who will guide us through these proposed changes. In general terms, some of our Senior men and women overseeing churches do not have younger trained people to carry on the work as they would consider retirement. We have a desperate need to release the next generation of leaders across the body.

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A part of the new initiative being brought to this Annual General Meeting 2017 will be the implementation of a program within the Education/Training Department I am calling NGL (Next Generation Leaders) which will be rolled out within the local church structure.

We currently have plans being developed for a General Office which will go with a Development Application to council. The facility will be stand alone and be fully self-contained. Again I am pleased to advise that the Foursquare Directors unanimously endorsed this initiative.

Once the offices are in place, we will advertise for the position of an administrator to oversee the day to day operation of the movement – Foursquare Church East Australia, which currently encompasses South Australia, Victoria, NSW and Queensland with churches now from Cairns to Melbourne and west to Adelaide.

#### THANK YOU

The Board has assisted churches and members who have been in need in a number of benevolent ways (refer – Financial Statement) during the year.

I take this opportunity to personally thank the Directors and Officers of the Foursquare Church (Aust.) Company who over the past year have served your interests with diligence, ethical standards, financial propriety and a spirit of unity.

My deep personal thanks to Pastors Warren & Judith Mortomore and the incredible team at HopePoint Church again for their hospitality in hosting the venue for the Annual Convention. In particular I thank also their staff who always work tirelessly behind the scenes in advance and during the event.

God bless you all!

I would now move that this Annual President's Report 2017 be received.

Wayne F Magee  
President  
The Church of the Foursquare Gospel (Australia) Ltd.

