



The Contact

The monthly newsletter of the
Red Cliffs Church of Christ

WELCOME

We are delighted to have you join us here at Red Cliffs Church of Christ. May you be blessed and encouraged as we worship the Lord together.

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall after our service, we'd love the chance to get to know you better.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

During the month of August we'll continue our theme of **"Learning to live ..."** as we look at the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Across four weeks we will get to know more about the Church at Philippi, a community learning how to live together with one another — and in God's presence — during difficult times.

Hearing the Sunday messages will be great, but be sure to connect into a **Life Group** to get the most out of each week's message, and to best enjoy our journey together.

August sees the commencement of **The Marriage Course** to be held each Thursday evening for seven weeks. It's a great opportunity to lock in some time alone with your partner to improve our relationship. The feedback from this course last year was fantastic, so be quick to register so you don't miss anything.

And speaking of not missing out, how great to welcome back the **Pop-Up Play Café** during August so even the youngest of children have something to look forward to. The Café will be popping up on different days across the next few months so share the news with anyone with pre-school children.

Read on to see what else is happening, find your place to meet new friends, to journey together, & to serve our great God!

OUR SPECIAL GUEST IN AUGUST 2019

JOHN FINKELDE

We're delighted to be hosting a visit to Red Cliffs by John Finkelde over the **August 24-25** weekend.

After pastoring for 30 years at C3 Church Hepburn Heights John founded *Grow a Healthy Church* and now partners with pastors in Australia and internationally to grow healthy churches.

With a Masters in leadership and author of five books, John's practical and insightful leadership is now helping church leaders adapt and grow.

While in town John will be speaking to the leaders of both Red Cliffs and Mildura Churches of Christ at a **Leadership Seminar** from **2.00pm – 4.30pm** Saturday 24 August. If you're leading an area of our Church life, or think you'd like to lead a group, an activity or a program, we'd encourage you to save this space to sharpen your skills.

In the evening he will be our guest at a regional combined churches **Men's Night** (check the back page) from **7.30pm**. There's a bunch of flyers available at the church so take a few and invite some friends. Make no mistake- john will be worth hearing – and the supper will be pretty awesome too!

Finally, on Sunday morning John will be guest speaker at our **Worship Service** which starts at **10.00am**, and we can't wait to hear his message!



RED CLIFFS

The
Marriage
Course

Navigate life together ...
Seven sessions to help couples
strengthen their relationship

Starts 1 August @ 6.30pm

For more info call Naomi ☎ **0488 720 962**
or email **info@redcliffschurchofchrist.org.au**

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August @ Red Cliffs Church of Christ

(not including Life Groups)

Thu 1 Aug	10.00am	Community Playgroup
	1.30pm	Playgroup
Sun 4 Aug	9am – 1pm	Red Cliffs Country Market
	10.30am	Prayer & Communion
	5.30pm	Shared Tea
	6.00pm	Worship Celebration
Tue 6 Aug	10am	Combined Churches Ladies Coffee
Wed 7 Aug	12-1pm	Prayer & Communion
	7.00pm	Prayer & Worship Jam
Thu 8 Aug	10.00am	Community Playgroup
	1.30pm	Playgroup
Sun 11 Aug	9.30am	Prayer
	10.00am	Worship Service
Tue 13 Aug	10am	Community Playgroup
Thu 15 Aug	10.00am	Community Playgroup
	1.30pm	Playgroup
Sat 17 Aug	RSVP	Rotary Camp Oven Cook-Up
Sun 18 Aug	9.30am	Prayer
	10.00am	Worship Service
Mon 19 Aug	7pm	Combined Churches Prayer
Tue 20 Aug	10am	Community Playgroup
Wed 21 Aug	12-1pm	Prayer & Communion
		Catering 'Bake Day'
Thu 22 Aug	10.00am	Community Playgroup
	1.30pm	Playgroup
	7.30pm	Board Meeting
Fri 23 Aug	6.00am	'Refresh' Women's Conference
Sat 24 Aug		'Refresh' Women's Conference
	2-4.30pm	Leadership Seminar (Mildura & RC)
	6.00pm	Rotary Camp Oven Cook-Up
	7.30pm	Men's Night with John Finkelde
Sun 25 Aug	9.30am	Prayer
	10.00am	Worship Service
Mon 26 Aug	9.30-3pm	Pop-Up Play Cafe
Tue 27 Aug	10am	Community Playgroup
Wed 28 Aug	12-1pm	Prayer & Communion
Thu 29 Aug	10.00am	Community Playgroup
	1.30pm	Playgroup

2019 CHURCH DIRECTORY

The much anticipated 2019 Church Directory is now available to members. We're trusting that everyone will be able to make good use of it to keep in touch, encourage one another, and as an opportunity to pray for each other.

If you would like to change any of the listed details, please send an email to contact@churchofchrist.redcliffs.net and the new details will be recorded for the next revision.



TITHES & OFFERINGS

For those who find it most effective to arrange giving via online transfers, the details are below. There's no need to enter any identifying names but helpful if it was noted as "offering".

