



# NEWSLETTER

7 -13 August 2023

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## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ **Steve's Closure of Ministry**

Steve's Closure of Ministry service will be held on September 24 at 9am. Please invite family and friends who would like to come.

### ▪ **Men's BASECAMP at Katoomba**

This weekend a number of our men are attending an annual event for men to renew their strength in Christ. 2023 Theme, "Unravelling Our Emotions". 11–12 August 2023. Katoomba Convention Centre. Please pray for them as they spend this time together.

### ▪ **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.

We are in need of prizes for the night. Here are some suggestions:

For Tombola - Chocolate bars, packets of tea, hand wash, shampoo, lollies, chips, moisturiser, shower gel, Jatz, soap for tombola.

For Trivia - bottles of wine, choc biscuits, boxes of chocolate, hot chocolate, jam, gifts lying around at home, candles. Gift cards, donations from shops.

Prizes can be placed the box at the back of the church on Sunday, or left at the office during the week.

Please contact Sue for more information, or to offer help.

Flyers will be available from Sunday and the event will be advertised on our public Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, please share the event to reach as many people as possible.

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**Get together your team ready  
for the NRCC Trivia Night.**

When? **Saturday 9th September, 7.00pm**

How much? **\$10 includes tea & coffee**

How many in a team? **8 people per table**

Where? **North Rocks Community Church,  
132 North Rocks Road, North Rocks**

Do I need to book? **Yes please. To register yourself or a team please contact Sue on 0432 272 518 or email the church at [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au) by September 2.**

**Payment can be made with cash on the night or direct deposit into the church bank account.**

**(details given on registration)**

What you I need to bring? **BYO nibbles and drinks, and loose change for games on the night**



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**<https://northrocks.uca.org.au/>**

## ▪ News from the Callisters

For the latest news from Bill and Sandra, please click [here](#).

## ▪ News from the Hammonds

For the latest news from Mike and Jacky, please click [here](#).

## 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	
24	Steve's Closure of Ministry				
Nov			Dec		
			3	Advent	
			25	Christmas	

## Community News and Notices

### ▪ Reachout Missions Conference

Every year Missions Interlink (umbrella organisation for Missions and many mission minded organisations) holds the Reachout! Conference – a conference where people come to learn about mission and be able to speak with mission minded organisations and real-live people about what cross-cultural mission involves. It's like a missions' careers market with talks!



In the past it has been a weekend conference in the Blue Mountains, but this year it will be a one-day Saturday conference on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept at Pacific Hills Christian School, Dural (not far from us)

We have 30+ mission organisations and/or colleges represented with stands/stalls etc. If anyone from church is interested in mission ideas or opportunities or just wanting to know more of what God is doing in the world, it would be a great place for you to visit.

Other info can be found here on the website : [2023 Conference — REACHOUT \(reachoutmissions.com.au\)](#)

Registration is necessary - \$99/adult, \$59/student, \$40 children 3-12

## ▪ Kairos Ministry



We want to share with you an opportunity for members of your congregation to be involved in God's work of changing the lives of prisoners and their families through the love of Jesus.

We would like to invite you and members of your congregation and other interested people to attend a

### **Kairos Information Afternoon**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**2.30pm - 4.30pm**

(afternoon tea included)

**at Blacktown Uniting Church**

**59 Bungaribree Rd.**

**Blacktown NSW 2418**

Click [here](#) for the flyer

Kairos is an interdenominational and international organisation.

Kairos' aim is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens in their communities.

We have seen amazing transformations in people's lives as they have experienced the love of Jesus through His people. There is opportunity for people to get involved in several ways in this ministry. This could involve going into prisons as part of a team or ministering to women who have family members or friends in prison.

We are keen to introduce as many people as possible to the Kairos Ministry.

## ▪ **Safe Church Awareness Training**

Safe Church Awareness Training has been developed to raise awareness of the ways in which we can ensure our churches are safe places for all who we minister to. Synod has indicated the following people must do Safe Church Training, including ministers and other religious leaders, leaders of church-run programs/events with direct contact with children, Church Council members. The training can be completed by all other interested persons.

Safe Church will be conducting a workshop on the 2nd of September from 9.00am to 1.00pm at Auburn Uniting Church. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## ▪ **'Winter Classics' Fundraising Concert for Parramatta Mission**

When: Sunday 30 August @2.30pm

Where: Leigh Memorial Uniting Church, Parramatta.

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/>

## Reflection of the Week

One of the identifying characteristics of our postmodern, post-Christian culture is indecision. Many people today refuse to accept that life is made up of either/or decisions. Today's generation wants to keep all options open. They consider an all-inclusive tolerance to be a virtue, and they often reject the notion that some actions, attitudes, and beliefs deserve to be excluded.

The word *decision* comes from the Latin *decidere*, which means "to cut off." Once you make a decision to go in one direction, you cut off all other options and possibilities. If you decide to marry this person, you cut off the option of marrying anyone else. If you decide to go to a Chinese restaurant for dinner, you cut off the option of having pizza.

We must learn that to decide is to cut off all other options. Many people who say they have "made a decision for Christ" live no differently than the unbeliever. A key step in spiritual maturity is developing the ability to make firm, righteous decisions—and to commit ourselves 100 percent to keeping those decisions. Perhaps there are crossroads in your life right now for which you must make a decision. It is time for us to pay the price of authentic discipleship and commit to doing God's will.

As a young woman once said, "It's wonderful to do the Lord's work, but it is far greater to do the Lord's will." It is the will of God for us to be found faithful. It is the will of God for us to be trusting and obedient.

*Prayer: Lord, I choose to place You in control of my life once more. I commit myself to You to the exclusion of all else. Be the Lord of my life once again I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2).**

### **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

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