

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 2nd August 2026

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 :: Pent 10: Genesis 32: 22-31, Psalm 17: 1-7, 15, Romans 9: 1-5, Matthew 14: 13-21

Yes, it's the Surfcoast ARTS TRAIL WEEKEND !

At Torquay come and enjoy the art and craft displays, stop for a delicious Devonshire Tea and on Saturday morning buy a little treat from the food stall—cakes, jams, chutneys, slices, sausage rolls and more...

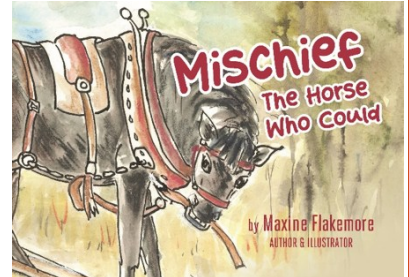
At Bellbrae enjoy the art displays, craft stall, soup and rolls and wander the new garden.

ARTS TRAIL: Saturday & Sunday 10am to 4pm

Devonshire Teas & Bake sale: Saturday only

You are invited
to a book launch and
exhibition of original
illustrations:

Intro by Reverend Tina
Lyndon Ng



"Mischief The Horse Who Could".

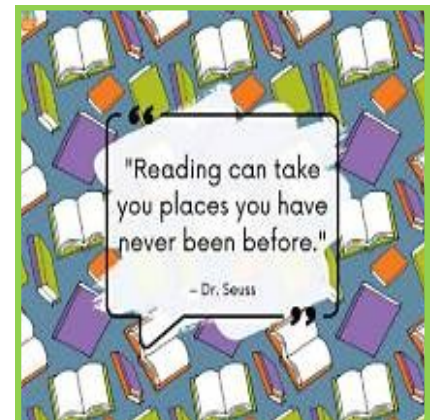
Written & Illustrated by Maxine Flakemore

1pm on Saturday August 1st

At Bellbrae Uniting Church: 5 School Rd Bellbrae

Some reminders:

1. Tuesday 11th August is CENSUS Day. Paper information will be delivered to your letterbox—or check out here - <https://www.abs.gov.au/census>
2. Thank you to everyone who supports our churches and outreach with their regular offerings. Remember that the Surfcoast UC bank account for regular direct deposits is : BSB 083 929 and ACC 93 009 8403. Please check.
3. The Freezer at Torquay is full with sweet and savoury offerings for you, your family, friends and neighbours. PLEASE come and grab a casserole, soup or cake to make someone's day. If you need help accessing the freezer, please call Tricia (0419 340056) or Marg (0407 3480085).
4. Our next Combined Service is at Aireys Inlet on 30th August at 10am—our theme is the wonderful **Frontier Services**.



We all wish Rev Tina and John a lovely holiday and trip during the month of August. May the weather be kind, the trains be on time and all the planning come together well.



Uniting Church Services on the Surfcoast : This Sunday 2nd August. Pentecost 10

Aireys Inlet: 9.30am : Rev Tina & Communion, Bellbrae: 9.00am (NOTE TIME) Taizé, Torquay : 9.30am: Rev Stephen.



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

Worship next week:

Thursday 6th August: At Elouera Aged Care at 2.15pm

Sunday 9th August:

- * **Aireys Inlet 9:30am: Rev Ann Key**
- * **Torquay 9:30am : Worship Team**
- * **Bellbrae 11am : Communion with Rev Peter Greenwood**



First Nations Weaving Workshop

Join us for a two-hour weaving workshop with artists from The Torch, promoting community, mindfulness, and cultural revival. Participants will learn weaving techniques, engage in storytelling, and connect with others while celebrating cultural traditions. Attendees will leave with their weaving and a gift bag of materials. The workshop supports The Torch, a First Peoples-led organisation that empowers artists and fosters cultural connection to break the cycle of incarceration.

TORCH

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First Nations
All Abilities

Environment & Climate
Refugees & Immigrants

LGBTIQ+
Community

Thur 20th August

2-4 PM - \$80



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Matthew 14: 14. And Jesus went forth and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Regular Surfcoast Uniting Events

- **Beaut Beanies** 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 connect and 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 - Friday & 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
Contact Jill on 0417 798 396

What's happening in our neighbourhood?

Every Wednesday at 5pm Oak Tree Place: Ballet for Balance. Contact Ocean Road OT at oceanroadot@gmail.com or phone 0484 929 508.

Thursday 20th August : At Queenscliff UC. The First Nations Weaving Workshop. See side panel for full details.

Sunday 30th August at Aireys Inlet—Surfcoast UC Combined Service at 10am (Note different time please). Our Guest: Noel Williams. Do you need a ride? Check in with Robyn H or Tricia G

This article was suggested by Cheryl Peel and the Opshop sorters team...many thanks

“ After spending 178 days aboard the International Space Station, astronaut **Ron Garan** returned to Earth with something far heavier than space equipment: a transformed view of humanity. From orbit, Earth isn't a collection of countries or borders. It appears as a single radiant blue sphere in darkness. No lines divide continents; no flags mark territory. From 250 miles up, human conflicts look small, and our connections become unavoidable.

Garan watched lightning crackle across continents, auroras ripple over poles, and the city lights glow. What struck him wasn't Earth's power, but its fragility. The atmosphere protecting life looked like a paper thin halo, barely visible, yet responsible for all that survives. This view triggered the “overview effect” - a profound cognitive shift often reported by astronauts. It's the realisation that humanity shares a single, closed system. No back ups, No escape routes. No second home. Garan began questioning our priorities. On Earth economic growth is often the ultimate goal, but from space that hierarchy collapses. He argues that the order must be planet first, society second and economy last. Without a healthy planet, society and economy cannot exist. He compares Earth to a spacecraft carrying billions of crew members all relying on the same life support system. Yet many act as passive passengers instead of caretakers, assuming others will keep things running.

Garan's message is practical: if we keep treating earth as an unlimited resource instead of a shared system, the consequences will be universal. Space didn't make him feel small; it made him accountable. When we understand that we all ride the same fragile ship through the universe, “us versus them” disappears. ***There is only us.***

Ron Garan flew to the space station in 2008 and is a committed Christian. Now retired.

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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.

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