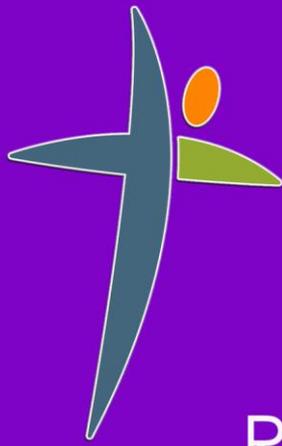


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The monthly newsletter of the
Red Cliffs Church of Christ

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.

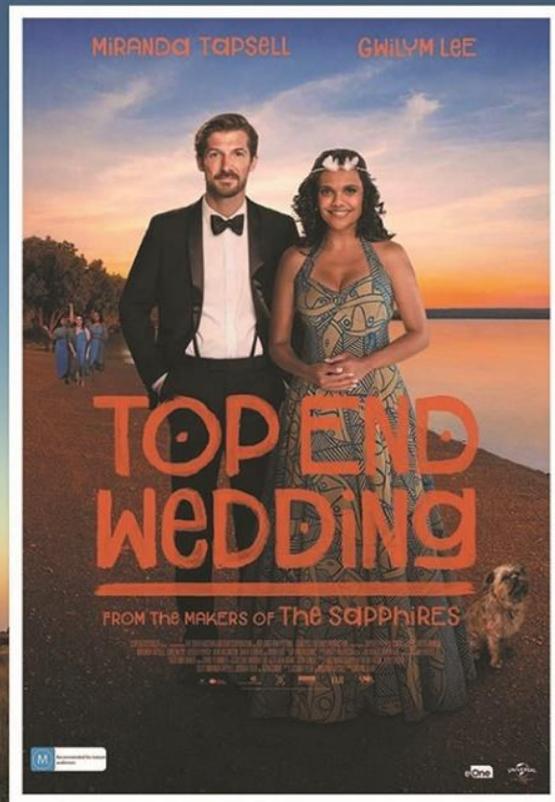
JULY FOCUS

During June we've focused on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and that journey of discovery (and into action) continues in July.

We'll celebrate NAIDOC week (July 7-14) with **Ps. Brendon Garlett** our guest speaker (see p2) on Sunday 14 July. Our own contribution to NAIDOC 2019 is to host a screening of the film *Top End Wedding* – be sure to enjoy it with us.

Later in July we'll turn our attention to the book of Philippians for a wonderful series with 'Learning to live ...' as the theme.

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.

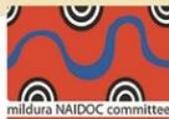


SPECIAL NAIDOC SCREENING

6:30pm, Tuesday 16th July, 2019 @ Wallis Cinemas Mildura

Red Cliffs Church of Christ is pleased to partner with the Mildura NAIDOC Committee to bring *Top End Wedding* back to Mildura for a special NAIDOC screening.

Lauren and Ned are engaged, they are in love, and they have just ten days to find Lauren's mother who has gone AWOL somewhere in the remote far north of Australia, reunite her parents and pull off their dream wedding.



Tickets \$11ea with CASH at the Box Office

Quote "Red Cliffs Church of Christ" to enjoy our \$11 group rate

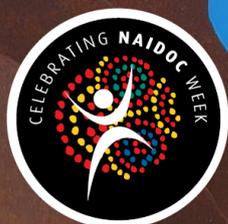


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DEVELOPING DISCIPLESHIP

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 the one that suits you best?

To find out more (while Rachel is away) chat with Bruce on ☎ 0408 249 932, 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.

Date	Host	Word
3 July	Coral	Strength
10 July	Pam	Obey
17 July	Gwen	Steady
24 July	Lyn	Gracious
31 July	Coral	Fire

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

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 9 & Tuesday 23 July at 1pm; and will also meet at Good Golly for lunch from 12noon on Tuesday 16 & Tuesday 30 July. Any ladies who might be interested are invited to chat with Sue.

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 6 July from 8am-10am).

Find out more about the network here; www.kingdombusiness.com.au/network

INTERESTED IN STEPPING UP?

Are you keen to step up to serve in our Church. There's no end to the ways you can help us be God's people as we bring our gifts, skills and passions to follow Jesus with all we have.

With a new roster being drawn up to commence in August (and on the back of thinking about our spiritual gifts) now is an excellent time for volunteering. To find out how you can serve just start a conversation with Naomi, or any of the Elders.

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.

