



Uniting Church of Australia **BOLWARRA**

Newsletter

13 August 2025

On Thursday 31 July, Leaders and members of Maitland Uniting Churches enjoyed a lovely morning tea at Bolwarra Uniting Church to welcome our new Uniting Church Plant Ministers, Pearl Nunn and Kevin Crouse. Pearl and Kevin shared stories about their lives, experiences and what inspired them to take on these roles. They offered inspirational insights into their work and asked for our prayers for wisdom and courage.

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the sudden passing of Robin Edwards on 5 August. Robin was the beloved wife of Noel, and mother to Tracy, Leanne, and Elizabeth. Both Robin and Noel were dedicated members of our congregation for many years, and their valuable contributions will always be remembered. Robin's funeral was held on Monday 11 August at our church in Bolwarra. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Edwards family during this difficult time.

Bolwarra Uniting Church is running a four-month pilot of Messy Church - a family orientated program filled with lots of activities, each with a special monthly theme. The service runs from 4-5pm on the second Sunday of each month, followed by a sausage sizzle and fellowship. Upcoming dates and themes are:

- **Sunday 14 September** – Spring
- **Sunday 12 October** – Friends
- **Sunday 19 November** – Good Hands
- **Sunday 14 December** - Christmas

Everyone is welcome – young and old! Please pass the details on to anyone who may be interested. A donation tin will be available to help cover sausage sizzle costs. If you can assist with set up, clean up or providing cakes/slices, please contact Louise or Leanne. A flyer with more details is included at the end of this newsletter.

Our next Maitland Uniting Churches planning meeting, to refine our unified values, vision and mission, will be held on **Sunday 17 August** at Morpeth Uniting Church Hall at 2pm. The final meeting will be held on **Sunday. 21 September**. Please put these dates in your diary.

Our Spring Fair date has been set for **Saturday 18 October**. The Leaders are keen to hear your ideas for making it another great community event.

There are several pews available for sale, with priority given to congregation members. If you are interested, please contact Lindsay Moxey on 0408468984.

On the first Sunday of every month, members from Maitland Uniting Churches gather for lunch, organised by Wendy Allomes. The venue changes each month and it's a great opportunity for fellowship. Please RSVP to Wendy on 0494 153 739 so seating can be arranged.

FOCASS is held every first and third Tuesday of each month from 1.30-3.30pm including afternoon tea. On **Tuesday 18 August** Chelsea Piper will share an engaging talk about her experiences in Indonesia. For more details, please contact Denise Burton on 0499844567.

Please keep collecting recyclable cans and bottles to help us continue supporting Safari and his family in Kenya. Bags can be left at the back door of the kitchen or in the bins provided. For more information, contact Robyn Pont on 0428 804 081.



1st & 3rd Tuesday
of each month
1:30-3.30pm

at Morpeth Uniting Church Hall
Cnr High & Northumberland Streets, Morpeth

Come along and bring a friend!

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MESSY CHURCH BOLWARRA

WHERE KIDS COME FIRST

You're invited!

We are excited to launch a four-month pilot of Messy Church at Bolwarra Uniting Church, 4 Canna Street, Bolwarra. Held on the **second Sunday afternoon of each month**, starting **September 14**, this fun-filled program begins at **4pm** with play and creative activities for all ages, followed by a time where we gather together for a story and prayer, finishing at 5pm with a sausage sizzle and fellowship.

About our event

Messy Church is all about fun, mess, and creativity in a welcoming, safe, and all-age environment. Each month we will explore a new theme:

September 14 – Spring ◀

Celebrate new life and growth

October 12 – Friends ◀

The joy of friendship and mutual support

November 9 – Good Hands ◀

Using our hands to help and create

December 14 – Christmas ◀

Wonder and joy as we prepare for Christmas

Everyone is welcome—young and old alike—to come and experience this time of shared learning, creativity and care. If you'd like to help out, contribute food, or get involved in any way, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact us

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