

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 16th July 2023

We acknowledge that we meet and worship on the land of the Wadawurrung people and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

Find out more at www.wadawurrung.org.au.

Lectionary readings : Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 65: (1-8) 9-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



Time to get organised for ARTS TRAIL weekend!

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August

At Bellbrae there will be Art on show in the Church, soup for sale, crafts and of course the OPSHOP and Book Room open on Saturday (10 to 4).

To help out, call or text Fran Griffiths on 0420 355 082

At Torquay there will be Art on show for Saturday and Sunday in Oak Tree Place (10 to 4) and a Trading Table with cakes, jams, chutneys, sausage rolls, craft & some plants on Saturday from 10 to Noon.

AND the Beaut Beanies will be showing & selling their knitted beanies.

AND, there will be an Heirloom Lace & Needlework display in the Church building on Saturday. Free entry.

To help out with baked goods, or behind the counter contact Tricia on 0419 340056

And for the Art Show—Robyn on 0407 829 926

Encourage friends, family and even strangers in the street to come and enjoy.



There will be a special display of heritage lace and needlework inside the Torquay Church during the ARTS TRAIL weekend.

You are invited to share your family heirlooms.

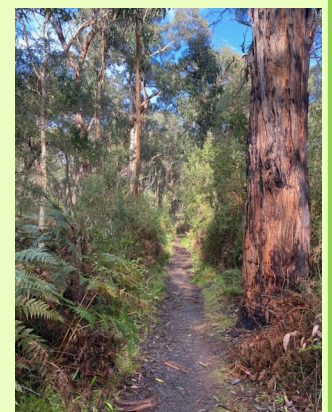
Contact Roma Julian on 52613183, or Joan Duval on 0458612490 to register your interest in a display however small. No charge to enter or exhibit.

Come and listen and walk...

Sunday July 16th at 2:30 PM

It is time to listen to the voices of our Aboriginal people, learn about their customs and hear their concerns. Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, an aboriginal elder in the Daly region of Australia, has said, "There is a rich indigenous gift. It is the greatest gift, we aboriginals, can give to fellow Australians. It is called Dadirri. It is inner deep listening and quiet stillawareness." Come and hear more about Dadirri and Aboriginal spirituality. Have a chance to experience the practise of Dadirri on a short walk in the beautiful Distillery Creek National Park. Meet at the Distillery Creek picnic ground. The short walk is flat and is suitable for all fitness levels.

For more information , including directions, see:
<https://surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au/dadirri-walk/>



Deadline for items for our newsletter to be sent to newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com by 4pm on Thursday of each week

Find our sermons online:

[https://
surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au/
worship-faith/our-sermons/](https://surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au/worship-faith/our-sermons/)

Sunday July 16th

Aireys Inlet 9:30 Rev Bob Thomas
Bellbrae 11:00 Worship Team
Torquay 9:30 Worship Team

Sunday July 23rd

Aireys Inlet 9.30am Worship Team
Torquay 9.30am & Bellbrae 11am
with Rev Bob Thomas

What's Happening where we live?

- Regional Meeting is at 10am at Bellbrae Church on Wednesday 19th July.
- UNITING needs the following this week—150gm jars of Vegemite and 50gm jars of coffee (any brand). As well as the usual long life milk etc. But please no tea as that is in plentiful supply!
- This week the JNC committee meets again in the ongoing process of meeting and choosing a new minister for our Surfcoast congregations. Keep them in your prayers as they work carefully through this special task.
- You are invited by Portarlington Uniting to join a YARN about the Voice. Speakers include members of the local Wauthaurong community and Libby Coker, Federal MP for Corangamite. Sunday 13th August at 2pm at St Andrews Uniting



SOCIAL STUFF:

Coffee on Thursdays at 10.30am BOMBORAS on the Torquay Esplanade. Just turn up & chat.

On-line Safe Church Training option

Jeanne Beale is offering an on-line Safe Church Training Zoom Session next week (Tuesday 18th, 10am-12noon). Participants will need to have read the manual before attending the zoom session:
Manual link: <https://safechurch.ucavictas.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/UCACHildSafeTrainingModuleOne2022Individ-TrainingWorkbook.pdf>

If you would like to join this zoom session please email or message Jeanne for the link. At jeanne.beale@ppw.victas.uca.org.au or 0432 284 279

A REPORT FOR THOSE UNABLE TO BE PRESENT TO FAREWELL JEAN MURRAY AND BERNIE LONG.

On Tuesday 11th of July, several members from each of our linked congregations, gathered at Anglesea church at 11am, to farewell Bernie Long and again at Belmont UC to farewell Jean Murray at 2.30pm. Both Bernie and Jean have been much loved visitors to us over the years, through leading worship.

They were both people with a simple faith who lived their lives in humble service to their Lord. They departed from us on the same day, in different places and only a few hours apart. At each of their separate services their favourite reading was read. For both, it was John 14: verses 1-4.

We came to know Jean in the mid 1990's, when she served as a congregational lay assistant during the tenure of the Reverends Jim Foley and Murray Little. Jean was instrumental in leading monthly worship and ministry to Elloura, which she continued on a voluntary basis long after her term of paid ministry service had ended. She was a faithful visitor to all those people at home and started the regular dine out group, which continues today.

Jean's whole life has been dedicated to the service of others. The Reverend Kevin Yelverton who led the service, said he felt that Jean's life could be best described as. "A Sainly one, living amongst us representing Christ and quietly, serving."

Bernie also represented a simple faith and remained faithful to his Lord all his life. He was a man of wit and humour whose life revolved around the four Fs, Faith, family, footy and fishing. The Reverend Paul Stephens who conducted the service told us that Bernie never worked from notes. Instead, he told stories and challenged people. He was at his best when he had challenged someone to an argument. His son in the eulogy said, "Bye Dad, try not to argue with God too much."

We have really been blessed to have known both of them in our lives.

From Maxine Flakemore

Can you squeeze one more thing into your calendar? Winter Book Club suggested date is Friday 28th July. 2pm at Oak Tree Place.



Topic : Nature and it's Consequences.

All welcome, BYO book and be prepared to share its joys.



This is Daniel, he is a member of a local Indie band and found all the items he needed for his upcoming video at the Bellbrae OpShop last week. We wish him well and hope it's a success.

Community Dates and Events:

- Sunday 16th July is Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday
- Wednesday 19th July at Queenscliff Uniting—Christmas Roast Dinner and OXFAM movie. Book here on www.trybooking.com/CJMCT
- Thursday 20th July the Women's FIFA competition starts, Aussies host
- Friday 28th July is National Tree Day
- 3pm Sunday 13 August—Orchestra Geelong Concert—get tickets at www.orchestrageelong.org.au

Our study is continuing: entitled: A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart. led by Rev Bob Thomas. You are most welcome to attend anytime. Every Thursday from 22nd June to 3 August, at **Aireys Inlet Community Hall, at 10:30 AM.**

The study booklet can be downloaded or a paper copy can be ordered at the following site; <https://www.abmission.org/resources/a-voice-in-the-wilderness/> Please register your interest by email or by phone to aireysinletunitingchurch@gmail.com OR 0418 360 807.

Airey's Inlet St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Rd, Airey's *Sunday Service at 9.30am*
Bellbrae: Uniting Church. School & Anglesea Roads, Bellbrae *Sunday Service at 11.00am*
Torquay: Torquay Uniting Church, 27 Anderson Street, Torquay *Sunday Service at 9.30am*

BELLBRAE BRIC-A-BRAC OP SHOP & BOOK ROOM : Uniting Church Hall, School Road. Bellbrae
Open Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 4pm.

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