



2021 annual report

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spreading substantive, maturing,
expanding **joy in God**.



scrutiny

Accountability requires at least two things. First, accountability involves giving an account. This involves being transparent about the state of affairs. Second, accountability involves being held to account. This involves answering questions and facing consequences that arise from the giving of that account. Such accountability is essential to healthy organisations, including churches. But it is also essential to healthy people.

Healthy people maintain a clear understanding of those to whom they are and are not responsible, and for what. And they willingly make themselves accountable to those people in those areas. Such people invite scrutiny not because they live in a culture of fear and suspicion, but for precisely the opposite reason. Healthy people understand that making themselves transparent and inviting scrutiny cultivates trust. And trust leads to better relationships and stronger communities.

But better relationships and stronger communities are not the reason accountability is so important for Christians and Christian assemblies. Rather, accountability is important because it is fundamental to the gospel itself. At the cross, God held Jesus accountable for *our* sins. Because we have been so freely forgiven and reconciled to God in Jesus, we willingly make ourselves accountable in confession to God and those we've wronged. This is why accountability is not only tolerated in Christianity, but welcomed as a blessing. Accountability is the way to life.

we work with you **for your joy.**

—Paul (2 Corinthians 1:24 ESV)



elder's report

Jason Harris

As I reflect on another year at CrossPoint, I am filled with gratitude. God is doing something beautiful among us. As I write, we've just begun our series in Acts where we see the unity of heart that characterised the Christian church in those very first years. Unity is not in itself noble. But unity in a noble cause is. And what could be more noble—more worthy—than to glorify God by enjoying him and to spread that joy to others? This glorying in God himself is at the very core of the Christian faith. It is the purpose not merely for our redemption, but indeed for our very creation. It is “the chief end of man.” Everything else is subsidiary to this one driving purpose. The gospel is precious to us because it restores us to fellowship with the God who is the source of our joy. The preaching of God's word is central in our assembling because it is in God's word that he shows himself to us for our gladness in himself. It is beautiful to see the unity at CrossPoint as we each begin to catch the vision, not only that we can be glad in God, but that we have a part in spreading that joy to others!

looking back

This has been a big year for CrossPoint. In October, we celebrated our 5th anniversary as an assembly. Soon after, we enjoyed our first camp together





at Irvinebank. And this year we held our first Coffee & Prayer hosted events which have been important times of fellowship in prayer.

In June, I invited several people to join me at Port Douglas for our CrossPoint Summit. Our Summit is an annual event where we seek to zoom out for a few hours and assess the broad panorama of where our assembly has been, is, and is going. This year we looked at every ministry we are involved in and everything we do in our gatherings asking ourselves why we do it and whether it could be done better, particularly in light of our purpose as an assembly. This process was highly fruitful and helped to sharpen our focus in a number of areas as we seek to be deliberate about everything we do. Please continue to pray for all our ministry leaders. We need God's help and wisdom.

This year we finished up our series through Galatians and then completed four additional series'. First, we spent six weeks looking at *Sticky Relationships: How the Gospel Gives Power to Stay*. I pray often that "sticky relationships" will be characteristic of the believers in our assembly. Next, we looked at *Enter: JESUS (His Ministry Begins)* where we looked at Jesus' baptism, temptation, first miracle, and temple visit. In March, we began *Good News: The Oracle of Nahum* which was an intense reminder of God's hatred for evil and rescue in Christ. Finally, we finished the year with a short series titled *Loved: A Study in 1 John 4* where we saw the transforming love of God for his own. It was also wonderful to have Douglas sharing from the word this year in John 9 and 10 as well as from Exodus 15.

This year has had its share of pain as well. We continue to be dismayed by the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 global pandemic. We grieve with so many who grieve. And we feel the weight of the burden carried by so many around the country and the world. A number of people in our own assembly have experienced loss this year as well including my family. Sorrow and suffering are not surprising to the believer. We understand that this world is not as it should be; that sin's horrible curse marks all that

how
the *gospel* gives power
to *stay*

it touches. But we also know that sin has been defeated in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We wait eagerly for him to return and set all to rights. May we suffer well. And may we comfort well those who suffer. Until he returns...

looking forward

There are a number of initiatives in process to reach out more effectively to the community around us. One of these is the continual improvement of our website. Hardly a week goes by that does not see some improvement to our website. This is our primary form of communication with the community and I'm very thankful to the team that oversees this work. Another initiative is our new *Information for Guests* that will be available soon. This will be a great way to welcome our guests and let them get to know us a little better. We're also in the process of preparing an experiment in saturation letterboxing where we letterbox the same homes each week for a number of weeks with a different message each week designed to stimulate thought and potentially lead to new connections in the community. Please pray as we explore the possibilities in this area.

