

# BULIMBA UNITING CHURCH UPDATE



June 2019



Acts 10:34(NIV) *Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."*

Many times it's hard to understand "Grace", especially when we face situations when my neighbour's grass may look greener than my garden. This is the time when we look back and say, "Wow, is it already the end of May?" We have been reflecting during Lent and in Easter on Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection and now

on His ascension. Very soon we will celebrate Pentecost, and before you know it, start preparing for Christmas . We have a conviction that our Lord is alive, He has risen, risen indeed. The tomb is empty. No other leader is like that. It's the confirmation of our faith. He paid the price for you and for me. Nothing can compare to His unconditional love for us.

Our Lord doesn't show favouritism but accepts from every nation. The Uniting Church has stated that *"The Uniting Church rejoices in diversity of races, cultures and languages as God's gracious gift to the human family. In 1985, the Uniting Church Assembly made the declaration "We are a multicultural church." We continue on our journey to fully realize what it means to be a multicultural church, living faith and life cross-culturally. We do this by: building relationships that are based on mutual respect, collaboration and recognition of the gifts and calling of peoples of diverse cultural and language backgrounds, assisting the Church to fully utilise the gifts and calling of members from culturally diverse background.*

*Continuing to develop respectful and reconciling relationships with First peoples across the life of the church. Developing culturally sensitive and appropriate policies that respond to the needs of UCA members. Fostering models of cross-cultural ministry and mission, outreach and evangelism that reflect the hospitality of God."* I believe our congregation in Bulimba is creating & exercising opportunities for people with no exceptions, as God guides us. Let us keep building on the wonderful work that began many years ago, Let us discover what is next for the future generations to come...

Blessings

*Rev Beatriz Skippen*



We have a beautiful building. What makes it more beautiful is our people. We have received permission to take photos and publish them and for others to take photos and send them to us. We try to not focus on faces, but it's important to show who we are as community.

I want to say thank you to those who have already signed the consent for photography forms. If you have not signed yet, please contact Janet Shailer or myself to assist you.

***A big thanks!***

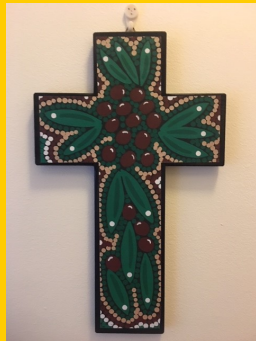


*This week is*

## National Reconciliation Week 2019

Grounded in Truth, Walking Together in Courage

Let us pray and support our Aboriginal people.



It begins with the anniversary of the successful 1967 Referendum and finishes with the High Court Mabo land rights decision.

For events, news and actions see the Social Responsibility Review on JourneyOnline,

**Every Sunday at 11 am**

## Conversational English classes.

Pray for: Mara, Evanilson, Goreti, Renato, Neto, Ludemberg, Laryssa & Sandra.



**The Uniting Church is involved in this event!**

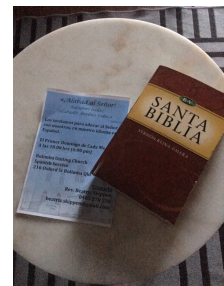
**Join the Moderator and other Uniting Church members and say "Welcome!"**

**Luminous Event Timings**

**Friday 7 June**

**June 2 - Spanish Service at 12.30 am**

**Invite your Spanish friends.**



### Coming Up:

- ♦ **Introduction to Preaching : 2 Sessions with Rev. Colin Munns & Rev Bea Skippen and Rev Julio Dos Santos**

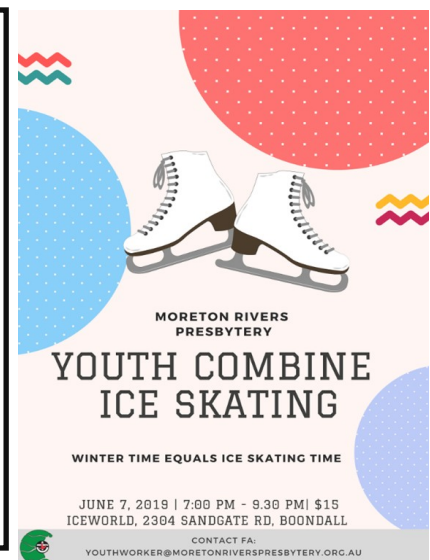
**When: June (more information -please contact Bea).**

**June 9, Special celebration bring a plate for 9.30 am Service.**

- ♦ **4th Sunday of the month REGIS – Local nursing home**



Every Saturday at 7 pm "in Portuguese" If you have friends from Brazil or Portuguese language, invite them to our services.



