



Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

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Sunday services 9:00 & 10:15am

The deadline for Update submissions is 3pm on the Tuesday prior

Thought of the week - Psalm 119: 105

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet and Light Unto My Path

First Aid Training gets five stars

On Saturday 23 July, the First Aid Training course took place at TUC from 1pm to 5pm. The training was conducted by 2 instructors and there were 10 attendees, 2 from the TUC Office, 3 TUC congregational members plus 5 others associated with TUC, such as through the John Mackenzie Kindergarten. There were several cancellations from the TUC congregation possibly due to concerns over COVID and/or the rather daunting requirement of having to read a 265 page book on first aid and then answer 124 questions. As it turned out, the practical session on the Saturday afternoon was excellent. The course leader, Andrew Wilson, Director of First Aid Consultants and Training has a long history of experience as a paramedic. The session was divided into several sections which covered topics including heart attack and stroke, CPR and defibrillation, allergies & asthma, burns & scalds, wounds & bleeding. These generally involved a demonstration, followed by a brief assessment with TRUE or FALSE answers. It was particularly useful to see and handle a defibrillation kit and also an EpiPen adrenaline auto-injector. Overall, an afternoon well spent and highly recommended should the opportunity arise again.

Mather Mason



Community Service Providers (Uniting AgeWell and Uniting)

Reports from both these bodies were given by the chairperson of Uniting AgeWell (Raelene Thompson) and the CEO of Uniting Vic Tas (Bronwyn Pike AM) and what impressive reports they were!

Despite having to deal with the Covid pandemic, Uniting AgeWell has strengthened its organisation with staff, managers and senior leadership showing enormous resilience, professionalism and loyalty for which the Board is very proud.

They have grown their Home Care Services sixfold since 2016 and are now merging the Uniting home care services for clients over 60. The plan is to provide services to enable people to stay in their home for as long as possible. They anticipate that a high growth rate will continue because of having a reputation as a provider of high quality services, their values being Kindness; Respect; Integrity; Innovation; Inclusion.

Over the past 18 months 150 beds have been added for residential aged care and there are four projects in the planning stage (Lilian Martin (Mornington, Tasmania),

Strathaven (Rosetta, Tasmania), Ningana (Sorell, Tasmania) and Strath-Haven (Bendigo, Victoria).

Uniting, apart from assisting in the transition of aged cares services as described above, have concentrated on establishing an Escaping Violence Payment (EVP) pilot program and establishing Marragell Baggarook crisis accommodation facility. They celebrated 50 years of Lifeline in Ballarat and a Silver Tier Award in the Health + Wellbeing Equality Index.

Uniting has achieved Organisational Accreditation by meeting all 352 indicators in the standards.

Uniting's work over the past year, told with figures, is:

- 200 people living with disability **supported to find work**
- 1,000 **carers** supported to take a break
- 360 **foster carers**
- 72,500 **Lifeline** crisis calls
- 6,200 **supported in recovery** from alcohol and other drugs
- 67,000 **community meals** for those in need
- 3,500 homeless people found **safe accommodation**
- 4,100 children in **early learning programs**



The Uniting Church agencies provide support services in Australia to more people than any other organisation.

Chris Begg

Kinross Arts Centre
Part of Toorak Uniting Church
presents

B L M

nothing but flowers

**By Melbourne & Victoria Arts
(MAVA Inc.)**

August 8 - 26, 2022

Monday to Friday 10am - 3pm

Saturday, August 13 & 20, 10am - 2pm

July and August Diary Dates

Sun 31 Jul	9:00am	Family Church Service	Rev. John Edwards
Sun 31 Jul	10:15am	Morning Worship	Rev. John Edwards
Tue 2 Aug	7:30pm	Study Group	Zoom
Wed 3 Aug	6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal	Wettenhall Room
Sun 7 Aug	9:00am	Family Church Service	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Sun 7 Aug	10:15am	Morning Worship	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Tue 9 Aug	7:30pm	Study Group	Zoom
Wed 10 Aug	6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal	Wettenhall Room

Happy 50th Birthday TUC Dance Class
Details of celebrations coming

