ALBANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2026



AGM 23rd August 2026

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AGENDA: SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026

Welcome and Prayer: Rev. Michelle Shin

In Memoriam: Time of silence as we remember our dear friends and valued members of Albany Presbyterian Church: Dorian's dearly loved husband, **Toni Jacobs**; Anna's lovely 'man', **Kerry Johnstone**; **Jan Lee**, a dear friend to all who knew her; and Narin's dear Mum, **Sonia Yang**.

Present: (Attendance sheet to be circulated.)

Apologies:
Moved that these apologies be accepted.
Moved and seconded by _____

Minutes of AGM 24 August 2025:
Moved that the Minutes of the AGM 24 August 2025 are a true and correct record.
Moved and seconded by _____

Matters arising from last year:

1. **Reports –** Taken as read.

Moved that the AGM Reports, excluding Finance (to be discussed separately) be received.
Moved and seconded by _____

a. Minister
b. Session
c. Managers
d. Treasurer
e. Sunday School
f. Care Team
g. Ladies' Bible Study

Questions??

2. **Finances –** Report by Eric Lucus.

Moved the Financial Report be received.
Moved and seconded by _____

3. **Budget 2026-2027**

Time for questions?

Moved that the Budget for 2026-2027 be approved.
Moved and seconded by _____

4. **Vote of Thanks**

5. **General Business**

ALBANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES: SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2025

Welcome and Prayer: Rev. Michelle Shin

In Memoriam: Time of silence as we remember John's wife, **Margaret Ranson**; and Bev's husband, and our dear friend and valued member of the APC congregation, **Foster Watkinson**.

Present: Rev. Michelle Shin, Kyeong Tae and Young Sook Kim, Warwick and Helen Simons, Kathy Roots, Shirley Jensen, Roberta Venter, Ling Ma, Eric Lucas, Cliff Zhang and Sunny Liang, Smiley Zhang, Payne Sun, Sean Sun, Michael and Rebecca Naisali, Bill and Barbara Ellis, Andrew Dunn, Bev Watkinson, John Ranson, Yong Wang, Adrian Skinner and Sarah Webster, Stephen Howie, Peter and Johneen Atkinson,
Leonard Gildenhuys, Carrie Turner, Rosemary Johnson, Jim Bolton, Alan Nees, Yingzi (Judy) Zhang and Mark He, Bruce and Caroline Cowan, Ernie Schache,
Anthony and Joanne Moorcroft, Michael and Edith Heyns, Si Cheng Yang,
Kyunghee Kang and Bangwoo Shin, Jason Alex and Hadley Wilson, Raymond Liu, Marie Ellis, Warren Deason, Alfred Hassencamp, David and Bev Tripp, Lucas Lututaonga, James Akers.

Apologies: Maurice Ellett, Karen Day, Phil and Ali Norton, Toni and Dorian Jacobs, Cherrie Leefe, Kerry and Anna Johnstone, Patricia Kennedy, Sue Deason,
Jane Howie, Sam Howie, David Howie.

Zoom Participants: Heidi Hassencamp, Anne Aalbers, plus Kerry and Anna Johnstone who had sent in their apologies listed above.

Moved that these apologies be accepted.
Moved and seconded by Helen Simons / Carrie Turner. **Agreed.**

Minutes of AGM 25 August 2024:
Moved that the Minutes of the AGM 25 August 2024 are a true and correct record.
Moved and seconded by Helen Simons / Bill Ellis. **Agreed.**

Matters arising from last year – No matters arising.

No questions were asked.

1. **Finances –** Report by Eric Lucas.

Eric has written a comprehensive report on our church finances, and this is available in the Albany Presbyterian Church Annual Reports 2025, pages15-21.
Eric addressed the meeting by saying how well we did last year, reaching our target of $150,000 with freewill offerings. He also appreciated the fact that most members gave their freewill offering via direct bank transfer which helped reduce the administrative tasks for the Treasurer.
Eric thanked David Tripp (APC Administrator) for all the work he does to support him with the day-to-day finances.

2. **Budget 2025-2026**

Most of our expenses are set. For the July 2025 to June 2026 Budget, 2 ½ % inflation has been allowed.
(See the Budget in the Annual Reports, page 22.)

No questions were asked but John Ranson thanked Eric for doing such an amazing job as Treasurer and being so efficient with all he does.

Moved that the Finance Report and the Budget for 2025-2026 be approved.
Moved and seconded by Eric Lucas / Jim Bolton.