Having Douglas involved in the preaching ministry going forward is a real blessing. For me it means some much needed breaks from preaching and the opportunity to sit under the ministry of the word more often. For us, it means a safer pulpit ministry as the word is presented through the gifts

(Enter: JESUS)

his ministry begins

good news

the oracle
of nahum



and experiences and perspectives of more than one person. I sincerely urge you to be in prayer each week for those who are preparing to share from the word. Preaching God's word is a sobering responsibility that is not taken lightly and I know for my part, I find myself often burdened by the weight of it and desiring your assistance in prayer.

There's something else we need to be thinking about this coming year. Our current worship centre has served us well for about five years now, but we have a good problem: It's getting too small! Especially with COVID-19 restrictions on the number of people per square metre. We are still ok for now, but are quickly approaching the time when we will run out of space. This is an issue I would ask you to be thinking and praying about. This is an opportunity for us and I pray that we will seize it with wisdom, courage, and foresight.

I want to close this report by taking a moment to thank every person who gives and serves and leads and loves at CrossPoint. Our giving and serving and leading and loving is not for an elder, or even ultimately for CrossPoint or Cairns; it is for God. I don't know what the coming year will hold, but I do know that he will continue to be all that he is. He will not fail us. He will not let us down, even when we let him down. Because his love for us is rooted, not in our performance, but in the cross of Jesus our shepherd. May all our giving and serving and leading and loving come from the overflow of hearts satisfied in the perfect love of God for us in Jesus.

Peace to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

income statement

for the financial year ended 30 June*

	2021	2020
Income		
Building	572	345
Care	1092	1,100
Craft Night	240	135
Designated	998	873
Domestic violence	320	491
General	14,583	14,189
Mission	542	490
	18,348	17,622
Expense		
Administration	58	35
Advertising	-	10
Building		
Cleaning & supplies	19	-
Furnishings	87	91
Maintenance	8	-
Rent	13,248	12,585
Signage	7	-
Utilities	567	447
Care	1,130	1,040
Ministry		
Books	32	16
Camp	34	-
Carols at the Hospital	-	18
Comfort	-	45
Craft Night	12	-
Lord's table	11	-
Morning tea	54	140
Mission	70	60
Multimedia		
Equipment	313	40
Licences & permits	77	68
Organisational expenses		
Public liability insurance	1,232	1,113
Summit	20	-
Printing and reproduction	31	18
Staff		
Books	104	-
Designated	-	250
Guest speaker	-	100
Phone	-	259
Website costs	-	65
	17,113	16,402
Net income	1,234	1,220

statement of cash flows

for the financial year ended 30 June*

	2021	2020
Inflows		
Assets: GST collected	15	-
Assets: GST paid	1,801	1,548
Expenses: Public liab. insurance	-	106
Expenses: Ministry: Camp	145	-
Donations		
Building	572	345
Care	1,092	1,100
Craft Night	240	135
Designated	150	425
Domestic Violence	350	511
General	14,583	14,189
Mission	592	490
Fundraising	-	-
	19,540	18,848
Outflows		
Assets: GST collected	15	-
Assets: GST paid	1,516	1,464
Administration	-	30
Advertising	-	10
Building		
Rent	13,248	12,585
Utilities	567	447
Care	1,130	1,040
Ministry	-	34
Mission	70	60
Multimedia		
Equipment	178	40
Licences & permits	7	-
Organisational Expenses		
Public Liability Insurance	1,232	1,219
Printing and reproduction	31	18
Staff		
Designated	-	250
Guest Speaker	-	100
Phone	-	259
Income: Domestic violence	30	20
Income: Mission	50	-
	18,074	17,578
Difference	1,467	1,269
Cash at beginning of period	3,793	2,524
Cash available	5,260	3,793

balance sheet

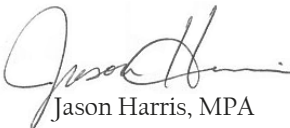
as at 30 June*

	2021	2020
Assets		
GST paid	116	349
Building	1,719	1,147
Care	175	213
Domestic Violence	1,736	1,416
General	352	211
Mission	1,278	806
	5,376	4,142
Liabilities/Equity		
Retained Earnings	5,376	4,142
	5,376	4,142

*All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

statement

These financial reports were prepared by myself and represent to the best of my knowledge an accurate picture of the financial position of CrossPoint Church for the 2020/2021 financial year. The books from which these reports were compiled have not been audited or reviewed this year, as there is no legal or constitutional requirement to do so; however, the books are available for inspection by any member of CrossPoint Church by arrangement.



