



# 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.

## July at a Glance

Saturday 6th	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 7th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Friday 12th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night—
Sunday 14th	10.00am	Worship—Michele Hardy
Monday 15th	3.00pm	Shared Community Garden Task Group Meeting
Tuesday 16th	12.00pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 17th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 21st	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Rev. Robert Van Zetten—St. Albans/St. Andrews
Sunday 28th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

# JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Shared Community Garden News

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The community garden is a project to encourage fresh food production and connections with others in the community. It provides an opportunity to engage with others in a relaxed atmosphere. Our vision is that the wider community will find a place of safety and support as we grow vegetables and relationships together.

To further this vision we are having regular working bees on the FIRST SATURDAY of each month commencing in July.

### NEXT WORKING BEE

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**9.30 – 11AM**

Come when you can, leave when you have to.

Refreshments provided.

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The **Community Garden Task group** meets regularly to develop further ideas for engaging the community, discuss tasks in the garden and plan future planting and harvesting.

Currently the task group is looking at providing a reflective space on the site and painting a labyrinth.

Signage is also being planned along with the Resources Team, Tennis Club and 4GR.

Keep watching this space for more updates.

**NEXT TASK GROUP MEETING – Monday 15 July 3.00pm** in the Minya room – ALL WELCOME

## Friday Fun Night

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**Friday 12th July 2024**

**6.00pm**

**Everyone is Welcome**

## Tuesday Friendship

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**Tuesday 16th July 2024**

**Lunch**

**12.00pm**

**All Ladies welcome.**

**Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035**

## 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: **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.

## Summary of Church Council (CC) Minutes of 19 June, 2024

- ◆ Devotions: Graeme Hardy reflected on how our Church Community is 'growing together'.
- ◆ CC is seeking someone who is IT knowledgeable to discuss 'live-streaming' with Rev. Will Nicholas, and the updating of our equipment.
- ◆ Temukisa conducted a Code of Ethics session with CC.
- ◆ The congregation to have input in renaming our 'Strategic Plan'.
- ◆ The Treasurer (Geoff Coots) has completed the annual Financial Return Survey. Thank you Geoff.
- ◆ CC to read the ACT2 report in order to become aware of how the changes will affect the CC if the recommendations are approved by the Assembly.
- ◆ Velma has forwarded our collective feedback of the Pentecost Service at the Dome, to the Greater Geelong Steering Group.
- ◆ Velma to write to Linley Liersch, seeking a response to our letter of March, 2024.
- ◆ Problems with the hearing loop is being addressed.
- ◆ CC worked through Part B of a closer look at the CC Purpose Statement.
- ◆ Next meeting on Wednesday, 17 July, 2024.

Velma Oliver.

## Wanted: Volunteers for the Welcome Place program at Wesley Uniting Church, Geelong

The Wesley Asylum Seeker Welcome Place is a drop-in centre that provides information and referral, social activities, food support and other assistance to people who are seeking asylum or who still have temporary protection visas.

The Welcome Place is open every Friday (except public holidays and for a short break over Christmas/New Year), and is looking for some people to join our fabulous volunteer team. Volunteers are rostered on fortnightly or monthly for the following shifts, depending on what suits them:

- **1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Food relief program.** Food parcels are made up and distributed, along with food vouchers, to people who have low income, no work rights or other extenuating circumstances. People may also come to ask for assistance with things like applying for Medicare, finding a legal service to assist them, filling out non-legal forms etc.
- **5:00 - 9:00 pm. Social gathering.** A shared meal is provided and games and activities are offered. (Volunteers put the meal together, often with the assistance of our asylum seeking participants, and any costs for ingredients or commercially made food items purchased are reimbursed.) Some people may collect their food parcels or ask for assistance with forms and other matters during this time too.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy being part of, then The Welcome Place would love to hear from you! There is a process for volunteers to complete in order to register as a volunteer (application form, codes of conduct, police check, interview and referee checks etc.). To get the process started, please email [wesleycentrewelcomeplace@gmail.com](mailto:wesleycentrewelcomeplace@gmail.com)



### 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



Join us at the Uniting book sale.

Nothing over \$1  
Children's books  
\$0.50!

Join us at our monthly book sale.

Held the first Friday and Saturday of each month at Uniting Grovedale, the Uniting book sale raises much needed funds for local services.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
&  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
10am - 2pm

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale  
(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)

## Uniting

# 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  
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## Communications

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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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:office@whuc.com.au)

## Uniting Church Safe Church Policies

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