



Uniting Church of Australia **BOLWARRA**

Newsletter

6 May 2025

We had a good roll up for our Easter Services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday with some new faces joining us in worship.

A successful combined Service was held at Maitland City Uniting Church on 27 April celebrating Joy Sunday, led by Rev Garry Derkenne and Rev Dr Rod Pattenden. There was an impressive attendance despite the very heavy rain. Thank you to all who braved the elements to attend.

We are saddened by the death of Paul Ernst's father, Tony on 24 April. Our sincere sympathies are extended to the whole Ernst family but in particular to Paul, Louise, Elizabeth and Katherine. Tony's funeral was held on Tuesday 6 May at Branxton.

The next Bible Study series will be held in July at East Maitland Uniting Church Hall. Entitled "The Bible for Beginners" it will be led over four weeks by Rev Garry Derkenne. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter with more information.

A special combined service will be held at Bolwarra on Sunday 8 June at 10am. We will be celebrating Pentecost and the service will be led by Rev Garry Derkenne. Bolwarra will be providing morning tea after the service. Come dressed in red, yellow and gold.

A big thank you to Bunnings Maitland for their very generous donation of \$100 towards a gas bottle for our new BBQ. We are very grateful and appreciate the generosity of this organisation.

MUNCH* has approval to employ a part time coordinator which will be advertised very soon. Please let anyone you know who may be interested in this paid position. The Task Group are looking at ways to promote MUNCH to attract external funding including applying for grants and looking into how tax exemption donations can be achieved. A website is being set up. There has been a significant increase in both monetary and food donations over the past months which has greatly assisted MUNCH to support those in need. A huge thank you to all who have made donations or volunteered to help. If you are able to spare a few hours on a Monday or Wednesday, MUNCH would love to hear from you. Please contact Stephen Morris on 0413912574 for further information.

*MUNCH provides a meal two nights a week at Maitland City Uniting Church Hall and is the main provider of food, community and support in central Maitland for those facing hardship.

The Bible for Beginners



July Study Series

For so many of us what we know about the Bible is what we remember from Sunday School or Youth Group, perhaps a Bible Study or documentary. The Bible as the key text for Christian life is more and more contested – 'Adam and Eve? You've got to be kidding me'. Today we know more about the culture in which the Bible was formed than ever before. How does the Bible speak to us today? Register by 3rd July to admin.MRC@nswact.uca.org.au or M 0493 828071. Led by Rev Garry Derkenne

Four Mondays 1 - 3pm
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th July
East Maitland Uniting Church Hall

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