

# WHITEHORSE UNITING CHURCH *The Monthly* – OCTOBER -2023.



# WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

Abraham was old. Jacob was insecure. Leah was unattractive. Joseph was abused. Moses stuttered. Gideon was poor and fearful. Sampson was co-dependent. Rahab was immoral. David had an affair and all kinds of family problems. Elijah was suicidal. Jeremiah was depressed. Jonah was reluctant. Naomi was a widow. John the Baptist was eccentric to say the least. Peter was impulsive and hot tempered. Martha worried a lot. The Samaritan woman had several failed marriages. Thomas had doubts. Zacchaeus was unpopular. Paul suffered poor health, and Timothy was timid.

Be encouraged! That's quite a variety of misfits, and yet God used each of them in His service. He can use us too, if we stop looking at our weaknesses– and instead rely on His strength., What a lovely Spring day to be writing to you, reminding me of the same kind of days when I basked in the never to be found again luxury of awaiting the birth of our first son, mid October. By then those lovely days had given way to rain, rain, and more rain, along with cold winds, and the idea of taking a baby for a walk in a beautiful pram diminished day by day. Nevertheless, like everything else, that time passed, the child grew, more came along, but that luxurious basking in the Spring sun didn't get a real look in again! Ah, nostalgia!!

On a more up to date and serious note, October 2023 is so important because we will be voting on The Voice on October 14th. I believe we have been well prepared for this vote, with much of that coming from within our own church, so please consider your vote carefully, using all your integrity, discernment and the basis of Jesus' teaching in your referendum response.



So, once again, enjoy the articles prepared and presented within this month's issue and best wishes to all of you.

Heather Brain. Editor.

PSALM 107:23. WHOEVER IS WISE, LET HIM HEED THESE THINGS AND CONSIDER THE GREAT LOVE OF THE LORD.

## In my lifetime...two reasons I will vote Yes.

\*At the end of WW2 three of my uncles were given soldier settlement land in Northern Victoria. Their aboriginal comrades were just told to "go bush"...not recognized for their service to their country and my "white uncles" were given (their) land???

\* In the mid 1990s I was involved in a camping program for disabled and able bodied young adults. "Tom" was aboriginal, with a disability and a great team leader, and he would often visit us and take Bryn for a spin in his modified Ute. He had been cared for from birth by two single, Christian nurses, being told he had no family. When the ladies died he found he had been kept from his indigenous family who only lived a short distance away. He was part of the Stolen Generation, but the nurses had taken him from the hospital to save him from being sent to a "Home".-where he may have died and become another statistic How does a young person like Tom cope with living in two different worlds??

CORRY SKILBECK.



We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended our family during this difficult time. You have touched our hearts.

The message above is from Maeve Martinus thanking everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers and other expressions of love and concern during the illness and eventual death of her husband, Ossie.

# SHOULD CHRISTIANS BE INVOLVED IN POLITICS?

I remember whenever a church official spoke out about a decision of his government, premier Jeff Kennett, would respond by saying that the church should stick to looking after souls. It is a not uncommon response, but what is the answer?

Theologiion, Marcus Borg, says there are two transformations at the heart of Christianity. The first being personal transform ation, and the second is a communal-social-political one. They are like twins, but not identical. In other words, the Bible is both personal and political. It is about the individual and society. It is about our relationship with God as individuals, and is about our life together as society.

If we look at the life of Jesus, he was concerned that people's lives would be made whole. But, he was also concerned about the ways people treated each other. Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees came in for much criticism for abusing people and treating them unjustly. Jesus was not against challenging the Roman occupiers for their brutal ways.

Chris Budden, a UCA scholar, points to Mark 5:1-13 and describes it as a story like a political cartoon, in that it pokes fun at the leaders and the political system. On the surface, this is just another healing story with an odd ending– a great herd of pigs are sent to their death by a cast out demon. The story starts with the comment that Jesus and his followers came to the other side of the sea– to foreign territory controlled by the Romans. The soldiers who had fought for Rome were rewarded with gifts of land taken from the local people. The story portrays a person who is possessed by evil spirits. That is why the man is called 'Legion'; an obvious reference to the Roman legions nearby, and that legion has as its mascot a pig. Jesus' listeners would have been reminded of God's liberation of people from slavery under Pharoah when his army was swallowed up by the sea.

