



# Western Heights Uniting Church

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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.

## June at a Glance

Saturday 1st	9.00am	Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 2nd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 9th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Michele Hardy—St. Albans-St. Andrews
Friday 14th	6.30pm	Friday Fun Night—Crazy Whist
Sunday 16th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Tuesday 18th	12.00pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 19th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 23rd	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 30th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

# JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER



## Community Garden Working Bee

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**Saturday 1st June** starting at **9.00am** to install 2 large wicking beds.

Bring along a spade, wheelbarrow or bucket for shovelling soil and scoria.

## In-Person Safe Church Training

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Bruce Missen from Presbytery will be conducting an in-person Safe Church Training Session on **Sunday** afternoon, **2 June, 2024 at 12:30** at East Geelong UC, 195 Ormond Road (Entry via 124 Boundary Road).

This is a great opportunity for those from our congregation who need to complete their Safe Church Training. Please see Velma Oliver if you wish to attend or call her on 0421 271 946 by Monday, 27 May, 2024.

## Tennis News

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The Tennis Club is embarking on collecting empty drink Cans, plastic drink bottles and glass drink bottles with the 10 cent refund logo for us to recycle as a Club fundraiser.

So, if you're not already collecting these items, please bring them along to the Tennis Club gate next to the courts and place in the large Black Rubbish Bin. Any Questions see Bruce Rookes. 0402135313. Thanks.

**Crazy Whist Evening** ( Revisited ) A family fun night, with Tennis members. **Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> June** Bring a plate of supper to Share. **6.30 Start** Playing, 8.30 Supper, 9.00 Finish.

All Welcome . In the Church Hall.

## Groups Reporting to Church Council

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It would be most helpful if groups reporting to CC could email their reports to Sandra Neville at [sandra@smallcoilrewinds.com.au](mailto:sandra@smallcoilrewinds.com.au) by the Friday before CC meets on the following dates for this year: **Friday 12 July, 13 September and 15 November**. It is understood that, as volunteers, we are all very busy people in our own groups and your efforts are highly valued. Velma Oliver, on behalf of CC.

## Friday Fun Night

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**Friday 14th June 2024**

**Crazy Whist**

**6.30pm**

**Bring a plate of supper to share**

**Everyone is Welcome**

## Tuesday Friendship

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**Tuesday 18th June 2024**

**Lunch**

**12.00pm**

**All Ladies welcome.**

**Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035**

## WHUC Community Garden

### Scarecrow challenge!

A fun activity for all!



Join with your family or friends to create an amazing scarecrow for our garden beds!



You have until the end of May to show how creative you can be!  
They will all be displayed in our garden.

Just leave your scarecrow at the garden anytime in May, with your contact details if you wish!

Enquiries to Sandra 0417 310 151  
Facebook: WHUC Community Garden

## Refugee Week 16 - 22nd June - Portarlington film screening:

### JOURNEY BEYOND FEAR

#### Refugee Week Special Event

JOURNEY BEYOND FEAR film and Q&A with the filmmakers, Robyn Hughan (Producer/Director) & Steve Warne (Co-Producer). Afternoon Tea will be served too.

Hosted by St. Andrew's Uniting Church Portarlington  
Justice Team

**Date: Sunday 23rd June. Time: 2pm**

Location: Portarlington Guides Hall, Portarlington  
Recreation Reserve

*Journey Beyond Fear is an inspirational film following a teenage girl and her Afghan refugee family in Malaysia as they wait for, and eventually achieve resettlement in Australia.*

Book online at Humantix.

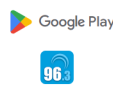
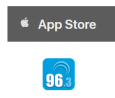
Did you know?

Have you heard?

There's a Christian Community Radio station in Geelong!!

**96three** broadcasts 24 hours a day 7 days a week. It can be found at 96.3 on the FM dial right across Greater Geelong, the Surf Coast and Bellarine as well as the City of Wyndham.

This service is also available to [livestream](#) on the internet and our own radio app for [iphone](#) and [android](#).



## Brunswick Uniting Church Livestream Services

Brunswick Uniting Church link for the livestream is via their YouTube page.

It will be easier to use this link to the livestream rather than trying to find it via the Brunswick UC homepage.

The link to the livestream is to their YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/@brunswickunitingchurch4303/streams>

## National Week of Reconciliation Week 27th May - 3 June

5 healing events for everyone.

**Mon 27 May, 11am - 1pm**, Nth Geelong, Reflection gathering at Wathaurong, 62 Morgan St.

**Tue 28 May - 16 June 2024**, Torquay, **10am - 3pm daily**, Evening session: **Wed 29 May 5.30-7.30pm**, a sensory immersive cultural learning experience. Book here: <https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Experience/Events/Community-Calendar/Journey-on-Wadawurrung-Country> .

**Tue 28 May, 6:30pm** SURF WORLD MUSEUM, 77 Beach Road Torquay, \$25.00. Be part of the special National Q&A Tour by Our Generation Media and grab your ticket before they all sell out. A screening of the award winning Indigenous funded documentary *Luku Ngärra: The Law of the Land* followed by a heartfelt Truth Telling Together discussion with the film maker and special guests.

**Fri 31 May, 5.30pm**; Reconciliation Week Gathering at Geelong Arts Centre; Proud Wadawurrung Woman & Traditional Owner Corrina Eccles and proud Wemba, Wemba Man & CEO of Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative Simon Flagg will share with other guest panellist and community leaders their view on reconciliation. 50 Little Malop St, Geelong. Limited spots, book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231455> .

