

## **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 printer-friendly 2 x A4 PDF file of this newsletter is available at [www.5icm.org.au/index\\_files/ipn.html](http://www.5icm.org.au/index_files/ipn.html). Please send prayer requests and feedback to [prayer@5icm.org.au](mailto:prayer@5icm.org.au).  
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### **Prayer**

**1. Sue Wood of Wollongong Baptist Church** contributed the following timely reminder.

May the Easter message of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ touch the hearts of those who may only attend church at Easter or Christmas.

**2.** Last Sunday, my wife and I visited **Berkeley Life Centre**, an Anglican church plant in Berkeley. It was good to see a church structuring its service to make the locals feel comfortable about going to church. The people I spoke to said they liked the less formal style of service with a smoko break, which I found was a good opportunity to pray for people.

**Wayne Pickford**, the senior minister, said the church would appreciate prayer from the IPN for the church's finances.

**3. Jennifer Arkwright, St Luke's Dapto Anglican Retirement Village** manager, is on leave at present and requested prayer support for the staff at St Luke's who are dealing with management challenges in her absence.

### **News & Feedback**

**1. Gary Hetherington of Revival Ministries** appeared again on Bill Hanshew's Kingdom Dynamics Internet video broadcast last week. They spoke about the Holy Spirit. You can watch the interview [here](#).

**2. Keiraview Uniting Church** senior minister, **Rev. Annette Hawken** returned from sick leave last Sunday. Rev. Charissa Suli, previously the senior minister at **Dapto Uniting Church** has taken up a position in the UCA Assembly Resourcing Unit. Supply minister, Rev Diane Anderson is leading the Dapto church while they seek a replacement. Rev. Bob Smith is looking after **Northern Illawarra Uniting Church** while they seek a new minister.

**3. The National Day of Thanks** on Saturday 26th May this year falls on National Sorry Day. The focus for prayer will be:

People who contribute in a positive way to the vibrant cultural tapestry of Australia.

People who work in Schools across our Nation.

The Personal Focus is ongoing and is about the Unsung Heroes in your life and community.

Churches or schools wishing to participate in NDOT can order online a [free DVD resource](#).

God bless,  
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## Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

### **Wollongong Gospel Choir Rehearsals – 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@wollongongscs.com.au) 0499 444 151

### **Maundy Thursday 29th March**

### **Good Friday 30th March - Public Holiday**

### **Easter Saturday 31st March - Daylight Saving ends.**

### **Easter Sunday 1st April - Public Holiday**

### **Easter Monday 2nd April - Public Holiday**

### **VMTC Training School - Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd April**

Venue: Chittick Lodge, Gerringong

[Book online.](#)

### **Hymnsing at Kiama - Sunday 22nd April**

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 Kiama. Sing for one hour then have afternoon tea.

*Requests:* Phone Gail on 4232 1630 or Reuben on 4233 2490

### **ANZAC Day Wednesday 25th April - Public Holiday**

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th May**

[Download prayers](#) from the World Council of Churches website.

### **Pentecost Sunday 20th May**

### **Taizé Prayer Gathering - Sunday 20th May**

Ecumenical Taizé style prayer and worship open to all. [Download flyer.](#)

*Details:* 6:00 p.m. St Paul's Catholic Church, 251 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park.

### **Whit Monday 21st May**

### **Saturday 26th May - National Sorry Day**

### **National Day of Thanks**

For the **Community Focus** this year we are Thanking:

People who contribute in a positive way to the vibrant cultural tapestry of Australia.

People in organisations that work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. People who help newcomers to Australia connect into their local communities. People from different cultural backgrounds who make a meaningful contribution to cohesion in their communities.

People who work in **Schools** across our Nation.

Public and Private schools including High Schools, Primary Schools, Kindergartens, Pre-Schools and Day Care Centres. Principals, Teachers, Teachers Aids, Chaplains, Administration Staff, Volunteers, Cleaners and Maintenance staff, etc.

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