



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.

6 July 2025

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week 2025 marks a powerful milestone: 50 years of NAIDOC Week, honouring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture and resilience. The

NAIDOC journey began as a movement for recognition and rights, sparked by Indigenous communities who saw a future built on justice and equality. Over the decades, it has grown into a powerful national celebration, a testament to the enduring strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year, the National NAIDOC Committee takes an important step toward independence, embracing self-determination as a model for the next generation. With every story shared, every act of resilience remembered and every cultural practice celebrated, we honour a legacy that reaches far into the past and extends into the future.

As we celebrate this milestone, we look toward the next 50 years with excitement and confidence, while every day ensuring that NAIDOC remains a movement grounded in community-led vision and integrity

As we commemorate this 50-year legacy of NAIDOC Week, we also look forward, honouring the next generation who will carry the torch, shaping the future with courage, insight and deep respect for our roots. Guided by the wisdom of our Elders and the groundwork laid by our forebears, each NAIDOC Week reinforces our vision for an Australia where Indigenous voices are not only heard but also lead the way.

The 2025 NAIDOC Week theme, “The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy”, celebrates not only the achievements of the past but also the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities and the legacy of our ancestors. From solid foundations, the next generation will rise — grounded in history and the strength of our Elders; inspired by a shared vision; and committed to building a legacy of unity, respect and self-determination for all.

This NAIDOC Week, we celebrate not just a milestone but also a movement that endures, grows and evolves — driven by the unwavering strength of our communities, the shared vision of our people and the enduring legacy we pass on to those who will shape our future. Together, we walk forward, honouring where we’ve come from and looking boldly to the next generation who will carry NAIDOC and their communities into the future. — (National NAIDOC Committee).

Strength, Vision & Legacy

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

6 July: Rev. Bruce Watson

13 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: 2 Kings 5:1–14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:1–16; Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

Next week: Amos 7:7–17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1–14; Luke 10:25–37

What’s on this week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group

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 6 July (& 13 July)

Greetings: Margaret Dent (Paul Kirkman)

Audiovisual: Jacob Lewis (Paul Kirkman)

Morning Tea: Seulupe family (Jan Bradley & Julie Hamilton)

Music: Gina Lee (Wendy Barnes)

Prayers: Wendy Barnes (Fa Tuipea)

Reader: Bev Lambie (Elizabeth Barnes)

Werribee UC on Facebook:

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

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Samoan service

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

Baptism

Today we celebrate with Tom & Pene Tunai, Tracey Liki (Seulupe) & Tii Liki and grandparents So & Tulua Seulupe the baptism of **Jeremiah Tunai**. Following the service Tom and Pene will host morning tea in the foyer for their family, friends and the congregation.

Thank you, Valerie



The Rev. Valerie Johnson is our worship leader for the 5th Sunday of the month and on some other occasions when the Rev. Bruce Watson and the Rev. Ian Pearse are not available. We are very grateful that such an experienced minister is able to serve us in this way. Last Sunday the Church Council

presented Valerie with a colourful bunch of flowers in appreciation for all she does for us. Next week we will tell you more about her 50 years of ministry since her ordination in 1975.

Blanket/Knee rug drive for Uniting

For the last 2 years members of our congregation have supported Uniting's Winter appeal by holding a 'blanket/knee rug' drive where we either collected new rugs/blankets (or \$15 donations to purchase same) for those not able to keep themselves warm during our colder months. This year our Justice Task Group is again coordinating the event. It will commence this Sunday June 22nd and conclude on Sunday July 13th when a representative from Uniting will come to morning worship to accept the blankets.



Here is a photograph of a sample rug (1.2 x 1.5m) purchased from Big W or similar store indicative of the type of rug/blanket we have in mind.

The rugs/blankets donated (including rugs purchased from money donated), will then be delivered to Uniting Werribee for distribution to worthy recipients.

Contact either Armando Aragon 0423922414 or Rob Bradley 0431964544 to make a donation or bring your new rugs/blankets to church.

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.

Special Note: Christmas in July will be celebrated next week -13 July!

Youth Program



To be chosen for identity, purpose, belonging, and choice - is to be known, loved and called by name.



CHOSEN was the theme of our Youth fellowship night that we held last Friday - and God is truly good indeed! With the presence of our brothers and sisters in Christ from Uniting Church Youths in Canterbury, Essendon, Craigeburn, Sunshine and Keilor, it was a night for worship, conversation and connection. We gathered not just to meet, but to remember who and whose we are.



It was the first time our Werribee Uniting CHOSEN Youth group held a youth fellowship night, and God was indeed at the

forefront of it all. From powerful small group discussions to moments of reflection and praise, it was a night that reminded us that we are called with purpose and never walk alone.

We thank everyone who joined us and supported this gathering — may it be the first of many to come. (Anina)

