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## Clearing the Way for Jesus

The newsletter of **Five Islands Christian Ministries** links Christians and churches from Helensburgh to Gerroa to facilitate church unity. A printer-friendly 2 x A4 PDF file of the newsletter may be downloaded from [www.5icm.org.au/resources.html](http://www.5icm.org.au/resources.html).

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### Church of the Week (for Prayer Support)

**Inspire Church Wollongong** is presently meetings at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 93/109 Princess Hwy, Dapto where it holds its Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. Their property at 35 Kurrawa Crescent, Koonawarra is presently being redeveloped into a ground floor childcare centre and first floor church hall with basement car parking. The church is part of a multi-campus church based at Inspire Church, Liverpool. The senior minister is Geoff Kelly.

### Church of the Week (next week)

**Park Rail Anglican Church** meets at Albion Park Rail Public School on Sunday 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:45 p.m. The senior minister is Rev. Neil Scott who also serves as part time Chaplain at the school. Besides the usual church youth group they run a "Unique Youth" group for teens and young adults with disabilities. Neil emailed the following for prayer.

- Praise God for the new families, Indigenous people and carers of children with disabilities that have recently joined the congregation. Please pray for wisdom that we will encourage their growth in the knowledge and love of God.
- Please pray for healing for both the community and congregation impacted by significant trauma.
- That a network among Ministers in Marginalised Areas would grow strong and continue to equip congregational leaders.

### Church News

1. Applications for **Keiravew Uniting Church** ministry leader close Monday 8th September. [Download ad.](#)
2. SU NSW has established a school's ministry team. For Illawarra schools, you can contact Lauren Luiker, email [Lauren.Luiker@sunsw.org.au](mailto:Lauren.Luiker@sunsw.org.au), or David Krebs, [david.krebs@sunsw.org.au](mailto:david.krebs@sunsw.org.au). Lauren wrote the following introduction.

"The school's ministry team is made up of David, Aimee and Lauren. Together, they support Christian ministry within the context of VSA (Voluntary Student Activities) in schools. We facilitate the running of VSA groups in primary schools. These groups run as approved Department of Education voluntary student activities and provide a safe, relaxed place for students to learn more about Christianity through engaging, enjoyable and age-appropriate activities. Groups may be led by Scripture teachers, local youth ministers or church members, parents, school staff or the students themselves. If you are interested in starting a lunchtime group at your local school, we would love for you to reach out to us!"

3. SU NSW is running an online event for Christian teachers in public schools on 23/9/25 (see details below). Please forward [this link](#) to Christian teachers in public schools.

## Sicm News

The [Illawarra Christians Facebook group](#) now has 1,000 members. The next edition of **Clearing the Way for Jesus** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 16th Sept**. If you have any items to share with Christians of the Illawarra, just email me. To subscribe to this newsletter, or if your email address is changing, please [email me](#) or message me on Facebook.

God bless,  
Derek Thompson,  
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### Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

**Illawarra Seniors Band rehearsals** are on the third Tuesday of each month from 10.30 am at Shellharbour Salvation Army Corps, Cnr Ulster & Leawarra Ave, Barrack Heights.

Contact: [Jill White](#), the Secretary.

Next Concert: **10:30 a.m. Tuesday 2nd Sept**, Marco Polo Unanderra

**1st to 7th Sept, [24-7 Global Week of Prayer](#)**

**Monday 8th Sept, Kiama By-Election Candidates Forum**

Details: 7:00 p.m. Calderwood Christian School and [online](#).

**Saturday 13th Sept, Welcome Spring Concert**

Featuring the Lamplighters Male Choir. [Download flyer](#).

Details: 2:00 p.m. Bulli Anglican Church, 66 Park Rd, Bulli

Cost: \$10 at the door (includes afternoon tea)

**Sunday 14th September, Dapto Musical Festival**

Guest Groups: Sing Australia (Wollongong), Dutch Australian Choir, Korean Singing Group.

Cost: Adults \$15, concession \$10, Children under 14 yrs free (afternoon tea included).

Details: Dapto Uniting Church, 122 Princes Hwy, Dapto from 2:00 p.m.

**Friday 19th September, [Kingdom Leaders Impact](#)**

Hosted by Ps Stu & Rebekah Haack of Sound Church.

Speakers: Ps Grace & Vicky Kabuye from Uganda

Details: 9:30am to 3:30 pm Friday at Sound Church, 1/7 Hargraves Ave, Albion Park Rail

Cost: \$22.49 Reserve a spot at [Eventbrite](#)

**Friday 19th and Saturday 20th September, [Sound of Heaven](#) Conference**

Speakers: Ps Grace & Vicky Kabuye from Uganda

Details: 6:30pm Fri., 9:30am to 3:30pm Sat. at 1/7 Hargraves Ave, Albion Park Rail.

Cost: There will be a cost for the Saturday meeting to pay for catering. A collection will be taken up at all meetings for Ps Grace & Vicky. Book at [Eventbrite](#).

**Tuesday 23rd September, SU Christian Teachers Connect**

**Free online event to support Christian teachers in public schools**

Guest Speaker: Shanti Clements. Details: 7:00-8:00 p.m. online, [Register Here](#).

**Friday 26 September, [Operation Christmas Child](#)**

Hosted by Albion Park Uniting Church's Friday Friendship group.

Speaker: **Rick George, Samaritan's Purse State Manager**

Details: 10:00 a.m. at APUC (Russell St, Albion Park). Cost: \$10 for morning tea and lunch.

RSVP 24/9/25: Lyn Brown 0425 219 233, email [ernlynbrown@gmail.com](mailto:ernlynbrown@gmail.com)

**Sunday 28th Sept to Wednesday 1st October, [SU Cricket Camp](#)**

Scripture Union is running a Cricket Camp for boys (may stay overnight) & girls (day campers only) in Years 5-9 to improve their cricket skills and learn about Jesus.

Details: Tudor House, Moss Vale. [Download flyer](#).

Cost: \$280 for overnight campers, \$180 for day campers.

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