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HIGH STREET TIMES

Connecting Younger Generations IN GOD'S LOVE
Embracing All People WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION
Strengthening Community THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT



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16-18 HIGH STREET, FRANKSTON



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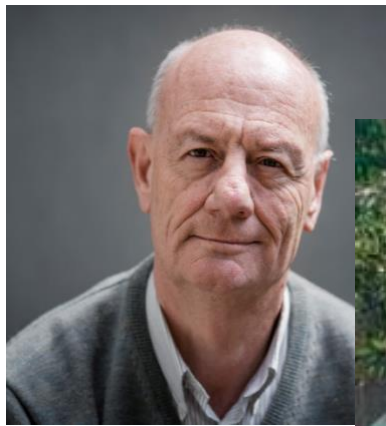


We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather: the Bunarong people and we pay respect to their past present and emerging elders and their ancestors.



TIM COSTELLO AO

(Centre for Public Christianity)



**What's
Happening**

ROSE O'LEARY

(Alliance for Gambling Reform)

Progress In Pokie Reform

A community forum lead by Tim Costello OA (Centre for Public Christianity) and Rose O'Leary (Alliance for Gambling Reform), discussing the progress in Pokie Reform. Sponsored by the St Mark's Social Justice Network, the meeting will be endorsed by the Mornington Shire Council Mayor, Anthony Marsh.

All are welcome to attend this free event.

When: 2:30pm on Sunday, 4th September

Where: St Mark's Uniting Church

Barkly Street, Mornington

For more information, please contact David on 0418 725 093

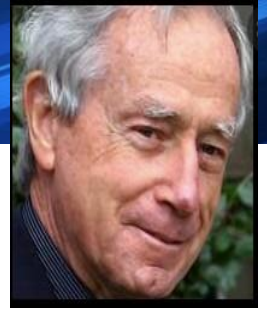
WORSHIP ON ZOOM AND PHONES

All services will be available for participation through **Zoom** and phones using the following links: Phone: **(03) 7018 2005**

Meeting ID: **954 6849 3260** Password: 3199

On zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>, password 3199

From the Minister



The Challenges of our Times

Good on you, Arthur! You challenged the congregation: members responded.

Now the banner on the front wall challenges those who come off the Nepean Highway and turn along High Street to think about and act on the welcome we should offer to asylum seekers and refugees.

That issue is at the heart of Biblical faith. Abraham left Ur and found a new home in Canaan. Joseph became a 'refugee' in Egypt – and his family followed. Many in the nation of Israel were forced to find their 'home' in Babylon. Mary, Joseph and Jesus were forced to flee into Egypt.

Pretence about refugees and the welcome they should receive from those of Biblical faith too easily ignores that Biblical tradition.

I want to add another challenge: the issue of Global Warming.

If we look at the Creation Story of Genesis 1, we find that 'God looked at what he had done and saw that it was good.' That phrase is repeated time after time – to remind us that this world matters.

The culmination of that Creation Story has God turning over control of this good earth to human beings. BUT we should better understand that 'control' as stewardship: the earth is given to us to care for on behalf of God.

In my reflection on August 14, I spoke of how we have been misusing what should be 'stewardship' of that good creation and the dangers to ourselves that this misuse means to us and generations to come: devastating storms, floods, droughts, heatwaves, sea rise, methane bombs, famines, disease outbreaks and global conflict.

I want to challenge every member of the congregation to respond to this challenge. A banner? Solar panels? Reducing our individual consumption of the earth's resources? Recycling?

We need to talk about what all this could mean for us as a congregation and as individuals – and **ACT**.

The Connans have already decided that we'll put \$500 into anything High Street Uniting Church decides to do.

What can you offer?

John Connan

We pray...

For those within our church family who find it difficult or are unable to attend worship, including:

Sheila Knoop, Gwen Paxino, Audrey Smith, Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Fay Dungey, Marie de Silva, Lola Coupe, Molly Maughan, Pat Johnson, Margaret Snyder, Beth McNamara, Effie Tilley, Ruth Poole, Barbara Yates.