MORETON RIVERS PRESBYTERY

## YOUTH COMBINE ICE SKATING

WINTER TIME EQUALS ICE SKATING TIME

JUNE 7, 2019 | 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM | \$15  
ICEWORLD, 2304 SANDGATE RD, BOONDALL

CONTACT FA:  
YOUTHWORKER@MORETONRIVERSPRESBYTERY.ORG.AU

In response to a request to have an afternoon service we have committed ourselves to provide services for 3 months, then review the effectiveness of the services.

**June 2** at 4 pm—Pyjama & Stress free Service

**June 9** at 4 pm—No church service in Bulimba, there will be a Mulicultural service in Broadwater Uniting Church at 3.30 pm.

**June 16** at 4 pm—Jam session

**June 23** at 4 pm—No church service in Bulimba

**June 30** at 4 pm—visit from the Armenian community

Spanish Service First Sunday of each month at 12:30pm

Next Sunday - round table conversation with a guest speaker.



*'The prayers of the little ones are powerful'*



As you know we have had the privilege of baptizing a number of children. Please hold the children and families in your prayers.

## DAY OF PENTECOST

June 9



Pentecost, Harmony Day and  
Chaplaincy Sunday



On May 29 at Bulimba Memorial Park, there was a service for the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2019. Theme: Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace. To pay tribute to the uniformed and civilian personnel who have made and continue to make an invaluable contribution to the United Nations Peacekeeping work around the world, and to honour those who have lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948.

Thank you Lord for the way they have served, their professionalism, their dedication, their courage, and their sacrifice for peace. Please continue to strengthen the United Nations Peacekeepers wherever they serve, and help us to always be grateful for the impact they have made on the lives of millions of people, protecting and saving countless lives.

## Uniting Church in Australia Pentecost Sunday

Hosted by the Multi Cross Cultural Reference Group of Queensland Synod Theme:

"The Holy Spirit at the Day of Pentecost" -  
Date: 9 June 2019 Time 3.30 pm

Bulimba Brazilian brothers/sisters will participate in that event.

Come to support our community.

Location: Broadwater Road Uniting Church  
481 Broadwater Rd, Mansfield QLD 4122



### Acts 9:31

*So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.*

Belonging to a church comes in various forms and ways! From the start, we want to say that if you wish to participate and be involved in Growing Life-Long Disciples of Christ at Bulimba Uniting Church (in the way and level you are comfortable) you are truly welcome and you are a part of our congregational community. Have you consider becoming a Member of Bulimba UCA. Come along on June 30 after our 9.30 am service and join us for Information on our DNA Membership. It's an informal and relaxing opportunity to explore what it means to be a member of Bulimba Uniting Church and the Uniting Church of Australia.

We'll cover topics such as: What is Membership—Salvation, Symbols of Salvation; Our Statements—Vision, Core Values; Our Structure—Uniting Church of Australia, Bulimba Uniting Church; Finance; & a bit on our meeting procedures; Being a Member—requirements and benefits of becoming a member. And any questions you may have. The sessions will be facilitated by Beatriz Skippen and will include refreshments. To register your interest, please contact Marnix or Rev. Beatriz Skippen

**T**ogether  
**E**veryone  
**A**chieve  
**M**ore



Continue praying for Haileigh in Emerald. For her work and her family here in Brisbane



## Contact Us

### *Ministry Team*

**Reverend Beatriz Skippen**

*Minister in Association:*

**Reverend Colin Munns**

*Brazilian leader: Rafael Povoá*

*Leader in Association:*

**Julio Dos Santos**

### *Church Council & Elders*

*Marnix, Gary, Tim, Alexa, Amanda,*

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### **We need you!**

Volunteers are needed for assisting in our Playgroups and musicians to play in church services. Share your gifts with us and the community serving the Lord in different ways.

