



the grapevine

16 JULY 2023

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

intercultural neighbouring

In 2022, the 16th Assembly passed a resolution to strengthen the Uniting Church's commitment to living our life and faith as an intercultural church. This included the adoption of a new annual celebration – Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday.

By taking part in Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday, Uniting Church communities join together on this day to celebrate our cultural diversity and our commitment to being an intercultural church. At the same time, it is an opportunity for congregations and faith communities to reach out and build relationships with culturally and linguistically diverse communities in their neighbourhoods.



Australia is one of the most multicultural countries in the world with more than half of all Australians first or second-generation migrants. But compared to some other churches or the general population, the Uniting Church has a small proportion of members born overseas. Only 8.1% of us were born in non-English speaking countries. Our congregations still lag behind their neighbourhoods and other community institutions in reflecting this cultural diversity within the life of the Church.

PLEASE SEND ALL GRAPEVINE ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS TO THE BELOW EMAIL ADDRESS BY NOON WEDNESDAY. BEFORE ADDING ANYONE TO THE PRAYER OR BIRTHDAY LIST, YOU MUST GET THEIR PERMISSION.

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CRAFT SALES TABLE

During morning tea on **SUNDAY 16 JULY** there will be a sales table in the hall with a variety of items including: scarves, pickles, cards and lots more.

Bring your cash and support the Craft Group!



It's cold out there, but warm inside with great company. Come along for a free hot meal each week on:

Friday 6pm-8pm
Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall
83 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy

It is just three doors down from KFC. Tell others and bring a friend for a good community connection. Relaxed, friendly atmosphere with live music playing.

worship services & regular activities

FRIDAY 14 JULY

Friday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

Family Fun Night

Umina Church 5:00pm

SUNDAY 16 JULY

Morning Service

Umina Church 9:30am

MONDAY 17 JULY

Monday Bible Study

In recess until further notice

WEDNESDAY 19 JULY

Craft

Umina 10:30am - 12:00pm

THURSDAY 20 JULY

BeeBay Playgroup

Umina 9:30am - 11:30am

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 16 JULY	SUNDAY 23 JULY
FIRST READING	Genesis 25:19–34	Genesis 28:10–19a
PSALM	Psalms 119:105–112	Psalms 139:1–12, 23–24
SECOND READING	Romans 8:1–11	Romans 8:12–25
GOSPEL	Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23	Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

prayer

You who give sustenance to your creatures, O God,
Put water for us in the nipples of rain!
You who poured water into oceans, O God,
Make this land of ours fertile again!
Acceptor of penance, who are wealthy, O God,
Gather water in rivers whose beds have run dry!
You who are glorious, truly bounteous, O God,
Our cries have undone us, grant a shower of rain!
You who are clement, truly worshipped, O God,
Milk water for beasts which are stricken with thirst!
Creator of nature who made all things, O God,
Transmute our ruin to blessing and good!

(Somali, Somalia. Heart of Prayer, comp. Anthony Gittins, CSSp, Collins, 1985. Used with permission.)

we pray...

- with Ettalong Baptist Church
- with Warnervale Uniting Church
- for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs – for all those in the Peninsula Village and those unable to attend Worship, Wayne and Margaret Read, Ann Thompson Bronwyn and Paul Mannell, Bevan Anderson, Cathy McAllister, Joan Swain, Joice Tee, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and their families
- and give thanks for our Connecting with God Mission Team who prepare our Sunday Worship Services both at Umina and Kincumber
- and give thanks for UCA National Disaster Co-ordinator
- for people from Djibouti, Somalia
- for the family and friends of Christine Formosa Rakic

church council nominations 2023

Please note that the election will be held on the **Sunday 30th July 2023.**

The Uniting Church in Australia takes seriously our belief that every member has a part in the ministry of Christ – each of us contributes our gifts to participating in God's mission.

Church Councils are seen as leaders with the church, who work collaboratively with the Ministry of Staff. Uniting Church regulations state that the role of a Church Councillor is to build the congregation up in faith and love.

The ministry of Elders is defined as assisting the ministry team in the spiritual oversight of the congregation. Aspects of spiritual oversight can be expressed by sharing with the Minister in encouragement of faith and love to all church members.

