

09<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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# Keiraview Uniting News



2 Timothy 2:14-15

Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**  
Led by Rev. David Stuart

Evening Worship **6:30pm**  
Led by Rev. David Stuart

## Thought for the Week

### Growth in Exile

On Jeremiah 29:1. 4-7. This passage wrestles with the Babylonian exile, though with a very different tone. Rather than being weighed down by lament, God – through the prophet Jeremiah – encourages Their people to make the best of a dire situation. Instead of living in limbo, waiting with bated breath to reclaim their homeland, Jeremiah asks the people of Israel to settle down and makes homes for themselves.



Jeremiah offers images of growth in the context of exile, encouraging God's people to put down roots both figuratively and literally. This means accepting that they are in Babylon to stay and that the exile will last for generations. Taking it even further, the Israelites are tasked with caring for the place they find themselves in, through both action and prayer. The challenge is to remain present and hopeful even when disconnecting from a situation might numb despair.

From UCA Lectionary Resources 9 October

### PRAYERS

Pray for the Pastoral Care Team as they minister to those in need of help within our church community.

Pray for those in our Church Family undergoing tests, treatment, and for those suffering bereavement.

Pray for all the children who will receive the shoebox gifts and that the children take up the opportunity to hear about Jesus through The Greatest Journey

#### A Prayer from UCA Lectionary Resources:

God of all the ages, you have revealed your grace in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. As we wait patiently on your mercies, strengthen us to live in your justice, that with open hearts we may hear and accomplish your will, through Christ, who lights the way to life everlasting. Amen.

### COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00- 12:00	<b>Eden Playtime &amp; Community Gardening</b>
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	13:15- 14:15	<b>KYB Bible Study</b>
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	17:00- 18:30	<b>Keiraview Community Night Ballroom Dancing</b>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	19:00- 20:30	<b>Three:SixTeens Youth Group for kids in Yr 6-9</b>

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## From the Safe Church Team

As at 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022

● SPEAK OUT allows you to anonymously raise any concerns you have about our congregation, or any Uniting services or entities. If anything does not feel right to you SPEAK OUT.

Independent and confidential hotline:  
1800 951 145

### COVID is Still Around

● It is very important that we have good ventilation. If you are the first one at a meeting or gathering, please OPEN the windows.

● Be aware of the symptoms of COVID. If you do have symptoms, do a RAT or get a PCR test. Avoid gatherings and services when you are unwell.

● You are encouraged to wear good quality masks when gathering indoor, particularly when it is difficult to maintain safe distance from others.



Any questions? Talk to the Safe Church Team (Gavin Whitten, Vi Richardson, Phil Crawford or Pauline Doyle) or email:

safe-church@keiraview.org



**Bible Society Coffee Morning** will be held next **Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> October** at Kiama Anglican Church from 10am. Speaker: Jonathan Harris on old and rare Bibles of the world and their stories. Contact: Barb Mathie [barbara.mathie@bigpond.com](mailto:barbara.mathie@bigpond.com)

**Saltbush Scattered Gathering** will be held on **Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> October** from 9am in Tathra and online via zoom. This is the final scattered community gathering event of 2022. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3ypo8mL>

**Wollongong Gospel Choir** Rehearsals are held on **Tuesdays** during school terms. 7:00 pm. At Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre, 192 Gipps Road, Gwynneville. Contact: John Sandercock 0499 444 151



**Keiraview Church Elections** will be held on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at 10:45 am. Nominations are being called for positions on Church Council, for Chair and Secretary of the Congregation, and for a Presbytery Rep.

Please prayerfully consider if you, or someone in your thoughts, is being called to serve in this way. You may wish to speak to David on this matter.

Nominations to Bev Ratcliffe  
by Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

### Operation Christmas Child

This year's shoeboxes are packed and will be dedicated today (**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> October**). This could be the very first gift the child receiving it has ever had and will also give them a chance to hear about Jesus. We still need the \$10 donation to go with each box. If you are happy to help towards this it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again from the children who will receive these shoebox gifts, Robyn Johnson

**Know Your Bible (KYB)** returns this **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** when we will begin a study on Leviticus. Tuesdays 1:15-2:30pm. All ladies welcome. Contact Bev Paton if you would like further information.

