

## **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. Tony Stewart of Corrimal Anglican Church** requests "Prayer that we can reflect the Love of Jesus when we connect with others and be especially mindful of the homeless and also those who are struggling in whatever way. That we can always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks for the reason for hope that we have, with gentleness and respect: 1 Peter 3:15."
- 2. Nicole Scheidel** was, until Anglicare restructure in April this year, the Wollongong Anglicare Acting General Manager. Now Nicole is Head of Operations, Community Services at Villawood and Michael Mittwollen is the Illawarra Head of Operations (Michael is also in the prayer network). Nicole has requested prayer for the recruitment of qualified people who love the Lord in Illawarra Anglicare. She also gives God thanks for the provision of new premises for their Nowra team.
- 3.** I visited **Wollongong Full Gospel Church** last week. The services are in both Korean and English with the sermon translated into English through headphones. **Ps Sukyung Kim** asked the prayer network to pray for her church. The church reaches out with the gospel to the people of Warrawong backed up by two prayer meetings each day Monday to Friday (5:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.). Their "Free Lunch Fridays" ministry is intended to evidence the love of God.
- 4.** Continue to pray for unity between Illawarra churches. Combined church activity in the Illawarra tends to be restricted to groups of like-minded churches or done to look good to the world.

### **News**

- 1. Monsignor Graham Schmitzer** will be celebrating his golden jubilee as a priest and his retirement on Friday 23rd August with a Mass at **Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra**, where he is the senior minister, followed by a reception at 7:30 p.m. at Wests Illawarra Leagues Club. Enquiries should be directed to Sue Briscoe at the church office Thursdays and Fridays on 4271 1068 or [unanderra@dow.or.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.or.au).
- 2. Fr George Condookala**, the Catholic Hospital Chaplain, is going to Texas for a ministry course for the remainder of 2019. While he is away there will be no weekly Mass and healing prayer services at Wollongong Private and Public Hospitals. Catholic inpatient visits will continue by other priests.
- 3.** While we are on Catholic news, **Bishop Emeritus Peter Ingham** is celebrating 55 years of priesthood on 18th July.

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](#) 0499 444 151

**"Images from the Port" Photography Exhibition - to 2nd August**  
Commemorating 75 years of the Mission to Seafarers in Port Kembla.  
Venue: 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)

**CMS Illawarra Mission Connection - Thursday 1st August**  
Meet new missionaries, Pedro and Joy Oliveira Woolma (Uruguay) and Miriam Bradshaw (Spain) who will be serving in Indonesia and the Middle East.  
Details: 12:30-2:15 p.m. St Mark's Anglican Church, West Wollongong  
BYO lunch & mug, tea/coffee provided.  
Contact: [Bev Defty](#)

**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](#), 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](#), 0400 324 708.

See the [Sicm Events page](#) for more events and the **Regular Events** list.