



## St Mary's Community Cemetery Kempton Inc.

**'RING THE BELL' Fundraising Appeal**

**Appeal Target: \$160,00**

**S**t Mary's Church and Cemetery have been part of the fabric of Kempton for over 180 years.

In 2018 the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania announced that it was closing the church and putting the property up for sale.

A small group of interested volunteers has formed an Incorporated Association, St. Mary's Community Cemetery Kempton Inc. in order to try and save the church cemetery and grounds, so that it can remain a vital part of the Kempton and Southern Midlands community.

The Association is very pleased to advise that it **has signed a contract with the Anglican Church to buy the Land Title, all contents including the church, Sunday School and cemetery**, as is, where is, and taking over all liabilities. Subject to successfully raising the necessary funds, ownership of the property will transfer to the Association – i.e. **it will remain in the ownership and control of the community IF the funds can be raised to complete the purchase.**

The Association intends to continue to manage the cemetery, as required by Tasmanian Legislation, to both respect those in the cemetery as well as to allow continuity for families to inter their loved ones. In particular, the Association wishes to ensure that the large number of graves and monuments of Returned Services personnel who have made such significant contributions to both their country and this community continue to be respected, maintained and not forgotten.

The church, hall and grounds will also be managed by the Association, and it is envisaged that they will be used for a variety of activities, which will bring some income to the association to cover costs such as power, insurance, government charges and minor maintenance.

### **HOW WILL THE CHURCH BE USED?**

- \*Weddings (for all denominations including civil ceremonies).
- \*Funerals \*Concerts. \*Naming Ceremonies and children's activities.
- \*Other community activities which are in keeping with the status, location and nature of the property.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**W**e are seeking donations from organisations, businesses and individuals to our 'RING THE BELL' Fundraising Appeal, which **will allow the purchase to go ahead, and to provide funds to undertake essential maintenance on the church building**, particularly the bell tower.

Our fundraising target is **\$160,000**, and we are seeking

- Platinum Donors – Donations of \$10,000 +
- Gold Donors – Donations of \$5,000 +
- Silver Donors – Donations of \$2,000 +
- Bronze Donors – Donations of \$1,000 +
- Sandstone Donors – Donations of up to \$1000

Names of Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Donors will be placed on an honour board within the church, and an appropriate advertising sign acknowledging corporate donors will be placed near the entrance gates. The names of all Sandstone donors will be honoured in a hard-copy printed donation book, which will also be kept in the church in perpetuity.

In order to complete the sale from the Anglican Church, and secure the property, we are seeking to reach the fundraising target by **Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2022**. Members of the Association are ready and willing to talk to prospective donors about the project and to provide further details.

**Contact details** for the Association are:

President – John Jones      Phone: 0418 121 163      Email: [jones.ent1@bigpond.com](mailto:jones.ent1@bigpond.com)

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Donations may also be made directly to the Association's **bank account** with Bendigo Bank by EFT. **Details are:** NAME: St Mary's Community Cemetery Kempton Inc.

BSB: 633-000

Account No: 187372339

**Please ensure that you include your name with your EFT Deposit and email/phone your contact details to the Public Officer for receipting purposes.**

The Kempton and Southern Midlands community have a very proud history successfully raising funds for community projects. We ask that you consider



supporting this project to ensure that a very important historical site is preserved for future generations.

We look forward to '**RINGING THE BELL**' at a celebratory function at the church in mid-2022.