



NEWSLETTER

22 August – 28 August 2022



NRCC News and Notices

Sabbath Time: Rest, Renew, Reconnect

You are invited to this retreat day and rest from your work. As God did on the sixth day, we will celebrate that what we have done, what we do, is very good! We will bless our living and one another, held and loved and deeply blessed by God, our Creator.



Kate Scholl
Pastoral Theology Team & Registrar at
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Registration by 21st Aug. Gold coin donation on the day.
For more info and an RSVP, please contact Alex
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Community News and Notices

▪ PULSE | Uniting Youth Camp - UYC22

Who: Year 7-11 students

When: 10am Tues 27 Sept – 2pm Fri 30 Sept

Where: Vision Valley Conference Centre, Arcadia

Cost: \$350 per student covers meals, activities and accommodation.

https://pulse.uca.org.au/2022/07/28/join-us-at-uniting-youth-camp-2022/?mc_cid=a9f4155878&mc_eid=38cd9c4c47

- Who R U?
- What's your identity in Christ?

Come to UYC22 and find out!



Our amazing guest speaker **Rev Charissa Suli** knows all about juggling identity and faith and how they come together - she'll have heaps of great insight to share too.

▪ HSC Study Camp

The **HSC STUDY CAMP 2022**, especially for our Year 12 students, is a brilliant opportunity to come together and spend time studying in preparation for the HSC/IB exams in a supportive, caring Christian environment.

WHERE? The Collaroy Centre, 22 Homestead Ave, Collaroy Beach NSW 2097

WHEN? 10am Tue 4 October to 3pm Fri 7 October 2022

COST? \$300 per student, covering all meals, coffee, accommodation, and more

https://pulse.uca.org.au/2022/07/15/hsc-study-camp-its-really-a-thing/?mc_cid=a9f4155878&mc_eid=38cd9c4c47



HSC 4-7 (Tues-Fri)
Oct 2022
Study Camp

The Collaroy Centre
22 Homestead Ave Collaroy Beach NSW 2097

 



The Uniting Climate Action Network invites you to an on-line forum on electric vehicles.

Are you interested in making the switch to an electric vehicle but have questions?

To provide some answers to these and other questions, the Uniting Climate Action Network has organised an on-line Electric Vehicle Forum. We are very pleased that Dr Jake Whitehead, the Head of Policy at the [Electric Vehicle Council](#) has agreed to be our main speaker. He will explain the benefits of EV's, how they work, their current availability in Australia, and factors that affect their cost and public demand for them. There will be time for participants to ask more questions after his talk.

The forum will take place on Wednesday September 7, from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. [You can register for the event here](#) and the Zoom link will be emailed to you before the evening. If you have any questions, please contact Jon O'Brien in the Uniting Climate team at joo'Brien@unting.org or 0477 725 528



UCAN  **Uniting**

Electric Vehicle Information Forum

September 7 | 7pm-8.30pm

Free Online Event

If you've ever considered buying an electric vehicle or are just curious to learn more about them, join us at our **Electric Vehicle Information Forum.**

Cars are responsible for about **half** of all **transport emissions** in Australia. Could switching to an electric vehicle be the right investment for you and the planet?

Come along to hear from guest speaker Dr Jake Whitehead, Head of Policy at the **Electric Vehicle Council** and get answers about the benefits of EVs, how they work, the factors that influence their uptake and more.

This forum is aimed at any in the wider church community but open to all
Click the link below to register:

Register on Eventbrite

Jake is Head of Policy at the Electric Vehicle Council of Australia. He was formerly a Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a member of the International Electric Vehicle Policy Council at the University of California, Davis, and also runs his own mobility-as-a-service company in Queensland, ODIN PASS.

▪ Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/>

▪ Moderator's Flood Appeal to help devastated communities

The Uniting Church NSW/ACT has launched a special appeal to help those communities devastated by record-breaking floods.

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/media-release-moderator-s-flood-appeal-to-help-devastated-communities/>

Reflection of the Week

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way" (Isaiah 53:6). All we have to do is look around to see the various directions to which people turn, just like sheep. Some people try to find happiness through comfort and pleasure. Others look for peace and security in their wealth. And many look for God—but will never find Him—in a false religion. Left on our own, each and every one of us would continue down one of these paths. Just like a sheep that has wandered off, if a sinner is not rescued soon, the path he takes will eventually lead to destruction.

Read Luke 15:1-7. In this passage, Jesus describes the Father's sheep rescue plan. It's very simple: God chases after and saves lost sheep. Jesus says He will leave behind the ninety-nine in order to seek and save the one who is lost. This means that no matter how lost a sheep has become, no matter how far he has wandered, there's still hope. God is out looking for him. There's nothing that sheep can do, and no path he can choose to find God; He needs to be rescued. No one truly finds God. Instead, God finds us.

Every other religion exists for the sake of helping people find a particular god or gods. But Christianity declares that God has come looking for us. When Jesus came to earth, that's what He said: "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). He is not afraid to get His hands dirty for the sake of a little, lost lamb. God loves sinners so much that He goes to extraordinary lengths to find us and bring us home.

Notice what else Jesus says: "There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent" (Luke 15:7). Many people are so lost that they no longer recognize how lost they are. They think they are right where they should be. The Pharisees were like this, and there are people with a similar mindset today. And like a sheep that doesn't know it has wandered off, they fail to recognize the Saviour's voice (see John 10:27). They miss the rescue they so desperately need.

You may not realize just how lost you have become, but there's Good News: Jesus has come to rescue you!

Prayer: God, thank You for Your amazing love. Thank You for finding me and calling me out of darkness. Help me to follow You all the days of my life. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10).

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(BSB): 634634 **Account Number:** 100025906

Prayers

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.
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Church Council

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