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## Innovative Opportunities Unlimited Fund (IOU)

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Acting Convenor  
Members

Peter Gardner  
Cherry Miners  
Guy Lambert  
Dave Marshall  
Sarah Foreman  
Jodie Rybicki

The IOU Fund was established in 2005 to acknowledge the heritage and broad purposes of the camping movement within the Uniting Church and to provide ongoing support for creative ministry with a particular emphasis on young people. It is envisaged that funded projects could include projects such as outreach programs, gatherings and events, camps and the provision of creative resources. To this end, the fund may enable groups or individuals within the Synod of WA to:

- encourage intentional gatherings to experience church and faith, Christian challenges, evangelism, being a Christian community and to stimulate and nurture growth in faith;
- create opportunities for new and experimental mission, community outreach AND new models of worship;
- develop intentional relationship-building between children, young people and their families;
- provide training for leadership development and skills training within a missional framework.

In June 2015 the IOU Fund made a grant to the Busselton Campsite Redevelopment Fund for \$200,000. A further \$500,000 interest free loan was made in May 2016.

With the re-development completion date anticipated to be in September 2016, the funding available for grant allocations will be known by the end of the calendar year.

It was resolved by the committee that the invitation for 2016/17 grant requests be delayed until all of the Busselton campsite re-development expenditure has been finalised and accounted for.

Peter Gardner, acting convenor, has advised of his intention to step down from the committee, effective from this Synod meeting. Guy Lambert has also decided not to continue on the committee. All other current committee members have indicated their willingness to continue as members for 2016/2017.

The IOU fund would like to thank both Peter and Guy for their valuable contribution and commitment over their many years of membership on the committee.

The Terms of Reference for the committee indicate that the convenor is to be the Presbytery-appointed person with overall responsibility for ministry with young people. As an interim arrangement, Mr Peter Gardner has convened the committee over the past year. With Peter stepping down it was resolved that Janine McDonald, as First Third staff person, will take over as convenor for the committee.

### Recommendation

That the report be received and the continuing members be re-elected with Janine McDonald elected as the Convenor until Synod 2017.

**Peter Gardner**  
**Acting Convenor**

