

Clearing the Way for Jesus

The newsletter of the Illawarra Prayer Network links Christians and churches from Helensburgh to Gerroa, promotes prayer and facilitates church unity. A 2 x A4 printer-friendly PDF file of this newsletter is available at www.5icm.org.au/index_files/ipn.html. Please send prayer requests and feedback to prayer@5icm.org.au.
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Prayer

1. Anthony Andrew suggested prayer for the upcoming council elections.

On the 9th of Sept, There will be local council elections held in Wollongong and Shellharbour. Can people pray for the elections and the many candidates who are standing. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 calls for us to pray for all those in authority.

2. Suellen Emerton of the **William Campbell Foundation** requested prayer for more foster carers. She said "it takes some 10 years from the time the person / family first begins thinking about fostering, to actually making an application. Quite a journey!" Suellen sent the following information on the organisation.

William Campbell Foundation is a not for profit Christian organisation that provides a range of services, including permanency support programs for children and young people. William Campbell Foundation is a registered children's charity, fully licensed and accredited by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian. We were born out of our Founder Bill Campbell's life as he himself was a child in care and spent much of his life in children's homes and institutions, while being separated from his siblings. We are more unique than most agencies as we say that fostering is in our DNA! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster carer please call 1300 130 585 or visit our [website](#) for more information. Additionally, if any church or service club would like Bill to speak – he is available. Send speaking enquiries to Suellen at Head Office – 02 4237 5566.

3. Cathy Greaves a senior high school teacher at **Illawarra Christian School** emailed:

At present my thoughts are preoccupied with students writing Trial exams, finishing up major works and major projects and preparing to write the HSC. I think it's appropriate to think about our Illawarra students, particularly with regard to decisions they might be making about what to do after school. For some this will involve leaving home, which has its own set of challenges and opportunities. One could also pray for families of students writing the HSC - for calm, patience and perseverance with rising tensions as the pressure mounts. We need to pray for all our students to finish strong - and especially for those who are Christians, to finish strong in their faith. This would also be a time when we could pray for non-Christian students to reach out to God.

4. Richard Chin, Interdenominational Chaplain at the **University of Wollongong**, emailed:

I continue to serve as the National Director of the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students. But I am based at Wollongong University serving with a team that proclaims Christ to local and international students. The Uni Bible Group has just had 3 weeks of heightened evangelism involving the Mark drama, several talks, a stall, and walk up evangelism.

Please pray that the dozens we are following up will read Mark's Gospel with us and turn to Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

News

John Sandercock of Wollongong Gospel Choir emailed:

Wollongong Gospel Choir (WGC) continues to provide opportunities for those who enjoy singing to join with them in presenting the Gospel through song. WGC are currently rehearsing new repertoire of songs so it is a great time to come along and join in the Choir. So if you are interested in being part of the Choir please contact John Sandercock on 0499 444 151 or visit our website www.wollongonggospelchoir.com for more details. In addition, if you are wishing to book the Choir please do not hesitate to contact us.

God bless,
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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Wollongong Gospel Choir Rehearsal – Tuesdays during school terms – all welcome.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre, 192 Gipps Road, Gwynneville
Contact: [John Sandercock](mailto:John.Sandercock@5icm.org.au) 0499 444 151

Southern Worship - Monday 4th September

This is an interdenominational group for musicians and singers.
Details: 7:00-8:00 p.m. 39 Bridge St, Coniston.
Contact: Jo-Anne Rushworth 0449 068 984

Understanding & Responding to: The Spectrum of Gambling Harms - Wed 6th Sept

A forum on the negative impacts of gambling in the community. [Webpage](#).
Speakers: Rev. Tim Costello (Alliance for Gambling Reform), Gordon Bradbery (Wollongong Lord Mayor), Erika Langham (Central Qld University), Kate Roberts (UoW) and others.
Details: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The Ocean Room, University of Wollongong, Innovation Campus, Squires Way, North Wollongong.
Cost: \$35-\$75 book online at [Eventbrite](#).

Coffee and Dessert Night - Wednesday 13th September

The Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Christian Education Board fundraising event for the support of Scripture teachers in Corrimal, Woonona and Bulli High Schools.
Venue: Northern Illawarra Uniting Church, Cnr Princes Hwy & Point St, Bulli
Contact: [Anthony Cook](mailto:Anthony.Cook@5icm.org.au) 0412 138 564

Crusade-style Hymn Singing - Sunday 17th September

An entire program of Charles Wesley hymns accompanied by Jim Powell & Jim Guest on pianos.
Details: 2:30 p.m. Corrimal Region Uniting Church, Russell St, Corrimal.

Hymnsing at Kiama - Sunday 24th September

All welcome for Hymn and chorus singing. [Further details](#)
Details: 2:00 p.m. Kiama Uniting Church Fellowship Centre, 19 Bong Bong Rd, cnr Manning St.
Contact for requesting favourites: Gail 4232 1630 or Reuben 4233 2490

Bridge for Peace Healing Meeting - Saturday 30th September

Ed and Annette Eckart, who head up the [Bridge for Peace](#) ministry in USA, will be speaking and ministering healing prayer.
Details: 10:00 a.m. Coniston United Church, 39 Bridge St, Coniston.
Contact: Brad and Jane on 4267 3175 or Frank and Heather 4283 6499.
[Download flyer](#). Download [BfP Background Information](#).

See the [5icm Events page](#) for more events.