3. **Vote of Thanks**

Rev. Michelle Shin thanked all the congregation for all the work they do for our church. She said, “So many people work behind the scenes to get tasks done.”
Michelle publicly acknowledged the Board of Managers who look after the property, the Elders of APC, David Tripp in his role as APC Administrator and Helen Simons as Session Clerk.
Rosemary Johnson thanked Michelle for the lovely, inspiring Reflections she gives each Sunday.

4. **General Business**

There were no items raised in General Business.

Blessing: Michelle closed in prayer, and we shared the Blessing with each other.

The AGM closed at 11:15am.

Minister's report

to the Annual General Meeting of Albany Presbyterian Church 2026

Looking back on the last twelve months as we anticipate the AGM of APC, I am ever grateful for the blessing of God upon our lives as a congregation, a people of God, a community of faith.

As I am in my third year with APC, I continue to appreciate the aroha in our community that is often invisible and not celebrated.

I think of those who have gone before us. Those who gave their time and care to the community, who have inspired faith, service and the importance of faith lived out in everyday living.

Church is people, and Church is the visible presence of God where Jesus is the head.

In that, though we are not perfect, we strive to be God-fearing, followers of Christ in what we do and see and love.

And I am grateful to be yoked together with Christ with you, in ever-growing, ever-changing, and ever-transforming community and body of Christ.

John Stott says in his book, "The Living Church", that the church lies at the very Centre of the eternal purpose of God. He also says that the church is not a random thought or an accidental get-together of like-minded people, and that we are to realize and fulfil God's purpose.

Interesting thought and framework to reflect on. So, I have reflected on our being church together for the past year with the help of John Stott, "the living church."

As a starting point, he said we can learn from the early church, going back to Acts 2, that the church is to be a learning church together, learning the way of God and of Jesus through prayer and study of the Word, and through reflection and practical living out of what we hear and learn. In our own way, that is what APC has been doing, with regular worship where the Word of God is preached, and with studies in groups, including the Thursday group, the Tuesday women's Bible study, and seasonal studies around Lent and Advent.

Secondly, the living church is a caring church. As Acts 2: 44 says, all the believers were together and had everything in common… they gave to anyone as he had need. Not sure how we do this, realistically. We do this through our Sunday offering of money and food for those in need. Kathy Roots' Pyjama drive and Jessica's 40-hour famine, I believe, are part of living out that aspect of being church together.

We care for one another in other ways. Recent soup Sundays are one example. Inviting out for meals and Men's Coffee group on Wednesday are great ways of living that purpose. Together with the Fellowship lunch, which continues to bring people together on Wednesday in the first week of the month, these offer an opportunity to get to know one another in a deeper and different way. I know how we pray for one another when we are faced with loss, illness, or the concerns and fears we have in our lives or our relationships. We are a community who prays.

Thirdly, APC is a worshipping community, and we are drawn together to worship God. This is our common practice, drawing us closer to Jesus and to one another. We are diverse in our understanding and practice of faith yet united in the love of God. Celebrating Eucharist or communion on the first and third Sundays of the month invites deeper, more meaningful engagement and celebration of God being with us through Jesus Christ. Music, prayers, and creativity, not only in September but also in other months, allow diverse cultures and expressions of faith for the good of the church of Christ. We strive to be a church that welcomes children and young people, enabling their participation and celebration of their place in our community. The Christmas celebration of the Sunday School, and the occasional coming together of a band and India's singing, elevate our active practice of worship. It is also a great treasure to have a choir coming together to praise God in the services of worship. As they are a treasure to us, they are a treasure to God. I celebrate the many talents and gifts in APC and how we live out our faith together, not merely as passive receivers but as active givers of worship. Of course, we have been blessed with deep spirituality in worship. Contemplative services have been a part of our past and are also present through Holy Week meditation and Advent celebrations.

Lastly, the living church reaches out to the community. One of the ways we have done this is through our student ministry at Massey. It is easier said than done, and in so many ways we are called to be the gospel in all that we are, mind, body and spirit. This is a challenging but much more powerful way of sharing the gospel with those who might not know about the love of God. In a quiet, unassuming way, we have offered Christ's love to the students we meet by offering hospitality and conversations about life and meaning, which are spiritual questions. I am grateful for the way Helen and Warwick, Carrie and Yong, Barbara and Bill, and Johneen and Young Sook offered their time and their biscuits.

AGM in the church gives us an opportunity to reflect on how we are as a church. And I hope in this way, I could also invite you to think about how we are the living and breathing church of Christ. It also invites us to think about what we can do more, better, and deeper (deeper engagement, for example, with caring for one another). I am confident to say Albany Presbyterian Church is a living Church. Though we experience changes in our seasons, there is a sense of loss with the seasons of life. I am aware that things are not what they used to be. But by faith we know that nothing is lost; all is to gain in Christ Jesus.

