



Werribee Uniting Church

26 November
2023
Reign of
Christ

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

Election of new Church Council

We have received twelve nominations for our new Church Council. They are Amelia R-K, Node M, Lauina L, Ashok S, Dorien P (aka Tupai), Tupu L, Tracey S, Elizabeth Barnes, Margaret Bull, Armando Aragon, Christine Morris and Noel Savory. Today the last six Church Council Nominees will make their two-minute presentations. Next Sunday is the ballot. When you arrive at church you will be given a ballot paper. Please complete it before or after the service and place in the Ballot Box in the foyer by midday. Results of the ballot will be advised in the next week's newsletter. (Bev L)

With Love to the World

I have 3 spare copies of *With Love to the World*, a daily devotional book which follows the lectionary, for anyone who would like to try for a couple of weeks to see if you would like to receive it regularly. See Lyn O'Meara.


Invitation to an induction

You are invited to attend the Rev. Fa'amata'u Leota's Induction Service to the congregation of Sunbury St Andrew's UCA at 10-20 Barkly Street, Sunbury VIC 3429 on Sunday 3rd December at 2.00pm. Followed by refreshments in the church hall. Details: call 0401 592 359.

Bible Discussion Group

The Bible Discussion Group resumes meetings on Tuesday **28 November** at 11.30 am. The gospel passage set for next week is Mark 13:24-37. Neil T.

Carol Service preparation

 The annual Carol Service is planned for 17 December at 7pm. Rehearsals will continue on the following dates: Monday 27/11 5-6.30pm; Sunday 3/12/23 5-6.30pm, Sunday 10/12 5-6.30pm; Saturday 16/12 5-6.30pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone again and enjoying the beautiful music of the season. (Wendy B.)

Introducing Pat and Priscilla M

As I walked into Pat and Priscilla M unit at Wyndham Harbour, Pat proudly showed me his cottage herb garden in large tubs. Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme grow bountifully there.

I begin to understand the reason for Pat's love of herbs—for many years he was a chef in the hospitality industry in Durban, South Africa.



Pat and Priscilla (pictured) have come to live in Australia (they are now citizens) because their three adult daughters and

one son, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are here in the Western suburbs of Melbourne. They live in Caroline Springs and Point Cook.

Pat and Priscilla were both life-time members of the Methodist Church, "Give God the glory!" says Pat.

They say "We are blessed that our children are Christians; all of our family are worshipping the Lord."

Their daughter Christine and her husband are pastors in the Assemblies of God "Encounter" church which meets in the Uniting Church building in Sydenham.

Pat speaks from a deep faith in Christ, and regular study of the Holy Scriptures. He and Priscilla are persons of prayer. Pat says: "I love the Lord. My desire is to do the will of God. He is making us perfect day by day."

During the winter months, the cold climate of Wyndham Harbour presents a problem for this couple who are accustomed to the warmth of Durban, so they live with their family members.

Please welcome Pat and Priscilla Maistrey into the family of our Werribee congregation. (Neil T)

NEWS AND NOTES

“Out of Gas – and into renewables” strategy at Queenscliff Uniting Church.

At a recent gathering of “Climate Champions” of the Presbytery of Port Phillip West, Richard A spoke of the remarkable progress made by the congregation of Queenscliff- Pt Lonsdale UC, in implementing **National Assembly’s resolution** requesting that “all Synods reach net zero emissions by 2040 at the latest.”

I’m quoting from Richard’s printed report. He says:

“We as a church community are determined to play our part in fighting global warming and climate change with all the means that we are able.”

Queenscliff’s action plan undertakes to remove all the current equipment and appliances that use gas, from all the buildings at their three sites... “these will be replaced by electrically powered equipment and appliances...that use renewable energy – principally solar – that we generate and store ourselves.”

As a church community that has no investments or bequests, Queenscliff relies significantly on grants, donations and fund-raising events.

Richard Allen is a leader in seeking out opportunities to apply for grants. Good relationships with the Borough of Queenscliff, its Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP) and local civic associations has enabled community grant applications.

Projects completed or underway include:



Solar battery in Queenscliff Church Hall – installation completed. Funded by Powering Communities grant.

Electric ovens replacing gas in Queenscliff Kitchen, funded by Geelong Community Foundation grant.

Electrical ducted heating in Bay Room, Queenscliff – funded by Community Climate Change and Energy Action grant from Sustainability Victoria.

Hot water service to kitchens and toilets Queenscliff – partially funded by Presbytery of Port Phillip West Simpson Fund.

Five projects are still being investigated, including Energy Audit to monitor the outcomes of the above “Out of gas” strategy.

The example of Queenscliff UC is a shining light for congregations around the Presbytery of Port Phillip West to consider, emulate and celebrate. (NT)

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

26 November: Rev. Valerie Johnson

3 December: HC: Rev. Annetia Goldsmith

What’s On This Week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Wednesday: 9.30am Crossroads Property C’tee

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group

Bible Readings 26 Nov. & 3 December

26 November: Ezekiel 34:1–31; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46; Psalm 100

3 December: Isaiah 64:1–9; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19

Rosters for 26 November & (3 Dec.)

Greetings: Sandra S (Elizabeth B)

AV: Noel S (Christian R-K)

Morning Tea: Mary D & Margaret D (Samoan Ladies)

Flowers: Margaret F (Bev C)

Music: Asanka P (Elliott S)

Prayers: Lucinda A (Lauina L)

Reader: Faye D (Rosie L-S)

Werribee Uniting Church online

Our Facebook page can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/621987747878234/> <https://crossroadsunitingchurch.org.au>.

Church Office

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