

# NEWSLETTER

4 September – 11 September 2022

**Revive**  
**Restore**  
**Reach Out**

## NRCC News and Notices

**Spring** **Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**11<sup>th</sup> 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

### ▪ ***New Church Council Office Bearers***

We give thanks to God for the new Church Council office bearers: **Cathy Nelson (Chairperson)**, **Secretary (Sue Vasilevska)**, **Treasurer (Anne Crabb)**. Your prayers for them would be greatly appreciated.

## Community News and Notices



**WALKING TOGETHER**

HOW CAN THE CHURCH EMBRACE FIRST PEOPLES' THEOLOGY IN A POST-COLONIAL AUSTRALIA?



**Early Bird Tickets Available Until 9 September!**

There is still time to purchase your ticket to the upcoming Walking Together inaugural First Peoples' Theological Conference at special early bird prices.

Hosted by the Synod of NSW and the ACT, United Theological College, Uniting Mission and Education, and Newtown Mission, this Conference is an opportunity to hear the voices and perspectives of First Peoples on issues relating to the Uniting Church, Theology, and Reconciliation.

The theme - ***Walking Together: How can the Church embrace First Peoples' Theology in a post-colonial Australia*** - comes at an important time with the Uluru Statement of the Heart and plans to enshrine a First Nations Voice into the constitution.

You can find out more about our speakers and the event [here](#).

**Saturday 22 October 9:30 am to: 4:45pm**  
**Wesley Conference Centre, Sydney**  
**In person and online tickets available**

Early bird prices for both in-person and online tickets will be available until Friday 9 September, so be sure to get in quick.

#### ▪ **PULSE | Uniting Youth Camp - UYC22**

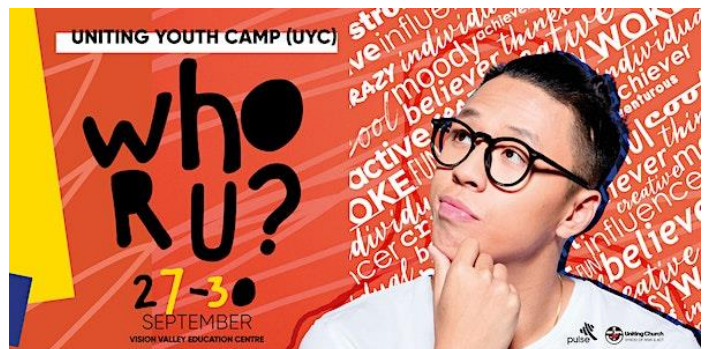
Who: Year 7-11 students

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

### ▪ **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**

Is fear standing in your way of accomplishing great things for God? Do you pray for opportunities to share Christ but find that, when the time comes, you are too timid to speak up? Everyone experiences fears and doubts.

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, we see that even this young apprentice of Paul fought his own personal insecurities. Paul encourages Timothy: "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God" (2 Timothy 1:7-8).

During Paul's time, Christians faced hardships and persecution. Today is no different. Around the world, people are risking everything to share the Gospel. While you may never face imprisonment for your faith, you no doubt find other difficulties in ministering to others: hostile responses, ridicule, or rejection. You may fear saying the wrong thing or feel insecure about approaching the topic of faith—not knowing where to begin.

But whenever God calls us to a task—and we all are called to be witnesses for Christ—He will equip us and prepare us to do His work. No matter what the circumstances, no matter what our fears, God can overcome them if we allow His Spirit to work through us.

*Prayer: God, thank You for giving me the Spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline. Help me to allow Your Spirit to work in me to overcome any fears that may hold me back from being a witness for You. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).**

### **E - give** (Direct Electronic Giving)

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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.  
Robyn: 0424791916

## **Ministry Leaders**

**Minister:** Rev. Steve Lee / [minister@northrocks.org.au](mailto:minister@northrocks.org.au) / 0433 698 690

### **Church Council**

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson

Secretary: Sue Vasilevska

Treasurer: Anne Crabb

### **Team Leaders**

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

Intergen: Cathy Nelson   Mission: Steve Turner

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