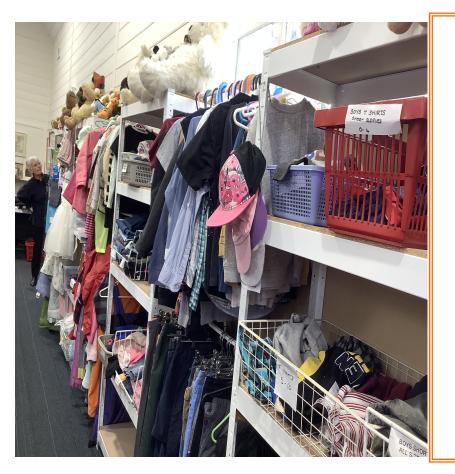
So, how does Jesus portraying God as a God of love and justice, with these two virtues needing to be held together. Jonathon Sacks, former Chief Rabbi of the London Synagogue, in his book "Not in God's name" says, "In the Genesis account of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel, (Gen29:1f.) the story begins with love, but it isn't enough because it also divides. A society cannot be built on love alone. Justice is also needed. Love is partial. Justice is impartial. But justice without love is harsh, while love without justice is unfair."

So, how does your theology contribute to an understanding of "Should Christianity be involved in politics?"

#### ALEX ADAM.

Alex wrote this article in response to my questions about the Voice referendum, and the comments of some about Politics and Religion not being mixed.





# WHITEHORSE OP SHOP NEWS.

Childrens' clothing is the star attraction this September at the Op shop.

> All childrens' clothing is sold at reasonable prices. Sizes 0-4—all \$1.00. Sizes 5-12—all \$2.00.

There is also a great supply of toys, which are just waiting to be wrapped as Christmas presents.

There are also many, many books , both for pre-schoolers and for older children.

Along with all these great bargains remember that things are easy to find; the shop being well laid out, and the staff all ready to assist.

# SUMMARY NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL SEP23.2023.

<u>Good News.</u> The appointment to the Ministry Team of Rev.
 Rod Brown and Rev. Kevin Dobson, as supply ministers.
 Kids Hope Coordinators. Geoff & Beth Walker were confirmed as Joint coordinators, for 2024.

2. CC regretfully accepted the resignation of Lynne Rosenthal, due to family health, and her contribution acknowledged. She will continue to convene the Communications Ministry.

3. "Signposts'-following further refinement, and approval by the CC, the document will be presented to the congregation.

4. An updated Congregation Profile is being prepared.

5. Recommended that a Meeting of Congregation be held on Nov.26th to elect Church Councillors for 2024.

6. <u>Culture of Safety:</u> Confirmation of commitment to the Safe Church Code of Conduct. Copies will be displayed at each location. Working with Children Checks required for <u>all leaders.</u> Anyone on a roster is considered to be a leader.

"Crosslight" The quantity to be changed, delivered to the FH office, and then available at worship and at each location.
"With Love to the World" from 2024 will only be available by individual subscription, and delivered to members' home address.

8. <u>Communication:</u> Rostered duties have been defined and a document has been circulated.

A Welcome Leaflet for newcomers has been prepared.

9. <u>Facilities Management:</u> A Key Register to be kept and a deposit of \$20 for all keys current and future will be charged.

New consistent signage is being prepared for each location.

10. <u>Mission and Justice:</u> Op Shop listed projects supported-Uniting East Burwood; International Needs Australia; Kondanani Zambia; Benwerrin; Vanuatu Prevention of Blindness project.

Uniting World-recipient of 1st Sunday Open Plate offerings in October and November.

Nov 12th. "Living Together Lunch" at Nunawading Sep 17th & Oct 1st2-4pm. "Together Yes" program.

11. <u>Pastoral Care:</u> up to \$200 can be spent if purchased food required for special occasions catering.

