UNITING CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

Minutes of Congregational Meeting held in the Worship Centre
Sunday 26th July 2026 at 11am

1. The meeting opened with prayer and Acknowledgement of Country by Sophie Edington. There were 37 present in the centre and 1 on Zoom.

2. Apologies: Michelle Loxton, Chris Wakefield

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2026 were adopted by consensus, moved by Lizzie Joannou and seconded by Phil Looby.

4. Eastwood Uniting Church Budget 2026-2027

5. Treasurer Janelle Dodd summarised the finances of the church in the 2025-2026 financial year and spoke to the draft 2026-2027 budget.

    - 2025-2026 collections were under budget.
    - One-off donations assisted with shortfall.
    - The congregation raised $6,243 for Uniting World's Disaster Readiness and Climate Change work.
    - Draft 2026-2027 budget anticipates another shortfall.
    - Use of general reserves to cover shortfalls cannot be sustained long-term.
    - Cost of young adult mission (staff and events) covered by sales proceeds/NREMA grant.
    - The Treasurer alerted the congregation to the likelihood of increasing maintenance costs with building age.
    - The congregation were encouraged to support the financial situation of the church with an increase in collection giving (budget estimates 4% increase).
    - The congregation were invited to consider:
        i. Volunteering in the office
        ii. Assisting with writing grant proposals
        iii. Assisting with financial and property management
        iv. Organising fundraising events
        v. Donating to cover particular costs, such as chairs or organ repair

    The 2026-2027 Budget as circulated and recommended by Church Council was adopted by consensus, moved by Janelle Dodd, seconded by Janine Joannou.

6. The meeting closed in prayer led by Rev. Seung Jae Yeon.

Congregation Chair Sophie Edington