



From the Chair of Church Council

Well, we seemed to have survived July despite some fairly chilly days! Only one more month to go before we can at least start pretending that Spring is on its way!

Unfortunately, July brought some rather unwelcome news on the property front. The sewer line in the old buildings had to be completely replaced, along with the storm water pipes. This will be a major expense, but it was unavoidable; the old sewer line was cracked and completely blocked with tree roots. Many thanks to Glen Crawly for organising this major job quickly and efficiently. To add insult to injury, the instant hot water service in the church kitchen failed last week and will need to be repaired/replaced. I'm hoping that, in this case, bad news doesn't come in threes!



Owing to other commitments, Peter McIntyre has temporarily had to step back from the role he has been undertaking, in conjunction with Leigh Harkness, of managing the rental of QUC property. However, I am very pleased to report that Peter Bollard has generously agreed to take up these duties for the present. The rental of our property is both an important source of revenue and an on-going point of contact with the

Queanbeyan community and Council is very grateful for the work Peter Mc, Leigh and Peter B have done, and are doing, in this area.

27 July saw another very successful Jumble, Shed and 'Let's Meet Our Neighbour' event. Thanks to all those involved in all the work (and cooking!) that goes into these events, including the on-going effort every Tuesday morning sorting contributions to the Jumble Sale. On this occasion, special thanks to Jo, Michael and Rochelle Shilling for running the 'Let's Meet Our Neighbour' hospitality, providing yummy hot soup, which was very welcome on a frosty morning!

Both our outside benches have been restored by the Queanbeyan Men's Shed, at no cost to QUC, and are now back in place looking very smart. The new timber is much more durable than the original, so the benches should stay looking good for many years. Special thanks to Keith Edmonds, Rod See and the members of the Queanbeyan Men's Shed for their donation of the materials, time and skill in this generous gift to QUC.

As mentioned in the March Newsletter, Church Council is keen to reactivate its mission planning initiatives. The aim of this work will be to develop a mission plan for QUC which will outline what it means in practice to live out our objective of being a 'good news – good neighbour' church. A mission plan will help us ensure our current and future activities are consistent with our objectives and should also help us explore what other things we might do to make us a more effective church, including any future property development. If it is to be meaningful, a mission plan has to be the mission plan of the whole church, so it is essential that

the whole congregation is involved in its preparation.

To this end, Council has prepared a one page document (see below) which seeks to set out why QUC is here, how we aim to behave, and what we currently do. The document then asks 'what more could we do?' which would build on our current strengths and activities and which would be sustainable, given the size and age profile of our congregation and our property and financial resources. Council is proposing that we hold a special congregation meeting over morning tea one Sunday in September to discuss these ideas. Details of this meeting will be announced later in the month. I encourage everyone to think and pray about these issues and to come along to this meeting with their ideas and suggestions.

Ian Robinson, on behalf of Church Council

QUEANBEYAN UNITING CHURCH

WHY ARE WE HERE?

- To worship God
- To increase our knowledge and understanding of God and how we should live
- To support and encourage each other in the journey of life; and
- To share God's love with others and help them to know God so that we can make our world a fairer and happier place.

HOW DO WE BEHAVE?

We aim to be:

- Friendly and welcoming
- Accepting of diversity and non-judgemental
- Compassionate, supportive and forgiving
- Honest and sincere

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Hold regular worship services and bible studies focused on increasing our understanding of God and how our lives should reflect his love
- Provide activities for children to help them grow in faith
- Offer Christian baptisms, weddings and funerals where these are requested
- Social activities to build connections between the members of the congregation and with the community
- Provide pastoral care to congregation members in need
- Share our property with the Samoan congregation and community groups through rental agreements
- Co-operate with other church groups where opportunities arise
- Support the wider work of the Uniting Church of Australia through involvement with the work of the Assembly, Synod, Presbytery and Uniting
- Support charitable works, including food donations to St Benedict's and support of Tear Fund
- Connect with the community through the Jumble Sale, Shed, Spring Fair and Meet Our Neighbour barbeques.

WHAT MORE COULD WE DO?

Building on what we already do, how could we further grow in our understanding of God and better serve God in our community, in ways which are sustainable, given the size and age profile of our congregation and our property and financial resources?



The August Jumble sale is on Saturday 24 August.

The September Jumble sale is on Saturday 28 September.

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 or visit
www.quc.org.au/support/jumble-sale



Can you help?

The QUC property is a high maintenance proposition and I need help to carry out what is needed to be done. Would you have time to assist me to carry out some of the works? Your participation can be small and regular or just help out when needed. It could be as easy as replacing a light bulb to weeding or painting etc. Timing is flexible and guidance and materials will be provided.

