

WA CEBS Commissioner/Secretary Report 2007

During 2006 CEBS in Perth continued with four branches, Ballajura, Carine-Duncraig, Gosnells and Wanneroo; comprising some eleven leaders [including two junior leaders]. Members consisted of some 11 seniors and ten juniors; also five junior girls. [Gosnells].

All leaders received Commonwealth Police clearances and therefore Diocesan acceptance as Youth and Children's Ministry workers. This year leaders will be required to apply for the State Children's Workers card. The cost of \$10 will be covered by the State council.

CEBS continued to be represented at monthly meetings of the Anglican Children's Ministries Board and are full participating members of the AYCAN network [Anglican Youth and Children's Activities Network]. A 2007 combined calendar has again been printed showing all activities throughout the year of CEBS, GFS, ACM and AYM.

AYCAN is now moving towards a central office for all of the groups involved. This will be the Nedlands parish rectory. Occupation is expected in June 2007. CEBS will have its own office and storage space for its resources. It is hoped that all Leader Development will come under AYCAN in 2008.

CEBS has continued to invite GFS and Kids Plus to three yearly group activities, including Water Sports, a Bush Hike and a Bike Hike. A successful Junior Camp was held in September 2006 on the Blackwood River. It is hoped to use the same facility this year. These activities have been organised by different branch leaders who are thanked for their efforts and time involved.

GFS also invited CEBS to join them in their Festival service in the cathedral.

A CEBS / GFS Prayer Breakfast and Workshop for leaders have one again been organized by CEBS.

State Council has met the required six times in 2006 at the Bayswater parish hall mostly. The State Council now includes every Branch Governor.

Displays have been set up at Synod 2006, the Youth and Children's Leaders Thanksgiving dinner and at various ACM functions.

A 2007 WA CEBS Directory has been produced and distributed.

Thanks to our state delegates, Don and Stephen, and all who helped to hold the CEBS National meeting in Perth last year. It was a great event inspired by a visit from Bishop Murray.

WA CEBS will turn in a new direction this year with the appointment of Bradley Young as our new part time Boys Ministry Facilitator. Our new accent will be on developing and

assisting in boys' ministry throughout WA. CEBS will be able to assist in providing resources to parishes where there is a need.

CEBS has already made an introductory visit to the Sudanese communities at Yokine and Mirrabooka in the hope of establishing new branches this year.

Special thanks to our Chairman Don who is stepping down this year. Don has been an inspiration to us all, encouraging us continually throughout his three year term. Continuing thanks to our efficient Treasurer Graham, our Vice Chairman Stephen, Kerry our sole councilor at present and our new Chaplain Chris Hind. Thanks Chris for your efforts to organize the Bush hike last year.

Chris Oliver
Commissioner/secretary
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