



This last week, across our nation and in many other places around the globe, people met to commemorate ANZAC Day. ANZAC day is not a day to celebrate Australia's victories, nor do we celebrate how great our country is on this special day. Rather we remember with gratitude the sacrifice and the loss of young men and women who served and died to protect other people's freedom. Australia has never suffered a major attack but our young men and women have always gone to war to protect the freedom of others, including our own.

When we look at what is happening in so many places around our world, we are indeed blessed to live where we do, as imperfect as Australia may sometimes seem. Let us not fail to give thanks for our freedom and appreciate the sacrifices made by so many across the years, and not only on ANZAC Day.

It is a mistake to think that the ANZAC spirit applies only to the men who fought for our country at Gallipoli. The ANZAC spirit lives on and is truly reflected in the ordinary men and women who daily do extraordinary things by volunteering for causes and charities including things like Blaze Aid, the SES, the CFA, the RSL and service clubs through out Australia.

Today the responsibility lies with us if we want to live in a law abiding, compassionate and tolerant community. None of us can change another person, but we can challenge and change our attitudes, our actions and ourselves.

Inclusion, regardless of race, customs, religion or political views begins with us.

Respect, compassion and caring for others begins with us.

Law abiding begins with us.

Taking positive action for the betterment of our community and our country, begins with us.

May we each take these responsibilities seriously?

John Russell

The next Linked Council Meeting - Is May 2, 2017 at 2 PM at Anglesea.

'Biggest Morning Tea at Torquay.

Thank you to Beaut Beanies for your kind offer to hold the Biggest Morning Tea at Torquay this year.

This will be held on Tuesday 6th June in the form of a Devonshire Tea morning. Sounds yummy.

So please put this date in your diaries and support these ladies as they raise funds for Cancer Council.

I presume this is from 10 am but will check and advise you all.

Anglesea Meeting after church Next Sunday 7th. May

- To ratify (As a Church Council) the Working with children Documents
- Statement of Commitment
 - Code of Conduct
 - Recruitment & Selection
 - Elect Culture of Safety of Contact Person
 - Identify First Aid Officers

Today
 Anglesea 10.00
Ang Ass. Cr. Ch's
 Aireys Inlet 10.30
Worship Team
 Torquay 9.30
 Belbrae 11.00
Worship Teams

Next Week
 Anglesea 10.00
 Aireys Inlet 10.30
Margaret & John Russell
 Torquay 9.30
 Belbrae 11.00
David Walker



Bellbrae Bric-A-Brac and Book Stall
 Sorting each Tuesday
from 1pm – 4.30pm
 helpers are very welcome.
 Opening times
Thursday, Friday 10am–4pm
Saturday 10am–1pm

Help raise a child out of the Poverty Cycle

Did you know that walking 100 kilometres along The Surf Coast could change someone's life? In a couple of weeks' time a small enthusiastic group will be walking from Queenscliff to Lorne to raise funds to enable Kenyan children to receive an education to lift them out of the Poverty Cycle. And they need your help.

Hiking participants, ranging in age from 19 to 73 are raising funds on behalf of tsunami Miles of Smiles Australia which exists to support the Tumaini Miles of Smiles Centre in rural Western Kenya. All money raised will be used to pay school fees which most Kenyan families in the region simply cannot afford.



For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation go to www.gofundme.com/ocean-walk-for-orphans or contact Rhondda Boer on 0403 065 567. **The group is self-funding the walk so every single cent will go directly to the cause.**

Synod Royal Commission Unit
Safe Child Project
Presenter: Helen Rowe



Keeping Children Safe Child Safe Standards and Safe Church Awareness Training

This session is important for all Uniting Church congregational key leaders, Elders, Church Council members and staff, and volunteers in activities for children and young people

Participants at this session will leave with information and resources to meet the basic requirements for a Safe Church, including:

- An understanding of Synod's policy for Keeping Children Safe
- What congregations or agencies need to do
- What is involved in planning safe programs
- Managing risks
- An overview of the Victorian Child Safe Standards and Royal Commission elements for a child safe congregation
- links to resources to assist congregations meet their obligations

Date: Saturday 6 May 2017

Time: 10.30 am—1 pm

Location: Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St, Geelong

No charge to attend.

Tea and coffee available

This session is supported by Port Phillip West Presbytery and Wesley UC Geelong

RSVP by 28 April to Helen Perry on 5229 8866

To meet the policy requirements for training, all people who hold a Working With Children Check must attend a Safe Church Training update every two years

Torquay Uniting Church &

The Vox Box Choir

presents

An Afternoon

With the Choir bringing
you

“A BOX OF FAVOURITES”

Sunday 28th May 2017

at
2.00 pm

at the

Torquay Uniting Church
27 Anderson Street, Torquay

Cost \$20

Booking - Robyn - 0407 829 926

The Annual reports of our four churches are now available on the Newsletters Page of Our Web Site

One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little more money. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor noticed a \$100 note in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate. And there sat our Rosie all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns. **Her eyes brightened as she pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"**