

# KEEPING in TOUCH

Warragul Uniting Church    KiT 21 completed on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## INDUCTION OF THE REV IAN BROWN

...by the Presbytery of Gippsland at 7pm, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.  
And welcome to Mrs Margery Brown.



It is a long time since we have been able to meet inside the church building. There are only two more steps in the roadmap for regional Victoria. But, at present, they both rely on Victoria hitting statewide targets. At present this means that **regional areas will likely sit on this third step for at least two months. The 'last step' may come into effect on November 23**, if there have been no new cases state-wide in the two weeks prior.

All of this means that in plan for Ian's induction we should plan to go with the current level of restrictions:

*Religious ceremonies are still not allowed indoors, but up to five officials can meet to conduct a service that is broadcast online. Up to 10 plus a faith leader can meet outdoors.*

At its meeting last week, the Church Council decided that to allow as many people as possible to watch the Induction Service, it would be transmitted by Zoom. This will take place inside the church with a small number of people (up to 5) participating. If you have Zoom on your computer you will be able to watch the induction or perhaps visit someone who has Zoom so that you can watch with them. Information about how to do this will be given closer to the date of the induction. This means that the church will be thoroughly cleaned in the weeks before the induction.

Ian will be leading worship on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Whether this will be in the church, via Zoom some other way depends upon the level of Covid19 restrictions that apply at that time.



**REV JOEDY MEARS WAS INDUCTED INTO THE CONGREGATION AT LAKES ENTRANCE UC** by the Presbytery last Friday night. The service was transmitted by Zoom so I was able to be part of it by watching on my computer screen. My count was that 48 people watched the service and 5 took part in conducting the service. It took place with the communion table and drapes at the front of the church as the setting. Music was pre-recorded and hymns sung by a soloist. It was good to see so many people on my screen being part of this very meaningful service of worship which included Joedy's induction.



**CLEANER(S) NEEDED FOR THE CHURCH:** We are sad that our current cleaners are not able to continue. They have been so good at keeping everything in order and clean, we will miss them. So we need a cleaner or cleaner couple to commence early November this year. If you are interested in being considered for appointment as the Church Cleaner(s), or can suggest the name of a person who might be interested, please contact the Church Office on either Tuesday or Thursday mornings for more details and information.

**SCHOOL TIME:** *I have many memories of my primary school years at Burwood State School number 461 in the early 1950's. Let's start at the beginning of the week: Monday Morning Assembly...the raising of the flag (only the boys saluted). We all then read the Pledge: 'I love God and my Country, I honour the flag, I will serve the King/Queen, and cheerfully obey my parents, teachers and the law'. Then we marched into class.*

*Come morning recess - free milk (one third of a pint) was supplied to the schools by the Government, and was consumed at morning recess. I lived milk and was always ready for extra. It was a bit off in summer as it was delivered in the early morning and left in crates at the front of the school in the sun.*

*Grade 6 - all grade 6 students in Melbourne were rehearsing to perform at the MCG for Princess Elizabeth's visit. We practiced for hours on spots marked out on the playground. The bitter disappointment when the King died and Princess Elizabeth (now Queen Elisabeth II) would no longer be coming.*

From Heather Voumard.

**SPACE FOR YOUR SCHOOL STORY IN NEXT WEEK'S KIT...send to Des Parker **PLEASE!!!****

**CHURCH COUNCIL AND ELDERS for 2021...**It is clear that we are unable to hold a meeting of the Congregation to nominate and elect members of the Church Council and Elders to fill any vacancies that may exist for 2021. Last week the Church Council decided that current members of the Church Council and the Elders be invited to continue into 2021 until a meeting of the Congregation can be held to work through the process of nomination and voting.

**READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY???** How about a brief summary of the book...what should someone else read it? Please keep comment to about 80 or less words...send to Des Parker.

**CHURCH 'FETE' THINKTANK...a group of volunteers.** Earlier this year 19 people placed their name on a list to think about holding a fete or some other activity that would both provide some good fun and fellowship and be a fund raiser involving the wider community. Because of Covid19 the group never met. As we appear to be moving towards less and less restrictions, it might be a good time to start thinking about what we could plan to do in 2021. If each member of this group could think about this, it may be possible to arrange an online meeting, share emails etc. If you did not put your name on the list but have some ideas please write them down and email or drop them into the church office marked 'Fete? 2021'.



On behalf of the Extended Executive of the Church Council:  
Peace and blessing,

*Des Parker*

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