



A Good News / Good Neighbour Church

August 2023

## From the Chair of Church Council

The main agenda item at the Church Council meeting on 10 July was a presentation to Council by Ian Gray on the church's IT arrangements, including the use of Google Drive, the new QUC website, the QUC Facebook page, QUC On-Line (the church data base and administration system) and the broadcasting of church services via Zoom. There is a wealth of information on the church website and QUC On-Line. Council is very grateful to Ian Gray for all the work he has put into establishing and maintaining these platforms and I encourage congregation members to explore them. Our on-line presence is an increasingly important outreach in the present age.

Given the importance of privacy considerations, Council noted the importance of all congregation members being aware that our weekly services are broadcast via Zoom. Zoom remains an important means of ensuring that those who aren't able to be physically present on a Sunday morning can still participate in worship. Council also agreed to record Apelu's sermons each week. At this stage, this will be the only portion of the service which will be recorded. Recording the sermon will allow it to be posted on our website, as part of our mission to the wider community, as well as ensuring we have a copy should someone who missed it wish to hear it.

Council also endorsed a proposal from the Worship Committee that consideration be given to an outdoor chapel/meditation area in the church grounds. It is envisaged this could involve the erection of a wooden cross (currently in storage) and a number of benches. This area

could be used if we held outdoor services; it would also serve as a space where members of the public could simply sit and reflect. Council has asked the Worship Committee to develop this concept further in consultation with Glen Crawley, who has responsibility for property issues.

Finally, Council noted that the new church heating was installed and working very well. Council expressed its gratitude to Glen Crawley, Rob Wilson and Greg Toone for their efforts in achieving this outcome. A number of congregation members have very generously made contributions to the church bank account to help with the cost of the new heaters and Council is very grateful for this response. Luckily, it is not too late to contribute – the Treasurer is still accepting donations!! Any contribution should be identified as being for the Heating Fund.

Ian Robinson  
On Behalf of Church Council



The next Jumble sale is on Saturday 26 August.

The Team sort goods on a Tuesday morning. They are always keen to welcome new helpers.

For more information contact Greg Toone  
0412 060 465. For more info visit  
[www.quc.org.au/support/jumble-sale](http://www.quc.org.au/support/jumble-sale)



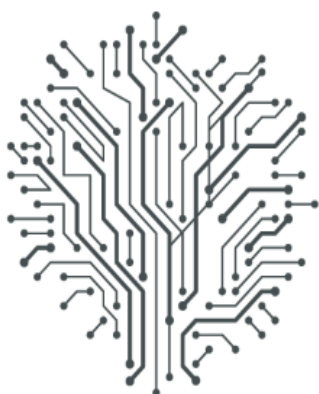
## Queanbeyan District Girl Guides Trivia Night

**Queanbeyan District Girl Guide Olaves (18–30-year-olds) and Senior Guides (14–17-year-olds)** are planning a Trivia Night fundraising in the church Cast area on **Saturday 23 September 2023**.

The **Olaves** are fundraising for **Backpack Beds for Homeless**. Backpack Bed for Homeless is a national registered charity (Swags for Homeless Ltd. The **Senior Guides** are fundraising for **HeartKids**. HeartKids is the only organisation in Australia dedicated to supporting families impacted by congenital or childhood acquired heart disease (CHD).

More details about purchasing tickets and what will be available on the night will be out shortly. Watch this space!!!! Save the date in your calendar and support these worthwhile charities.

## Ministries to connect with



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<https://saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au/>



## Bennie's Basket' Food Pantry

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 will be 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. See the noticeboard for more details.

Church Council sees this as a practical way in which QUC can assist St Benedict's in its valuable work in our community and encourages those who can do so to participate in this scheme.

Ian Robinson

Church Council Chair



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## Regular Ministries of QUC

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

If your ministry group's details are missing, or incorrect, please email [news@quc.org.au](mailto: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.



### Church Office (by appointment)

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

You can contact our **Minister** Apelu Tielu 0409 550 088 or email [minister@quc.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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 September 2023 newsletter are due by Sunday 27 August for publication Sunday 3 September 2023. email to [news@quc.org.au](mailto:news@quc.org.au).