But God has called us to be the church, where each of us are member, and as for a congregation with a new minister on its third year, we lived well, friends of APC, and so we deserve to celebrate who we are and whose we are: that we belong to God, that Jesus leads us, and that the Spirit lives in us and around us.

Thanks be to God for all His blessings.

Michelle J S Shin

Minister

Session:

Session Members
Rev. Michelle Shin, Peter Atkinson, Robyn Bolton, Karen Day, Stephen Howie, Joanne Moorcroft, Helen Simons (Session Clerk), Carrie Turner.
Maurice Ellett (presently on leave from Session).

Session Report: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

As much as sitting down to write this report is not my favourite activity, I do love how it makes me think of you all, the people of Albany Presbyterian Church, as we look back on the past year. Thank you, Michelle, for all you do for us as our minister – the pastoral care and love you give us, as well as providing spiritual guidance through our Sunday morning worship services.

Session warmly welcomed back two Elders, Joanne and Carrie, who had stepped down from Session for personal reasons. It is great to have you both back with us again.
Maurice Ellett is presently on leave. Maurice has given many years of commitment to Session. He has such a wealth of knowledge and expertise in many areas, and we miss your sense of humour!
We hope to see you back when the time is right for you.

I am sure the highlight of the year for us all is the Children's Christmas Service in December. The choir gets together to sing in the arrival of Advent and then a couple of weeks later, the angels, shepherds and sheep, wise men, Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus arrive to tell, in song, verse and splendid acting, the real meaning of Christmas.

On Sunday 8 March 2026, we celebrated with Eric and Denise, the baptism of two of their grandchildren. Tom and Jessica Lucas presented their son, Jack; and Claire and Chester Espie brought their daughter, Isla, forward for baptism. What a beautiful occasion for the Lucas family and, for our Albany Presbyterian Church family, we thank God for the life of these little ones and pray that they will grow each day to love and follow Jesus Christ.

Two couples from APC celebrated their weddings during this year. Yu Cho Gan and Si Cheng Yang were married in our church on Tuesday 11 November 2025. Mitchell Watson and Brigette Priestley were married on Saturday 31 January 2026 at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Gordonton. May God bless you with many years of love and happiness.

On Sunday 31 May 2026, APC farewelled Phil and Ali Norton as they moved to their new home in Snells Beach, just out of Warkworth. Phil and Ali were both very valued members of APC, who actively participated in various tasks in the church – a friendly welcome at the door, serving morning tea, Phil on the sound desk and Ali willingly taking her turn on the piano roster. Thank you for being our friends at APC, we miss you, and we pray that you find a new spiritual home where you can serve and worship God.

Ecclesiastes 3 tells us there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens … a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. And over this last year we have had times of laughter and times of mourning.

On 24 September 2025, Toni Jacobs passed away. Toni gave of his time and shared his practical knowledge to help with the rebuilding of the church after the original church was destroyed by a tornado. He was a valued member of Managers and was our Treasurer for many years. His welcoming smile and sense of humour is missed. Our love and sympathy to you, Dorian.

We were all shocked and saddened to hear Kerry Johnstone had died suddenly on 11 December 2025. Kerry was always just part of Albany Presbyterian Church. He would arrive early on Sunday mornings to greet us, standing just outside the front door, because Kerry cared for people. His ex-school teaching skills came to the fore as Kerry became an Elder and then took on the role of Session Clerk for many years. But it was Kerry's love of words, love of language, combined with his unique sense of humour that many of us remember him for. Kerry contributed to church life through his humorous verse; sock poems, soup poems, Sir David Attenborough impersonations and much more. Kerry's harmonious tenor voice could be heard during congregational singing, and he was a very valued member of our APC choir. Thank you, Anna, for sharing "your man" with us all, and we continue to uphold you and your family in God's love as you navigate life without Kerry.

Many of us knew Jan Lee who died on 11 January 2026. While Jan was no longer attending APC, she was a valued member of the Ladies Study Group and before that, she attended the Friday Night Bible Study Group. Jan spent much of her life translating the Bible into the Waskia language, visiting Papua New Guinea often and supporting them financially. Next to Christ and her wider family, this was her big love. For several years, this was one of Albany Presbyterian Church's main missions and Jan would keep us updated during church services as to what was being done in Papua New Guinea. Jan showed great kindness and generosity. Her funeral service was held at St. John's Anglican Church in Campbells Bay.

