



# The Contact

The monthly newsletter of the  
Red Cliffs Church of Christ

## WELCOME

We're so pleased to have you join us here at Red Cliffs Church of Christ.

We love to have you worship with us, & pray you'll be blessed and encouraged as we seek to respond to God together. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall after our service, we'd love the chance to get to know you better.

## SERMON SERIES

Christ commanded His followers to "love one another." What does that look like in today's world?

Join us for a new five part sermon series beginning **Sunday 3 February** here at Red Cliffs Church of Christ. In the *I Love My Church* series, we'll talk about: Loving Our Community, Loving by Serving Others, Loving by Giving to Those in Need, and Loving by Sharing

In addition, we invite you to join a Life Group (see page 3) to discuss these topics.

Don't forget, you can invite a friend to come to church. We'd love to share Christ's love with them and invite them to join us in the adventure that is following Jesus.



RED CLIFFS



## LEADERSHIP NEWS

Our Church AGM in January finalised the appointment process for our new Board of Elders ('Board') by affirming the recommended appointees. They are;

**Liz Milne** - *Spiritual Life Elder*

**Angela Stewart** - *Family Ministries Elder*

**Ian Stewart** - *Operations Elder*

**Bruce Thorne** - *Community Elder*

It was noted that role of *Discipleship Elder* remains vacant for the time being. Please continue to uphold our Church in your prayers, including the appointed leaders and the particular work to which they're called.

The meeting also agreed to commend the retiring Board members, with grateful thanks their commitment and service over many years.

## COMING IN MARCH ...

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Just a heads up that the World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on **Friday 1 March**. More details to follow later in February.

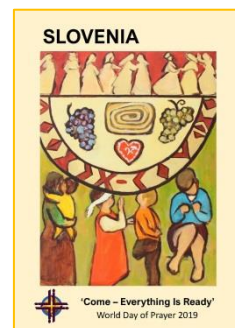
### BEL & PHIL THOMSON

We are pleased to announce that our Church will be hosting visit by **Bel & Phil Thomson** (left) in early March.

Bel, a talented singer-songwriter will be perform for a special Ladies Night on **Saturday 2 March** at Red Cliffs Church of Christ where we'll join with Mildura Church of Christ.

Then on **Sunday 3 March** Bel will lead us in worship together with her husband Phil who will be our guest speaker. Phil works as Executive Officer of *Willow Creek Australia*, and is a Christian Leadership Coach, Trainer, and Speaker.

Some may remember Bel & Phil from their previous visit to Mildura a couple of years ago. Bel & Phil will be at the Mildura evening service on Sunday 3 March.



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## CLEANING MATERIALS

Food health and safety regulations demand that all cleaning materials be stored in a separate cupboard. As a result, all cleaning materials are now being stored in the cupboard under the sink in the church kitchen, so it's important that the child safety lock be used at all times.

## CONTACT DEADLINE

Usually we try to have *The Contact* available for distribution (and online) on the last Sunday of each month.

If you have material you would like to see included in *The Contact* please provide it to Bruce one week ahead of the last Sunday of the month.

## SHED PROJECT

For some time our Church has had a priority of improving our storage capacity, and we know the playgroup has also been seeking the same improvement.

In exciting news after receiving a grant from Council we are now working together with the Playgroup to deliver on that plan to replace the old storage shed (pictured below) in the next few months.



## ROSTERS

The rosters for **February 2019** are now available. Please ensure that if you're rostered time that doesn't suit, you organise a swap with someone else. Also, if you do swap (even into future months) please make a note of the swap on the 'master roster' posted on the kitchen noticeboard. This roster shows duties through to the end of May.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### SUNDAY PRAYER TIMES

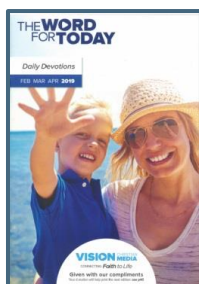
You're always welcome to join us for prayer in the Church 9.30-9.45am (before our service) each Sunday.

This is an excellent time to prepare yourself for the service ahead, and you still get time to welcome visitors & friends.

### WORD FOR TODAY

Several copies of the daily devotional for the months of **February-March-April 2019** is now available.

To ensure that everyone who wants one of these booklets can have one, and to minimise waste, it would be helpful if you would let Bruce know if you require a copy of the booklet.



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### GENERATE 2019

The Uniting Church's *Generate 2019* is a two day workshop on Intergenerational Ministry. The workshops are being held on **22 & 23 February** at the Centre for Theology & Ministry, Parkville. Further info on each day is posted on the noticeboard in the hall, and registrations are appreciated by 11 February.



### 2019 LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Over recent years we've developed a pattern of having an annual Leadership Retreat, involving both Board members and other leaders. This year we continue this pattern and have booked the weekend of **April 5-7** for the retreat.

