

Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Prayer

1. Scripture Union NSW Prayer Calendar for September includes the following item for **Keira High School ISCF**.

"Praise God for a new leader. Pray students would stay for the whole lunchtime. Pray students would invite their friends to youth group."

2. Samar Mikheal leads the **Smiths Hill High School ISCF** (Inter-School Christian Fellowship) group. Samar was interviewed in the Spring edition of SU News. She said this year four schools combined to take 45 kids and 10 leaders on this year's camp where they get to know God, invite their friends, and build fellowship. After the camps the attendance at the lunchtime groups increases with encouragement to connect with church youth groups. Samar's prayer request:

"Please pray these camps continue to be a loving and encouraging environment bringing the light and life of Jesus into kids' lives."

News

1. The NSW Government has announced the winners of the **My Community Project** funding grants. In **Kiama electorate**, the successful bids were a mountain bike skills park in Minnamurra Quarry (2,174 pts), meals on wheels Bomaderry commercial kitchen upgrade (1,802 pts) and a new multifunctional community and sports centre at Gerringong (1,671). **Generosity Church's** bid for The Hangout in Kiama failed, receiving 457 points.

In **Wollongong electorate**, Fair Food Supermarket and make do library of things in Port Kembla (2,066 pts), and a Warrawong educational play area for children to connect with plants and animals (1,438) were successful in obtaining grants. **Berkeley Life Centre's** Op shop expansion and laundromat missed out, coming 4th with 1,235 points.

No churches in **Shellharbour electorate** sought funding. The winners were Southern Illawarra Men's Shed at Oak Flats (2,066 pts) and grand stand seating for Lakeside Lions (1,521 pts).

2. Congratulations to Louise Beaton for winning the **Corrimal Citizen of the Year Award**. Louise was, until her retirement at the end of June, the Corrimal Region Uniting Church's Community Care Pastor for the last eight years.

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
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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.
Due to renovations of the Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre from 21/9/19, rehearsals from 15th October will temporarily be at Cafe Essay at the Salvation Army, 11 Burelli St, Wollongong.

Contact: [John Sandercock](mailto:John.Sandercock@wollongonggospelchoir.org.au) 0499 444 151

Dapto Uniting Church Annual Hymn Festival - Sunday 15th September

Featuring: Wollongong Gospel Choir, Wollongong Wind Band Ensemble and Dapto Uniting Music Team. [Download flyer.](#)

Details: 2-4pm Dapto Uniting Church, 122 Princes Hwy, Dapto

Cost: \$10 each or \$25 per family.

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)

Port Kembla Baptist Church Annual Fete - Saturday 19th October

Devonshire tea, sausage sizzle, cake stall, white elephant, pre-loved clothing, plants, craft, books, toys, etc.

Details: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. corner of Illawarra & Cowper St, Port Kembla

Kiama Combined Churches Event - Family Lunch - Sunday 3rd November

Details: 12 noon at the old school flat, Kiama.

Contact: Grant, mobile: 0490 039 397, email: grant@kiamabaptist.church

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