Jason Harris, MPA

13 July, 2021

they gave themselves first
to the Lord and then to us.

—Paul (2 Corinthians 8:5 CSB)

ministry reports

Each year in our annual report we include ministry reports in order to share what God has been doing in each of CrossPoint's individual ministries as well as to encourage people to pray for where each ministry would like to be headed in the next year. These reports are prepared by the relevant ministry leaders during the year.

If you are interested in seeing a complete list of current ministry leaders, it is now available on our website [[About » Our leadership](#)].

music

Kezia Dennison

The music at CrossPoint is an important part of our time of worship on Sunday mornings and as such, it has always been our goal to be very deliberate in how we do it. The process of choosing songs and each decision about how we do the music each week is thought through and held up to the Gospel and principles in God's word for theologically sound lyrics and wise practice of the music itself. We don't want to just sing whatever the most popular Christian songs are in our Sunday gatherings. We want to be singing songs that draw us to God, stir up our hearts to rejoice in him, drive us to be more like him, and encourage us to praise him. Please be in prayer that God will guide us in this.

Looking back, this past year has brought good things for our music ministry. We were able to procure a cajón which has been a blessing in helping us to keep more in time as we sing and avoid distractions and frustrations in that area. We have also transitioned to two musicians most weeks (where we can) which, I believe, has helped improve our singing.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to our musicians for sharing their talents and gifts in this ministry. I'm also grateful for each voice that joins together to sing on Sundays. It is a great encouragement to my heart to hear God being worshipped joyfully in song in our assembly each week. I look forward to a new year watching God use this ministry for his glory.



morning tea

Mel Thornton

Government restrictions around COVID-19 had impacted how we did morning tea for many months. These restrictions have now been lifted and we are able to resume our normal protocols.

The goal of our morning tea time is to encourage people to stay around and spend time together after the gathering and this continues to be effective.

We have had more people serve in this ministry this year than we did last year which is a blessing. I am thankful for everyone who has participated in this ministry.

Anyone wanting to be involved in the morning tea ministry is welcome to sign up on the date/s they would like to do when the "How can I help?" sheet comes out each quarter.

cleaning

Joy Harris

The goal of the cleaning ministry is to have a clean, orderly, and safe environment that makes guests and regulars feel welcome and shows that God is important to us. Anyone wanting to get involved can sign up on the "How can I help?" sheet on the information table every three months.

Our small area can be cleaned in 30-40 minutes. Anyone can sign up for cleaning the inside and/or the outside of the centre. Simple instructions and where to find cleaning supplies are on the wall in the Trinity Room. This year, we aim to buy a vacuum cleaner so volunteers do not have to bring anything.





domestic & family violence

Joy Harris

In any given week, CrossPoint is in the process of supporting multiple victims/survivors of domestic and family violence and sexual assault. We have a fund which is designed to supplement this support financially. Donations can be given online or by donating cans and bottles. So far, \$298 has been collected from donated cans and bottles. There is a plastic bin next to the sink in the worship centre in which to put your cans and bottles or I would be happy to pick up larger quantities from your home.

Volunteering on Thursday mornings in the DV Safe Room at the courthouse is still suspended due to COVID-19. What every Christian can do is google "domestic and family violence" and learn about this abuse of power that affects so many people in our city and on your street. This will help you recognise abuse and be able to support victims.

	2021	2020
Cash flows		
Opening cash	1,416	925
Inflows	320	491
Outflows	-0	-0
Net cash	1,736	1,416

care

Jason Harris

This year our care fund has focused on needs which are exacerbated by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Specifically, IJM Australia has reported increasing need for the services they provide. Additionally, Rachel Cochrane who does important medical work in Vanuatu has been unable

to travel to Australia for quite some time and is therefore unable to work to earn money that she normally supports herself with. We thank God that we've been able to do more this year in these areas and pray that these situations would ease soon.

It's been wonderful to see our donations to the care fund on par with giving last year but we wish we could do so much more. May God give us hearts that are tender to the needs of others and generous in meeting those needs.

Our goal is to keep our working balance in this fund around \$200. This allows a buffer for meeting any needs that come up suddenly. Every dollar that is given to this account goes directly to supporting carefully vetted beneficiaries. Please see our website for more details on how these funds are distributed.

	2021	2020
Care giving		
Barnabas Fund Australia	-	150
International Justice Mission Australia	200	100
Local community care	-	35
Open Doors Australia	100	100
Rachael Cochrane	730	375
World Vision Australia	100	280
	1,130	1,040

	2021	2020
Cash flows		
Opening cash	213	153
Inflows	1,092	1,100
Outflows	-1,130	-1,040
Net cash	175	213





mission

Jason Harris

The only project we systematically support right now is the Religious Instruction fund which is administered by *Combined Christian Churches RI* of the *Cairns Christian Ministers Network*. This is a vital ministry through which thousands of local young people are introduced to the Christian faith each year by a friendly, qualified Christian instructor using a credible curriculum. Please pray for the many who will be influenced by local Religious Instruction this year.