Oct 22nd.Special morning tea for "Celebration of Special Occasions in the Lives of Members"

 Future provision of envelopes for offerings-this matter referred to the Executive for further discussion and decision.
 "Blessing of Pets" Oct 29th at Forest Hill.

-0-0-0-0- JULIE HAWKEY.



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

# WHAT HAS KEVIN BEEN READING?

One journal I read regularly is **The Christian Century.** It is a progressive, ecumenical magazine, based in Chicago. In early September I read this article by Peter Marty, and share it with permission.

## Words to avoid at Church.

When it comes to the work of shaping Christian community, words and phrases matter. How people come together, stay together, and live expressly depends on language that inspires belonging and faith. Some words and phrases do this well: others miss the mark so considerably that I sometimes think they should be banished from a congregation's vocabulary. The congregation I serve doesn't publish a list of its banished words, but we make an effort to avoid those that might get misused, (this is an internal cultural commitment, not a printed rule) Here is a sampling of our prohibited word.

**Visitor.** Newcomers may be guests in the house of the Lord, but they're not visitors. Visitors are people who sit on makeshift bleachers in high school football stadiums, looking up at impressive crowds across the field whooping it up. In most settings visitors hold second-class citizenship. They're made to feel as if they don't know or have certain secrets that others know and have. I remember walking into an unfamiliar church one time and being accosted by a greeter, who zeroed in on us like a heat-seeking missile. Determined to pin a carnation on each of us she was unaware that we weren't interested in that song and dance. All we wanted was to be received quietly as her equal– arriving with faith, depth, complexity and as many life experiences as her own. The next time you have people to dinner, try to think of them as guests-not visitors, and you may end up being the host they need you to be.

Attending Church. Organizations that survey religious practice often chart trends of people attending worship, but when you attach your self to a faith community you are not an attendee. Rubbing shoulders with people with whom you may have nothing in common except your humanity and God but whom you're willing to let impact the shape and substance of who you are

means it time to speak of belonging. I wonder if people who talk of *attending* their church for years have yet to discover the beauty and significance of *belonging*.

**Family.** Its great to have ministries that serve families, but try not to speak of your congregation as a family. No matter how intimate your faith community, you don't want it to be family. That metaphor doesn't work. Families are closed social units. Remember that first introduction to the relative of someone you love or loved? No matter how confident you were, or how warm that family was, some part of the early encounter was awkward or uncomfortable. That's because families have customs and conventions not always obvious or welcoming to newcomers. Scripture reminds us that Jesus broke the hearts of many first-century families as he called people out of their families into a larger life.

**Taking the collection.** The moment in worship when people offer up their gift of value from their life is often called the offering, not the collection. For millennia, people have made material and spiritual offerings in devotion and gratitude to God. We may receive such gifts during worship on behalf of God, but we don't collect them. How would one even collect the gift of a beautiful offertory sung by choir members giving their best? Offerings are given and received

I could go on, but I will spare you. Wait, just one more: .....

**Join us for,** This no-no is an easy slip that creeps into announcements. Unless you're cultivating clubbiness, try a more open invitation for all to join in an activity.

> The Christian Century 1 Sep 2023. with permission KEVIN DOBSON 4

# in Times of Decision-Making

ChristiansTT.com

Lord Jesus Christ, counselor of all who come for Your aid and seek Your guidance, help me that in all decisions, my heart is not hardened to receive Your word.

- May my eyes not be blinded to see the truth and obedience to Your will.

I pray that the word of God and prayer be my decisionmaking tools and armor in all aspects of living.

Read the full prayer @ ChristiansTT.com



"After Ted closes with prayer, there will be a brief meeting in the parking lot to determine what, if anything, was actually decided in this meeting."

I PRAY FOR WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT AS I MAKE DECISIONS TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE ABILITY TO THINK CRITICALLY AND RATIONALLY SO I CAN MAKE SOUND CHOICES. AMEN

# WITH GRATITUDE......

# WHITEHORSE UNITING KIDS HOPE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE AT **BURWOOD HEIGHTS INTO 2024!**

Thanks to Beth and Geoff Walker, who have • offered to take on the Joint Co-ordination of our Progam. Geoff and Beth are current mentors, so some of the normal process is simplified. They have now been affirm • ed by the Church Council, and commissioned to take up the work when Corry steps down at the end of the year. They have still to complete their Kids Hope Australia • Coordinator Training and will take over her role at the beginning of next year.

