



# Uniting Church of Australia **BOLWARRA**

## Newsletter

14 December 2023

### **Air Conditioning**

We are very excited that our church hall and kitchen are now fully air conditioned. Thank you to East Maitland Veterinary Clinic who generously donated two relatively new air conditioning units and we have received another donation of a brand new unit for the kitchen. Our Chairperson, Steve, put a post on Bolwarra community Facebook page and local business owner, Luke Hargy from Onsite Air Conditioning responded. Luke offered to install all three units at a very affordable price and could do it this week. Steve has been very impressed with Luke and his team's professionalism, expert knowledge, and customer service. We cannot thank them enough for their support.

### **Church Chairs**

Thanks to a generous Presbytery grant we have placed an order for some comfortable church chairs, which are common in modern churches today. The chairs will add a contemporary look to our church and will allow for flexible styles of worship. We will still have some pews for seating, and will keep most of the pews we are replacing with chairs in case we have a large service in the future. Delivery is expected early next year.

### **Lectern**

We have acquired a new (second hand) lectern which matches our decor, has a much wider top and a shelf underneath. It is a huge improvement to the little one we had (which we are keeping). Thank you to Whitebridge Uniting Church, who kindly donated it to our Church.

### **Christmas Party**

Last Saturday, 9 December we held our congregation Christmas Party with carol singing, a visit from Santa, Lucky door prizes and a lovely meal. Due to the forecast 42 degree weather, the venue was changed to Louise Trist's home. A big thank you to Louise who opened her home to allow us to celebrate in air conditioned comfort. It was a great night!

### **Christmas Tree giving**

Again this year, Bolwarra has been very generous is providing a huge donation to the Maitland Munch Christmas hampers for the under privileged. A big thank you to everyone who donated food so others can enjoy Christmas in a way they would not have been able to otherwise afford.

### **Baptism and Christening**

This Sunday, 17 December we celebrate the baptism of Samantha and Fionnlagh Roberts and confirmation of Samantha. Everyone is welcome. We will have a celebratory morning tea afterwards.

### **Harvest Festival - change of date**

The 2024 Harvest Festival will now be held on 4 February (previously advertised as 11 February).

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and sending blessings for the new year.