**Community Walk Reflections – 31st March 2019**

**LOTS OF DIVERSITY**-

Established area that is changing
**Lots of diverse communities (nationalities) & faith cultures** – huge changes in Carlingford – growth of units and cultures – Are there segregated areas?
Ages (p plates & elderly) Older people – downsizing – maybe in transition to Aged Care.
New homes (very big) Younger/families “Newstart”, old, Young renters, some renovating
Houses for sale, increased population of houses being sold mainly by retirees – then leased- then demolished – then rebuilt – rarely occupied.
Some Gardens a bit messy (especially Pennant Hills Rd) and not maintained with long grass. Some neat. Trees. Solar panels, Aussie flag, Christmas decorations.
Safe, Controlled, Rich
Lots of people going somewhere in their cars. Not many people out of their houses or cars, some people gardening. Playground good facilities but empty!
Sounds of: quiet, intermittent traffic, garden tools, planes, corellas, music C3 Church
CBC is near the top of the hill!

**Churches in our area: 12 Churches**
C3 Church – Carlingford High
Presbyterian - ? Roselea
CBC – Brigades, Playgroup, ESL, Kids Church
St Gerards
St Pauls
W E Uniting – ESL, Craft Group, Mainly music
Marsden Uniting
Chinese Church – Carlingford
Gospel Hall
C of E Downing St
Saesoon

**What is God doing?**
-bringing many diverse people through & to this safe place – where people have an opportunity to flourish, wherever they are from. (a glimpse of the kingdom)
- a lot of the life is where the Churches are
- signs of life – the trees, the Churches, community in sport, a few tending their gardens

**Outreach & Concerns:**
**People are unlikely to walk into our Church (or any) Church. We need to do something different to reach the community**.
Distribute info packs to community about Church & activities
Youth – develop activities
Aged Care – Monthly Morning Tea
Possible things to Help People with – Some had long grass, Garages “full of stuff”, front yards with junk cars
Could CBC create a Community Garden for people to grow veggies?
Mental Health Clinic very close to CBC – Could CBC partner with them to provide a community mental health workshop?
Suggest BaptistCare create a garden of tranquillity/chapel within the complex in the Yallambi development site. Could BaptistCare liase with CBC when developing this site?

And there was a comment – “Enjoyed this definitely would like to do it again!”