**Sun 2nd June, 10am - 3pm**, Reconciliation at Johnstone Park, Geelong (Gheringhap st, Fenwick st, Little Malop st).

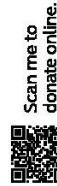


## Spread the warmth this winter.

With the colder months upon us, we need your help to bring some comfort to those who suffer most in the cold weather.

Your generosity will directly impact people in your local community seeking shelter and warmth.

**Donate online:** [unitingvictas.org.au/local-winter](https://unitingvictas.org.au/local-winter)



Scan me to donate online.

### Donate winter items:

Blankets, warm clothing, swags, sleeping bags, toiletries and non-perishable food

### Drop off location:

**Grovedale:** 272 Torquay Rd (Cnr Reserve Rd and Torquay Rd), Monday-Friday, 9am - 12pm  
**Norlane:** 10 Wendover Avenue, Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-12pm



Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.



# Uniting

Support our Winter Local Appeal.

# World-Wide Knit-in-Public Day

and

## Gorgeous Goodies Garage Sale



**Sat 8 & Sun 9 June**  
**10am-4pm each day**  
**Uniting Church Queenscliff**

**Locally Made Knits for sale**  
**+ the best of our china, clothes & books**

### Knitting Circle -

Making Squares for baby blankets for Geelong Mums  
 or BYO knitting

**Slices, Tea and Coffee available**



See Jan if you wish to make a donation to Uniting by a hard copy instead of online.

## **Greater Geelong Steering Group (GGSG)**

### **Summary of Meeting 2 Wednesday, 24 April, 2024**

#### **Lara UC from 7 to 9:30**

- An agenda was e-mailed on Tuesday, 23 April, 2024, a direct result of our congregation's recommendation from the AGM.
- Linley Liersch talked about the purpose of these meetings, as seen on the agenda.
- The purpose of the meetings and our achievements thus far were discussed in small groups.
- Wesley UC's chair read their statement, generally stating that there is no longer a need for these meetings.
- Much discussion followed this statement.
- Linley declared that these meetings will continue.
- Mike Currie from St. Lukes is keen to develop an engaging, interactive and accessible website across the Greater Geelong Region. "The Uniting Churches of the Geelong Region". Presbytery and Synod grants will be accessed to fund this project. Western Heights indicated support for this website.
- Edwin Haywood from St David's gave a brief history of Geelong.
- Will Nicholas asked: What does it mean to us to be the people of God in Geelong? What do we exist for? We are a Pilgrim People on the way. The Uniting Church exists because of its Congregations.
- Next meeting: 31 July, 2024.

### **Summary of CC Minutes of 15 May 2014**

- Devotions by Geoff Coots – Sharing Faith.
- "Safe Code of Conduct" has been distributed to all members of the congregation. Please see Jan Grigg if you did not receive a copy.
- The Greater Geelong Steering Committee has been informed of the congregation's recommendation as to the purpose of the meetings, an agenda, and minutes for greater transparency.
- Noble Street UC will be invited to attend and share in our services whenever it suits them.
- CC took a close look at a section of its purpose statement:

#### CHURCH COUNCIL PURPOSE STATEMENT

*"Church Council shall give priority in its life to building and supporting the church community in Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community and Sharing Faith.*

*We will seek to sustain the church community and each other in hope and realise a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world through fostering a culture of empathy, purpose, conversation and learning."*

- This will be ongoing and the purpose of this exercise is to examine how well CC is fulfilling its purpose and what else can be done in each area.
- The Resources Group has signed off on a lease agreement for the manse and this will be sent to Heather Loader at Presbytery for approval by the appropriate body.
- The Safe Church Group continues to encourage church members who need to get a Working with Children Check and/or complete the Safe Church Training.
- Next meeting of CC: Wednesday, 19 June, 2024 at 7:00.

Velma Oliver.

# Contact Details

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**Minister:** Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga  
0400 664 991

Temukisa's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

**Church Council Chair:** Velma Oliver  
**lv.oliver@iinet.net.au** 0421 271 946

**Property Co-ordinator:** Graeme Hardy  
**graeme.c.hardy@gmail.com** 0408 630 391

## Communications

**Administrator:** Jan Grigg 5229 5889

## Pastoral Care:

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga  
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## Parental/Guardian Permission

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In order for Western Heights to be a Safe Church, we are seeking the permission of parents or guardians to photograph or video their children during church services and other church-related activities. Permission forms are available at the back of the church. Please hand completed forms to the duty steward of the day.

## Light Globes & Batteries

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Did you know that light globes and batteries of any sort can be recycled? There is a box in the foyer near the stamps where you can leave them.

## Future Monthly Newsletters

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To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month**. They can be dropped in to the office in a clearly marked envelope, or emailed to the office, at **office@whuc.com.au**

## Eco Group

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The Eco Group has started an Eco Books library, in the entry foyer. Please borrow books and if you have good books on the subject, you would be willing to share, see Bruce W.

## Postage stamps

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Sammy Stamp is a part of the UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) that collects postage stamps, sells them and then provides grants for small projects not covered in the Synod Budget. There is a box in the foyer for you to put your used stamps. If you could cut around your stamp leaving 5mm of paper that would be helpful.

## With Love To The World

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Used With Love to the World booklets can be left in the marked drawer in the recycling material box in the foyer.

## Pew Sheet

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If anyone wishes to receive the Pew Sheet information by email each week, please give your name and email address to Jan in the office.

## Milk Bottle Tops

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We are collecting plastic **milk** bottle tops with St. Joseph's College. You can leave your milk bottle tops in the foyer for recycling.

## Uniting Church Safe Church Policies

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Access to key Safe Church policies is available on: [safechurch.ucavictas.org.au](https://safechurch.ucavictas.org.au)