



# Werrabee 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.

## 23 June 2024: Pentecost 6

### Are you asking why?

When I first heard that the new Werrabee Congregation was asking me to fill in all my details on a new 'Record of Contact Details' form I was not happy!

I thought "they already know who I am and have all my contact information."

Maybe some readers still feel like that. I now understand so please let me explain. ....

1. The two former congregations had very different ways of recording personal information. It is impossible to just merge the two lists.
2. Since those lists were prepared there have been many changes. Some people changed their address or phone number without telling us.
3. New people have come and others have left the church.
4. Every congregation is expected to have a record of membership. We need current information from you so that we can check that the records we have are correct and up to date.
5. Because of all these things we need to help our office volunteers by providing them with correct and up to date information so that a new church roll can be developed for our new congregation.

**THANK YOU** — A very big thank you to those who have already handed in a completed form.

If you have not done yours yet, **PLEASE HELP**

Every adult needs to complete a separate form. Children can be included on one parent's form.

Your form can be placed in the box at the church entrance on Sunday morning or left at the church office at any time.

If you would prefer to complete your form on your computer just email me

I will send you a word document that you can type into and email back to me.

If you still have questions please text .

(Bev Lambie, Congregation Secretary)

### Thank you for your support

Luciana and Armando say: "Thank you for your prayers and support over the last couple of weeks. My dad passed away peacefully on June 3. We want to thank you all, the whole congregation, for the heartfelt messages and the amazing prayers that comforted us and our family during the most difficult times."

### TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

#### Worship services

23 June: Rev. Val Johnson

30 June: Justice Group leadership

#### Bible readings

**Today:** 1 Samuel 17:32–49; Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32, 2 Corinthians 6:1–13; Mark 4:35–41

**Next week:** 2 Samuel 1:17–27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7–15; Mark 5:21–43

#### What's on this week

**Monday:** 9.30am Playgroup

**Tuesday: 11.00am** Bible Study & Lunch

**Wednesday:** 2pm Seniors Afternoon Tea

**Thursday:** 9.30am Gardening Group; 5pm Health & Fitness

**Saturday:** 7am Health & Fitness

#### Rosters 23 June (& 30 June)

**Greetings:** Margaret D (Jan B)

**Audiovisual:** Noel S (Jacob L)

**Morning Tea:** Margaret F & Margaret G (Marie C & Site T)

**Flowers:** Elaine B (Emily M)

**Music:** Wendy B (Angela M)

**Prayers:** Jeremy W (Noel T)

**Reader:** Deb C (Anine W)

#### Werrabee UC on Facebook:

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

#### Church office

Open Monday to Friday 9.30am–12noon. Phone 97411084 Email

[office@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:office@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au)

#### WUC Newsletter (Editor: Robert Renton)

Send information for inclusion to the Editor at [robert.renton@bigpond.com](mailto:robert.renton@bigpond.com) or 0427 812 606.

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#### To book facilities at WUC:

Email: (Elizabeth B)

[bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au)

**Samoan service** The Samoan language service is held every 3rd Sunday at 4pm in the church. All welcome.

## Calling all choristers

If you love to sing, please consider becoming part of our new Werribee UC choir!

Rehearsals are likely to be held on Thursday evenings between 5 and 6pm in the church (more details later) with the choir making a choral contribution to the service on the second Sunday of each month. If you'd like to join this group, please let Wendy B or Judy V know—all are welcome; experience is not necessary, but enthusiasm is essential!

## Seniors Afternoon Tea

Seniors Afternoon Tea will be happening on Wednesday 26th June, 2-3.30pm. For further information please contact Lorna or Lyn

## UCAF Backpacks.

We have had notification that our backpacks can be on their way to the SOLOMON Islands if we can get them into the shipping container by mid July. If you are working on a backpack could you please try and complete it by the end of June so that I can reply YES we can supply....maybe 50. (Up to 43 now) Thanks. Margaret G asst sec. Werribee Uniting UCAF

## To contact the Rev. Ian Pearse

The Rev. Ian Pearse offers pastoral care to anyone in our congregation. Please ring mobile: 0411 771 853 or send an email to: [enps@iinet.net.au](mailto:enps@iinet.net.au).

## A conversation with the Mayor



In a heartfelt interview, Mayor of Wyndham City, Jennie Barrera shared her journey as a leader. Mayor Barrera's love for Wyndham City stems from its vibrant and diverse community. She sees Wyndham as a place where unity and resilience thrive. "I'm working towards a community where

everyone feels valued and welcome."

During her tenure, Mayor Barrera has championed community engagement and inclusion through the Welcoming City Portfolio. This initiative brings together diverse community members, fostering a more connected and engaged environment. Additionally, youth empowerment programs have provided valuable opportunities for young people's development and education.

Wyndham City faces several social justice challenges, typical of growth areas. Mayor Barrera acknowledges these issues with compassion. From housing affordability and homelessness to economic inequality and mental health access, she advocates for a multi-faceted approach. Cultural inclusivity, addressing racial disparities, and empowering disengaged youth are also priorities. By tackling these challenges with love and compassion,

Wyndham can become a more just and supportive community.

From a landscape creation perspective, Jennie says: "There are so many natural features that make Wyndham special it's hard to choose one". She appreciates Wyndham's many natural features! The natural beauty of the Werribee River and the surrounding wetlands, our scenic coastline and parks and open spaces as well as our agricultural lands. And of course, the stunning beauty of the K Road Cliffs!

Mayor Barrera's insights continue to inspire us as we strive for compassion and social justice. (Contribution from Luciana M. A.)

## Church Council news

The Church Council met on Wednesday 12 June and would like to inform the congregation of the following.

- Church Council approved the suggestion from Judy V and Wendy B that a Werribee UC choir be formed. Further information about this will be made known in mid to late July.
- Purchase of a commercial heavy-duty clothes rack was approved for the storing of the church banners. Thank you to Nola E for her investigation into a suitable rack.
- Church Council Retreat is being held on Saturday 29 June to give council members the opportunity of getting to know one another better and to do some future planning.
- A subcommittee has been formed to put together the church budget.
- The terms of reference for the Worship and Finance committees are to be reviewed before being formally approved.
- Wyndham City Council have advised that they will undertake the required works to prune the tree branches overhanging pedestrian walkways, at the cnr Duncans Rd & Synott St. The work is expected to be completed in the first week of July.
- Church Council has been informed about time capsules placed under the front steps at the old entrance to the church. Do any members of the congregation have knowledge of these?

[Announcement in an actual church bulletin in the USA for a national PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."](#)