Of course Corry will be happy to work with them • in the training of any new mentors once their training is completed at the end of October, but until the end of December, she is still the Church's appointed Coordinator, and therefore responsible for the child safety processes and training of any new mentors. At this point Beth and Geoff would refer anyone to her, as they have already done.

It is good for all to understand how important it is for Kids Hope to maintain a high standard of child safety procedures. Churches are not allowed to run programs in public schools any more, and when we, as Whitehorse UCA are linked to Burwood Heights P.S. through Kids Hope Australia, it is the Co-ordinator, appointed by our church, who must ensure the program's integrity. So, while each church has its own unique Kids Hope program, linked with one school in a special Kids Hope relationship, the Coordinator is the pivotal link.

We do not publicly name those who show interest in Kids Hope mentoring, and there is a careful and appropriate process the Coordinator must follow. Once this process is complete, the Coordinator facilitates the <sup>•</sup> Kids Hope mentor training, which gives the new mentor tools to confidently build a relationship with one vulnerable kid in one hour each week. But it's really just about being prepared to give a kid some love, joy and affirmation for who they are. Mentors and coordinators welcome every opportunity to talK about their program and answer any questions.

So, speak to Corry (0421195524) Geoff, Beth or any of the Kids Hope team if you think you could spare one hour per week to give one kid a bit of HOPE.



It's time to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution

#### Employees, volunteers and people in specified ministries will not under any circumstances:

- Engage in behaviour that is intended to shame, humiliate, belittle or degrade children. .
  - Use inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory language when speaking with a child.
- Sleep in the same bed as a child.
- Hold, kiss, cuddle or touch a child in an inappropriate, unnecessary, uninvited, or culturally insensitive way in public or isolation.
- Behave provocatively or inappropriately with a child and/or in a way that could be considered as 'grooming'.
- Develop a sexual relationship with a child or a relationship with a child that may be deemed exploitative or abusive.
- Condone, or participate in, behaviour of a child which is illegal, unsafe or abusive.
- Act in a way that shows unfair and differential treatment of a child.
- Smack, hit or physically assault a child.
- Physically restrain or remove/isolate a child or children unless the child's or children's behaviours endanger themselves or others.
- Have inappropriate conversations with a child either in person, through social media or in any other way.
- Use the Entity's computers, mobile phones, video and digital cameras inappropriately or for the purpose of exploiting or harassing a child.
- Make a complaint that they know to be untrue, malicious or improper.

Breaches of this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary measures or, if required by law, reporting to the authorities.

Organisational declaration:	
This Code of Conduct has been adopted for use by:	
Name of Congregation/ EntityWHITEHORSE UNITING CHURCH	
Name and title of person responsibleJULIE HAWKEY	
Signature 12th Contemport 2022	
Date agreed at Church Council13th September, 2023	

# PART 1 OF THE CHILD SAFTETY CODE OF CONDUCT DOCUMENT WAS PUBLISHED ON PAGE 2 OF THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY.



I'm getting so old that all my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it

The poster on the left is a contribution for ANTaR Victoria, which is a grassroots group campaigning for justice in solidarity with Australia's First Peoples, and are based on Traditional Aboriginal Country in what is now called Melbourne. They acknowledge that at the time of European arrival the totality of that lands that are now known as Victoria were occupied by sovereign Indigenous nations who owned, cared for and enjoyed their land in accordance with their laws, customs and traditions. The Indigenous nations' sovereignty as well as their peoples' right of ownership, occupation, use and enjoyment of lands have never been ceded.

CONTRIBUTED BY JOHN CRADICK.

# INTRODUCING TEAR FUND......

Tear Fund Australia is a locally based International Aid Agency. Our Mission and Justice Group will be using resources provided by Tear Fund at our planned Living Simply Together lunch following our service at Mitcham on November 22nd 2023.