Sonia Yang passed away on 5 May 2026, holding on to her strong faith which helped her deal bravely through times of long illness and challenging treatments. Sonia was quiet, unassuming with a warm sense of humour and a beautiful smile. She was wonderfully cared for by her daughter, Narin. We uphold you, Narin, with our love and in our prayers, as you continue to navigate your new way of life without your Mum.

May all of us, here at APC, feel God's love and peace as we grieve for our own family or friends who have died. God's comfort will surround you.

The time of Lent, leading up to Easter, began with a Lenten Study for five Sundays, led by Michelle. Holy Week Reflections were taken by Michelle and Warren, culminating in our Good Friday service with Holy Cross Anglican Church and Albany Baptist Church. We began the service at the Anglican Church, carried the large wooden cross to APC where the service concluded, followed by a time of fellowship over a cuppa and hot cross buns. Rev. Michelle Shin led our Easter Sunday worship.

Session and Managers

After many years of Session meeting at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month, this year we have been meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, at an earlier time of 7:00pm. Rev. Michelle Shin chairs our Session meetings in which we have a time of prayer and discussions as we work together to oversee the church's spiritual life and mission.

Session Elders held a Visioning Retreat on 21 February 2026, where we came together to discern who we are in God, as a person, as an elder and as a member of Albany Presbyterian Church. What is God calling us to do as we are spiritually walking our life of faith, day by day?

The Board of Managers ensure that all those "little jobs that need to be done" are actually completed and our buildings and grounds are kept well maintained. Health & Safety requirements are also adhered to – we all know the sound of the bell ringing to say we need to evacuate the building! Fortunately, only a fire drill, but we do need to be prepared.

Thank you, Jim, for chairing the Managers' meetings. Thank you, Eric, for being our APC Treasurer and keeping a close eye on our church finances. Much of the work of the Managers is done outside of Sundays, people pop up to the church at different times during the week to fix a problem. We are grateful for all you do – thank you.

Communication

As I mentioned in church recently, the highlight of our week is Wednesday evening, 7:00pm, when we are waiting in anticipation for David Tripp to send us the Weekly Notices! This form of communication is important for all of us in helping to keep us updated and informed about the various activities that are on in the coming week. Thank you, David, for all the work you, and Bev, do behind the scenes to keep us informed, and as the connection between APC and the community.

Joanne Moorcroft leads the Prayer Team so if you have a prayer request, Joanne is the contact person and will send your prayer needs to the Prayer Team. When Joanne is away on holiday or unavailable, Carrie Turner willingly steps in as the contact person. Each week at church, a small group of the congregation is mentioned, by name, during the Community Prayer. Carrie emails these people on Sunday afternoons, with verses of encouragement from the Bible. Thank you both, Joanne and Carrie, for this important ministry you do.

Sunday Services

We have been privileged to have Rev. Michelle Shin as our minister. She brings a wealth of Biblical knowledge, preaching the gospel and sharing God's love with all she meets. The Lenten and Advent studies Michelle has led, always challenge us and enable us to grow more in the love of God.

When Michelle has not been available to lead the morning services, others have willingly stepped in to take the service. Sincere thanks to the following people who have taken services during this last year:

Warren Deason, Peter Atkinson, Joanne Moorcroft and the Ladies' Study Group, Sunday School and Youth Group and their teachers, Helen Simons, Anne Aalbers.

Thank you to those of you who participate with Bible Readings and Community Prayers. The variety people bring to our church services enriches our understanding and faith.

Music is such a valued addition to a church service, and we thank Johneen Atkinson for organising the piano roster. Thank you to the pianists: Johneen, Warren Deason and Sue on the flute, Helen Simons and Warwick on the guitar, Ali Norton and Cherrie Leefe. Also, thanks to the Howie family band, Robyn Bolton on cello, Catriona Cory on clarinet and Cherrie Leefe on violin to accompany the choir. Johneen spends many hours sorting accompaniments and music for the choir, and it is lovely having the choir sing for special occasions. One such occasion was being able to join with The Pohutukawa Singers as we sang together at Kerry Johnstone's memorial service in January. We did miss that strong tenor voice, as Kerry had sung in both our church choir and The Pohutukawa Singers.

Fellowship Lunch
This is our second year hosting the Fellowship Lunch on the first Wednesday of the month. People bring a small plate of food to share, and we enjoy lots of laughs and a good catch-up with one another. This lunch provides an opportunity to get to know each another in more depth, in a relaxed atmosphere.

Tea for Soul
We have been going to Massey University each Friday from 10:00am-12:00pm and offering the students a cup of tea and homemade biscuits. We provide a place to sit and chat, as many of the students are from overseas and have not been in New Zealand very long – often without family support or many friends. It also gives us a broader outlook to life in other countries as we hold conversations with the students. Many students return each Friday, so we are slowly beginning to recognise each other. This is such an uplifting time for all involved.