The nominees are:

- Alan Cromwell
- Helen Cromwell
- Sheila Craig
- Deidre Kaczmarczyk
- Douglas Fletcher
- Margaret Gregory
- Margaret Read
- Teresa Read
- Brenda Stiff
- Rodney Stiff
- Ron Taylor
- Doreen Warriner
- Carol Wilton
- Stephen Wilton
- Stephanie Wood
- Keith Wood

There are 11 positions to fill out of 15 as 4 Church Council members are ongoing.

When voting please ensure that you only tick 11 boxes. If a ballot paper has more than 11 boxes ticked it will be invalid and not counted.

Stephen Wilton
Church Council Secretary
Broken Bay Congregation

nominees for church council

name..... **SHEILA CRAIG**
position chosen Church Councillor
years chosen 1 year
about nominee Member of Church Council and
experience of Eldership.

name..... **ALAN CROMWELL**
position chosen Church Councillor
years chosen 3 years
about nominee Previously chairperson of Kincumber
Church Council. Participates with
worship organisation.

name..... **HELEN CROMWELL**
position chosen Elder
years chosen 3 years
about nominee Previously Elder at Kincumber. Passion for
helping those in need. Op-shop worker.

name..... **DEIRDRE KACZMARCZYK**
position chosen Elder
years chosen 3 years
about nominee Previously Elder at Kincumber. Supports
church members and the community.

name..... **DOUGLAS FLETCHER**
position chosen Church Councillor
years chosen 2 years
about nominee Previously Church Councillor and Synod
Representative, PHD in Theology, worship
leader and musician.

name..... **RON TAYLOR**
position chosen Elder
years chosen 3 years
about nominee Previous experience as Elder at Umina.

name.....MARGARET GREGORY
position chosenElder
years chosen1 year
about nomineeHas had many years in all aspects of UCA, which assists in the business of Church Council. Member of the Connecting with God mission team.

name.....MARGARET READ
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen1 year
about nomineeChairperson of Church Council, member of Connecting with the Community mission team. On the board of YouthLife op-shop.

name.....TERESA READ
position chosenElder
years chosen3 years
about nomineeOrganising the under 60's group. Has worked with children and families. Previously a Church Councillor.

name.....BRENDA STIFF
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen3 years
about nomineePreviously Church Councillor and Treasurer of Kincumber. Active member of Kincumber activities and support.

name.....RODNEY STIFF
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen3 years
about nomineePreviously Church Councillor and Property team member. Works with sound system.

name.....DOREEN WARRIER
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen2 years
about nomineePreviously Church Councillor and Secretary. Degree in Dementia Care. Supporting those who dementia affects. Treasurer for Kincumber Op-Shop.

name.....CAROL WILTON
position chosenElder
years chosen1 year
about nomineeChurch Councillor. Work with BeeBay playgroup and Friday Family Fun Night. Member of Connecting with the Community mission team.

name.....STEVE WILTON
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen2 years
about nomineeChurch Councillor and Secretary. Member of Supporting and Resources mission team.

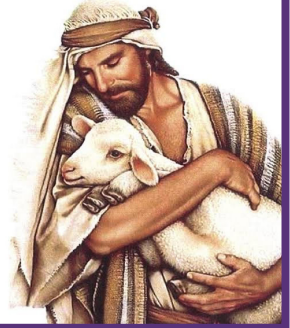
name.....STEPHANIE WOOD
position chosenElder
years chosen2 years
about nomineeChurch Councillor. Member of the Connecting with Each Other mission team. Passionate about representing people's concerns and offers care where needed.

name.....KEITH WOOD
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen2 years
about nomineeChurch Councillor and member of Supporting and Resources mission team. Chairs Property Committee and works at problem solving.

PASTORAL CARE

A pastoral care worker cares for people like a shepherd cares for his sheep – with loving attention for each individual. Your needs are just as important as other people's needs, so please do not hesitate to reach out and contact:

Linda Brown on 0480 367 853.



sunday lunch group

Sunday 23rd July
from 11:30am

Umina Bowling Club
Melbourne Avenue, Umina

Everyone is welcome to join us, including any family members, especially children, who don't come along to our Services.

Please RSVP
Linda Brown
0480 367 853

COFFEE

& **chat**

Please come and join us at:

10:30am
thursday 10 august

Hatters Tea House
281 Ocean View Rd,
Ettalong Beach

Contact:
Linda Brown
0480 367 853



broken bay uniting church

PASTORAL CONTACTS

If you are in need of pastoral support and care, please phone:

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Margaret Gregory	4342 1519
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