



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



SAFE CHURCH

Western Heights Uniting Church is committed to the safety, protection and well-being of all children and young people from all forms of abuse and neglect. We will make every effort to provide an environment of safety and support. All key leaders have completed a Working With Children Check. Western Heights UC has adopted the Synod "Keeping Children Safe" policy.

SUNDAY JULY 31 2022

We welcome you to today's service at
Western Heights Uniting Church
Notice Sheet Sunday 31st July 2022 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for: ...

those with special needs:

Rashida Przastek

Think Tank Group

Birthdays:

Judith Oke

2nd

Dudley Holroyd

3rd

Eddie Bray

5th

The congregation at Western Heights offers prayerful support of its members and others in a number of ways; because of privacy protocols, names are not included for prayer unless we have received your permission.

Uniting Barwon

Items that would be appreciated this week include: cereal, coffee, tea, condensed/evaporated milk, cake mixes. Please place in trolley in the foyer.

Thought for the week

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

Albert Camus

Diary for This Week

Sunday 31st 10:00am Worship Service – Jan Taylor's Small Group
Thursday 4th 8.00pm Musicians & Singers Practice

Next Week's Service

Sunday 7th 10:00am Worship Service – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

People Helping Elsewhere

Rev. Robert Van Zetten – St. Luke's

Minister & Pastoral Care on leave

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

0400 664 991

Emergencies Rev. Jan Taylor

0447 646 364

THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was approved by the General Council of the United Nations in 2007. The Australian Government endorsed the Declaration in April 2009. The UCA in its life, decisions, policies, and advocacy will be guided by the Articles of the Declaration.

We seek in our Covenant relationship to reflect the universal human rights which flow from the source of all creation, and which point to a new creation, the new humanity, the end in view for the whole creation.

Seeking ideas for Mission Projects for WHUC

In recent years WHUC has put time and energy into a number of mission projects including a breakfast program, playgroups, homelessness project, refugee welcome dinners and many others.

Church Council is seeking ideas of new mission projects that our congregation could undertake. Please write down your ideas with your name and place them in the 'Suggestion Box For Mission Projects' at the back of the worship area or contact a member of Church Council with your idea(s).

From the ECO Group

We are interested in interviewing people who are doing things for the environment. We are going to use these interviews in worship or write them up to encourage others. We would love to hear from you however big or small. Contact Bruce Waldron 0419 663 514.

Church and Music Rosters for Sept, Oct, Nov 2022.

The Church and Music Rosters for **Sept, Oct and Nov 2022**, will be drawn up for distribution during the second half of Aug. Please use the unavailability book by **today 31st July**, in which to record the days on which you will be unavailable during these 3 months.

If you would like to add your name to any of the following tasks, please let me know on 0490 151 560: Vestry Steward, Bible Reader, Greeter, Steward, Morning Tea. (A text message with your name, task/s, and frequency e.g. once a month.)
Thanks. Maralann.

Blister Packs

We are now collecting blister packs that pandol, medication etc. are in. These can be left in the 4th drawer in the foyer.



**Please be comfortable
wearing a mask**

Tasks people are doing next week
31st July 2022

Vestry Steward:

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Tim Hunt

Greeter: Velma Oliver

Morning Tea: Michele Hardy, Vanessa Thomson

Musicians: Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron, Geoff Coots, Les Oliver

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt, Ashley Payne

PA / Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing today
7th August 2022

Vestry Steward: Jan Taylor

Stewards: Bruce Rookes, Geoff Everett

Greeter: Heather Rookes

Morning Tea: Jean Payne, Barbara Everett

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt

PA / Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart: Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago. This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown. How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years? With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood. Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future. These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness. We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country. We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution. Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination. We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history. In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.