If you think you can help, please let me (Glen) know and I will get back to you with a questionnaire that you will be able to indicate what help you can provide. You can contact me on any of the following, property@QUC.org.au, glencrawley@gmail.com or 0428 978492.

Glen Crawley

Property and Maintenance Committee

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 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.

From Sue Camm

Sue and her band are playing again, Saturday 17th August, at the Burns Club in Kambah, playing from 7pm till 10pm.





A memory from our past...

Nancy Monk and her sister Doreen attend the Jumble Sale and The Shed every month.

A while ago Nancy showed me this photo of her 2-year-old sister Gloria in front of the church in 1947 and I asked her for a copy, which she gave to me at the last Jumble Sale.

Nancy and her three sisters attended the then Methodist Church and enjoyed Sunday School there.

As adults they worked alongside Jo Shilling's Mum, Dorothy Jamison and Wendy Imrie's Mum, Mary Pike at the Queanbeyan Hospital, as part of The Hospital Auxillary and they were also members of The Lantern Group, helping people with poor eyesight and hearing.

Merran Toone

An evening with Rachel Collis - not to be missed!



Sydney songstress Rachel Collis has been described by reviewers as no less than "prodigy", "sheer genius" (Australian Stage) and "a welcome jolt back to the time of Joni Mitchell and Carole King" (The Orange Press). Rachel is a good old-fashioned songwriter, combined with whirlwind virtuosic piano and Celtic-like vocals.

Rachel has released 4 studio albums with ARIA and Emmy-award winning producer Sean Carey, which have grown Rachel a dedicated fanbase in Australia, the UK, the US and Canada. Her songs and stories explore the beauty and spirituality of everyday life. Beautifully-crafted and emotionally honest, each song is an invitation to find affinity and belonging in the simplest of moments.

With a passion for social justice and inclusion, Rachel is also a champion for widening the tent of who is seen and heard in society. Through her stories of love, loss, shame, and messy, authentic faith, Rachel creates connectedness and a safe space for listeners.

Rachel is also member of the Uniting Church. Rachel will be performing at Yarralumla Uniting Church: Friday 6 September at 7.30pm and Kippax Uniting Community Centre: Saturday 7 September at 7.30pm

Tickets are available from StickyTickets for only \$25 / \$20 concession.

For Yarralumla concert

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/8EV6B>

For Kippax concert

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/R4U6K> or at Kippax Reception or at the door.



ST NINIAN'S UNITING CHURCH TABLE TALKS

AUGUST 14TH: Guest Speaker: **Lina Webber** representing the AFP will be speaking about **Women's Safety**. Due to the recent rise in violence towards women Lina will be helping to put forward ways in how we can best protect ourselves in a time of crisis.

AUGUST 28TH: Guest Speaker: **Karen Ravenscroft-Wheeler BTh., (she/)** Mission Australia Chaplain NSW/ACT. With the changes in relationships, work places and financial upsets, **Homelessness amongst women over 55** has increased greatly. Karen Ravenscroft-Wheeler will be highlighting ways women are coping with circumstances they find themselves in as they navigate a different future from what they had imagined.



WHERE: ST NINIAN'S UCA 150 BRIGALOW STREET LYNEHAM

OFF STREET PARKING AVAILABLE

TIME: 1-3PM

COST: \$0

Phone: (02) 6248 9198 email: stninians@stninians.org.au

Ministries to connect with

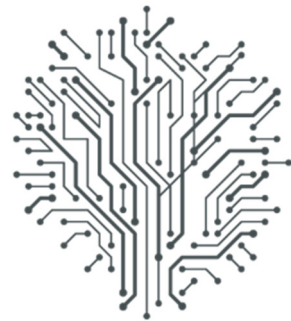


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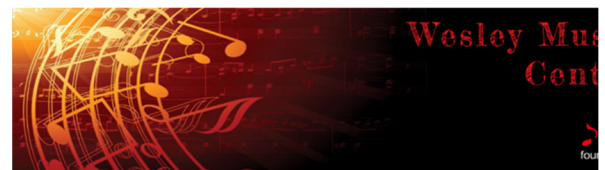
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SALT BUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

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



20 National Circuit, Forrest ACT 2603

For all the latest concert dates and other information:

www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music

To receive regular updates via newsletter, please email us your details

at wesleymc@music.wesleycanberra.org.au

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 th), 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 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 October 2024 newsletter are due by Sunday 29 September for publication Sunday 6 October 2024. Email to news@quc.org.au.

Read Presbytery, Synod, Insights and previous QUC newsletters at www.quc.org.au/news/news