

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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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 this week : Easter 7 Acts 1: 6-14 Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Pt 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Jn 17:1-11

Our SurfCoast Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council went off without a hitch! 53 people attended and enjoyed a delicious morning tea of goodies, chat and a magnificent raffle of many prizes. A big thank you to our brilliant organizer , Tricia Genat and to all the helpers, and cooks. It was magnificent! We raised over \$900.



All the great door prizes. Thanks to our community for supporting this great cause.



So many delicious goodies.



Marg Hirth's colourful and tasty cake



Our fearless Leader, taking a break



The black and white waiters squashed together on one couch exhausted!

Volunteers ... what would the world do without them.

National Volunteer Week 2026 in Australia runs from 18 to 24 May, celebrating volunteers and encouraging meaningful involvement under the theme "Your Year to Volunteer."

To celebrate all our volunteers, especially those that work at the Bellbrae OP shop, we are holding a morning tea on **Thursday 21st May at 10:00am** at Bellbrae church. Morning tea will be provided, but if you wish you may bring a small plate to share.

Opportunities to volunteer in our church communities.

Come and Join the Oak Tree Place team. Each week we have about 200 people washing through OTP and this requires some housework to keep everything running smoothly. We are looking for an extra member to assist with bookings, tours for new tenants and some paperwork requirements. Please see Robyn, Tricia or Jane. Thank you."

More Volunteers are really needed as many of our folk are on Holidays over the next few months or recovering from ops and sickness. The Op Shop plays a vital role in our ministry here on the surf coast. Please volunteer for one session of 3hours a month....it will make a big difference.



Aireys Inlet St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Rd, Aireys Inlet. *Sunday Worship at 9.30am*

Bellbrae: Uniting Church. School & Anglesea Roads, Bellbrae. *Sunday Worship at 11am.*

Torquay: Torquay Uniting Church, 27 Anderson Street, Torquay. *Sunday Worship at 9.30am*

Find us at : www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

ON Facebook: Surf Coast Uniting Church and Bellbrae Opshop and Bookroom

Regular Surfcoast Uniting Events

- **Beaut Beans** meet at Torquay each Tuesday at 10am to knit and crochet, socialise and plan their donations.
- **Coffee at Bomboras** every Thursday at 10.30am. Come and Go as you please, take time to chat and rest.
- **Calvary Elouera Aged Care** Rev Tina and Robyn H lead this precious Ministry monthly on the first Thursday.
- **OPSHOP and BOOKSHOP at Bellbrae - every Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm** Call Doreen to add your name to the roster (0479 164 938). We'd love to have you. Full training provided.
- **Aireys Inlet Lunch at the Pub** held on the first Friday of each month. Enjoyed by locals & the Aireys congregation. All are welcome.
- **Prayer Shawl group...** contact Marilyn Wendt if interested in joining this faithful group.
- **Silent Worship** i Meeting in a private home to explore and to evaluate this type of our spiritual engagement. Monthly on the second Thursday, 7.00 to 9.00pm

Dates for the Diary:

Next week's worship on Pentecost Sunday 24th May at our churches:

- * Bellbrae 11am A Taize service led by Maxine Flakemore
- * Torquay 9.30am and Aireys Inlet will meet together at Torquay for an All Age service, led By Rev Tina.

Church Council Meetings:

Aireys on Friday 15th May at 9.30am at St Aidan's Church

Torquay on Friday 15th May at 2pm in Oak Tree Place

SCLCC meeting on Friday 22nd May at 2pm at Bellbrae.



An important message from our Surf Coast Treasurer, Linda concerning Reimbursements and Budgets.

The councils of all 3 congregations and the minister have budgets which they are encouraged to spend. After all, "Mission Leads Budget"! If you spend money against this budget, do send an email with subject line "Request for Reimbursement" to scuctreasurer@gmail.com and, after the usual processes, you will be reimbursed on the 20th of the month. Thank you for all you do for our church".



- * We pray for all the work that is happening to keep the Emergency Relief centre operational in Grovedale.
- * We remember all Volunteers and how the world wouldn't work without them.
- * We pray with love for all those around us struggling with life and its many challenges.



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

Your Offering for all our churches, programs and outreach is welcome. Direct Deposit or Cash

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