Tear Fund doesn't run their own projects. Instead, it works in partnership with locally based Christian agencies because they better understand the needs of their communities, are better able to connect with local people and organizations, and work in many ways that are appropriate to the local culture. It is a Christian presence within communities, deeply connected and encouraging positive and sustainable change. (Elaine Hewson's son is on the staff)

Over the next two years , nearly 200 governments are meeting to develop the first ever international agreement on planet pollution. Tear Fund has joined with thousands of others around the world to highlight the impact of plastic pollution, and waste in general, on people living in poverty. Through its RUB-BISH CAMPAIGN it is calling on us to join them in responding to God's call to love our neighbours and care for the environment in which we live, too.

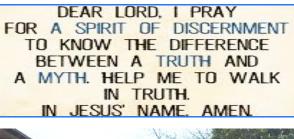
"We're facing mountains of plastic pollution. But Christians around the world are uniting to take action. Take action today and help end this rubbish problem"

Tear Fund is actively involved in ensuring that those involved in negotiating on the planet treaty, including our own government, see "justice for those living in poverty" as a priority. With understanding we can support that action. For more information visit tearfund.org.au

CORRY SKILBECK.

# **Our War On Waste!**







# **CENTRE 81 HAS A NEW SIGN.**

It is a brightly coloured, and welcoming sign which is a permanent fixture, situated at the entrance of Centre 81.

It serves two purposes, firstly, it is visible to passing motorists and pedestrians, and hopefully will encourage interest in finding out about our work at Centre 81, and more importantly, to bring someone who maybe didn't know about our work, through our door to seek help by way of a food parcel, or simply just a 'cuppa and a chat', which often leads to the real reason for the visit. Secondly, our Receptionists also benefit from the erection of a permanent sign, as they do not have to manoeuvre the heavy and awkward sign which was only put out on days which we are open.

**If you know anyone** who could benefit from a little TLC, please mention Centre 81. We would love to see them.

Your donations of both food and money are very much appreciated, as they help to keep our Pantry well stocked, and ready for distribution when required.

We enjoy a warm and caring relationship with Marrageil Barrarook (The Refuge) We help take care of the Residents' practical needs as required, providing Welcome Packs to new comers, food parcels from our Pantry as needed, and gardening implements to enable a raised garden bed to be created.

Recently, when one of the Residents moved out of the Refuge into her own accommodation, we were able to help her furnish her new home with help from one of our own members, and the Eastern Emergency Relief Network.

We ask God's continuing help and guidance in the work which we do at Centre 81.

# **CONTRIBUTING TO WORSHIP.**

AS WE GATHER TOGETHER AT WORSHIP ON SUN-DAYS, OR MONTHLY AT FOREST HILL ON A THURSDAY, WE ARE GREETED AT THE DOOR, WE LISTEN TO THOSE WHO BRING THE READINGS TO US AND THOSE WHO READ THE PRAYERS, WE ENJOY CREATIVE FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHURCH AND WE ARE SERVED MORNING TEA AFTER THE SERVICE. IN FACT, WE HAVE A LONG LIST OF VOLUN-TEERS WHO SERVE OUR CONGREGATION IN VARIOUS CA-PACITIES.

PERHAPS YOU USED TO BE ONE OF THESE PEOPLE, AND YOU'RE TAKING A BREAK. PERHAPS YOU'RE OFTEN WONDERING ABOUT BECOMING ONE OF THEM, TO WRITE A PRAYER OR DO A READING, OR TO HELP WITH MORNING TEA.

IN THIS ISSUE OF **THE MONTHLY** YOU WILL FIND A **'ROSTERED DUTIES DEFINED'** DOCUMENT. IT IS A LIST OF DUTIES PERFORMED BY THESE WARM-HEARTED PEOPLE WHO ASSIST THE MINISTRY TEAM AND OUR CONGREGA-TION BY CONTRIBUTING TO WORSHIP AS WE GATHER ON SUNDAYS. WITHOUT THEM, THINGS WOULD GRIND TO A HALT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE TEAM? WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING? AS YOU READ THE LIST OF DUTIES YOU MIGHT THINK TO YOURSELF "I COULD DO THAT" IN WHICH CASE, WE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO HEAR FROM YOU.