Thank You
"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."
1 Corinthians 12: 27

Session appreciates all that you do for Albany Presbyterian Church – some of it is seen, much of it is done quietly in the background:
Friendly welcome and smile at the door on Sunday mornings, floral arrangements, preparing a 'cuppa', manning the sound desk, clicking the clicker for the PowerPoint, counting the offering, giving items to the foodbank, delivering the foodbank items, cooking for others and adding food to our freezer, preparing communion, soup makers for our Soup Sundays, taking photos, contributing articles for the APC Newsletter, visiting people, attending working bees, contributing to the Creative Month, curating our Creative Month, Sunday School teachers, those who plan social events for us, praying for others.

On behalf of Session, thank you all for being such valued members of our Albany Presbyterian Church family. APC cannot function fully without your unique presence. God loves each one of us and may we all feel the love and peace of God as we worship at church together and then take that love out into the community each day of the week.

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Romans 15: 5-6

Helen Simons
Session Clerk

Managers:

Firstly, we welcomed Judy Zhang onto our committee, as our new secretary, replacing Heidi Gildenhuys. Thank you for all your years of service Heidi.

A Cross for the front of the church was sourced by Paul Dreyer, at no cost to the church. The Cross was installed during the November working bee.

A smart TV was purchased and installed in the Sunday school classroom at the same working bee.

Our lawn mowing contractor retired after many years of mowing our grounds. Leonard arranged for the replacement lawn contractor.

It came to the Committees attention that the roof of the Arohanui Building was leaking. Planning started to find a solution in November. In February, new roof capping, re-screwing of the entire roof and a complete re-paint was completed. Also, blinds were purchased for room 4 and some new carpet was laid in room 2.

In March, Peng Sun joined our committee.

The main Church door shifted and began jamming in March. It was repaired.

Warwick and I chemically scrubbed the main deck.

In April we had a well-attended working bee.

It was felt that the current booking system for tenants was too expensive. (We are paid up to the end of the year). Warwick has been tasked with the review of the booking system. Jason Zhang and Mitch have been very helpful with this.

Eric was concerned with the valuation of the church buildings regarding insurance purposes. He thought the buildings were valued too highly. He contacted Paul Dreyer for a review of the valuation. Paul believed a more realistic value was 2.9 m, well below what had been previously assessed.

Warren's Liturgical Book collection has been now housed in a new shelving recess in the older Lodge area. Thank you to Peng and Warwick for building the shelves. Thank you to Jenny for cataloguing and arranging the books.

Of concern, Eric reports the free will offerings are 7% below the budget for this year.

Karen Day joined us as our new Session Representative, replacing Maurice Ellet. Thank you for your service on Managers, Maurice. Karen has been tasked with looking into a database, so all the church documents can be stored in one place electronically.

Thank you to all the Manager's for their service and support to Albany Presbyterian Church during this year.

Jim Bolton

Chairperson

Finance:

Introduction

1. I attach a copy of the annual financial statements for Albany Presbyterian Church (APC) for the year ended 30 June 2026, and a budget for the year ending 30 June 2027.

Results

2. Freewill offerings reduced marginally compared to the year ended 30 June 2025, despite our hoping at the start of the year to increase funds from that source.
3. Rental income increased by around 6% thanks to David Tripp's good work with tenants.
4. This was offset by a decline in interest income, which reflects lower interest rates prevailing during the year.
5. We again obtained the benefit of some income which Michelle generated directly assisting in provision of pastoral education courses.
6. In total, our income was $212,000, down around 2% from the previous year.
7. Most of our expenses remain fixed.
8. Minister's Stipend and Allowances fell slightly as we had to accrue for increased holiday pay and study leave entitlements as at 30 June 2025, as well as cash costs; the aggregate of such balances was largely unchanged as at 30 June 2026 so costs for the year ended 30 June 2026 are almost entirely cash costs only.
9. Repairs and Maintenance costs were substantially down during the year although we did incur some unexpected roof maintenance costs on the Arohanui building.
10. Other costs are largely routine, and our net result was a loss of $1,841.
11. Our cash reserves have risen by approximately $6,000 in the year, compared to the reported loss of $1841. In broad terms, the difference is essentially explained by the depreciation charge of $8,125.

Budget for year ending 30 June 2027

Costs

12. As many of you will be aware, the majority of APC's costs are essentially fixed and unavoidable (Minister's stipend, insurance, Presbytery levies, administrative wages, power, cleaning et cetera). The minister's stipend has been fixed for the current year; for other costs we have generally allowed a 2.5 % inflationary uplift.
13. In addition to our normal and largely fixed operating costs, Session has budgeted a $5,000 allowance for Local and Overseas Mission.
14. The result of the above is that we have budgeted to incur operating expenses of $223,000 (including depreciation) in the year.

