

# WESLEY NEWS

## JULY DIARY DATES

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
**TARTAN SUNDAY**  
**PENTECOST 4**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm  
**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
**Holy Communion**  
**PENTECOST 5**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
**PENTECOST 6**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Mark Dickens  
Dr Deidre Palmer  
**PAC SESQUICENTENARY**  
**THANKSGIVING SERVICE**  
**PENTECOST 7**

### MUSIC @ WESLEY

**Choir Practice**  
Wednesday evenings in the  
Choir Vestry at 7.30 pm

### ARTS @ WESLEY

**Patchworkers & Quilters**  
Monday morning in the  
Susannah Wesley Hall  
Contact Pat: 8331 9816

### WESLEY IS HOME TO

**Young Adelaide Voices**  
**Adelaide Harmony Choir**  
**Metropolitan Musical**  
**Theatre Company**  
**Monteverdi Singers**

## NEWS FROM PRESBYTERY & SYNOD MEETING

### New Moderator-elect chosen for SA

Bronte Wilson has been elected to the role of Moderator-elect. Bronte will take over from Rev Sue Ellis in November this year and serve for a period of 3 years.



In his presentation, Bronte reflected on the representation of the Moderator in the wider community. "What's important is seeing God's love in action, caring for each other and advocating for one another in love and truth. I believe the Moderator has a listening role: listening for the Holy Spirit and what God has in store for the Uniting Church". Bronte brings openness and willingness to seek God's will, particularly as the church journeys towards new structures. He is keen to offer pastoral support and encouragement throughout the process of forming and establishing new Presbyteries in S A.

### Presbytery Restructure

The existing structure of one Synod and one Presbytery (existing since 2006) has been modified to allow for more than one Presbytery. Initially there will be two Presbyteries – Generate and Transitional. Associate General Secretary, Rev Sue Page has advised that there will be consultations throughout the state during July and August to discuss the establishment of more new Presbyteries for South Australia. A proposal that the congregations who are part of the Transitional Presbytery should be placed in three regional-based Presbyteries has been referred to the Restructuring Task Group for consideration.



### This Reflection appeared in UC e-News.

Australia is the second most multi-cultural country in the world. Its life, culture and history are dominated by immigration. We have one of the most stable civil governments in the world. We are one of the most prosperous. Australia is attractive and people long for the civic, religious, financial and social stability Australia maintains.

*"Father of all the nations, you call us out of the good of national pride and security to the great of God's purpose for the nations. Help us to understand the times with wisdom and discernment. It's complex. It's very complex. When cultures clash, when expectations differ, when it takes several generations to settle, to truly understand, help us Lord".*

*Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.*  
*Hebrews 13:1-3*

## TARTAN SUNDAY HISTORY

Three million Australians are either Scottish or of Scottish descent. **International Tartan Day in Australia** is celebrated on a local basis in most states on **July 1**, the anniversary of the **Repeal Proclamation of 1782, annulling the Act of Proscription of 1747**, which had made wearing tartan an offense punishable with up to seven years' transportation. According to Scottish House secretary Moyna Scotland, the tendency to disguise Scottish associations was mirrored in Australia: 'Scots did what they were told to do when they came to Australia, assimilate and integrate and they almost disappeared', and consequently one aim of Tartan Day is to help Australians reconnect with their Scottish ancestry. A tartan revival started in 1822, and now many of the Australian States as well as the Commonwealth of Australia itself have their own tartans. [In February 2018, the South Australian Government officially adopted a **State Tartan for South Australia** (see photo)].



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartan\\_Day#Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartan_Day#Australia)

<https://www.scottishtartans.co.uk/Act of Proscription 1746 - The Tartan Ban - Fact or Myth.pdf>



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## TARTAN SUNDAY (cont:)

**SCOTLAND** In 1989 the Scottish Australian Heritage Council began to encourage Australians to wear tartan on July 1, when more than half a million Australians gather for a celebration of Scottish heritage, combining nostalgia with Australian citizenship ceremonies, and fund-raising for charitable causes such as drought assistance. Since 2001, the Scottish Australian Heritage Council and Australian branch of the Scottish National Party have petitioned Canberra for federal recognition of International Tartan Day to celebrate the Scottish contribution to Australian history.

The Act of Proscription, passed in 1746 following the defeat of the Jacobites at the battle of Culloden in April 1745, was *'An act for the more effectual disarming the highlands of Scotland; and for the more effectual securing the peace of the said highlands; and for restraining the use of the highland dress.'* It banned the wearing of Highland Dress except by the military. It didn't ban tartan cloth per se but, because the Highlander was forced into Lowland Dress, the everyday link with tartan was irrevocably severed which resulted in a later perception that tartan itself was banned.

## TARTAN SUNDAY SERVICE

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00 am**

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia and Mrs Le will be in attendance. There will also be representatives of all the Scottish clans, bagpipers and highland dancers. Please invite family and friends along.




## WINTER/SPRING 2018 CONCERT SERIES



The first of our popular series of concerts will be held on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 2.00**

**pm**, and features PAC piano trio and organist, Andrew Georg. Tickets are available at the door for \$15. Afternoon Tea will be available in the Mark Symons hall following the concert.

## PAC SESQUICENTENARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am

 This special service of thanksgiving will recognise the long term links between Prince Alfred College and the Methodist/Uniting Church. It will celebrate the diversity, achievements and tradition of PAC's 150 year history. The worship leader will be PAC chaplain, Rev Mark Dickens, with support from the moderator, Rev Sue Ellis and Rev Alexander Rodgers. Uniting Church in Australia president, Rev Deidre Palmer will be the guest preacher. Music will be provided by the Wesley choir, PAC choir and PAC string ensemble. The organist will be Prof Mel Waters.

## WATTLE RACING PEDAL PRIX VISIT

'Wattle Racing', a pedal prix team which is an official outreach ministry of Eaglehawk Uniting Church, Victoria had a successful visit in June and will stay with us again on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July.

## JUST A THOUGHT

Life has no remote.... get up and change it yourself!

Roy T Bennett

## COME-TO-LUNCH cancelled this month

The July "Come-to-Lunch" has been cancelled as many of the regular attendees are unable to attend. Please watch out for news of future gatherings in the next newsletter.

## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

**Ruby Myers** was baptised on **9<sup>th</sup> June** with Rev Alex Rodgers officiating. A number of family and friends were there to share in this joyous occasion. The service was followed by a delicious morning tea to celebrate Ruby's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday and baptism.



**Marivel Flaherty** had a birthday recently and generously provided a special morning tea for everyone to share after church on the Sunday.

**Rev Alex Rodgers** has a birthday on the 30<sup>th</sup> June and **Doug Baker** will turn 90 on 9<sup>th</sup> July. Happy birthday to you all!



**Ron McKay Smith** is recovering at home after breaking his femur. **Fernetta Bartlett** is also enjoying being back in her own home after a brief period in respite. She sends her love to everyone at Wesley.

**Fiona Atkinson** has gone to Singapore and then Spain where she will participate in a lymphatic massage update course. While in Barcelona she will catch up with her sister Katherine, who will travel from Ireland to meet up with her. **Mac & Margaret Macdonald** are also heading off for a holiday in Europe and Scotland and **Deborah White** is making her annual trip to her home in Italy. **Pam & David George** are escaping the winter cold by taking their caravan up north to Queensland.

We look forward to **Mark & Pat Symons'** return from their overseas holiday in early July.

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