



# NEWSLETTER

10 - 16 July 2023

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## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ **Guest Preachers**

Steve will be taking leave for two weeks from July 17 to July 30. We are fortunate to have Grahame Rosolen (an exit candidate) preaching on July 23 and Rev Je-Kon Oh on July 30.

### ▪ **Term 3 Worship Roster**

We are currently organising our Term 3 Worship Roster. If you would like to participate in various parts of our worship service please contact Steve L, Jenny K (music), Carol (Flowers), Val R or Robyn (welcoming or morning tea), or Darren (lawn mowing).

### ▪ **BUPA Nursing Home Monthly Service**

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in joining the monthly service for the residents and the staff at BUPA North Rocks. Please contact Steve L for more information.

### ▪ **Mental Health First Aid Course**

We are planning to organize a Mental Health First Aid Course in August. If you want to participate please contact Steve L or Cathy.

You will learn how to assist an adult who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves, using a practical, evidence-based action plan. This course is based on guidelines developed through the expert consensus of people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals.

### ▪ **Men's BASECAMP at Katoomba**

An annual event for men to renew their strength in Christ. 2023 Theme, "Unravelling Our Emotions". 11-12 August 2023. Katoomba Convention Centre.

Please contact Alex or Mike for more information

### ▪ **North Rocks Public School Fete**

NRPS are holding a fete on August 26, 10am-4pm. We have been asked to assist on one of the stalls. Steve T will be organising a roster. Please speak to him for more details or if you would like to help out on the day.

### ▪ **Trivia Night**

We are planning to hold a Trivia Night on September 9. If you are interested in helping to plan the night please contact Sue V.

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## 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

July			Aug		
			11-12	Men's BASECAMP	Alex, Mike
			26	NRPS Fete	Steve T
Sept			Oct		
9	Trivia Night	Sue	15	Potluck Lunch	Sue
23	Fair Trade Markets	Jacky	28	NRCC Spiritual Retreat	
Nov			Dec		
			3	Advent	
			25	Christmas	

## Community News and Notices

### ▪ The Galston Concerts

Galston Uniting Church will be holding the next of their concerts on Sunday 23 July 2023. For more information please click [here](#).

### ▪ Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

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

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

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## Reflection of the Week

Has God ever given you a task that seemed like too much for you? Maybe He was calling you to lead a small group in your home. Or perhaps there was a specific person in your life who needed to hear the Gospel. Instead of rejoicing in His leading, did you avoid His assignment?

We often claim that we want God's vision and we want God to use us, but in reality we want to be used only on our terms. Our words loudly profess, "Here I am, Lord. Use me however You want." But our hearts whisper, "Lord, I want to serve You, but only if it means working on this project or serving in that location. I definitely don't want to witness to this particular person or to that particular group."

It's easier to do God's work when the recipient is someone we care for—but what happens when God wants us to minister to someone who is offensive, obnoxious, or condescending?

Has God given you a vision that you don't like or that you are running from right now? When God is prompting us to do something, we must obey Him. Too often, we ignore His voice out of fear, embarrassment, or even disdain.

*Prayer: God, forgive me for running from the vision You've given me. Give me the courage and desire to submit to and fulfill the vision You have for my life. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"Jesus replied, 'No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God'" (Luke 9:62).**

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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](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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