The limited outflows from this fund are an indication of the great care we take in ensuring that every dollar donated to our mission fund goes toward the explicit proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in Australia and around the world. We work hard to avoid supporting organisations from this fund that focus on political activism or push causes which are tangential to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The increased giving to mission this year is a wonderful indication of the heart of our assembly for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected in Cairns and across the globe. Please pray for the right opportunities for partnering with others in this cause.

	2021	2020
Mission giving		
CCMN Religious Instruction	70	60
	70	60

	2021	2020
Cash flows		
Opening cash	806	376
Inflows	542	490
Outflows	-70	-60
Net cash	1,278	806



website/social media

Kezia Dennison

There is much to report about our website and social media ministry from the past year. First, I'm excited to announce that the prayer request from last year's annual report—the ability to be able to download sermons from our church website and allow people to listen to them offline—was finally made possible last month. Unfortunately, it promptly broke a bunch of other parts of the website and had to be undone for the moment. Alas! such is the world of websites and coding. However, each setback brings us closer to a permanent fix so I have faith that we will get there eventually.

Second, I'm excited that Douglas Corin has joined us on working on our online presence and brings fresh eyes and new enthusiasm to the work. At his suggestion, we now have a CrossPoint YouTube channel. This gives us a space both for older videos (such as the ones posted to Facebook during lockdown last year) and to quickly and easily upload future videos. It will also improve our Google presence so that people looking for churches in Cairns will have a better chance of finding us. This, along with setting up Google Analytics and venturing into the world of SEO among other things, will open doors to new opportunities for both outreach and helping people find us.

Please be in prayer for these developments and that God will guide us in how to best use the wonderful gift of modern technology he has given us. Feel free to subscribe to our new YouTube channel and keep an eye on the church website as we continue to develop it. Please pray that we will be wise stewards of the online spaces we have and that God will use this ministry to spread substantive, maturing, expanding joy in himself.

letterboxing

Kezia Dennison

Letterboxing this past year has been encouraging. We have had many volunteers turn up at the various events throughout this past year and have run out of the flyers we had printed. These flyers were able to cover much of the surrounding area close to our worship centre and rippling outwards to the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Looking forward, we are excited to be undertaking a new strategy in the months ahead where we will be saturating a nearby neighbourhood with a series of six flyers across six weeks. This will be an opportunity to introduce ourselves to the neighbourhood, let them know a bit more about us, offer them a free book, and personally invite them to our Sunday gatherings. Please be in prayer for this undertaking that God will soften hearts to be receptive of the flyers and that he might use this process to draw people to himself. Please also be in prayer that, if it be God's will and timing, he will build his church here at CrossPoint and bring more people along to join together with us in and for the gospel and his glory.



community craft night

Mel Thornton

After a several month hiatus, due to the pandemic, we resumed craft night in June of last year but reduced the frequency of our meetings to once a month.

During that time we had a couple of visitors but with regularly low attendance the decision was made to extend the hiatus until November. Hopefully people will be more inclined to come along a bit further into this pandemic, when they feel the risk is a lot less.

When we resume we will be looking to establish more contacts and create a greater awareness of the Church's presence in our local community.

Please pray that we will have more regular attendees join us when we start back up, and that we may have opportunities to share more of our joy in God with those who join us.

facilities

Jason Harris

Place is crucial to ministry. Having a safe, dry, commodious place to gather is not necessary, but it makes spiritual ministry much more effective. God has blessed us with an excellent worship centre for which we are thankful. But we are mindful that as we grow, larger facilities will be necessary.

There are several things we need to be doing in order to prepare for this. First, we need to pray for God's provision. Ultimately, it is God who meets the needs of his church.

Second, we need to do better at paying our rent for this current worship centre on time every time. This is something we should be doing anyway and will help us establish good credit.

Third, we should consider saving up a down payment toward a more permanent facility in the future. Our building fund exists for this purpose. Donations to the building fund will not be spent on rent or maintenance of the current worship centre. They will be saved toward an eventual purchase. If each of us were to make even a very small donation toward this fund each week, we would move ourselves much more quickly toward a point of being able to get more permanently established.

	2021	2020
Cash flows		
Opening cash	1,147	802
Inflows	572	345
Outflows	-0	-0
Net cash	1,719	1,147

I have told you these things
so that **my joy may be in you.**

—Jesus, (John 15:11 CSB)