Red Cliffs Church of Christ (General)

BSB: 633 000 Account: 159 189 497

You can make gifts to support children and youth ministry via

Red Cliffs Church of Christ (Children's Ministry)

BSB: 633 000 Account: 159 189 547

PURSuing PASSIONATE SPIRITUALITY

PRAYER – OUR PRIORITY

SUNDAY PRAYER TIMES

You're welcome to join us for prayer in the Church **every Sunday** from **9.30-9.45am** (before our service). This is an excellent time to prepare yourself for the service ahead, and you still get time to welcome visitors & friends.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER & COMMUNION

Our Church is open every **Wednesday** from **12-1pm** for prayer and communion (*except during school holidays*). All are most welcome to join in prayer together for our church, our community, and for the salvation and healing of our friends and family.



WORSHIP JAM & PRAYER MEETING

The first Wednesday of each month is when our worship team meets, with the first half hour committed to prayer. We encourage our whole church to gather at this open prayer meeting from 7.00pm on **Wednesday 7 August**.

COMBINED CHURCHES MONTHLY PRAYER

The combined churches prayer service occurs on the third week of each month. We believe it's to be held on **Monday 19 August** from 7-8pm and followed by supper - stay tuned for more details about the venue and host church.

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS

Most of the members of our Church have elected to partner in prayer for our Pastor on a given day each week – and in return Naomi prays for each of them. If you're interested in becoming a Pastor's Prayer Partner or want to learn more – chat with Liz or Naomi, or complete a sign-up card available from the table at the back of the church.

LISTENING TO RECORDED SUNDAY MESSAGES

If there's a message you'd like to hear again, please remember that our sermons are recorded and can be emailed to you so you can listen again. If you'd like a copy of the message just let your Life Group leader or Naomi know.

WORSHIP @ JACARANDA

Each Monday the churches of Red Cliffs lead a time of worship at Jacaranda Village. Church members are welcome to attend in support of this ministry on any **Monday** from **10.30am** in The Manor.



ROSTERS FOR AUGUST – OCTOBER 2019

After much consultation the rosters covering the next few months have been prepared and are available from the Church. Thanks especially to those who have reflected on their gifts and passions and stepped up to serve for the first time, or to serve in new areas of ministry.

"For the body does not consist of one member but of many." 1 Cor12:14

FUNERAL SERVICE

The funeral service for Val McManus will be held Wednesday 31 July at the Church at 10.30am. Val has been a long-time member of our church and sister to Lyn Milne & Gail Davey. Please continue to uphold Val's family and friends in your prayers.

HELP WANTED

Our church has been invited to do some significant catering later in August and assistance is wanted. The catering is for 23 & 24 August, with the Pop-Up Play café the following Monday. Janeen is hoping to have a 'bake day' on **Wednesday 21 August** and to do sandwiches freshly later in the week. If you can help and be part of the catering team please contact Janeen.

EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP

GLS PLUS WITH CRAIG GROESCHEL

A few of our members attended the GLS Plus sessions with Craig at the end of July. Have you had a chance to ask them about it?

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (GLS)

Have you registered yet for the Global Leadership Summit – it's on **Friday 8 & Saturday 9 November** in Mildura, hosted jointly by the Red Cliffs & Mildura Churches of Christ. See Naomi for the special Red Cliffs code when registering online to get \$20 discount.



COURSES THAT ENABLE MISSION

As we seek to encourage service of the King in keeping with our Spiritual Gifts, our personalities, and our passions – we're also regularly seeking people with formal (often mandatory) qualifications. A range of short courses available are posted on the noticeboard. You might like to consider studying providing first aid, food handling, or a barista course.

Alternately, if you'd like to study theology or church history or learn more about leadership or mission, perhaps a course from Stirling College is of interest? Their course offerings are also now displayed on our noticeboard.

MINISTRY ABSENCES

Naomi will be travelling to the United States from **August 6 - 20** to attend the Global Leadership Summit (GLS) live at Willow Creek (Chicago), and to enjoy a weeks leave in Florida.

At any point while Naomi is absent we encourage people to contact their Life Group leaders, or one of the Elders, for any pastoral matters requiring attention.

KINGDOM BUSINESS NETWORK

The Mildura chapter of the network is a group of like-minded believers who gather together each month to learn how to run their business God's way.



If you're in business, thinking of starting out, or think you may know of someone who would be interested in this network; we encourage you to chat with Ian S on ☎ 0427 710 270 about the next event to be held on **Saturday 7 September** from 8am-10am). Find out more about the network here;

www.kingdombusiness.com.au/network

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENTOR PROGRAM

Our church has recently become an affiliate partner with Kids hope Australia to provide a primary school mentoring program in Red Cliffs.



As mentioned previously the *Kids Hope* program is one of Australia's premier mentoring programs and an affiliate of CCVT. Both Naomi & Robyn attended a Kids hope Training session in June and are now keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in being a mentor. Listen out for more information about what's involved during July.

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. Our Church has several *Life Groups* meeting at different days and times of the week. Why not find one that suits you?