**Church Council** is coming up on **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October** from 19:30-21:30.

**Save the Date** for the **Op Shop Ball** on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** to help raise funds for the two children that Keiraview UC sponsors at Agape Children's Home, Thailand. There is the possibility of a group going over to Agape next April in the school holidays. For more information please contact: Robyn Johnson 0414307910 or David Stuart.



**Lifeline's Big Book Fair** returns from **Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> October** from 9am- 5pm at the Illawarra Sports Stadium, Berkeley.

Every book you buy helps support the 24-hour 13 11 14 Lifeline Crisis Support Line so we can answer more phone calls to people in need, as well as suicide prevention services in the Illawarra, Shoalhaven and South Coast.



More: [www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/book-fair](http://www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/book-fair)

**TWO MORE WEEKS TO GO**  
**WALKING TOGETHER**  
HOW CAN THE CHURCH EMBRACE FIRST PEOPLES' THEOLOGY IN A POST-COLONIAL AUSTRALIA?  
SAT. 22 OCT 2022  
WESLEY CONFERENCE CENTRE  
220 PITT STREET  
SYDNEY  
Book here: [walkingtogether.uca.org.au](http://walkingtogether.uca.org.au)

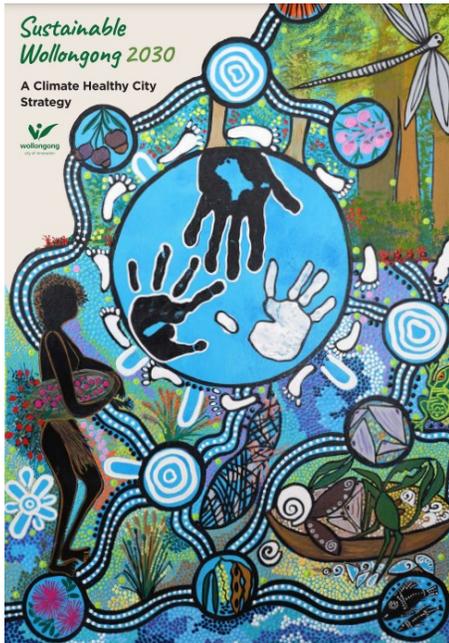
## Environmental



### Quick Tips

## Sustainable Wollongong 2030: A Climate Healthy City

Did you know that Wollongong Council released a Climate Healthy City Strategy for 2030? After engaging with the communities of Wollongong, a series of 6 priority areas to address were identified to, together, build a sustainable Wollongong by 2030.



### Priority Areas:

- A city whose council shows leadership
- A city that works together
- A low emissions city
- A city in harmony with our environment
- A low waste city
- A climate and water resilient city

View a snapshot of the Strategy here:

<https://bit.ly/3egFkUE>

*'What the earth has to provide must be saved so we can hand down to the future generations, so they can learn how to care for what we have and generate all species.'* Lorraine Brown and Narelle Thomas

## Mullets for Mental Health

Last month Keegan Whitten raised funds for the Black Dog Institute by having his mullet clipped off. Keegan outdid his own fundraising total from September 2021 (where he grew the mullet), raising a whopping **\$2,421!**

**Well done Keegan!**

If you would still like to donate to this great cause you can do so here:

<https://www.mulletsformentalhealth.org.au/fundraisers/keeganwhitten/>



**Black Dog Institute**

**Mullets For Mental Health**



Raise any issues, incidents or concerns via our confidential and secure reporting service 'Speak Out'

INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE

**1800 951145**

For more information go to:

[speakout.uca.org.au](https://speakout.uca.org.au)



## ELECTRONIC GIVING

**Banking Details** If you prefer to do an electronic bank deposit as offertory, the details are:

Keiraview Uniting Church, BSB: 634 634, Account #: 100017747

## ROSTER

16<sup>th</sup> OCT 2022

### Flowers

Bronwyn Wilson

### AV/Streaming

Clive Arthur

Kath Hamdan

### Welcomers

Keith Smyth

Thelma Smyth

### Announcements

Pauline Doyle

### Elder

Alayne Guerin

### Music

Kerryn Morrison

### Bible Reader

Sue Lattimore

### Prayer

Minister

### Offering Counting

Alan Bradley

Lyn Jones

### Morning Tea

Don Townsend

Sue Townsend

Sue Lattimore

Geoff Lattimore

## READINGS

### PENTECOST 19

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalms 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace

**by noon Wednesday.**

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