Also:

For Michelle, daughter of Marilyn and Robert Downing, undergoing treatment for cancer

For Marilyn and Robert Downing, with various health issues

For Kerrin Hill, as she continues to recover after hospital and rehab

For Dawn Peacock, following medical procedures

For Tim Lake following surgery

For Catherine Annable going through huge changes in her life.

For all others who have been ill or had treatment

For all those with mental health needs in our church family and our community.

For Ukraine: for those fleeing, those caught up in fighting, and those seeking to provide shelter and hope.

For Tonga, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh, in the aftermath of natural disasters.

For those around Frankston who experience homelessness.

For our church as we proceed through a time of transition, and for our whole community that we serve in the love of God.

For all those who support the church in ministry and mission.

The prayer chain regularly and continuously keeps particular needs in prayer. You can ask for prayers through the prayer chain by contacting Marlene, phone 5971 2840 or emailing directly to HSUCPrayer@googlegroups.com



and



Congratulations



*Arthur & Ruth Poole
60 Wonderful Years of
Marriage*



Dear High Street UC Friends,

Whilst we may be without a permanent minister, pending the much-anticipated induction and arrival of our new minister, Rev Ross Pearce on 2 October, rest assured that the work of Church Council has been continuing unabated!



Allow me to outline some of the matters we explored at our most recent meeting:

- There has been ongoing contact with Presbytery, who is responsible to oversee the induction service for Rev Ross Pearce on Sunday 2 October. We endeavoured to clarify various aspects of this special and memorable service and this work will be ongoing into September. We will endeavour to encourage various key local organisations, as well as local ministers and MPs to be present/represented at this important event in the life of this congregation. Watch this space!
- Most importantly, it was determined that there would be no other services held on that Sunday and so please make a note in your diary now that **our special joint service will be at 2pm on Sunday 2 October**. Please also mention this to those who may have not been able to attend in person over recent months.
- The Management Committee, led by Mike Guest, has been making detailed plans for the renovations required at our Manse before the Pearce family can assume residence there. This however, will all be determined by the date when the Manse becomes vacant (we have been advised by Rev Duncan Macleod that this will be on 27 September), as the home needs to be empty for all of these necessary improvements to be able to occur.
- We are very grateful to the Church Council of Rev Ross Pearce's current congregation (Highfield Rd Canterbury) who have agreed to our request for the Pearce family to be able to remain located at their Manse until early October.
- We are very grateful to Anita Setterfield and others who have established a gardening club to maintain our gardens and will ensure that all necessary related expenses are covered from our existing Maintenance budget.
- Much planning and preparation has been undertaken by Mandy and Esther to prepare for Rev Ross Pearce's arrival, with Meg's assistance, and Esther is developing a manual to assist with his transition here in October. Our outdated church signage will be renovated and updated.
- Keith Holmes presented a very salutary financial report, which showed that our current level of thanksgiving offerings has fallen significantly, by around \$1,500 per month. Whilst Esther has very capably and efficiently been overseeing a rise in rental income to be at budget levels, we are in a challenging financial situation, compounded by rises in utility costs etc., which will be well-known to everyone! Please prayerfully consider this.
- To add to our budgetary strictures, due to delays at Presbytery, we have yet to receive any of our promised monies arising out of the sale of the Wesley site. Rest assured that Keith is determinedly monitoring and pursuing this very disappointing reality!
- It is unlikely that our current Monash Chaplaincy position will be funded through Synod beyond the end of 2022 which presents us with another real challenge
- We resolved that there needs to be a total clean-up of the stage area of the hall and launched a 'clean-up' project to conclude on 20 September, after which time items still there may be permanently removed or disposed of.
- Again, Church Council sought to acknowledge and thank Esther for her wonderful efforts and initiatives in her administrative role.
- We set the date for our second fete for 2022: Saturday 19 November: 9am -12 Noon

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to High Street UC, especially whilst we await 2 October, and the induction of Rev Ross Pearce. I look forward to continuing to walk with you in our shared Christian journey.

Your Friend Ross



YOU ARE INVITED

To the Induction of

Rev Ross Pearce

as Minister of the Word
High Street Uniting Church
Frankston

2pm Sunday Oct 2nd 2022

Tom Spurling officiating
Chair of PPE Presbytery

Rev Joyce Blamires preaching
Chair of Joint Nominating Committee



LEGS ladies will be providing their usual excellent afternoon tea.

