

# NEWSLETTER

12 September – 18 September 2022



## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ Spring Thanksgiving

We've raised \$8,490 to-date. A big thank you to everyone for your generous financial giving and your commitment. Blessings!

### ▪ New Church Council Office Bearers

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

Church Council members: Andrew, Anne, Cathy, Hilton, Jacky, Steve, Sue.

### ▪ From Bill & Sandra Callister

Callisters Chronicling  
September 2022

Spring is sprung!



Thank you for your prayers and care for us. During the last weeks we have had several **deadlines** to meet, in addition to Bill doing his regular work on translation in Old Testament (Misima) and New Testament (Saisai):

- reports about the work accomplished have been submitted;
- planning and a budget for the next year has been done, including the OT and NT books which will be translated, and preparations for a time for us both to go to PNG for audio recording of Scriptures;
- a Misima 2023 calendar has been completed, and submitted for printing; and
- I (Sandra) have continued to create monthly newsletters for Wycliffe Australia retirees, and make birthday phone calls to specific folk as part of member care.

#### PRAYER POINT:

As part of our planning, we would like to have two Misima translators come to Australia in October, to stay for a month or so and live with us here in Wollongbar. Bill would be able to accomplish quite a bit more translation with face-to-face interaction happening each day. BUT we need **visas** for them. We have just submitted 19 pages of a form, and about 8 pieces of supporting documentation for each visa application to the Australian Government. It is all rather last-minute and very urgent!

Please pray these **visas will be granted**. It has been a lot of work, both in terms of time and energy. But we do want God's will and his timing in all this.



It was nice to have Bill's brother from Tasmania staying with us recently for two weeks. We had fun showing him around - this waterfall is just 10 minutes by car away from our house!

#### PRAISE POINT:



I (Sandra) have osteoarthritis in my hip, and have been on the public waiting list for surgery for nearly a year. Recently I was encouraged to investigate the private sector - and I felt God opening the door when I was given an appointment with a surgeon straight away.

I now have a surgery date for 9 November.

#### Forthcoming events:

- 16-21 Sept: visit to Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers
- 8 Oct: speaking at a missionary conference in Hervey Bay, Qld.
- 9 Nov: my (Sandra) surgery

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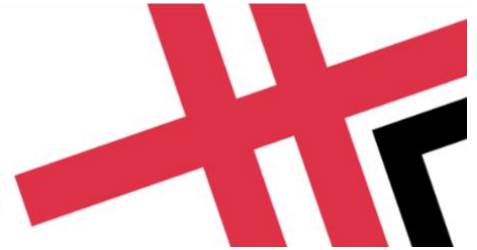


# Community News and Notices



## WALKING TOGETHER

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



### Early Bird Tickets Available Until 19 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**

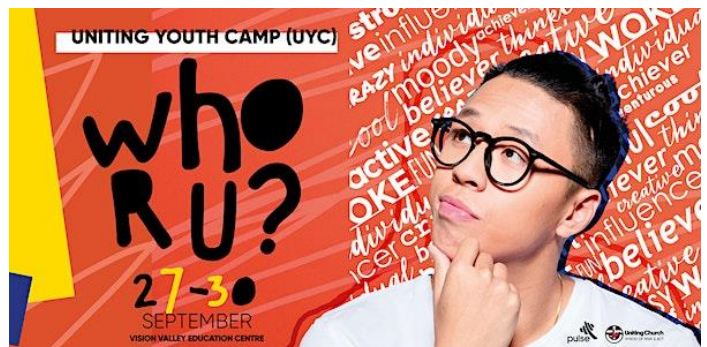
Who: Year 7-11 students

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)



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

**The Collaroy Centre**  
22 Homestead Ave Collaroy Beach NSW 2097



## ▪ **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

During a mid-week prayer meeting, an elderly man prayed, "Lord, we will praise You with our two eyes, by looking only to You. We will exalt You with our two ears by listening only to Your voice. We will praise You with our two hands by working in Your service. We will honour You with our own feet by walking in the way of Your statutes. We will magnify You with our tongues by bearing testimony to Your lovingkindness. We will worship You with our hearts by loving only You. We thank You for Your faithfulness that never wavers or ceases to be a blessing to us."

Praise always exalts God. And if we take time to think about it, praise should be a full-time job. However, there may be times when you wonder, "How can I praise God for sorrow and disappointment?" One way we do this is by setting our minds and hearts on God's grace and mercy. Even in times of deep sorrow and frustration, God remains faithful. He has a plan for our lives, and He will accomplish it.

David was the anointed king of Israel, yet for years he was forced to live life on the run from King Saul. From a human perspective, it seemed David had very little, if anything, to praise God for. However, he did just that. He wrote a wonderful testimony of praise to God:

"I love you, LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I called to the LORDS, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies." (Psalm 18:1-3)

When you lift your voice to God with words of praise, you declare His goodness and faithfulness to an unbelieving world. Therefore, praise the Lord with all your heart!

*Prayer: Lord, I want a heart of unending praise because You are worthy. Thank You that Your Holy Spirit in me is always praising You; help me tune my heart to His voice. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name" (Psalm 18:49).**

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

**Account Name:** North Rocks Community Church  
**(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.  
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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