



DU Grape Vine



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PROFILE—PETER SIERAKOWSKI

Peter was born in Melbourne and lived with his family in Prahran. His father was a baker and mother a secretary. He has one sister. He was raised by his mother when the parents divorced but his father remained an active part of his life. He attended Hawksburn State School and then Prahran Technical School. Peter learnt early about money through a paper round. He was a member of the Prahran Try Boys Club and became a very good swimmer through this club. He joined the Malvern Baths club and went on to be a School Boys Champion and represented Victoria in swimming. The family later moved to Burwood and Peter changed to Burwood Tech. Not content with just one sport he turned his interest in horses into show jumping and eventually got his own horse and won many events.



Leaving school Peter got an apprenticeship as a butcher working in Richmond for seven years before going to New Zealand and butchering for another two years. Butchering was difficult because Peter was left handed. On returning to Australia Peter was offered a truck driving position by Lindsay Fox and stayed there for fifteen years.

Peter met Claire on a blind date and they married in 1975. Shortly after Peter's mum bought a hotel in Toolleen (near Bendigo) and asked Peter and Claire to run it for her. Next they bought a farm of 71 acres near Kyabram and later moved into Kyabram and returned to carting grain before retiring.

Peter and Claire adopted two boys and then became involved in Kyabram Football Club. They now have six grandchildren. They moved to Clifton Springs in 2015, chosen because it was near the beach and good public transport. Peter bought himself a small boat and spends lots of time fishing, working at the Men's Shed and helping others; he knew when he retired that he needed things to do. He helps with the church mowing and working bees.

Peter has not been much of a church attender but calls himself a supportive believer. He was a member of the Prahran Church of England Boys Choir; as a teenager was a member of the Armidale Presbyterian Boys Brigade; and then with Claire at the Uniting Church.



'0' BIRTHDAY LUNCH

The special birthday lunches are returning this year commencing on Sunday 5 March to celebrate those who missed out being celebrated during 2020, 2021 and 2022—there are 22 members of the congregation with special birthdays in those three years. Lunch will be at the Clifton Springs Golf Club Bistro at 12.15 pm—buy your main meal and drinks, and birthday sponge will be provided for dessert. If you can attend please write your name on the sheet in the foyer.



This months' services

- 5 Feb — 10.30 am Rev Karen Eller
HC & Loose change
- 12 Feb — 10.30 am Wayne's Team
- 19 Feb — 10.30 am Rev Karen Eller
- 22 Feb — 7.00 pm Ash Wednesday
at Portarlington—Rev Karen Eller
- 26 Feb — 10.30 am Denise's Team

GREAT GRANDCHILD

Congratulations to Jean Konings on becoming a great grandmother for the first time, with baby Jack.

HARVEST TABLE

Sunday 19 Feb you are invited to bring along food items (fresh & packaged) that shows the goodness of God's earth. These will be given to Cottage by the Sea.



A service will be held at St Thomas' Roman Catholic Church at 10 am on Friday 3 March. This is arranged by the combined churches of Drysdale & Clifton Springs Ecumenical Group. The theme is "I Have Heard About Your Faith" and the focus country is Taiwan.

PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday 21 February will be our eighth pancake dinner (and we missed 2021) as a fundraiser for Uniting's Pancake appeal. Dinner provides an opportunity to eat wonderful pancakes (with savoury and sweet toppings) with others from the congregation and any guests. Over the eight dinners we have raised \$5856. Come along from



5.30—7.30 pm; invite your friends. Tickets can be purchased from Jenni for \$15.



Happy birthday!

FEBRUARY

- Betty Domeyer
- Joan Daugherty
- Judy Grimm
- Wilma Mansell
- Peter Sierakowski
- Joan Cook

Happy birthday!

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS
FEB 5	Alma & Win	Carol	Val	Carol	Sue	Sue	Susan
12	Melva & Brenda	Ken	John	Wayne's Team	Lynda	Lynda	Wayne
19	Jenni's Team	Lynda	Pat	Win	Pat	Colleen	Marg
26	Denise's Team	Val	Marie	Denise's Team	Val	Val	Andrea

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

MOWING

FEB Lynda & Geoff