



Uniting Church of Australia BOLWARRA

Newsletter

23 February 2025

On Australia Day, members of our congregation attended a friendly and wonderful combined service at Morpeth Uniting Church. The service was well put together and included contributions from the other churches. It was led by Rev Dr Rod Pattenden with the reflection given by Hunter Presbytery Minister, Rev Graham Perry. It was a great event and concluded with a huge array of delicious cakes and slices for morning tea provided by Morpeth congregation.

In January, we were presented with a beautiful painting for our Church by our very talented Chloe Flannery. We are very grateful and will hang it in the Church for everyone to admire.

Our hall now has a regular booking on a Friday morning, which means it is unavailable at this time for church use. Please be aware the hall is unavailable, if you are booking in any meetings or other church activities.

We welcome Rev Garry Derkeene as supply Minister to Maitland Uniting Churches for the next 12 months. Bolwarra was honoured to host Garry's first service for Maitland Churches on 2 February. It was lovely to see members of other congregations come along to this service to welcome him.



Chloe Flannery with her lovely painting she presented to our Church

On Sunday 23 February, Beatie Esterbrook presented the Aboriginal Banner to Bolwarra Uniting Church which had previously hung in Rutherford Church. The banner was made by Beatie in 2011 and represents the history of the first people in Maitland. It is the left-hand companion to a right side which told the personal story of Mrs Victoria Matthews, a local first people Elder with a past connection with Maitland Methodist Church. Beatie presented the banner to Bolwarra congregation members, Samantha Roberts and Leaders Louise Trist and Lindsay Moxey.



Presentation of the Aboriginal Banner to Bolwarra Church. L-R Louise Trist, Samantha Roberts, Beatie Esterbrook and Lindsay Moxey

Our Harvest Festival is on next Sunday 2 March. Donations of fresh vegetables, fruit, jams, pickles, cooking etc would be gratefully received. Money raised will go towards a local charity to be decided on by the congregation before the auction commences at 10am. Make sure you come along, it's always lots of fun! Please contact Lindsay Moxey for further information 0408468984.

A reminder that donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and baby items (nappies, baby food, formula etc) are always being collected for MUNCH. A box for donations is kept in the storeroom off the hall. A big thank you to Jenny See who regularly takes our donations to MUNCH at the Uniting Church in Maitland.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 2 March 2025

Come along to the Bolwarra Uniting Church

Harvest Festival

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