PASTORAL CARE

I've continued to love being in contact with many people from our church family in relation to pastoral care, and have been warmly welcomed while visiting, which has been lovely.

I've also continued to attend the Baxter Village service, and very much enjoy catching up with the wonderful folk there.

Together with Arthur Poole, I've been involved in resourcing and supporting the skills of our Elders as they go about their pastoral care work, and this has also been positive.

I will miss you all while I am away on leave for a few weeks

(20th August to 1st October) but look forward to resuming on my return. In the meantime, you are encouraged to contact Rev. John Connan 0419 572 936 with any pastoral concerns.



MONASH UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

Semester 2 is well underway now at university after the winter mid-semester break. Again, it's wonderful to have students back on campus and getting involved in all the activities, both academic and social, in the first few weeks. Pancakes are proving ever popular, with many of our regulars from Semester 1 returning, plus a whole group of excited new students from the mid-year course intakes.

It's one of the most well-attended events at the Peninsula campus and is considered by the campus management to be very important in the life of the Peninsula community.

Students gather together before or after classes and offer each other social and study support, in a friendly and welcoming environment, and the positive benefits can be clearly seen. While I am away on leave for a few weeks (20th August to 1st October), the University is paying a casual staff member to co-ordinate the breakfasts, and to work with my wonderful volunteers, and together they will make it all happen as usual.

See you all when I return, fully refreshed with many travel tales.

Mandy Lake.



"Dude! I'm writing a letter to my parents. How many N's in money?"





Ladies Evening Group

Sally Beard the founder of Backpacks for Kids visited our last LEGS meeting and explained their mission to provide basics for displaced children in foster care or homeless.

We have decided to aid her in this valuable work and appeal to High Street folks to help LEGS collect the necessary materials either sourced or produced ourselves.

Sally provided the following list of items she is seeking. More information is available at <https://www.backpacks4vickids.org.au/> and on facebook.

We believe that children who receive our packs deserve goods in excellent or new condition. We know that you'll agree, anything not of the condition we give will be utilised elsewhere.

We have a standardised set of goods in each of our nappy bags and backpacks that each child entering out of home care receives. You can see what a typical backpack or nappy bag might look like below.

All of our backpacks or nappy bags contain these essential items, where they are age appropriate to the size of the clothing/ME Pack.

Items required for School Essentials packs are also listed below.

- **Baby brush/comb** (new only please)
- **Baby formula** (sample sizes only, pre-packaged please)
- **Baby wash and moisturiser** (new only please) Mini size up to 250ml
- **Baby wipes** (new and unopened please)
- **Baby wraps or swaddles** (new or like new)
- **Backpacks** (Large - new or like new) Large sports bags for our teenage packs Large nappy bags (sew your own by following B4VK guidelines (see website))
- **Bibs** (new or like new please)
- **Blanket or blankie** (new or like new please)
- **Body wash/soap** (new only please) Hotel size up to 250ml
- **Books** - reading (new or like new please) All ages including baby ABC books right the way through to young adult
- **Clothing** (new or like new please) Casual and stretchy is best! We love trackpants, leggings, hoodies, jumpers, long sleeve or short sleeve casual tops, shorts and singlets - Baby clothing ages sizes 0000-0 - including onesies (unisex is best for these sizes). - Boys and girls clothing 1-18 as well as Women's S M L and Men's S M L - Socks (new only) all sizes as above - Underwear (new in sealed packaging please) all sizes as above **NB: Pants over size 10 must have an elasticised waistband. Please no formal wear, tailored clothing, dress-ups, costumes or clothing with references to "mum" or "dad."**
- **Deodorant** - (roll on - new only please) **NB: we cannot accept aerosols or glass.**
- **Drink Bottles** - for our School Essentials and backpacks (new only please) all ages.
- **Dummy/pacifier** (new only please) Newborn to 18 months
- **Facewashers/flannels/sponges/shower puffs** (new only please)
- **Feeding bottle/sippy cup** (new only please)
- **Hairbrush/comb** (new only please)
- **Hair-styling products** (new only please)
- **Handtowel and/or bath towel** (new only please)
- **Lip balm** (new only please in sealed packaging)
- **Lunch boxes** - for our School Essentials and backpacks (new only please) all ages
- **Nappies** Opened or new is great - each nappy bag gets 7 nappies
- **Nappy rash cream** (new only please)

