

Clearing the Way for Jesus

The newsletter of the **Illawarra Prayer Network** links Christians and churches from Helensburgh to Gerroa to promote prayer and church unity. A printer-friendly PDF file of *Clearing the Way for Jesus* is available at www.5icm.org.au. Send prayer requests and feedback to: prayer@5icm.org.au.
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Prayer

1. Church of the week: Albion Park Rail Uniting Church is on the corner of Princes Hwy & Creamery Rd and is part of Albion Park Uniting Church Parish. The senior minister is Rev. Nicholas Cole. The church has a website at www.apuc.org.au.

2. Church of the week (next week): Wollongong Baptist Church at 69 Smith St, Wollongong. The senior minister is Ps Rod Bayley. The Church has a website at www.gongbaptist.org where you can learn more about them. Rod Bayley emailed the following.

“Please pray for the leaders of our eight congregations, that they will continue to reach out effectively to multi-cultural Wollongong and beyond. We have three English services, along with a Chinese (bi-lingual), Vietnamese, Greek, Burmese and Karen.

Pray that our large mission focus will only grow, as we support various full-time gospel workers at the University of Wollongong and overseas. Pray especially for the Illawarra Missions Day (May 18-19) which our church is heavily involved in, and for the Illawarra Women's Bible Teaching Day to be held at the University of Wollongong for the third time on Saturday August 18 from 9am to 3pm. The speaker for this event is Jenny Salt, who is a lecturer and Dean of Women at Sydney Missionary and Bible College.”

3. The 2012 school year has begun!

Feedback and News

1. The mail server we use has been the victim of a hacker sending spam mail, which resulted in our previous newsletter to Microsoft Live, hotmail and msn recipients, being blocked. Our newsletters are available for downloading from www.5icm.org.au/index_files/ipn.html.

2. Dr Michael Davey, is a member of the Illawarra Prayer Network. He finished working as a teacher at TIGS last year to pursue his writing and evangelism work, and is available to speak at Illawarra churches ([email](mailto:) to contact). Michael recently published his life story, *Journey of Hope*, and has been interviewed by [Leigh Hatcher](#), “[History Makers](#)”, [ABC radio](#) and ABC National “[Life Matters](#)” (click on link to listen to podcast). The back cover of the book reads:

“*Journey of Hope* is the inspiring story of Dr J. Michael Davey. Fostered as a baby and placed in four state-run institutions, Michael experienced significant abuse. Kidnapped by his father, he eventually came home only to discover his mother was a violent and crazed schizophrenic who hated him. At the hands of his deranged mother Michael was beaten mercilessly. To escape her violence and neglect, Michael left home to join the Royal Australian Navy when he was just 15 years old. As a child, everyday was a struggle, but Michael fought against the overwhelming odds. Showing extraordinary determination and raw courage he managed to survive the horrors of his early years. Eventually rising above it all, Michael went on to university where he was the recipient of both PhD and prestigious

Medicine scholarships. Journey with Michael from heartache to happiness, from tragedy to triumph. Smile at his clowning and mischievous antics and be inspired by the inimitable way he survived an obliterated and lost childhood."

3. Please let us know of any **World Day of Prayer** services planned for Friday 2nd March in the Illawarra so we can advertise them and inform the WDP organisation.

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
For **Illawarra Prayer Network**

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Combined Church Activities in the Illawarra:-

Wollongong Gospel Choir Rehearsals: Tuesday's 7:00 pm (during school terms).

Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre, 192 Gipps Road, Gwynneville.

Next Performance: 10:00 a.m. Sunday 26th February at the *Word of Truth International Church*, 26 Bridge St, Coniston

CMS Illawarra Mission Connection - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Thursday 2nd February

Impact of the Work of CMS in the Congo with Malcolm & Elizabeth Richards. Malcolm will also speak about his new role of NSW General Secretary of CMS. BYO lunch. Tea/Coffee provided.

Venue: St. Mark's West Wollongong.

Contact: [Bev Defty](mailto:Bev.Defty@5icm.org.au) 42 842364

YWAM Community Night - 7:00 p.m. Thursday 2nd February

2 Wentworth St, Port Kembla. *Speaker:* Elise Carey

YWAM Community Night - 7:00 p.m. Thursday 9th February

2 Wentworth St, Port Kembla. *Speaker:* Ken Clark

Open Doors Regional Event - Tuesday 14th February - St Valentines Day

Screening of the film "Believers in Muslim Africa"

Venue: 7:30 p.m. Wollongong Baptist Church, 69 Smith St, Wollongong

There will be an offering taken for the persecuted church and books and DVD's for sale.

Contact: [David Michell](mailto:David.Michell@5icm.org.au)

National Day of Prayer & Fasting - Sunday 19th February

Lent - Ash Wednesday 22nd February to Saturday 7th April

YWAM Community Night - 7:00 p.m. Thursday 23rd February

2 Wentworth St, Port Kembla. *Speaker:* Garth Gustarfson (and family)

WCCEB BBQ Beach Party - Saturday 25th February

Wollongong Combined Churches Education Board sausage sizzle and beach games at Stuart Park, Wollongong from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. in support of Scripture teachers in State schools.

Cost: \$3 steak sandwich, \$2 sausage sandwich, \$1 can of drink. Bring a picnic rug or chair.