Pastors Rick & Leonie Wright (*right*) have a keen interest in the future of our fellowship and we are delighted to be able to confirm their leadership over the weekend.



We're looking forward to their experienced input into our leadership team, and their own leadership during our Sunday worship on that weekend.

For anyone who does not remember them, Rick & Leonie are the Senior Pastors of Kardinia Church – and Rick is a Board member of Churches of Christ in Vic/Tas (CCVT).

### GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (GLS)

In planning for 2019 we want to be sure that everyone is encouraged to attend the GLS on **Friday 8 & Saturday 9 November** in Mildura, hosted jointly by ourselves and Mildura Church of Christ.



### CCVT SUMMIT - ACCELERATE

In 2019 the Churches of Christ Vic/Tas (CCVT) has chosen the theme 'Accelerate'. This year our movement will explore, together, strategies and initiatives to build on what has occurred in previous years and add to the forward momentum and passion for God's Kingdom mission that binds us together as interdependent communities.

"Accelerate" isn't about starting mission from scratch. It's about improving what is already happening. It's about doing better at Building Communities of Hope and Compassion and developing Leaders to lead them.

In Philippians 3:12, Paul writes, "I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize." (NIV)

Paul goes on to speak about 'pressing' toward the goal. As we do this we will be increasing our dependence on God, as we accelerate towards growth and fruitfulness in mission, formed for the journey together.

CCVT will further explore this theme at their annual *Summit*, to be held at Kardinia Church in Geelong from **Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 May**.

Stay tuned for more info and your invitation to this event.





## DISCIPLESHIP

"Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."

**Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

### LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are where our Church members share life together – they're the best way to get to know others, yourself, and God better.

Most of the Life Groups will recommence in February and the groups meet at a range of different times and days of the week.

Find out more by chatting with Rachel, who can be contacted on ☎ 0448 373 131, or join a life Group with a friend.

### RETREAT

*Retreat* meets each Wednesday at the Church from 10am through to 11.30am. Throughout the year each meeting includes a word theme.

The ladies enjoy fellowship and prayer and raise funds for designated projects through an offering collected in the last week of each month.

If you'd like more information about *Retreat* speak with Gwen. New members are most welcome. The host and words are detailed below;

Date	Host / Location	Word
<b>6 February</b>	Coral	-
<b>13 February</b>	Gail	Divide
<b>20 February</b>	Gwen	Contentment
<b>27 February</b>	Pam	Performance

### CONNECT

*Connect* meets on alternate Tuesdays in the Church meeting room from 12-2pm.



The group is open to ladies of all ages to encourage faith for daily life through topical and bible-based discussion. The group has kicked off the year with a six session series.

During March *Connect* will be meeting on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**. Any ladies who might be interested are invited to chat with Sue.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

#### LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Mark the date (calendar, diary, fridge, wherever) so you don't miss out a great night with Bel Thomson here at Red Cliffs Church of Christ from 7.30pm on **Saturday 2 March**,



#### SAVE THE DATE

While you're at your diaries ladies, you should also mark in the weekend of **May 3 & 4** for *Lavished 2019*.



## FAMILIES

### CHILDREN

**2019** sees some big changes to our Kids programs here at RCCoC, which will start to be evident in February. Some will notice that the fortnightly 'Kid's Church' has disappeared from the rosters as we move 'Adventure Club' to a weekly Sunday morning timeslot, dovetailing with our Sunday morning worship.

What a great week we had to finish off the school holidays with the **Big FISH** program. A capacity contingent of 35 primary aged kids enjoyed an action-packed, fun and positive few days with an awesome team of leaders and volunteers (we suspect the parents also enjoyed the program).

**Thanks so much** to all who assisted in any way, and particularly to the team of young people, most of whom were found locally this year. Everyone who volunteered helped make the event one that is highly valued in our community. Well done everyone.

Big FISH also serves as a great launchpad for a new year of **Adventure Club** which will commence on **Sunday 10 January**.

*Adventure Club* will commence on Sunday 10 February for all kids of primary school age. For the cost of a gold coin donation, the program will run from 10am through to 11.15am, including a morning tea.



To register, or to find more info, please visit ...

[www.redcliffschurchofchrist.org.au/adventure-club](http://www.redcliffschurchofchrist.org.au/adventure-club)

Please keep praying for our young people and their families, and for those who will be leading the program.

### RED YOUTH

In 2019 **RED Youth** (not a communist movement) will kick off again in February. For more info or to talk about what's planned see Tanika, our awesome and (mostly) fearless leader.



### MEN

Men ... we can do better than in 2018. Join THE Breakfast Club at the Church on **Saturday 16 February** from 8am. We'll eat, and we'll talk, and \$5 will cover it. Men, you're welcome!