PLEASE CONTACT LYNNE ROSENTHAL lynnerosenthall@gmail.com 0415 286 855, OR ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THE ROLE THEY PERFORM.

LYNNE ROSENTHAL.

And the lord said unto John. Come forth. and you will receive eternal life.

but John came fifth and won a toaster.

## WHITEHORSE UNITING CHURCH

#### Rostered Duties Defined

1. Minister Support: 1 person from the service venue

- Lead the prayer with the Minister & Reader before the service.
- Assist with any special requests by the Minister.
- Liaise with Minister re communion servers then organize people for this task.

#### 2. Reader:1 person

- Meet with the Minister before the service for prayer led by the Minister Support person.
- · Process in and out with the Bible.
- Read during the service.

#### 3. Prayers:1 person

- Prepare the Prayers of the People and send to multi-media by noon Thursday:multi-media@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au
- · Lead the prayer during the service.

#### 4. Stewards:1person from the service venue.

- · Open the relevant doors at the venue.
- Prepare for the service (lights, heaters, fans, water for the minister etc)
- Print off 5 copies of *The Weekly* and make available to people who don't receive the e-copy.
- Together with Greeters welcome people and identify any new people.
- Act as Safety Warden if required.
- Turn off lights, heaters, fans etc and lock the venue.

#### 5. Greeters:2 people - one from each of the 2 non-service venues.

 Together with the Steward, welcome people and identify any new people (with follow up after the service).

#### 6. Tellers:2 people must be involved in this task

- Open envelopes record details.
- Count and record.
- Give cash to the Banker at the venue.

#### 7. Organ/Piano:1 person

· Play for the service.

## 8. Multi-media:4 people

- Screen
- Sound
  - Broadcast x2

## 9. Communion Preparation:2 persons from the service venue

- Prepare the bread and wine.
- Set up the communion table.
- Clean away after the service.

## 10. Flowers: This is venue specific.

11. Morning Tea:2 from the service venue

- · One person brings milk,
- · Set up, serve and clean up.

## Children: 2 persons with Working with Children accreditation with at least one from the service venue.

- · Prepare activities for the children who attend the service.
- Take them out (with another helper) at the appropriate time during the service and supervise them doing these activities.

 Notices during the Service: preferably 1 person, Steward or Minister Support perhaps. To be resolved/trialled.

Communications Ministry Group 30/8/23

# A short reflection about my father Alan Bradley Bannister.

I warned Heather that anything about my father would be extensive, to which she assured me that she would summarise, but this is a SUMMARY!

Like the experiences of others I remember being on Dad's shoulders to view Moomba parades, or being carried from the train, half asleep knowing I was safe and loved.

Dad was the most patient man I have ever know, and this fact was verified by his sister who told me how he tried to teach her the mandolin. Indeed, I remember balmy summer evenings sitting on the veranda listening to him play Cielito Lindo or Little Grey Home in the West, (not perfectly, as he was self taught), but on the instrument he carried with him to Papua New Guinea during the war when he was part of the GWT Signals Unit.

Though not religious, Dad was a pacifist and reluctant to take up arms against anyone, so he was fortunate that his unit served near Lae, where the worst they saw was an occasional plane overhead or the tropical storm, which he claimed sent palms thwacking right and left around their tents, and another time when he set the world record for sitting high jump when he reali zed the crocodile he had thought a log was alive.

I loved listening to these colourful stories and others which gave me context to my own identity.

Together, when we weren't watching old movies, we watched tennis, cricket, footy or anything where we could cheer for the Aussies. He tried to teach me many things, some impossible, but I am forever grateful that he taught me to read prior to starting school, and he instilled a love of classical literature and music, but especially poetry, which has enriched my life. His own dad wrote excellent poetry, and throughout the war the pair communicated in poems which often. by their predetermined code ensured the family knew where Dad was sent. But it was Dad's eccentric nature and larrikin spirit which I truly cherished.

