



# The Uniting Church in Wyndham News

24 September  
2023  
Pentecost 16

**We acknowledge the people of the Kulin alliance, the original custodians of the land which was never ceded and on which our buildings for worship stand and on which we gather.**



## OUR COMMUNITY NEWS FOR TODAY AND THE COMING WEEK

### Welcome back, Lynden Broadstock



Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Lynden Broadstock, a retired minister currently living in Melton. Lynden is continuing the theme of the Season of Creation, and today you'll have the opportunity to learn again the song, "Take, take off your shoes", led by Lynden with his guitar.



### First anniversary of the Samoan Ministry

Fourteen non-Samoan members of the congregation were welcomed to the first anniversary service of the Samoan Ministry last Sunday. They really appreciated the fact that the Rev. Fa'amata'u Leota conducted the service in both languages. He told the story of how the ministry began. It took a while—although he commenced ministry in 2017, it was decided by the Samoan members of Hoppers Crossing and Faama to wait for three years to allow a focus on contributing to and strengthening the mission and ministry of the whole congregation as well as broadening their understanding of the UCA. Then one day a visitor asked him whether there was a Samoan service—which he took as a sign that the time was ripe for one to begin. (BL)

We're really looking forward now to White Sunday on October 8 here at our church!

### A call to prayer

Pray that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people would be safe, free and flourishing. That the gift of their lives and cultures would be a blessing to our nation. ("Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – Matthew 19:14)

### Send in the photos of your pets

A reminder – next Sunday's service will include a thanksgiving for our pets. Please send in your photos by email **today** to **Robert R** and include their names and whether they are current pets or loved ones that have died.

### Visit to Narana



You're invited! Members of Justice Task Group are arranging a visit to Narana Creations, the cultural and interpretive centre of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Congress at Torquay Rd., Grovedale on Saturday 7 October 2023, meeting in the Crossroads Car Park at 9 am and arriving at Narana at 10 am. For car-pooling options contact Armando or Luciana

### Home for a didgeridoo?

I have a didgeridoo to give away. It came to me through my mother's estate. Culturally, it is seen as a "men's business" instrument. I am happy to give it to any male who is interested to play it, indigenous or otherwise. Contact Angela M.

### A new name?

The combined Church Council has to choose a new name for our amalgamated congregation. Any suggestions, please send to the church office. Please note that there is a convention which now requires the name to start with the general location of the church. (We need a name by October 16.)



## NEWS AND NOTES

**Bible Discussion Group**

The next discussion will be on Tuesday October 3. (NT)

**Boys' Brigade**

Boys' Brigade – Monday night—7:00pm to 9:00pm at Dreambuilders Church, 37-43 Graham Court, Hoppers Crossing, contact Scott W or [boysbrigadewyndham@gmail.com](mailto:boysbrigadewyndham@gmail.com) for details.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Please return your packed shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday 15 October. If you would like your shoeboxes collected from your home, please contact Rose. (RG)

**Invitation to an important film**

Community screening at Village Cinema, Werribee Plaza, 5pm TONIGHT, *Climate Changes*. Professor Tim Flannery's (62 mins) search for the missing ingredient in our fight against climate change—leadership! **To find out more about ticket prices and venues, click here.** After the movie - a Pizza at "Martine's" restaurant, next door to cinema! (See NT)

**River Festival today**

People who care for the environment in a time of climate change have a good opportunity today from 12 noon to 5 pm to rally in Wyndham Park for the Werribee River Festival. Join in the march with the giant papier-mâché platypus at 3 pm, and the activities for families! (NT)

**The Uniting Church votes YES**

Look out for the Vote Yes for the Voice to Parliament banner to be placed outside our church, and read the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania Vote Yes flyers which are available at church today. (NT)

**WHAT THE UNITING CHURCH HAS SAID:**

Informed by our Covenant commitment, and having heard from the UAICC, the Assembly Standing Committee in March 2023 declared its support for the proposed change in the Australian constitution to recognise an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. The Uniting Church sees this referendum as a crucial step toward the full expression of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its ongoing invitation to seek treaty and truth-telling. In 2009, the Uniting Church endorsed the revised Preamble which changed our own constitution of the Church, a step we felt necessary because it says something about who we are and who we want to become. The referendum gives us a similar opportunity to say something about who we are as a nation by embedding recognition of First Nations people in our national constitution.

## TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

**Worship services**

24 September: Rev. Lynden Broadstock  
1 October: Rev. Annetia Goldsmith (HC and Pets' blessing)

**What's On This Week**

**Today:** 12 noon OSLO

**Wednesday:** 9.30am Crossroads Property C'tee; 2pm Seniors Afternoon Tea

**Thursday:** 9.30am Gardening Group

**Bible Readings – 24 Sept & 1 October**

**24 September:** Exodus 16:2–15; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16; Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45

**1 October:** Exodus 17:1–7; Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew 21:23–32; Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16

**Rosters for 24 Sept. & (1 October)**

**Greetings:** Judy O'K (Margaret D)

**AV:** Noel Savory (Christian R-K)

**Morning Tea:** Sandra S & Margaret G (Samoan Team)

**Flowers:** Jennie K (Elaine B)

**Music:** Wendy B (Asanka P)

**Prayers:** Emily M (Annetia G)

**Reader:** Ron L (Nola E)

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