Income

15. We have budgeted for rental income of $55,000 for the year (a 2.5% uplift) and interest of $8,000, which on current deposit renewal rates may prove to be a little optimistic.

16. Given the foregoing, in order to approximately break even, we would need to generate $160,000 from freewill offerings in the absence of receiving some other income (e.g., bequests). This would amount to an uplift of around 8% on the previous year's offerings.

17. In the meantime, Managers will continue to minimise spend wherever possible.

Other

18. While undertaking the roof maintenance at Arohanui, we have become aware that the roof in the ski lodge is for practical purposes, worn out, and will need replacing in the next couple of years. Costs are likely to be in the order of $35,000, so we will need to consider how to raise further funds to cover the outlay, in addition to routine running costs.

Conclusion

19. Thank you for your continuing generous financial contributions which enable APC to continue to function.

20. If any members have any questions, please call me. I shall do my best to answer them.

Eric Lucas - Treasurer



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Results Summary

Income Statements for Years Ending 30 June	2026	2025
	$	$
Income		
Freewill Offerings	148,145	149,532
Special Donations		
Rent	51,632	48,822
Sundry Income	4,178	5,517
Legacy		
Interest	7,998	12,534
Total	211,954	216,406
Expenses		
Ministers Stipend and Allowances	132,443	137,596
Insurance	7,857	7,580
Repairs and Maintenance	14,752	44,407
General Parish	10,767	10,450
Presbytery Levies	11,560	11,408
Mission / Appeal / Gifts	4,500	4,300
Administrative Wages	12,530	10,346
Other	11,260	9,087
Depreciation	8,125	9,127
	213,795	244,300
(Loss) / Profit	(1,841)	(27,894)

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June	2026 $	2025 $
Fixed Assets		
Land and Buildings	174,170	177,663
Other	8,698	13,330
	182,868	190,993
Current Assets		
Sundry Debtors	217	186
Cash and Short Term Deposits	242,665	236,670
	242,883	236,857
Total Assets	425,751	427,850
Current Liabilities	8,122	8,380
Net Assets	417,629	419,470
Equity	417,629	419,470
Movements in Equity		
Balance Brought forward	419,470	447,364
(Deficit) / Surplus for Year	(1,841)	(27,894)
Balance Carried Forward	417,629	419,470

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Cash Flow Statement

For Years Ended 30 June	2026 $	2025 $
Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Donations	148,145	149,532
Rentals	51,601	50,536
Other	12,177	18,052
Payments -Minister's Stipend	(132,443)	(129,807)
Presbytery	(11,560)	(11,408)
Repairs and Maintenance	(14,752)	(44,407)
Other	(47,172)	(41,973)
	5,995	(9,475)
Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
Purchase of Fixed Assets		(2,895)
Movement in Cash and Short Term Deposits	5,995	(12,370)

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Reporting Equity

Albany Presbyterian Church (APC) is a congregation established under the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa and New Zealand dated 29 September 2006, (as amended October 2008, October 2010, October 2012, and November 2014).

Basis for preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP). They comply with the Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not for Profit) Standard (PBE SFR – A (NFP)) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board of the External Reporting Board.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out in note 4.

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of the financial performance and financial position on a historical cost basis have been used.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

APC makes certain estimates and assumptions regarding the future. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are considered to be reasonable under the circumstances. In the future, actual experience may differ from these estimates and assumptions.

Accounting policies

The following accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of the Income Statement and Balance Sheet have been applied.

a. Revenue Recognition
   Donations are recognised when received. Rental income and Interest are recognised on an accruals basis.
b. Property, Plant and Equipment
   Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses if any. Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to APC. All other ongoing repairs and maintenance costs are recognised in the income statement as incurred.

Property, plant and equipment is de-recognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use. Any gain or loss arising on the recognition it included in in the income statement when the asset is to be recognised.

Depreciation is calculated on a diminishing value basis over the expected economic useful life of an asset. Asset lives are reassessed annually. The following depreciation rates have been used: –

Plant and Equipment 25% to 40%

Buildings 2%

c. Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

APC's non-financial assets are subject to impairment test whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable. When the carrying value of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is written down.

Impairment charges are included in the Income Statement.

d. Financial Assets

APC classifies its financial assets at amortised cost. They are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to their acquisition or issue, and subsequently carried out at amortised cost less provision for impairment. APC's financial assets measured in amortised cost comprise trade under the receivables, and cash and cash equivalents.