He was wise and clever– a lateral thinker who loved solving puzzles of any description. No cryptic crossword defeated him, and he was always the one I would consult for the definitive answer to 'anything' except fashion, as his bizarre habit of wearing shorts in winter and heavy jumpers in summer proved; so frustrating for Mum, who also found his tendency for clashing colours exasperating! He painted the kitchen cherry red to surprise her when she arrived home from hospital with her new baby-me!

He always sided with the underdog and he was ready to defend any vulnerable individual, where he believed there was a power imbalance. His actions spoke louder than words, although he was a polished wordsmith who could express himself fluently both formally and casually. He was open minded, positive, full of jokes and wit. I blame him for my annoying love of puns and silly sense of humour.

Most of all I loved the truly humble and generous man who continued to send his mate's widow flowers on her birthday each year after the friend was killed crossing the road, or anonymously slip a cash filled envelope into the letterbox of a family whose mum had died.

Dad's support for me was constant and reliable, like the safety net beneath the tight rope walker. I felt deeply loved, and that is a priceless gift. I am forever blessed with such a father. BARB WANDOCH.

Too good to omit!

This week nine of us drove to Gisborne to visit Lorna Swyer, long time Nunawading and BNNUC member. A few months ago, when it was apparent that Lorna could no longer live alone she quickly decided to go to Aged Care in Gisborne, closer to her daughter and her family, so no time to have a Church farewell. Lorna served as Presbytery rep, CC, Pastoral Care and Kitchen management, along with being a loyal member of the Craft group and Women's Fellowship. Barb. Wandoch made her a powepoint of church photos and crocheted a colourful knee rug to remind Lorna of our thanks for all her years of contribution to church life. IIEATHER FRANCIS.





## POEMS FOR A PANDEMIC. Barry Horn.



messed up the years 2020,2021 and into 2022. Melbourne was not alone in having to learn to live with lockdown, curfews, mask wearing, closure of non essential work, physical distancing, travel restrictions, QR codes, vaccinations, a 'ring of steel' separating Melbourne and country, mandatory working from home, density limits, etc.

Covid

However, Melbourne's 263 days of strict lockdown were more than any other city. These nonsensical poems were written to lighten the mood a little during Melbourne's period of lockdowns and restrictions. Most were published in the Burwood Heights UCA magazine, and others elsewhere. The poems are collected in an anthology to be available for next time.

Barry is available as a speaker and can present the "Poems for a Pandemic" in an entertaining way. The book is available at \$5 each, with the whole \$5 going to help the Tongan village of Kanokupola recover from the January 2022 underground volcano eruption and associated tsunami.

Barry can be contacted <u>barryhorn@bigpond.com</u>.

# **Worship Schedule**

Date	Venue: Forest Hill	Venue: Mitcham	Venue: Nunawading
24 <sup>th</sup> September		Together @ 10	
28th Sept (Thurs)	Together @ 2	the second s	
1 <sup>st</sup> October			Together @ 10
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Together @ 10		
15 <sup>th</sup> October		Together @ 10	CHARLEN PLANNER COUNTR
22 <sup>nd</sup> October			Together @ 10
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Together @ 2	ALL DAGE	44754
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Together @ 10	an the second	- C ( 10 ) ( 2.4)

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Rev Rod Brown: rodlois98@outlook.com, 0408 088 371 [Thurs & Fri]

#### Whitehorse Uniting Church Venues

Forest Hill:	333A Canterbury Road, Forest Hill
Mitcham:	559 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham
Nunawading:	355 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

#### Whitehorse Uniting Church Online Links

Worship Resources: <u>https://www.mountviewuca.org/worship.html</u> YouTube Channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/@whitehorseunitingchurch4335/streams</u> Church Calendar: <u>https://www.mountviewuca.org/calendar.html</u>

#### Whitehorse Uniting Church Council

Chair: Julie Hawkey, 0488 460 875, juliesh1879@gmail.com Secretary: Trevor Thomas, 0438 592 092, trevordt2@gmail.com Treasurer: Rob Jackson, 0413 599 047, Rob.Jackson@wuc.victas.uca.org.au Bank Account Details: Account name: UCA - Whitehorse

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#### Whitehorse Uniting Church Administrative Assistant

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## **Booking a Church Venue**

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