

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 9th 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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).

Lectionary readings : Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67, Psalm 45 10-17, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

## *We say farewell to some special people we have known...*

We are sad to notify you of the death of Rev Bernie Long who died on Saturday 1 July 2023.

Bernie was born in 1935 and ordained in 1963 in the Presbyterian Church in Queensland.

He served at Camp Hill and Gold Coast in Queensland, and Essendon and Portland in Victoria. He wrote as a journalist for Church and Nation magazine for many years.

When Bernie retired in 2001 he and Ros moved here to Torquay soon after and Bernie was kept busy as a Supply minister until 2022. All our Surfcoast Congregations have enjoyed his ministry.

The funeral service will be held at Anglesea Uniting Church on Murch Crescent, Anglesea, at 11am on Tuesday 11 July.

Jean Murray was a member of Torquay Uniting Church for over 20 years and served on church council for 6 years. She died on Saturday 1 July 2023.

Jean was active in many outreach activities, including taking the worship service at Elouera Aged Care. Jean very much enjoyed leading worship and always put a lot of research into her services. The church supported her gaining her Lay Preacher qualifications in 2010.

A move to Grovedale in 2015 enabled her to be closer to her family in Geelong, and she moved again a few years ago into local aged care after a stroke.

Many members remember Jean as a warm, friendly and active member of our Torquay congregation.

Her funeral is at Belmont Uniting in Thomas St. at 2.30pm on Tuesday 11 July.

## *Hola, Buena Noticia. (Hello, Good News)*

The Aireys Inlet CRISP support group, *Giving Hope on the Coast*, is excited to have been matched with a refugee family from Venezuela. The single mother and her ten year old twins, a boy and a girl, had to leave their home country and have been living in Trinidad and Tobago for the past two years.



Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia

Venezuela has collapsed socially and economically under a corrupt dictatorship and is currently second only to Syria as country of origin for UNHCR-approved refugees.

The family could arrive any time from mid-August.

We are still looking for suitable ongoing accommodation in Aireys Inlet.

We would also love to hear from anyone who can speak Spanish!

P.S. Many thanks to all the generous & sharing souls who have donated to this project. It's never too late!



To donate online with a tax receipt click on this link <https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/aireysinletunitingoutreach>

It is also possible to donate by a direct deposit into our account:  
Account name: Surf Coast Uniting Church  
BSB: 083-929 Account: 20-987-6337 Please use the reference CRISP.



## **Every Dollar Counts:**

The Cancer Council send thanks for the money raised by local members on the Surfcoast. Over \$13 million was raised this year through the Biggest Morning Tea initiatives.



## **You are invited to join our study every Thursday:**

"A Study entitled: **A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart.** led by Rev Bob Thomas. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend, especially in the light of the upcoming referendum on The Voice.

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/>

If you are planning to attend, please register your interest by email to [aireysinletunitingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:aireysinletunitingchurch@gmail.com) or by phone on 0418 360 807.

Deadline for items for our newsletter to be sent to [newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com](mailto:newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com) by 4pm on Thursday of each week

### Sunday July 9th

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

### Sunday July 16th

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

## What's Happening where we live?

- Regional Meeting is at 10am at Bellbrae Church on Wednesday 19th July.
- BOOK SALE at Uniting Barwon this weekend. All books \$1!
- 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!



### IMPORTANT SOCIAL STUFF:

Coffee on Thursdays at 10.30am BOMBORAS on the Torquay Esplanade. Just turn up & chat.  
Lunch at Aireys Pub on Friday 7th July at noon.

### SURFCOAST ARTS TRAIL 2023.

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th AUGUST

At Bellbrae and Torquay church locations



**Trading Table**, cakes, craft and soups will also be available for sale. Both Torquay and Bellbrae locations would love some additional volunteers for Devonshire Tea, Trading Table, Set up and general welcoming.

To volunteer at Bellbrae contact: Helen Gaylard on 0438 639 609 & for Torquay: Tricia on 0419 340056 for Trading Table, Craft and Teas, and Robyn for ART exhibition 0407 829926.

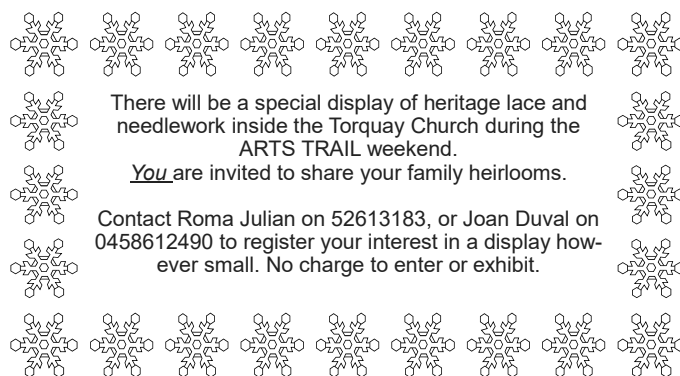
A *SPECIAL INVITE*: Come along to the ARTS TRAIL TASTER SHOW at The Hoop Gallery 10am to 4pm, Thursday to Sunday from 6th to 30th July. One of our own, Annette Packett, will have work at the gallery as well as the ARTS TRAIL.

See separate box for information about an additional exhibit of lace & heirlooms in the Torquay Church during the ARTS Trail.

*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 July at 2pm at St Andrews Uniting*

*See the note attached with your newsletter for all details.*



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.

### Community Dates and Events:

- Sunday 9th July is the Aireys Inlet Community Market
- Friday 14th July is Bastille Day
- Sunday 16th July is Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday
- 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](http://www.orchestrageelong.org.au)

### Birthday Notes:

- Jane Skelton says "a big thank you to all the Surfcoast ladies who surprised me by attending an afternoon tea for my 70th birthday. It was very special and thanks to Tricia & Geoff for their sneaky plan to invite Barry & I to the RACV but all along planning this lovely afternoon. Big thanks to the bakers & sandwich makers."
- Somone with the initials ML (Michael Lambkin) will be turning 80 in early August. Well done Michael!
- Are you celebrating something special—do tell us!



### COME WALKING...

We would love you to join us on a Dadirri Walk. When Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, an Aboriginal elder from the Daly River region says, "Dadirri is the greatest gift we can give to fellow Australians. Dadirri is an Aboriginal practice of *Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness*." Dadirri is very important in connecting to nature and making strong connections to fellow community members, as well as, tapping into the deep spring that is within all people.

Our Walk is taking place on Sunday, July 16th at 2:30 PM, starting at Distillery Creek picnic ground. More details will be available on our website. The walk is flat and suitable for all fitness levels. In the event of heavy rain or other severe weather events the walk will be postponed to the following Sunday, July 23, 2023. A notice will be posted on the website.

<https://surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au/dadirri-walk/>

**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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