

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. Please send prayer requests and feedback to prayer@5icm.org.au.
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Prayer

- 1. Elias Niyonkuru of Living Word Pentecostal Church** in requesting prayer for the churches of the Illawarra said "We need revival in our church" and he said he does not mean more church buildings or religious observance, but a fresh revelation and dreams of what God wants us to do. Let us join with Elias in prayer for a Holy Spirit inspired revival in the Illawarra.
- 2. The NSW Government is calling for expressions of support on a State Electorate basis for community projects** seeking funding. You can only vote online and only once for projects in your electorate. You can vote for 3 to 5 projects and order them according to your preference. Voting closes on 15th August and the successful projects announced in September.

One Wollongong church and a Kiama church are seeking grants, prayer support and votes of support. The two projects are:

Berkeley Life Centre Op Shop Expansion and Laundromat Project needs Christians living in the Wollongong electorate to vote for them at the Service NSW website:
<https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/>
[Download instructions.](#)

Generocity Church Kiama has a project to build and strengthen the Kiama community. Their webpage is: <https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/>

- 3. The ecumenical activities** below are also intended for prayer support. For example, Bev Defty, whenever she emails me the details of the next **CMS Illawarra Mission Connection** meeting, always asks for prayer support.

News

- 1. The virtual friends of the Illawarra Christians Facebook group** are meeting together at the [German Club](#) (636A Northcliffe Drive, Kembla Grange) on Sunday 4th August from 6:00 p.m. to enjoy some fellowship and German food (note the restaurant closes at 8:00 p.m.). **Illawarra Prayer Network** members are included in the invitation to come and meet some of their prayer partners in the network.

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

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.

Taizé Prayer - Sunday 1st September

Ecumenical Service using Taizé prayer and songs. [Download flyer.](#)

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

BWCB Coffee and Dessert Night - Wednesday 18th September

Fundraiser for northern Illawarra school Scripture Teachers.

Details: starts 7:30 p.m. See [BWCB webpage](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Kiama HymnSing - Sunday 22nd September

Hymn and chorus singing 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)

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