

NEWSLETTER

8 – 14 May 2023

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

▪ Steve is taking leave

Steve will be on leave from May 8-21.

We are fortunate to have Bill & Sandra Callister preaching this Sunday. On May 21 Mike & Jacky Hammond and Tony K will be sharing a reflection on one of his songs. For any pastoral needs, please contact Robyn (Pastoral Care Team Leader). For other church matters please contact Cathy (Church Council chairperson).

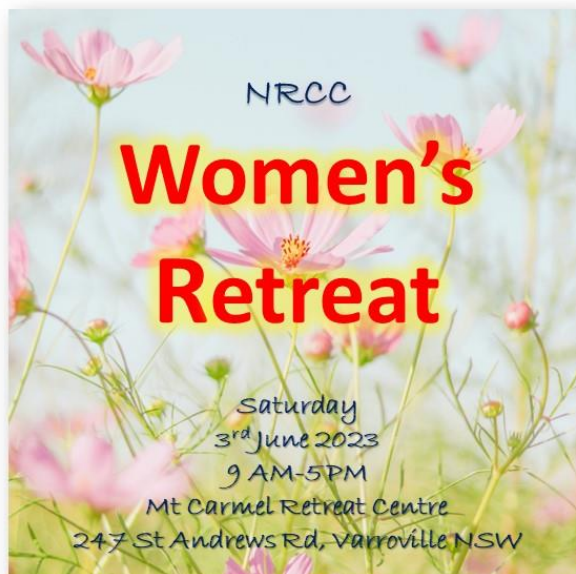
▪ Women's Retreat

Carolyn Craig-Emilson is running a retreat for women on Saturday June 3. Please come along and invite friends who might also be interested in attending. Payment can be paid by cash (please put in an envelope with your name) or direct deposit into the church account:

BSB 634-634

A/C 100016305.

Please put 'Retreat' and surname in the description



Carolyn Craig-Emilson

Carolyn is an experienced retreat leader and spiritual director in Uniting Church. Led spiritual retreats for other organizations. A member of Well Spring Community in Australia.



**"FINDING REST & RENEWAL
IN THE LORD"**

\$55/pp Registration by 28th May.

Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea included.

Please contact Sue or Steve for more info.

(suzannevasilevska@yahoo.com.au) or phone 0432 272 518

Dates for your diary

▪ CC and the ministry team leaders have discerned together and put the dates of the events/activities for this year on our church calendar. Please feel free to contact any of the leaders if you feel led to participate or want to share your thoughts and ideas.

NRCC 2023 Calendar

May			June		
28	Pentecost	Steve	3	NRCC Women's Retreat	Sue
			17	EQUIP Conference	Robyn
			25	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy
July			Aug		
22	Mental Health First Aid	Steve	11-12	Men's BASECAMP	Alex
30	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy	27	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy

Community News and Notices

▪ North Rocks PS Centenary Open Day

Saturday 27 May, 10.45am - 3pm at North Rocks Public School.

Past & present students, staff and community members of NRPS are invited to celebrate our Centenary on Saturday 27 May. Open school events will include a smoking ceremony, assembly, performances, food & drink stalls, centenary museum & school tours.



The poster features a collage of historical school photographs in the background. A central blue box contains the following text:

- SAVE THE DATE** (in a blue circular sticker)
- Centenary EVENTS** (in a large, white, cursive font)
- PS NORTH ROCKS** (school crest logo)
- 1923 - 100 YEARS - 2023** (centenary dates)
- Past & present students, staff and community members of North Rocks Public School are invited to celebrate our 100 year Centenary celebrations on **Saturday 27th May 2023** 10:45am - 3:00pm
- Open school events will include a smoking ceremony, assembly, performances, food & drink stalls, centenary museum & school tours.*
- WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

At the bottom of the poster, a sign reads "NORTH ROCKS 1967 1ST".

▪ Synod Mentor Training



Synod Mentor Training

We need mentors! Mentors from all walks of life. Mentors who are equipped and confident to spur on, to encourage, support, guide and walk with others as they open themselves to the grace of God in their lives.

Mentoring is not an optional extra if followers of Christ are to mature and fulfil God's purpose for them. John Mallison

Training Details

The Synod Mentor Training is strongly recommended if you are a current mentor for:

- Pastors
- People in Phase 2 and 3 of ministerial education
- People in a Period of Discernment
- Anyone who may be considering becoming a mentor.

To complete this training you will need to attend 3 online sessions.

Our first set of sessions will be on the **23 May, 30 May and 6 June** from **9:30 - 11:30am**.

Click [here](#) for more information

▪ Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

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

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

Reflection of the Week

Today society tells us that the self is of utmost importance—our self-image, self-esteem, self-acceptance, and self-fulfilment. While this theme is pervasive in our culture, placing self at the centre is a little like drinking salt water—the more we drink, the thirstier we become.

True contentment does not come from self-fulfilment, but through discovering the treasure house that Jesus Christ opens to us when we surrender our lives to Him. The apostle Paul reminded us of this treasure house when he wrote, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). We must know Jesus as Lord if we are to receive the spiritual blessings He has provided in the heavenly realms. He is the only source of authentic worth, lasting contentment, deep joy, and fulfilment.

God's treasure house—with all its contents—is made available so that we can appropriate God's riches each day. Are you fully aware of your treasure house in Christ? It is His desire for you to embrace it and to receive it to the full.

Prayer: God, thank You for blessing me with every spiritual blessing in Christ When I find myself seeking self-fulfilment, help me to remember that I already have a treasure house full of blessings and that all I could ever need for fulfilment is found in You. I pray in the name of Jesus Amen.

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

Parramatta Nepean Presbytery <https://parramattanepean.uca.org.au/>