Our church is strongly committed to being a "safe place" for children and vulnerable people. Any person wishing to engage in child-related work must satisfy the requirements for a Working With Children Check in Victoria. Our Church has designated Dale Stewart as our Safety Contact Person, anyone with questions or concerns about child safety at our Church should speak with Dale, or our Minister, Naomi. Any person who believes a child is in *immediate danger* should contact the Police or the Child Protection Crisis Line on ☎ 13 12 78.

## COMMUNITY

### WORSHIP @ JACARANDA

Returning in February, the churches of Red Cliffs are rostered to lead a time of worship at Jacaranda Village from 2pm in The Manor.



If you'd like to assist with these services, even just from time to time, please chat with Elaine, who does a fabulous and faithful job of leading these services when our Church is rostered.

### RED CLIFFS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP



Red Cliffs Community  
**Playgroup**

Do you know of a family who might like to come and enjoy a community playgroup in a casual and friendly environment for mums, dads, grandparents carers kids and bubs?

The playgroup meets in our hall from 10am – 12noon every Tuesday and Thursday and welcomes all children aged 0-5 years.

Bring a piece of fruit to share and enjoy a safe and secure environment with enclosed indoor and outdoor play areas. A great place to come together to play & build friendships.

### FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS

Have you heard that Red Cliffs has been added, for the first time, to the *Festival of Small Halls* Tour.

A selection of touring artists travel between the Port Fairy Folk Festival and the National Folk Festival, and are scheduled to perform at the Red Cliffs Civic Centre on **Sunday 17 March**.

Sponsored by the Resource Centre, tickets are available online at [WWW.FESTIVALOFSMALLHALLS.COM](http://WWW.FESTIVALOFSMALLHALLS.COM) or from the Centre for \$25ea (\$20 for pensioners & under 16s). Find more details online where you can also share the invitation and poster with your friends.



## MISSIONS

### LIVING LINK MORNING TEA

Following the service on **Sunday 10 February** Rachel B & Rachel T are coordinating this month's Living Link Morning Tea. All donations are sent to our missionary Fiona Briers at Bright solutions, Vietnam.

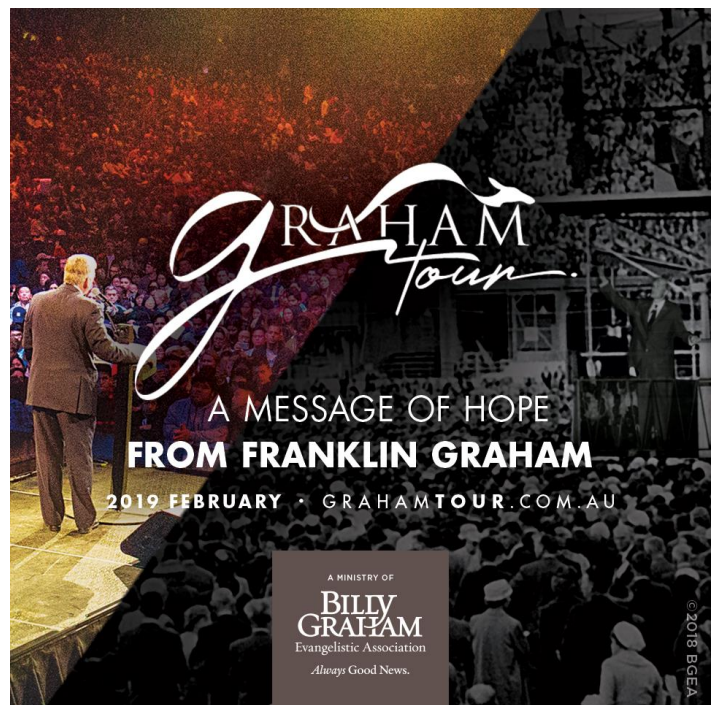


### THE GRAHAM TOUR

You're invited to bring your family and friends to an exciting evening featuring prayer, live music, and a message of hope from Franklin Graham.

Admission is free and further information, including all the Australian location details are available from ...

[GRAHAMTOUR.COM.AU](http://GRAHAMTOUR.COM.AU)



### MAY IS MISSIONS MONTH

Following the great success of last year's 'Missions Month' we've decided to do it again.

There are a lot of different mission projects that have received support from our church over the years and we know that God has a part for us to play in and beyond Red Cliffs.

May's Mission Month will provide an excellent opportunity for us to consider how we can be "a movement of the people of God gathering in and around the central figure of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, living out his way in our neighbourhoods, and inviting others to do the same" (courtesy CCVT's mission statement).

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

For those who find it most effective to arrange giving via online transfers, the details are;

**Red Cliffs Church of Christ**

BSB: 633 000 Account: 159 189 497

There's no need to enter any identifying names but it is helpful if it was described as "offering".