

## **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.** The following information and prayer request comes from **May Housler**, the senior pastor of **River of Life Church**.

River of Life Church Dapto will be moving to Koonawarra Community Centre, 36 Fowlers Road Koonawarra as of 7th July, would like prayer as we extend our hand to outreach in these areas, to see salvations and spiritual and practical needs met with love and Christ's compassion for the poor and needy, which is our heart for people.

- 2.** **Loani Falconer** of **Southern Illawarra Church of Christ** which meets at the Illawarra Christian School, Calderwood Rd, Albion Park, sent the following prayer request.

Firstly, for the Southern Illawarra Church of Christ and the people in the developing area of Calderwood Valley. Pray for wisdom discernment and obedience as we pray at the monthly prayer walk, as we continue to reach out, engage and get to know the people, and as we become a positive presence in this local community.

Also, for the Christians of the Illawarra from the mountains to the sea that we would let God draw us near and know His great love for us and hearing His whispers from His heart to ours that we would rise up and step out to the people and places He is calling us. Pray for a great awakening in the church and a great harvest of healing and salvation across the Illawarra.

Pray from Ephesians 1:17-19 "May God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those who he called- his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him."

### **News**

- 1.** **Brett Davis** emailed about "our 13th year of a men's bootcamp [details below]. Now a combined northern suburbs churches event meeting at Ryan's Hotel, our venue from last year where up to 170 men were attending. Amazing for Christian men and those on the fringe."
- 2.** **Louise Beaton**, the **Community Care Pastor** at **Corrimal Region Uniting Church** retired from ministry on Sunday at a special service thanking her for eight years of service to the Corrimal community.
- 3.** **Beverley Ratcliffe**, the chairperson of **Keiraville Uniting Church** congregation invites people to the opening and dedication of their church's new facility on 21st July at 2pm, to be followed by afternoon tea (see details below).
- 4.** **Signs, Wonders and Miracles Church** (previously Raw Faith Church) has changed its name to [Shekinah Glory Church, Wollongong](#).

God bless,  
Derek Thompson,  
Illawarra Prayer Network

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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@5icm.org.au) 0499 444 151

**Friday 5th July - School Term 2 ends**

**"Images from the Port" Photography Exhibition - Friday 5th July to 2nd August**

Commemorating 75 years of the Mission to Seafarers in Port Kembla.

*Details:* Launch 1:00 p.m. 5th July (RSVP for catering purposes). Exhibition continues to 2nd August. Wollongong Art Gallery.

Contact: [tthemisspk@gmail.com](mailto:tthemisspk@gmail.com), 4274 6498, [download flyer](#).

**Opening and Dedication of Keiraview Uniting Church new facility - Sunday 21st July**

*Details:* 2:00 p.m. Keirview Uniting Church, 34 Fisher St, West Wollongong, followed by afternoon tea. See [Facebook Event](#) page.

**Monday 22nd July - School Term 3 begins**

**Kiama HymnSing - Sunday 28th July**

Hymn and chorus singing, featuring Wollongong Gospel Choir, followed by afternoon tea.

*Details:* 2:00 p.m. Kiama Uniting Church cnr Manning & Bong Bong Sts.

Contact for song requests: Reuben (4233 2490) or Gail (4232 1630)

**Annual Shoebox Musical Celebration - Sunday 4th August**

Fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child

*Speaker:* Craig Jennings, Samaritan's Purse Field Ministry, NSW/ACT

*Cost:* \$10 (includes afternoon tea)

*Venue:* Albion Park Uniting Church, cnr Terry & Russell Sts

*Enquiries:* Lyn Brown 4256 1487. [Download flyer](#).

**A Training Course in Cross-Cultural Skills - Monday 5th August (Bank Holiday)**

The first of six weekly sessions of a course designed to help Australian Christians engage with people from other faith and ethnic backgrounds.

*Presenter:* Andrew Schachtel, co-author of the book *Changing Lanes, Crossing Cultures*.

[Download flyer](#).

*Cost:* free but participants are recommended to buy the *Changing Lanes* book for \$18 which will be available.

*Venue:* 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wollongong Baptist Church, 330 Keira St, Wollongong.

*Register:* by email or phone to [Andrew Schachtel](mailto:Andrew.Schachtel@5icm.org.au), 0433 827 431.

**Men's Bootcamp - "Standing Firm" - Wednesday 7, 14, 21 & 28 August**

*Venue:* Upstairs "The Deck" at Ryan's Hotel, cnr Phillip & George Sts, Thirroul

*Cost:* \$20 Pizza opening night, \$10 following nights.

[Download flyer](#) for topics and speakers.

**Training Day for "Makes You Wonder" - Saturday 17th August**

Training in sharing the gospel by Ian Robertson.

*Details:* 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church, cnr Manning & Bong Bong Sts, Kiama. Download flyer.

*Cost:* free.

Contact: [Michele Broad](mailto:Michele.Broad@5icm.org.au), 0400 324 708.

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