

# VCC EMERGENCIES MINISTRY (VCC EM)

## Victorian Council of Churches AGM Report – May 2022

VCC EM continues to provide excellent support and service to affected communities, Local Government municipalities and the Department of Families, Fairness & Housing (DFFH)

Towards the second year of my tenure as CEO I am pleased to confirm that the organisation continues to grow from strength to strength and as the tables and graphs demonstrate in this report is has the capability and capacity, together with the necessary operational arrangements to respond to any request for service. In the last 18 months VCC-EM has had the most requests for Outreach and Secondary Impact Assessments in the history of the organization and, most recently completed its' historic milestone first interstate deployment to the Northern NSW Floods collaborating with our AVECA Partner Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network (DRCN) which is part of the Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT.

### Operations

#### **A total of 63 incident activations from January 2021 to April 2022:**

- Surf Coast Residential House Fire
- Lifespring Church -Murder Suicide Incident
- Aircraft Crash - Mt Disappointment
- Coburg Stabbing Murder, Community Outreach
- DRCN Deployment - NSW Floods
- Whittlesea - Happy Sad Man Event
- Morwell AFL Footy Match
- Rutherglen House flood
- Central Goldfields House Damage - Mini Tornado
- House Fire, Beard St. Armstrong Creek
- Warburton Murder Suicide incident
- Lovell Court House Fire, Geelong
- House Damage, Mooroolbark
- House fire Whittlesea
- House fire - Farmers Road Dumbalk
- House fire Central Goldfields
- Humphries Rd House Fire - Frankston
- Moorabool Shire-June Storm Outreach
- Mantello Drive Housefire, Werribee
- Wellington Shire Council Outreach
- House fire, One tree Rd, Whittlesea
- Red Hill BBQ - Storm Event
- Mornington Peninsula SIA Oct Storm Event
- Moorabool BBQ events - June Storm recovery
- Endeavour Hills Homicide
- House fire Grovedale
- House Fire Wonthaggi
- Macedon Ranges Community Drop-in Meetings
- Petrie St Homicide, Frankston
- Grassmere Housefire – Moyne
- Bessie Belle house fire - Moyne
- Torquay skydiving fatality
- Leonard St. Dandenong House Fire Fatality
- Ariele Apartments
- Tallarook House Fire
- Outreach Visit - Wellington
- House fire - Norlane, Geelong
- Cardinia Community Meeting - Emerald
- Rosedale Caravan Park Outreach - Wellington
- Yarra Ranges Community Meetings
- Wangaratta Shed Fire
- Yarra Ranges Outreach
- Traralgon Floods and Storms
- House Fire - Bass Coast Shire
- Storm Event - Macedon Ranges Outreach
- Storm Event - Cardinia Shire Cockatoo Centre
- Storm Event - Wellington Yarram Centre
- Storm Event - Bass Coast Centre - Krowera
- Storm Event - Cardinia Shire - Emerald Centre
- Lake Bolac House fire
- Belfast Aquatic Centre Drowning
- Power St / City Rd Vehicle Pedestrian Accident
- Skye, Frankston House Fire
- Naroghid Housefire
- Gippsland Community Information Sessions
- Inverleigh Truck Crash
- BUNYIP OUTREACH - 2-year Anniversary
- Stonnington Business Outreach
- Wellington Shire Council Outreach
- Anglesea Beach Drowning
- Darebin Housefire
- Burgess Street Homicide - Tullamarine

## Our Volunteers

While the COVID-19 Pandemic continued to deliver challenges for our service we mitigated the situation well and after the Authorised Worker mandates were issued by the Victorian Government (requiring all staff and Volunteers to be vaccinated) we have over 800 Chaplains available to be deployed!



## Finance & Governance

VCC EM operates on a Financial-year accrual basis for its accounting standard with no significant variations or events to our approved plan or budget for the period. Other notable activities included:

- Financial Year 2020/21 Audit completed, and all required submissions completed, including ACNC (for our Annual Information Statement (AIS))
- Ongoing financial stability with VCC EM in Year 2 of 5-year funding from DFFH (to FY2024/25)

Other key milestones for VCC EM included securing a further 3-year SLA for the Ambulance Victoria Chaplain Pilot Program which will now have over 50 VCC EM Chaplains provide pastoral care to AV staff across Victoria. In addition, VCC EM were successful in securing a Government Grant to continue our digital transformation journey with the implementation of a new CRM and Volunteer management system and the introduction on a Digital Learning Management System for training delivery.

I look forward to sharing our continued growth and achievements moving forward.

Yours in service



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