RETREAT

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

Date	Host	Word
31 July	Coral	Fire
7 Aug	Pam	Grow
14 Aug	Gwen	Reflect
21 Aug	Lyn	Priceless
28 Aug	Coral	World

CONNECT

Connect meets on alternate *Tuesdays* in the Church meeting room from 1pm. The group is open to ladies of all ages to encourage faith for daily life through topical and bible-based discussion.



Connect will be meeting for studies at the Church on **Tuesday 6 & Tuesday 20 August** at 1pm. Any ladies who might be interested are invited to chat with Sue.

MONTHLY COMBINED CHURCH LADIES COFFEE

Ladies are invited to get together at Good Golly (41 Ilex Street) from 10am on **Tuesday 6 August** (1st Tuesday each month).

RSVP to Naomi ☎ 0488 720 962 if possible by Monday at noon would be most helpful.



Check this photo from our Instagram page. Looks like a fun gathering!

REFRESH WOMENS CONFERENCE

Ladies, the annual *Refresh* women's conference is coming soon – **August 23 & 24** at Diggerland.

There are heap of registration forms available form the Church – grab one for yourself and invite a friend.



RED YOUTH

The *RED Youth Life Group* are meeting weekly on Thursday evenings in Term three. For more info or to talk about what's planned see Tanika or call her on ☎ 0411 801 191.



ROTARY CLUB CAMP OVEN COOK UP

Flyers are available for the annual Red Cliffs Rotary Club Camp Oven Cook-Up to be held on Saturday 24 August from 6pm. Cost is \$35 (Adult) or \$10 (Child) which includes soups, main and dessert & raffle tickets. This great local event is a fundraiser for the *Days for Girls* project which we support in Kenya.



For more details contact Ian Cook ☎ 0428 165 355 or John Hunt ☎ 0427 150 455. Bookings and pre-payments are essential.



POP-UP PLAY CAFE

Our next Pop-Up Play Café is approaching on **Monday 26 August** & Janeen would be happy to hear from people able to assist. Perhaps you also can share the news that the Play Café is back – once a month for August, as well as **Wednesday 18 September & Friday 25 October**.

CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FISH BITES

Great job to all who led the FISH bites session during the July School Holidays. We're so thankful to have you guys dedicated to working with our community's awesome young kids! Looking forward now to the Family Fun Fiesta!



FAMILY FUN FIESTA

SAT 31ST AUG

7-9PM

\$5 PER PERSON
\$10 PER FAMILY

53 GUAVA ST
RED CLIFFS
CHURCH OF CHRIST

YOU'RE INVITED TO A GAMES NIGHT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

We're celebrating families with fun, games, supper and laughs. Come for a night that your family and your amigos will enjoy.

OPTIONAL DRESS UP! DRESS BRIGHTLY. FIND A SOMBRERO AND BE READY FOR A FIESTA! PRIZES WILL BE REWARDED.

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT ANGELA ON 0448 176 413

RED CLIFFS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

The playgroup meets in our hall from 10am - 12noon every Tuesday & Thursday, welcoming all children aged 0-5 years.



MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S NIGHT

Saturday 24th August 2019
7:30pm

\$10 per person with supper provided
Red Cliffs Church of Christ, 53 Guava St.

For more info, call Bruce on 0408 249 932 or email contact@churchofchrist.redcliffs.net

John Finkelde is the founder of Grow a Healthy Church.

After pastoring for 30 years at C3 Church Hepburn Heights he now partners with pastors to grow healthy churches, ministering in Australia and internationally.

John has a Masters in Leadership, Diploma in Professional Coaching and has authored 5 books.

John's insightful and practical messages are marked with humor, reflecting his practical love for both his family and the Church.

You're invited to hear John offer quality advice for men that will make a real impact on our lives, our leadership, and our legacy.



CONNECTING TO COMMUNITY

OUR CHURCH @ RED CLIFFS MARKET

On the first Sunday of each month we're at the Market - a great place to meet people, connect with friends, and support our community.

This month we get to try out our own equipment! If you haven't had a turn yet, we'd love you to learn how to use the machines.

To continue we need your help with our stall and Bruce would love to hear from you if you could serve in some capacity for a couple of hours between 9am and 1pm on **Sunday 7 July** or any other Red Cliffs Market Day.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

For seven weeks from **Thursday 1 August** we will be running The Marriage Course. Basically, if you're married you will benefit from this awesome course.

Is there a couple you love to see attend? What encouragement could you offer (e.g. look after their kids) so they can join the course? There's a bunch of flyers at Church or you can grab one from the Resource Centre.

To find out more email info@redcliffschurchofchrist.org.au or speak to Angela.



Halls Gap | 2019
Women's Retreat | 11th - 13th OCTOBER

Passing the Baton



Keynote Speaker - Fleur Tucker

Cost - \$200, and includes:
Meals & 2 nights accommodation
at the Norval Lodge, Halls Gap

For more details and registration visit:
redcliffschurchofchrist.org.au/ccvt-womens-retreat

