



DU Grape Vine



JULY 2023

PROFILE—RHONDA LYONS

Rhonda joined Drysdale UC last year coming from Brown Hill UC in Ballarat. Since then she has become immersed in the church, becoming an elder and member of Church Council in February.

Rhonda was born in Ballarat North and attended the Knox Presbyterian Sunday School. She has a sister and brother. Her mum died when she was ten. She attended Ballarat Grammar School because her mum wanted the children to have a church school education. Rhonda said she enjoyed this with its twice weekly chapel services. She went on to Teachers College at Ballarat and became a primary school teacher, who mostly taught in Catholic primary schools.



While teaching in Warrnambool she married Tony and birthed two children—a boy and girl. Later there was a marriage breakdown. At Warrnambool she was involved as the school representative with the chaplaincy program that was run by the Uniting Church through Access Ministries, with their school having a chaplain and a social worker for a very successful program.

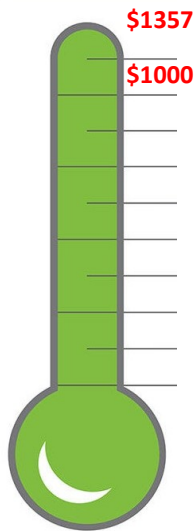
With her children at university, Rhonda moved to the Gold Coast to help her brother and attended a Pentecostal church with him. They suggested that she attend a Walk to Emmaus program—a spiritual retreat that really refreshed her and gave her a special feeling of God; she went back 3 or 4 times as a course helper. After about three years she moved back to Ballarat to be closer to her sister and started attending Brown Hill UC. Here at a mid week service she started to learn to arrange the service or to provide the sermon.

Rhonda’s daughter is now a veterinary nurse and her son is an IT specialist. She has one granddaughter and another grandchild on the way. She moved to Clifton Springs to be close to her sister who now has MND. She enjoys swimming with her sister, and walking.

Rhonda attends church because it is her faith; it re-energises her for the week and helps her to be a disciple of Christ.



LOOSE CHANGE



We have raised \$1357 so far for The Smith Family organisation. This will cover 27 months of support for a child. Our target by 30 June was \$1000, so congratulations and thank you for such a wonderful result. This will be finalised and sent next week.

Next month we start again for the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation.



This months' services

- 2 Jul —10.30 am Rev Karen Eller
HC & Loose change
- 9 Jul —10.30 am Wayne's Team
- 16 Jul —10.30am Jenni's Team
- 23 Jul —10.30am Rev Karen Eller
- 30 Jul—10.15 am Combined
service at Drysdale
Rev Jeanne Beale

ANNIVERSARIES

Thursday 21 June was the 46th anniversary of the inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Last Sunday was the first anniversary of the ordination of Karen as a Minister of the Word and in two weeks time the anniversary of Karen's induction as our minister. We send her our blessings and appreciation for her ministry with us.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jean Koning on running her eleventh Biggest Morning Tea and raising over \$3000 for the Cancer Council.

COMBINED SERVICE

30th July being the fifth Sunday is our combined Linked Congregations service, this time at Drysdale. It will be followed by a shared lunch.



- HAPPENINGS THIS MONTH**
- Sunday 2 July—Guess Who's Coming to Afternoon Tea
 - Friday 14 July—Safe Church Training
 - Saturday 22 July—Retreat
- As well as the usual Coffee & Chat, Open Church, mainly music, Breakfast Bible study, UCAF, and Op Shop—God keeps us busy with his work.



Happy birthday!

- JULY**
- Ken Handley
 - Alma Milvain
 - Dianne McNamara
 - Marguerite Edgar
 - Angela Tutty
 - Darren Pene

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	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS
JUL 2	Marg & Dianne	Denise	Ian	Sue	Pat	Colleen	-
9	Melva & Brenda	Brenda	Lynda	Wayne's Team		Lynda	Margaret
16	Belinda & Darren	Melva	Rhonda	Jenni's Team		Ian	Colleen
23	Glenice & Kelvin	Kelvin & Glenice	Claire	Jean	Margo	Marg	Jonnie
30	Margo & Marie	Lynda	Pat	Marie	Carol	Jonnie	Denise

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

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JUL	Lynda & Geoff
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