WE'VE ADOPTED 'PROCLAIM'

Our church recently trialled Faithlife's Proclaim presentation software, and the Board has endorsed its continued use. A specialised Church presentation program means significant improvements in capability, even if it's not always noticed on-screen. For example, you'll note that our sermon recordings now also capture the corresponding slide presentations. It's also an opportunity for anyone interested in learning how to use the program to start fresh. For more Proclaim info chat with Dale.

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 3 July.

COMBINED CHURCHES MONTHLY PRAYER

Thanks to all who joined in the combined churches prayer service at Mildura church of Christ last month. This month's combined churches prayer meeting is at Living Waters Church, (118-120 Orange Avenue, Mildura) from 7-8pm on Tuesday 16 July, with supper afterward.

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 missed out on attending our annual Pastor's Prayer Partner's Dinner in May, it's not too late to become a prayer partner.

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.

JULY WORSHIP SERVICES

Naomi will be leading a time of testimony of Sunday 7 July, and is particularly keen to hear from anyone who has enjoyed or is enjoying the series on spiritual gifts.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July for all Australians to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's theme, Voice Treaty Truth, were three key elements to the reforms set out in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. These reforms represent the unified position of First Nations Australians.

Given the theme, we're delighted to be joined on Sunday 14 July by Pastor Brendon Garlett (pictured) who will be bring us a gospel message in the 'voice' of his own story.



A new series will commence on Sunday 21 July on the book of Philippians, commencing with 'Learning to live as if God is in control'. This will be followed on Sunday 28 July with a message "Learning to live as a servant".

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.



EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP – RELEASING AUTHORITY

GLS PLUS WITH CRAIG GROESCHEL

GLS Plus 2019 is a one-day Leadership Conference with Craig Groeschel, for anyone wanting to grow their leadership capacity.



The conference will be held in Melbourne on **Monday 22 July** in Melbourne with some of our leaders attending. For more details or to register visit: <https://gls.org.au/gls-plus-2019/>.

CCVT SUPPORTING GROWING CHURCHES

Thanks to all who contributed to the shaping of our church through CCVT's Supporting Growing Churches consultation with Michael Vanderee during June.

It would be helpful if you could continue to pray for the ongoing coaching and leadership development that will flow out of that consultation over the coming months.

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.

SPIRITUAL GIFT DISCOVERY RESOURCES

be the following also need to within our While We are regularly Following on from our June series on the gifts of the holy Spirit, a few resources have been left on the table for anyone who may have missed the materials.

We encourage everyone to continue to reflect on what's been shared during the month on this important subject.

SHORT 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'r ealso regularly seeking people with formal (often mandatory) qualifications. During July a range of courses may be of interest to you, and would certainly help equip our Church for mission.

Wednesday 10 July

Provide First Aid (L2) (9am - 4.30pm) Cost: \$150

Friday 12 July

Food Handling (9am - 1pm) Cost: \$95

Thursday 18 July

Prepare/Serve Espresso Coffee (9am - 4pm) Cost: \$185

For further information contact MADEC on ☎ 5023 7233 or visit www.madec.edu.au

MINISTRY ABSENCES

The coming weeks will be busy for Naomi as she attends Hillsong Conference in Sydney from **July 8-12**.

Later in July Naomi will join with Ps Andrew and Brendan from Mildura Church of Christ to attend GLS Training, and the GLS Plus event with Craig Groeschel, on the Gold Coast, absent from **July 22-30** inclusive.

And just for a heads up, 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.



CHURCH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR WITH JOHN FINKELDE

Our church is preparing to host a Church Leadership Seminar led by John Finkelde on **Saturday 24 August**. 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. Save the date and plan to join us on the afternoon of Saturday 24 August.



June @ Red Cliffs Church of Christ

(not including Life Groups)

