



"In a still pond, ripples are felt...
like tidal waves upon an ocean"

Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Pastoral Newsletter

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We pray that you have been able to keep healthy over the cold winter months, and are able to enjoy the small glimmers of sunshine and warm spring breezes that have begun to show themselves!

UAICC Congress service - 11 June

A service was led by Sean Weetra and Rev Mark Kickett on behalf of the Kurna people. The church was packed out with our indigenous brothers and sisters, and their leaders, as we came together to celebrate God's calling on our people and theirs to bring a faithful community of Kurna people to worship God in Marion. It was also encouraging to see many of our own congregants attending in support of this community.

The music was simple and powerful, including a rendition of "This Is The Day" sung in English and Pitjantjatjara. Many UC leaders attended - including the moderator and the president - excited to see what God has in store for us all.



Mission Action Planning workshop - 30 July

David recently led us through the process of mission action planning - this is for us to seek God's guidance and discernment for the future of our congregation and our actions in the wider community.



Folks from both of our worshipping sites came together in the Marion hall to share in worship and a delicious soup and bread lunch, and spent some time discussing our values and hopes for the future.

The valuable information and feelings taken from this workshop continue to be explored and prayed over by David and the members of Church Council, keen to discern God's guidance as we look towards calling our next minister. Your prayers would be appreciated as well!

A note from Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is such a devoted and loyal group of ladies. The enthusiasm and fellowship we experience each month is very strong, despite falling numbers. Our programme for the rest of the year looks interesting and we look forward to it.



Some highlights of our recent meetings include:

- “This Is Your Life” night, with Audrey Southwell, Pat Farrant, Peter Corcoran and Ross McDonald
- Rotary Information night, with Barry Manson
- Solar Car information night, with John Duval



mainly music and Sugar & Spice

As you might expect, some of our friends at mainly music and Sugar & Spice contended with some colds and flus over the winter months, sometimes staying home to rest up and recuperate rather than to come to the playgroups. But the enthusiasm and excitement always remains at a high level regardless of numbers! It's lovely to be inside on a cold day and warming up with music, singing, dancing and playing.

The changing seasons provide some wonderful outdoor play-times. As the year draws to a close, there will be some children heading to school, kindy and daycare, but there will always be new children and mums/dads/grandmas coming along next year.

We pray that you may experience fulfilling and warm days, calm and restful nights, and a sense of the love and peace that come from knowing the grace of our redeeming Lord.