Cash and Short-Term Deposits include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, and other short-term (maturity within 12 months of balance date) deposits.

e. Financial Liabilities

All of APC's Current Liabilities are financial liabilities. They are initially recognised at fair value net of any directly attributable transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost. They comprise trade and other payables.

f. Goods and Services Tax

Revenues and expenses have been recognised in the financial statements exclusive of GST. All items in the balance sheet are stated exclusive of GST except for receivables and payables which are stated inclusive of GST.

Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings $	Plant and Equipment $	Total $
2026			
Opening Cost	291,243	63,215	354,458
Opening Accumulated Depreciation	113,580	49,885	163,465
Opening Book Value	177,663	13,330	190,993
Closing Cost	291,243	63,215	354,458
Closing Accumulated Depreciation	117,073	54,517	171,590
Closing Book Value	174,170	8,698	182,868
2025			
Opening Cost	291,243	60,320	351,563
Opening Accumulated Depreciation	110,015	44,323	154,338
Opening Book Value	181,228	15,997	197,225
Closing Cost	291,243	63,215	354,458
Closing Accumulated Depreciation	113,580	49,885	163,465
Closing Book Value	177,663	13,330	190,993

The land and buildings have a current rating valuation of :-

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Land	2,125,000
Buildings	1,325,000
Total	3,450,000

Contingent Liabilities

APC had no contingent liabilities at balance date (2025: nil).

Capital Commitments

At balance date APC had no capital commitments (2025 nil).

No significant events have occurred since 30 June 2026 which require adjustment to or disclosure in these financial statements.

Overall Budget
Albany Presbyterian Church
Year Ending 30 June

	2027 Budget $
Income	
Freewill offerings (201)	160,000
Interest Received (274)	8,000
Rent Received (277)	54,896
Total Income	222,896
Less Operating Expenses	
ACC Levies (285)	357
Accountancy Fees (Xero) (287)	739
Computer Expenses (313)	37
Equip purchases (445)	1,097
General Parish Expenses (320)	11,378
Insurance (340)	8,053
Light Power & Heating (384)	2,939
Minister Supervision (402)	871
Ministers Beneficiary Fund (406)	6,251
Ministers Stipend (404)	131,075
Ministers Supply fees (405)	1,042
Ministry Youth (407)	683
Local and Overseas Mission (421)	5,000
PCANZ/Presbytery Levies (430)	12,082
Printing, Photocopying & Stationery (431)	1,227
Repairs and Maintenance (450)	15,868
Sunday School/Youth Group (329)	1,000
Telephone & Internet (464)	1,218
Wages - Admin (288)	12,565
Water (442)	1,113
Total Operating Expenses	214,597
Surplus Before Depreciation	8,299
Less Depreciation	
Depreciation Charge (451)	8,000
Net Profit	299

Sunday School

The children's ministry has been blessed with keen and able Sunday School teachers over the past year.

We, unfortunately, must farewell Hadley, Jason and daughter, Grace. We wish them well in their life based in Orewa.

We would like to thank Edith Heyns, Yong Wang, Rosemary Johnson, Emily Cory and Catriona Cory for their valuable teaching contribution to the Sunday School.

The teachers have been using material and ideas from 'Trueway Kids'. This free online resource has illustrated Bible stories, activity sheets, suggestions for games and songs.

We appreciate the children's talk (by Michelle and others) before going out to Sunday School, and the prayer to bless them. Through this talk, everyone in the church gets to know a little about each child.

A highlight of last year would have to be the annual Sunday School and Youth Christmas service. In the retelling of the Nativity story – Sam Howie had a series of dreams involving different groups of angels allowing him to see Christmas with a fresh perspective again. This year the theme is already set, and we look forward to sharing our performance with you.

On Saturday, 13th June we held a very successful Games Night for the Sunday School children. They were encouraged to bring a friend, which most of them did! Helen & Warwick brought their grandchildren. After a series of exciting games and prizes, there was a delicious supper. Many of the parents stayed on to mix and mingle with each other. The event was a resounding success to be repeated next year.

In summary, it has been a year of blessings. We average 3 to 5 children each week. With prayer, friendship and outreach we hope that number will grow in the next year. It would be amazing to have a few more teachers too! Thank you everyone for your support.

Blessings

Robyn Bolton and Cherrie Leefe

The Care Team:

The Care Team aims to ensure that assistance is provided to those in our faith community who are in need of practical or spiritual support. This is done alongside our Care Groups which are intended as each person's first port of call - the small, local group each member belongs to, led by one of our Elders. Where a Care Group needs extra assistance the Care Team can step in to help. We would encourage you all to check which Care Group you are in (see the list on the noticeboard), get to know the other members, and make use of this assistance when needed.