- **Office Stationery** (to help us complete our administration tasks) e.g. Postage stamps, envelopes, A4 and A3 paper Tea/ coffee/ biscuits to keep our volunteers nourished
- **Sanitary pads** (new only please)
- **Shampoo and conditioner** (new only please) Hotel size up to 250ml
- **Shower gel/soap** (new only please) Hotel size up to 250ml
- **Sleepwear or pyjamas** (new only please)
- **Small tissue packs** (individually sealed please)
- **Soft toys or teddybears** (new only please)
- **Stationery** (new only) Stationery pack (age appropriate) for our School Essentials and ME packs includes an age/need appropriate mix of:
 - Combination padlocks - Compass - Crayons
 - Erasers
 - Exercise or binder books - Glue sticks - Highlighter pens
 - Pencil case
 - Pens and lead pencils
 - Pencils or textas
 - Ruler/math-o-mat - Scissors - Sharpeners
- **Stationery bags/book/library bags** (new only) Sew your own by following B4VK instructions.
- **Toiletry bags** (new only) Sew your own by following B4VK instructions
<https://www.backpacks4vickids.org.au/needs>
- **Toothbrushes** (new only please) **NB: We unfortunately cannot accept toothbrush multipacks**
- **Toothpaste** (new only please small sizes up to 110g). Kids toothpaste, (e.g. Macleans milk teeth) right through to adult. **NB: No whitening toothpaste please, nor toothpaste for sensitive teeth**
- **Torches** (new or like new please) With new AA or AAA batteries **NB: No button batteries please**

If you and/or a colleague or friend can help in anyway you can give items to any LEGS member

and LEGS will ensure they are delivered to Backpacks 4 VIC Kids for distribution.

For more in



A First People's Heart

When I came to this country in 1958 I knew very little about Australia other than it was the land of opportunity and sunshine. Even more, I knew nothing at all about the Aboriginal people, we weren't given any information about their history in fact it seems, on reflection, I feel that for the Government of the time they didn't exist. It wasn't until after some time in Australia that I started personally to take notice of their presence and try to learn more about the First Nation People.



It was incredible how 'white fellas' I spoke to saw them as nothing more than drunks and no hopers. However, after some time spent in Millingimbi in Arnhem land as a builder, my own understanding of the Aboriginal people changed. I found they had a very different but rich culture much different to the one I had grown up with and that they are a people from whom I could learn a great deal. We seem to forget that they have lived on this land for something like 60,000 years before white settlement. They were sustained by God to be more than just hunters; they nurtured and cared for the land in ways that gave them a great way of life.

After Captain Cook and the rest of his mob arrived things changed and not, as far as the Aboriginals are concerned, for the best. They lost control of their land and their own future. I find it incredible that it took until 1967 before Indigenous People were formally recognised as Australian Citizens.

We all know the relationship between First Nation People and Governments over the years has been far from good with so many problems, not Aboriginal problems as many people refer to it, have had to be, and still are, being dealt with.

Over the years there has been many attempts by Aboriginal people to try and get Governments to gain a better understanding of their needs and have a voice in making decisions relating to their living conditions and what is best for them as a people. Most of these attempts fell on deaf ears as far as the Federal Governments are concerned.

The latest attempt was in 2017 through a STATEMENT FROM THE HEART, I wonder if you have read it, or even heard of it.



The first thing the statement calls for is "the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution". This 'voice' would be in the form of a group of First Nations people, representing all Indigenous Australians. The government would need to consult with this group on policy and legislation; giving First Nations people the opportunity to have their opinions and preferences heard about laws that impact their country and people.

