



Werribee Uniting Church

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 we gather.

20 July 2025

Blanket presentation



Our appeal for blankets resulted in a gift of more than 50 blankets and a cash gift. On Sunday Natalie Ward (Housing Care Manager) from Uniting was present to receive our gifts.

Natalie thanked us for our gifts and explained some of the work that Uniting does in our community to

show how our blankets will be used. Uniting assists single adults, youth and families to maintain or sustain their accommodation.

To give you an example of assistance provided...

Wyndham currently has the highest number of people sleeping rough across the West of Melbourne. It has seen an increase from 312 people between July and December in 2022, to 387 people between July 2024 – March 2025

There is an unprecedented increase in clients aged 55+ years, and in some cases 80–90-year-olds receiving Notices to Vacate due to sale of property.

Women and young people in Wyndham are especially vulnerable to homelessness. Older women are the fastest growing group experiencing homelessness.

In Australia, we are seeing two in five low-income renters facing rental stress, putting them at risk of homelessness.

The 'spread the warmth' campaign is vital due to the cost of living increases that everyday Australians are facing. This is also a barrier for people who receive government payments as they are very minimal.

There is currently no crisis accommodation in Wyndham, the entry point for housing and homelessness has limited options in Wyndham. Due to limited funding, families are prioritized and co-contribute to their crisis stay.

Due to this limited funding, single adults are not assisted and having to sleep rough, couch surf between family and friends' homes or if they have a car, stay in their cars overnight.

Currently, the payment for single adults on job seeker payments is \$781 per fortnight, and single Youth unable to live at home \$663 per fortnight.

This leaves very limited to no options when trying to seek out long term or affordable housing. This is where Uniting provides assistance to these cohorts with blankets, sleeping bags, tents and donnas so they have the ability to stay warm and provide limited shelter in these colder months. (Bev Lambie)

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

20 July: Rev. Bruce Watson

27 July: Rev. Ian Pearse

For Pastoral Care: Please contact Raymond Surujpal, convenor of the pastoral care team on: 0432 619 184 or Margaret Bull: 0417 500 961.

Bible readings

This week: Amos 8:1–12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15–28; Luke 10:38–42

Next week: Hosea 1:2–10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6–19; Luke 11:1–13

What's on this week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup;

Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group
2pm Seniors Afternoon Tea

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group;
5.30pm Health & Fitness;

5.30pm Choral Practice;

Friday: 6.30pm Youth Group;

Saturday: 7.30am Samoan Health & Fitness.

Rosters 20 July (& 27 July)

Greetings: Margaret Dent (Node & Mae Madu)

Audiovisual: Noel Savory (Christian Ropeti-Kilifi)

Morning Tea: Judith O'Keefe & Dorothy Rookes (Sandra Savory & Margaret Gook)

Music: Wendy Barnes (Asanka Pakura)

Prayers: Node Madu (Emily Metusela)

Reader: Fa Tuipea (Lyn O'Meara)

Werribee UC on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/621987747878234/>

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Samoan service

3rd Sunday, 4pm, in the Church: All welcome.

Introducing Judy Khor



Judy began attending our church just a couple of months ago. She was born in Malaysia but when she went to school she quickly learnt both English and Chinese. As one of nine children she often had to care for the younger ones even though just a child herself.

During her childhood she witnessed several medical emergencies and that inspired her to study medicine. She

travelled to England to train as a nurse and specialised in midwifery. On her return to Malaysia she worked as a nurse at the clinic in the Toyota Assembly Plant and the clinic at the Malaysian Airport.

In 1979 a girlfriend in Sydney invited her to Australia. There were no jobs available for nurses at that time in Sydney so she came to Melbourne and found three jobs... the Royal Women's Hospital, the Freemasons and the Royal Melbourne.

At the Freemasons Hospital Judy cared for a patient named Pat. He was on holiday from Devon in UK. Before leaving hospital, Pat said "I could take you home." "Can I send a postcard from Bermuda?"

It sounded harmless, so Judy agreed. Before long it became "Can I phone you each Saturday?" When Judy visited England to care for her pregnant sister Pat took the opportunity to travel four hours through the snow to visit her and suggested marriage. Judy was not interested! She felt they did not know each other well enough, but when Pat came to Melbourne and they spent six weeks getting to know each other they agreed to marry, and that led to 28 years of happy marriage and lots of travel together before Pat died.

Now Judy is living in Werribee enjoying her retirement. As well as interesting outings with friends she has joined the Volunteer Team at the Vic. State Rose Garden.

Judy, we are pleased that you have come to our congregation. We love your outgoing friendly personality and we all look forward to getting to know you better. (Bev Lambie)

OSLO (Occasional Sunday Lunch Out)

O.S.L.O Occasional Sunday lunches out. On July 27th we are expected at 12md at the R.S.L. for lunch. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Elaine 0435 998 013 or Lorna 0419 101 766 for catering numbers by Thursday 24th July.

FETE FETE FETE

The Church council have approved a date for another Church fete. It will be the last Saturday in October ... the **25th October**. Times and further details will be announced at the first fete meeting which may be the last

Sunday in July after church and before we head to OSLO at the Werribee RSL. Now that the cold months are here maybe you would like to start knitting or sewing items for sale, or maybe make jam or sauce, pickles, etc. Tracey Seulepe-Liki and Armando Aragon are 'taking charge' this year and looking for volunteers to work before the fete and on the day. Please start thinking about how you can get involved in the fete—the more the merrier. and watch this space!! (Margaret Gook)

Infuse your world...

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Infuse your world every day...

My packet of tea bags enjoins us to "infuse your world every day".

Now there is copy-writing at its best! Would that we could take this gem from tea bag into life!

Would that I could be infused each day with lashings of good will

and heaps and heaps of give and take.

Would that I could be infused each day with wonder at creation's thrall

and all the great and small of it.

Would that I could be infused each day with peace like oceans deep

that strife and war may drown in it.

Would that I could be infused each day with healing skills and salve

to mend a broken world.

Would that I could be infused each day with silence pure and deep

that I may hear the Word of God.

Would that I could be infused each day with love.

(Poem by Karel Reus)

