



# Uniting Church of Australia BOLWARRA

## Newsletter

18 August 2024

Christine Russell, the Admin Officer for Maitland Uniting Churches commenced working at Bolwarra in July. Christine normally works on Wednesday and Thursdays. It is great to see our new Vestry space being utilised.

We had a lovely note left at the church from a member of our community who took the time to let us know that the message on our signboard "Help is only a prayer away" left her feeling instantly encouraged. The small things we do as God's faithful servants often bear fruit and we never know when that may be.

We have news of Safari through Robyne Pont. He is in Australia looking for work, as life is very tough in South Africa. He is hoping to pick up work as a diesel mechanic to support his family. He is currently looking for work in Darwin. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

On Sunday 4 August Bolwarra Church hosted a Memorial Service and plaque dedication for Robert and Margaret Thomson who were members of our community many years ago. The service was led by Rev Dr Rod Pattenden. Children Joady, Robert and Cynthia were among the family who attended (unfortunately daughter Desalee was unable to make it). A lovely morning tea was enjoyed afterward.



The Congregation Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 11 August 2024 after the Sunday Service. Elected Leaders are Lindsay Moxey, Leanne Bentham, David Branscomb, Louise Trist, Anne Robinson. Positions will be elected at the next Leaders meeting scheduled for Tuesday 20 August at 7:30pm.

Our August "Cuppa & Chat" morning tea was held on Tuesday 13 August with another good roll up. It's good to see some regulars coming every month. Our next event is on Tuesday 10 September 10am-12pm. For more information, please contact Wendy Eade PH: 4930173. Everyone welcome!

An invitation has been extended to everyone to explore four diverse Maitland Faith Communities with East Maitland Uniting Church participating and providing lunch. Church/Faith Crawl is on Wednesday 11 September from 9:30am – 3.45pm. Cost is \$15. Registration closes 6 September. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

On Sunday 22 September, Rev Neil Smith and Rev Dr Rod Pattenden will lead a Family Service at Bolwarra. This is a great opportunity for young families to come along and see what our church can offer. Please invite anyone who may be interested.

Our church Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 26 October. We need helpers and would be very grateful if you could contact any of our Leaders to let them know you are able to assist.