This year we have deeply felt the loss of Kerry Johnstone, a quietly caring, dedicated and much-loved church member and a stalwart of the Care Team over many years. Sonia (Sungwook) Yang also succumbed to illness after very bravely undergoing long and taxing treatment, and, like Kerry, her deep faith throughout was a strong witness to us all.

Several others from our church have been dealing with significant health issues, some of which are ongoing and challenging. This is where the care structure of our church attempts to fill any gaps and supplement the care available from within the person's family. This can take the form of offers of transport to appointments, meals, practical assistance or simply company – another rather underrated but much needed aspect of care. We are also supported by the Managers who sometimes organise working bees to help with basic property maintenance.

The powerful, faithful prayers by the Prayer Team, led by Joanne Moorcroft, is another form of support available to all who request this confidential service – a real comfort at times of any kind of distress and anxiety. We thank the Prayer Team members for their willingness to pray for others.

The church freezer continues to be stocked with soups, meals and treats to tempt the taste buds with a little home-cooked love. Thank you to the 'freezer angels' who pop their contributions in and enable us to continue giving out these goodies. The appreciative comments won't always reach the cook but continue to assure us that food is a very sure way to show our love for one another! This love is also spread to our wider community via contributions to the local food bank collected each Sunday.

As we are all called to minister to each other, not to rely just on those in leadership roles, we thank all church members for the wonderful warmth and love so many show to each other, often done quietly, below the radar. While respecting people's confidentiality, we do encourage you to share concerns with your Care Group leader and/or with a member of the Care Team.

We look forward to another year of sharing Christ's love with one another.

The Care Team

Michelle Shin, Carrie Turner, Anna Johnstone, Rosemary Johnson, Roberta Venter, Yu Cho Gan, Young Sook Kim

Ladies Bible Study

The evening ladies Bible study meets fortnightly on Tuesday nights at the home of either Tracey Johnson, or Faye Dreyer.

This group has been going for over 25 years now, and is a home group that cares for each other, as well as praying and sharing in fellowship and studies which apply the Bible to our (not always easy) lives.

This year we are studying the gospel of John, using N.T. Wright's booklet- which is thought provoking and enriching to us all.

Since the last AGM report, we have attended the funeral of our member Jan Lee, and are delighted to have had 3 new members join us.

Currently, our leader Joanne, as well as Marie and Carrie, have undergone major operations, and we are praying for their recovery and assisting them where practicable.

The newer Thursday morning Bible study meets monthly in the church kitchen area. There are 6 of us studying the book of Ephesians (also by N.T Wright).

We would welcome any new members to either group.

Johneen Atkinson

Hospital Chapel Team

Three times a year our church joins the roster of local churches to support the North Shore Hospital Chapel service. It is well understood that a patient's spiritual care is a significant part of their recovery from illness or accident. This service is much appreciated by patients who are well enough to make the short trip by wheelchair to the chapel, as well as family members and members of staff. By sending a small team to assist with collecting the patients we play our part in enabling this weekly service to continue to offer spiritual comfort and fellowship.

What does this involve? After a blessing from Michelle at the beginning of our church service the team carpools to the hospital and assembles in the chapel. The chaplain tells us which wards they would like us to cover and we set off in pairs. After checking with staff at the ward reception we go around each room, asking if anyone wants to go to the chapel service. Many are clearly not well enough to get out of bed, but those who wish to come are helped into a wheelchair by a nurse. We wheel them to the chapel and sit with them through the service in case they need any assistance, eg finding the place on the service sheet.

After the service we return the patient to the ward, often enjoying a nice chat on the way. They are always appreciative – of both the service and the break from the ward. We can then pick up a parking chit from the chaplain, if we need one, and be back at our church by around midday, feeling fulfilled and happy to have helped in this valuable ministry. If you were in hospital but well enough to sit in a wheelchair, wouldn't you want the chance to attend a Sunday service?

The team this year has included Carrie, Johneen (also on piano at the chapel), Heidi and Leonard, Yu Cho, Si Cheng and Siwei, Yong, Ling, Sam, Jessica and Kathy Roots.

Our next chapel date is Sunday 18th October. We are always looking for more volunteers as not everyone on the team is able to help on each of the three dates for the year. We need at least six people each time, three with some previous experience to take the lead in each ward, but more would be wonderful to help in the wards and also to swell the numbers in the service – so you're welcome to come even if you're not able to help bring the patients. Come and talk to me about it!

Carrie Turner