From this convention came: The *Uluru Statement from the Heart*. Its key elements are:

- **Sovereignty.** Acknowledgement that Aboriginal tribes were the first sovereign nations of the Australian continent, that sovereignty was never ceded and that it co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.
- **Constitutional reform.** Constitutional reforms would empower Aboriginal people to manage their own affairs and correct the current skewed statistics for e.g. incarceration or suicide.
- **Makarrata Commission.** A [Makarrata](#) (Treaty) Commission would have two roles: Develop a national framework that would permit each sovereign Aboriginal nation state to negotiate their own respective treaty; and oversee a process of truth-telling. Similar commissions (including truth telling) are common throughout the world and have been established in countries such as Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.
- **Voice to Parliament.** Establishment of an elected voice to the Parliament with constitutional backing. This voice would be empowered to give Aboriginal people a say in laws that affect them. It would be a voice that cannot be removed unless by a future constitutional referendum.

The question is how will the Federal Government, or we as a Christian Community respond to the Statement from the Heart?

The newly elected Federal Government has promised action on the Uluru Statement from the Heart. In his victory speech, new Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced a commitment to addressing First Nations issues. "We will, of course, be advancing the need to have constitutional recognition of First Nations people, including a voice to Parliament that is enshrined in the constitution".

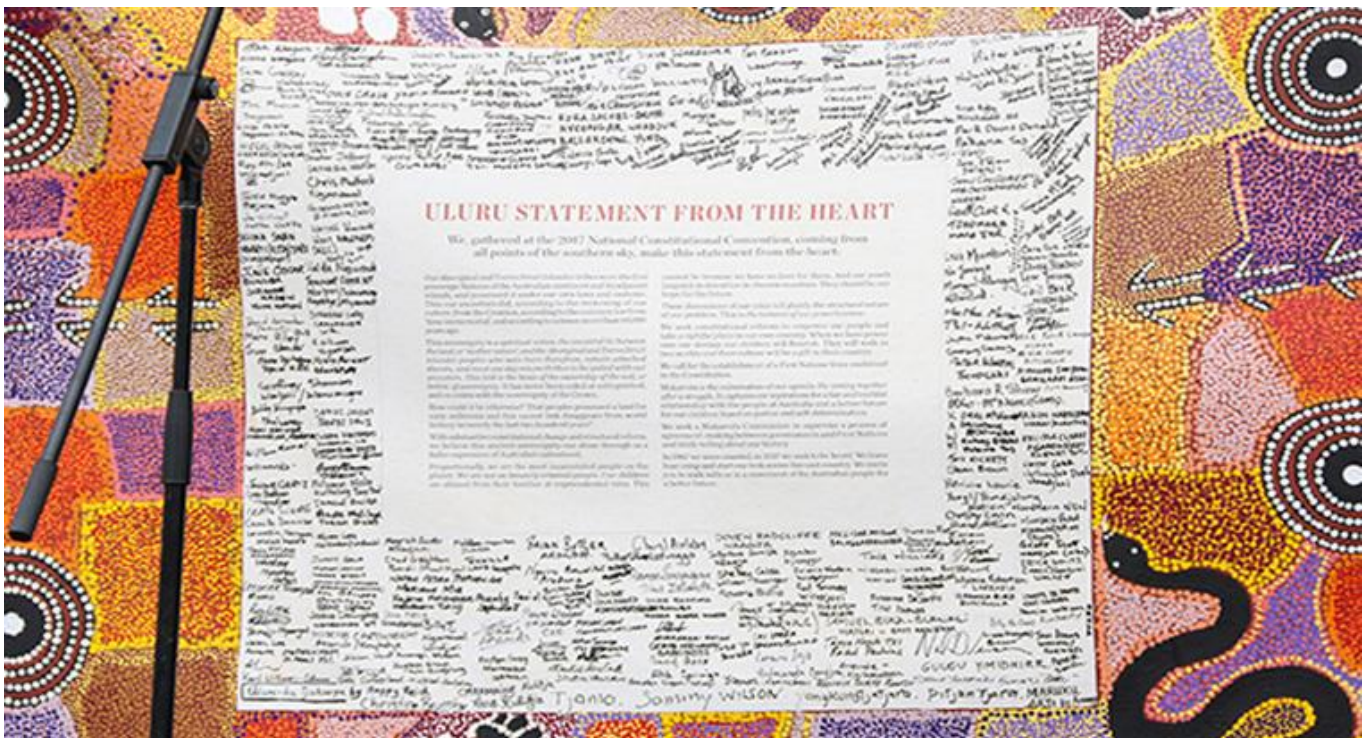
The Synods Justice and International Mission Cluster can help us by giving us the official Uniting Church Position on Aboriginal matters.

