



NEWSLETTER

29 August – 4 September 2022

Revive
Restore
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NRCC News and Notices

Spring Thanksgiving Sunday
11th September 2022

We would like to invite you to bring a special thanksgiving offering to God for our new church signboard & renovations in 136.

Please use envelopes provided or e-Giving
Account Name: North Rocks Community Church
BSB: 634634 Account Number: 100016305 with "Thanksgiving" as a reference

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 joobrien@uniting.org or 0477 725 528

UCAN Uniting Church NSW/ACT

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, CEDIN 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

Jesus said that we are "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). The value of salt, especially in the ancient world, cannot be underestimated. Roman soldiers received their wages in salt. The Greeks considered salt to be divine. The Mosaic Law required that all offerings presented by the Israelites contain salt (see Leviticus 2:13).

When Jesus told His disciples that they were "the salt of the earth," they understood the metaphor. While the universal importance of salt is not as readily apparent in our modern world, the mandate that Jesus gave to His first disciples is still relevant and applicable to His followers today.

What are the characteristics of salt that caused the Lord to use it in this context?

Theologians have different theories about what "salt" represents in Jesus' sermon. Some think that its white colour represents the purity of the justified believer. Others say that salt's flavouring properties imply that Christians are to add divine flavour to the world. Still others believe that Christians are to sting the world with rebuke and judgment the way salt stings an open wound. Another group asserts that, as salt, Christians are to create a thirst for Christ.

Salt, however, has another vital purpose, one which is probably what the Lord had in mind: Salt stops decay. When Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth," He meant that all His disciples were to serve as preservatives, stopping the moral decay of our sin-infected world.

Prayer: Father, help me to remember that I should be a preservative in this world. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:6).

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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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Ministry Leaders

Minister: Rev. Steve Lee / minister@northrocks.org.au / 0433 698 690

Church Council

Chairperson: Secretary: Treasurer:

Team Leaders

Worship: Steve Lee Discipleship: Alex Chow Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska
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