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## Clearing the Way for Jesus

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### Church of the Week

[Christian Reformed Church of Wollongong](#) at 98 Carters Lane, Fairy Meadow is a member of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia denomination. The senior minister is Ps. Dan Kroon. Services are on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The church's stated purpose is "To know and share Jesus."

### Church of the Week (next week)

[New Wine Life Church](#) meets at Unanderra Community Centre Princes Hwy (cnr Factory Rd) holds Sundays services at 10:30 a.m. The senior ministers are Phil and Joy Berglund. Joy wrote:

"My husband Phil Berglund and I (Joy Berglund,) are the Pastors at New Wine Life Church, We are a Pentecostal Church that aspires to be a group of people who are learning to be DEVOTED to JESUS and to take the gospel to our community. Some suburbs surrounding our Church are news worthy for having the highest crime rates for drug and alcohol abuse in Australia! During my life I have witnessed many moves of God with my Dad, Pastor Bill Beard who was a firm believer in REVIVAL! I personally witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit move through my Dad in so many miraculous ways as I worked beside him. I saw many people being set free from Demonic power and other miracles. Please pray for us as we have recently started a DIVINE DELIVERANCE TRAINING SCHOOL. As the days get darker JESUS LIGHT will shine brighter. JESUS WINS!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!!"

### Church News

- C3 Shellharbour Church** is moving into the former St Aidan's Anglican Church building, in Mt Brown Rd, Mt Brown on Sunday 28th July and will be renaming their church. Dapto Anglican Church held a garage sale at St Aidan's church last Saturday and C3 church is holding a working bee there next Saturday.
- There is no longer a local **Emmaus Walk** group. Ted Bryant said that after the Covid-19 lockdowns, no one was willing to go on the executive committee.
- "KBECET (Kiama Board for Employing Christian Education Teachers Inc.)** financially supports Wycliffe Ochieng (Wicky), in his full-time role as a scripture teacher at the Kiama High School. While churches in Kiama, Gerringong and Jamberoo provide limited support, the Board relies on donations from church members, which are tax deductible. Unfortunately, donor giving has dropped this financial year, leaving KBECET with a \$27,000 deficit at 31 May, 2024." Quoted from the KBECET newsletter. KBECET bank account for tax deductible donations is BSB 082 662, 2489 66896.
- The **Northern Illawarra Schools Board** is seeking a new [scripture teacher for Bulli HS](#).

## ***Sicm News***

**1. Gary Hetherington** of **Revival Ministries** wrote "I'm heading out West, New South Wales. So as to intercede in prayer etc. prior to upcoming Outreach Campaigns and Church Planting. The Lord has given me directions. And now, finances came into my hands. God's provisions. Praise God!".

"The Lord sent me to the City of Wagga Wagga. He provided the finances just prior to going (5/6 hour trip with caravan). Much prayer and intercession. The next day Lord opened up the way and hearts! I found myself in a Christian Hub (non Christians also come), various Christians Praying for Revival! I now have several connections in Wagga. God is so faithful to His Word. Some Christians say that I'm an answer to their prayers! All glory to God. It's cold in Wagga during winter. Early morning fog in Wagga this morning. 🌧️ We are believing for Holy Spirit Revival, multitudes saved, healed and lives restored in our planned future Outreach Campaigns."

Gary also visited Leeton, where he once served as a pastor.

- 2. The Illawarra Seniors band July concert schedule has been amended:** The 2nd July concert at Kiama Uniting is postponed to a date to be advised. A substitute July concert is being organised. Details will be advertised on the Sicm Events page.
- 3.** The next issue of the ***Clearing the Way for Jesus*** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 25th June**. Please email me your church's ecumenical events for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra. To subscribe to this newsletter, please [email](#) or message me on Facebook with your email address.

God bless,  
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## ***Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra***

**Illawarra Seniors Band rehearsals** are on the third Tuesday of each month from 10.30am at the Port Kembla Senior Citizens Community Hall. *Contact:* [Jill White](#), the Secretary.

### **Wednesday 12th June, Dessert and Coffee Night/Meet the teachers**

Northern Illawarra Scripture and Chaplain Board  
*Details:* 7:00 p.m. Northern Illawarra Uniting Church Centre  
*Cost:* \$15 adults, \$10 U15, \$40 family.

### **Saturday 22nd June, Hope for the Weary Livestream (Rev 1-5)**

Online Women's conference [www.equip.org.au/equip24-info](http://www.equip.org.au/equip24-info)  
*Cost:* \$22 per woman; teens view free; \$20 per woman when you register 10 or more.

### **Sea Sunday, 14th July, Support the Port Kembla Mission to Seafarers**

Information for use in church services is found [here](#).

### **Saturday 27th July, Christmas in July**

*Details:* 12 noon at Dapto Uniting Church hall, 122 Princes Hwy.  
*Cost:* \$35 each. No walk-ins. Booking essential, by emailing Janet at [exercisecare@gmail.com](mailto:exercisecare@gmail.com) for bank details

### **Wednesday 7th August, Illawarra Seniors' Band Concert**

*Details:* 10:30 a.m. Marco Polo Aged Care, 11 Watergum Way, Woonona

See the [Sicm Events page](#) for **more events** and the **Regular Events** list.