



# DU Grape Vine



MAY 2022

## PROFILE—MELVA STRINGER

Melva was born in Boort and lived with her family in the small town of Borung. Melva was the eldest with three brothers. She attended the Borung State School, a one teacher school with about 12 children. Then she attended Wedderburn High School. At the end of high school her Dad said he needed help on the farm so Melva took on a variety of jobs with cropping and sheep. Later Melva got a job as a teacher's aide, with the title of Sewing Mistress, for 3 days a week at Fernyhurst State School. She was teaching older girls about sewing but also helping out with the Preps—Grade 2—no worry about qualifications in those days.

Melva married Bob in St Andrews Cathedral, Bendigo and they bought a farm together. Bob was a shearer so for a lot of time Melva was responsible for all the farming. They raised four daughters and there are now 8 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

Melva had worked for a short time before marriage at Point Lonsdale so when it was time to retire and with a daughter at The Gordon, Bob & Melva moved to Clifton Springs in 2002. Bob wasn't so sure of moving away from Boort but came to like Clifton Springs. After a battle with encephalitis and lung cancer Bob died in 2016. Melva is a keen member of the CS Bowling Club, enjoys gardening and has been a life long follower of the Geelong Cats, attending most home matches.

Melva has always attended Sunday School and church—first at the Borung Presbyterian Church, where she was Sunday School teacher for 10 years, and then the Boort Uniting Church. Having

attended as part of her upbringing, she finds that she gets a lot of enjoyment from the services.



Op Shop hours:  
Monday—Friday  
11 am—4 pm  
Saturday 9.30 am—12.30 pm



## LOOSE CHANGE



\$1000

\$580

\$0

Our Christian Women Communicating International project has reached **\$580**.  
Thank you, that's 19 Megavoice devices.

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to John Macgillivray who celebrates his 80th birthday this month. God's blessings be with you in the years ahead.

## EASTER CHURCH DISPLAY



## SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday 1 May, at the conclusion of the service, to consider the recommendation from the Joint Nominating Committee for a named person to be our new minister. Praise God.

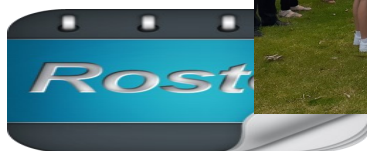


### MAY

John Macgillivray  
Margaret Freemantle  
Wendy Allott  
Margaret Jeffrey  
Norm Cheale  
Tom Allott  
Sue Polley  
Gordon Hanley  
Val Lestrage

Happy birthday!

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	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	READING	PRAYERS	VESTRY	COUNTING FLOWERS	
MAY 1	Susan & Pat	Brenda	Margaret	Pat	Lynda	Margo	Claire
8	Melva & Brenda	Val	Jenni's Team		Ken	Lynda	Wayne
15	Jenni's Team	Kelvin & Glenice	Kelvin	Carol	Ian	Ian	-
22	Marie & Margo	Jenni	Win	Marie	Claire	Sue	Denise
29	COMBINED @ PORT						

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***Our Vision—Reaching out with God's love and care***

## MOWING

MAY Peter & Claire

*This months' services*

1 May — 10.30 am Rev Ian Porter  
HC & Loose change  
8 May — 10.30 am Jenni's Team  
15 May — 10.30 am Project  
Reconnect—Wayne  
22 May — 10.30 am Port lay  
team—Hughes  
29 May — 10.15 am Combined  
Linked Service  
@ Portarlington  
Rev Narelle Collas