The Synod of Victoria and Tasmania has committed itself to: ***Following Christ, walking together as First and Second Nations Peoples, Seeking community, compassion and justice for all creation.***

In response to the Statement from the Heart the Synod has responded by saying the statement developed at Uluru has been given to us by First People as the basis for how we can work together to build a better future.

We are going to be asked to vote on constitutional change which will give First People a voice concerning their future. The Social Justice committee trust you will consider this important issue carefully.

Joe Rankin for the Social Justice Group



Canvas of the Uluru Statement. Aboriginal artist Rene Kulitja, a senior Anangu representative at the convention, created and directed the painting "to bind the discussions that took place with the written statement in a tangible way". The canvas also bears the signatures of the delegates who attended. Source: *Explainer: Uluru Statement from the Heart - Creative Spirits*, retrieved from <https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/selfdetermination/uluru-statement-from-the-heart#what-is-the-the-uluru-statement-from-the-heart>

ROSTERS

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Date	Colour	Bible Reader	Preaching	Holy Communion	Bible reading*	STB	Notes
04-Sep-22		Marlene Thresher			Luke 14:25-33	44	
11-Sep-22		Alan Mathews			Luke 15:1-10	44	
18-Sep-22		Juli Lincoln			Luke 16:1-13	44	
25-Sep-22		Bronwen Mathews			Luke 16:19-31	44	
*NB: For each Sunday there are 4 readings provided by the Revised Common Lectionary. Listed here is the one that the Spill the Beans resources focus on.							
The other readings can be found listed in Spill the Beans or under the Revised Common Lectionary link on the High Street Uniting website.							
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP							
Date	Stewards	Morning Tea Helpers			Flowers	Organ	
04-Sep-22	Roy Gieseeman, Jill Cayzer	Dorothy Bucher, Harriet Holton, John Upton			Gill Jenkins		
11-Sep-22	Jen & Mick Johnson	Marilyn Sheerin, Elaine Kenyon, Sue Baker			Edna Reeves		
18-Sep-22	Jen & Mick Johnson	Fay Loader, Ali Vagenas, Robert Latimer			Edna Reeves		
25-Sep-22	Rona Russell, Heather Rawson	Edna Runciman, Stanley and Viola Zhungu			Marion Coulson		
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (Elders and Communion)							
Date	Duty Elder	Communion Setup		Communion Helpers			
04-Sep-22	Daryl Groves and Erica Hutchinson	Dawn Peacock and Shirley Groves		Rona Russell and Mac Cleland			
11-Sep-22							
18-Sep-22							
25-Sep-22							

Contemporary Worship Information								
Date	Preparing and leading worship*	Acknowled Country & Call to Worship	bible readings	Preaching	children's focus	Holy Communion	bible reading ^a	SIB
04-Sep-22	Barb, Valmai, Glenise	Worship Leaders to organise directly with Volunteers willing to do Acknowledgement of Country, Call to Worship, and Bible Readings.			Meg		Luke 14:25-33	44
11-Sep-22	Alan, Gill			John Connan	Irene		Luke 15:1-10	44
18-Sep-22	Fiona, Arthur, Yvonne			John Connan	Meg		Luke 16:1-13	44
25-Sep-22	Alan, Gill			John Connan	Irene		Luke 16:13-31	44

* Includes choosing songs, and the opening prayer; other elements depending on how worship is shaped up

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP							
Date	Notes	Band leader	Singers	Zoom	Sound	Welcomers (and offering)	Hospitality
04-Sep-22		John	Bronwen, Alan	Matthew	Alan	Marg, Beryl	Santhira
11-Sep-22		John	Yvonne, Valmai	Meg	Alan	Barb, Santhira	Barb
18-Sep-22		Mike	Bronwen, Alan	Karin	Alan	Kate, Joy	Gill
25-Sep-22		Mike	Valmai, Fiona	Meg	Alan	Ley, Patti	Joy
EMERGENCIES:							