



A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

October 2025

From Apelu

The Christmas Lunch at the Manse will be on the 6th of December.

Grateful for volunteers to help organise the lunch. Please see Apelu if you can help.



The next Jumble Sale for 2025 will be on Saturday 25 October as part of our Spring Fair. The team sort goods on a Tuesday morning and are always looking for more helpers to assist.

For more information contact Greg Toone
0412 060 465 or visit
www.quc.org.au/support/jumble-sale

From Church Council

What a glorious Spring we have been having; the wattles have been magnificent and now the Spring blossoms and bulbs are in full flight! It's such a great time of the year when it seems like the whole earth is bursting with energy. Just a pity the weeds are also so energetic!

At its September meeting, Council reviewed QUC's preliminary financial results for 2024-25, which indicate an operating loss of over \$20,000 for the year. This loss was largely attributable to falling income (mainly a drop in electronic giving) and higher expenditure (especially in the area of property maintenance and insurance). A loss of this magnitude is a serious concern and Council noted that QUC could only sustain losses like this for another three or four years before we run out of money.

Clearly, if we wish to continue operating as we currently are, we will need to significantly improve our financial position. There is relatively little scope to reduce our expenditure, so the focus will have to be on increasing our income. The monthly Jumble sale is going from strength to strength and Council is looking to increase the rates at which we rent out our property from the start of 2026, and this should help, but it is hard to avoid the conclusion that we need to grow our church membership and our giving if we are to continue current operations beyond the next few years. Council asks that all church members give prayerful consideration to ways in which we can address this issue and would love to hear any suggestions from the congregation. The final financial results and a budget for the current financial year will be available before a planned Congregational Meeting in November.

A little while ago the green waste bin mysteriously disappeared from the church but, thanks to Alison Crawley, we now have a new green bin from the Council. It seems replacing a stolen bin is not a straightforward process (!) so special thanks to Alison for the considerable time and effort she put into this (including a visit to the Police station!)

Thanks, too, to Col Imrie who has volunteered to help count the money for the church banking and

to continue collecting the mail from the Post Office. Council had been hoping to find new volunteers to fulfil these roles and ease the load on our Treasurer, but received no offers and so is very grateful to Col.

As mentioned last month, our Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 25 October, in conjunction with the October Jumble sale. This is a significant community engagement and fund raiser, so the more help we can get the better. There is a sheet at the back of the church where you can record your willingness to assist with any of the stalls and activities involved in the Fair, either by supplying produce/plants/craft/cooking etc to sell, or by assisting on the day. The Spring Fair is always a happy (if exhausting!) day, so sign up to be part of the fun.

Finally, we had another bumper Jumble Sale, Shed and Let's Meet our Neighbour Barbeque on 27 September. It was a lovely day with good crowds. Jumble made an amazing \$1989.20, the barbeque gave away 130 delicious sausages and the Shed provided wonderful hospitality to all our visitors while also raising almost \$120. Council is incredibly grateful for all those who put in so much effort to make these mornings the success they are.

Ian Robinson
on behalf of Church Council

Bennie's Food Basket



Congregation members are invited to bring along a grocery item or two each week to be placed in a basket at the church. Once a month these items are passed on to St Benedict's.

Bennies has provided the following advice;
UHT milk, CEREAL (only Weetbix, cornflakes & Rice bubbles), tinned tuna large or small, Spaghetti and Baked beans, 2 min noodles, Pasta; Spaghetti or Spiral, Baby food or formula.
But DEFINITELY NO tinned beans or lentils



Childrens Service

Sue Camm will be organising the Children's Service this year on 7 December 2025.

Due to the small number of children in our congregation, she has called upon her music students to perform the play: "An Unexpected Christmas". Rehearsals will begin in late October.

Merran Toone has been wonderful in sourcing most of the props needed, however, the wooden manger previously used in our Christmas displays, cannot be located; despite Robin Robinson attempts to find it in all the known places. If anyone does know of its whereabouts, please touch base with Sue.

It would be appreciated if people could chip in to create a lovely morning tea on the day. There will be 18 young actors and their families - not quite a cast of thousands, but definitely a hint at feeding the five thousand!!

tearfund

Useful Gifts

The Tear Fund Useful Gift Shop will operate as usual at the back of the church for the six weeks from Sunday 2nd November to Sunday 7th December, inclusive. Cash or card can be used to purchase a gift card, with the money going to help those in need around the world. In the past, the stall has been supported very generously and I trust it will be again. Thank you.

Robyn Robinson, on behalf of Tear Fund

Can you help Ian?

I've registered for Oceans to Outback, a month-long challenge to raise vital funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and I need your help.

Throughout October, I'll be cycling 247km.

Martha and I visited the RFDS Outback Heritage Experience in Broken Hill last year and it was one of the highlights of our trip.

Why 247km? It is symbolic of their 24/7 service. The RFDS provides vital round-the-clock aeromedical emergency retrieval and patient transfers across rural and remote Australia.

247km works out to an average of 8km a day or 55.8km each week. It is a long way, but I am determined to go the distance to help ensure rural communities get access to the finest healthcare.

Please support my challenge today by donating to my fundraising page:

<https://www.oceanstooutback.org.au/fundraisers/iangray>

Together we can help more Aussies get the healthcare they deserve.



On our recent trip to Victoria we visited The Convent Gallery at Daylesford. This was hanging on the wall of the old music room and caught my fancy...

17th century nun's prayer

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other's pains, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint – some of them are so hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the Devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen.

Regular Ministries of QUC

Ministry	When	Contact
Bible Studies and Small Groups	Various times, weekly or fortnightly.	Apelu Tielu minister@quc.org.au
Jumble Sale	One Saturday per month (usually the 4 th), 9am-12pm.	Greg Toone
Pastoral Care		Grace Tielu pastoralcare@quc.org.au
Sunday Morning Worship	Sundays, 9:30am.	Apelu Tielu minister@quc.org.au
The Shed	Same dates as Jumble Sale.	

If your ministry group's details are missing, or incorrect, please email news@quc.org.au to correct them for the next newsletter.



Your generous giving helps us fulfil our vision and mission – locally, nationally and internationally. There are a number of ways you can regularly give and/or make a once-off donation.

1. **Direct Giving** (encouraged) - is giving that you arrange with your own bank (can normally be set-up as weekly, fortnightly, monthly or annually) into:

**QUEANBEYAN UNITING CHURCH AT CALL ACCOUNT,
B.S.B. 634-634, ACCOUNT NO. 100 020 066**

2. **Cash** (or Cheque) offering put in the offering box each Sunday.
3. **Weekly Envelopes** - cash (or cheque) put in the offering box each Sunday before or after worship. The envelopes are freely available to be picked-up from the back table at the church.

For more information visit www.quc.org.au/giving



Find us on 

Church Office (by appointment)

For general enquiries (including [room use/hire](#)) please see our webpage www.quc.org.au

You can contact our **Minister** Apelu Tielu 0409 550 088 or email minister@quc.org.au. Apelu works from the church office on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Please check with him a suitable time.

Chair Church Council email council@quc.org.au



If you can't make it to church, you can join us on Zoom via [this link](#).

To access the service, you will need to have a Zoom account and be logged in.

Next Newsletter

Contributions for the November 2025 newsletter are due by Sunday 26 October for publication Sunday 2 November 2025. Email to news@quc.org.au.