Tue 2 July	10am	Combined Churches Ladies Coffee
	10am	Community Playgroup
	1.30pm	Playgroup
Wed 3 July	1.30-3.30pm	FISH Bites
	7.00pm	Prayer Meeting & Worship Jam
Thu 4 July	10.00am	Community Playgroup
Sat 6 July	8am-10am	Kingdom Business Network
Sun 7 July	9am – 1pm	Red Cliffs Country Market
	10.30am	Prayer & Communion
	5.30pm	Shared Tea
	6.00pm	Worship Celebration
Tue 9 July	10am	Community Playgroup
	1.30pm	Playgroup
Thu 11 July	10.00am	Community Playgroup
Sat 13 July	6.30pm	Jim Penman @ Cardross Hall
Sun 14 July	9.30am	Prayer
	10.00am	Worship Service
Tue 16 July	10am	Community Playgroup
	1.30pm	Playgroup
	6.30pm	NAIDOC Movie: 'Top End Wedding'
	7-8.00pm	Combined Churches Prayer Meeting
Wed 17 July	12-1pm	Prayer & Communion
Thu 18 July	10.00am	Community Playgroup
	7.30pm	Board Meeting
Sat 20 July	7.00pm	Movie Night 'Fireproof'
Sun 21 July	9.30am	Prayer
	10.00am	Worship Service
Mon 22 July	(in Melb.)	GLS Plus with Craig Groeschel
Tue 23 July	10am	Community Playgroup
	1.30pm	Playgroup
Wed 24 July	12-1pm	Prayer & Communion
Thu 25 July	10.00am	Community Playgroup
Sun 28 July	9.30am	Prayer
	10.00am	Worship Service
Tue 30 July	10am	Community Playgroup
	1.30pm	Playgroup
Wed 31 July	12-1pm	Prayer & Communion

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ADVENTURE CLUB

Adventure Club is on a break for the school holidays, but there are Activity Boards available for the kids during this period. Adventure Club will resume on **Sunday 21 July**.

Please keep praying for our young people and their families, and for those who lead the program. To register, or to find more info, please visit ... www.redcliffschurchofchrist.org.au/adventure-club



F.I.S.H. BITES – A MORSEL OF FUN IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

FISH Bites is a bite sized event for Primary aged kids (5-12) to have an afternoon of Fun In School Holidays at our Church. From 1.30pm-3.30pm on **Wednesday 3rd July**, it will be a very relaxed afternoon with games, music, craft and finishing with some yummy afternoon tea, all run by our regular Adventure Club leaders.

We would love to welcome your kids in for a couple of hours, so share the word if you know someone who would enjoy a couple of child-free hours. We love sharing the love, but bookings are essential at <https://form.jotform.co/91747499656882>

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.

RED CLIFFS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

RED YOUTH

The RED Youth Life Group (on break for school holidays) will be meeting weekly on Thursday evenings once Term three starts, commencing **Thursday 18 July**. For more info or to talk about what's planned see Tanika or call her on ☎ 0411 801 191.



HOPE CHEST

Your gifts for the Hope Chest are always appreciated, and used to discretely bring hope and blessing to those in our community. To direct your gifts to the hope Chest just write 'Hope Chest' on the envelope and slip it into the offering bag any Sunday.

MEN'S MINISTRY

JIM'S GUYS NIGHT

Interested in hearing from an icon in business? Jim Penman will be at Cardross Hall **Saturday 13 July** at a men's dinner.



Kicking off at 6.30pm, for \$15 each at the door you'll be well fed, have some laughs, and hear Jim's amazing story. Why not invite a friend?

MEN'S NIGHT WITH JOHN FINKELDE

On the evening of **Saturday 24 August** John Finkelde will be our guest for a special men's night. Words that describe that John – family guy, humorous, practical, insightful, loyal, loves the church, passionate. Keep the date free! More details to follow.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies ... let's get together for coffee.

TUESDAY 2 JULY, 10AM @ Good Golly (41 Ilex Street, Red Cliffs)

Please RSVP by noon on Monday 1 July to:

Naomi Thorne
☎ 0488 720 962

MOVIE NIGHT

Everyone's welcome to come see the movie Fireproof, to be screened at our church on **Saturday 20 July** starting at 7.00pm. Feel free to invite a friend, enjoy the movie (and some popcorn – from our new machine!). A gold coin donation will assist with the costs.



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 – STARTS AUGUST

Commencing **Thursday 1 August** we will be running The Marriage Course from 6.30pm on a Thursday evening for 7 weeks. To find out more email info@redcliffschurchofchrist.org.au or speak to Angela.



POP-UP PLAY CAFE

Thanks to those who tuned in to the conversation about our next Pop-Up Play Café. Janeen is still happy to hear from people ready to assist. The dates planned are; Monday **26 August**, Wednesday **18 September** & Friday **25 October**.

COMMUNITY FORUM

A free community forum about staying mobile and independent will be held on **Thursday 11 July** from 9.30am–1.30pm @ the Civic Centre (10 Jamieson Ave). A light lunch will be served - for catering purposes please RSVP before 8 July by phoning Jeni Snadden on ☎ 5018 8100 or via email on jeni.snadden@mildura.vic.gov.au

