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FAITH LEADERS ENCOURAGE AUSTRALIANS TO RECORD RELIGION IN CENSUS



NSW Faith Affairs Council, Buddhist Council of NSW representative Rev Heather Topp; President of the Hindu Council of Australia Sai Pravastu; Moderator of the NSW Uniting Church Rev Faaimata Havea Hiliu; Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher OP; Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Australia representative Fr John Sorial; NSW Jewish Board of Deputies chief executive officer Michele Goldman and Anglican Bishop Peter Lin. Photo: Alphonsus Fok.

Faith leaders across Australia - including Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and Buddhist communities - launched a multi-faith campaign encouraging Australians to accurately identify their religious affiliation in the August 11, 2026 Census.

The campaign urges people to proudly state their faith and help shape public policy and government funding.

2026 CENSUS
EVERY ANSWER MATTERS

MONDAY MORNING MOVIES

Monday June 6, 10:35am @ Cinema Nova



Exploring the deep connections between humans and nature, **SILENT FRIEND** centres on a centuries-old Ginkgo

tree planted within the grounds of a German university across 3 distinct time periods; 1908, 1972 and 2020. Director Ildikó Enyedi's profound and emotive **SILENT FRIEND** is a visually stunning drama about the quiet, enduring, and mysterious power of nature.

Some German and Cantonese language, English subtitles.

WANT MORE NEWS FROM THE UCA?

Click [here](#) for this week's edition of the National eNews

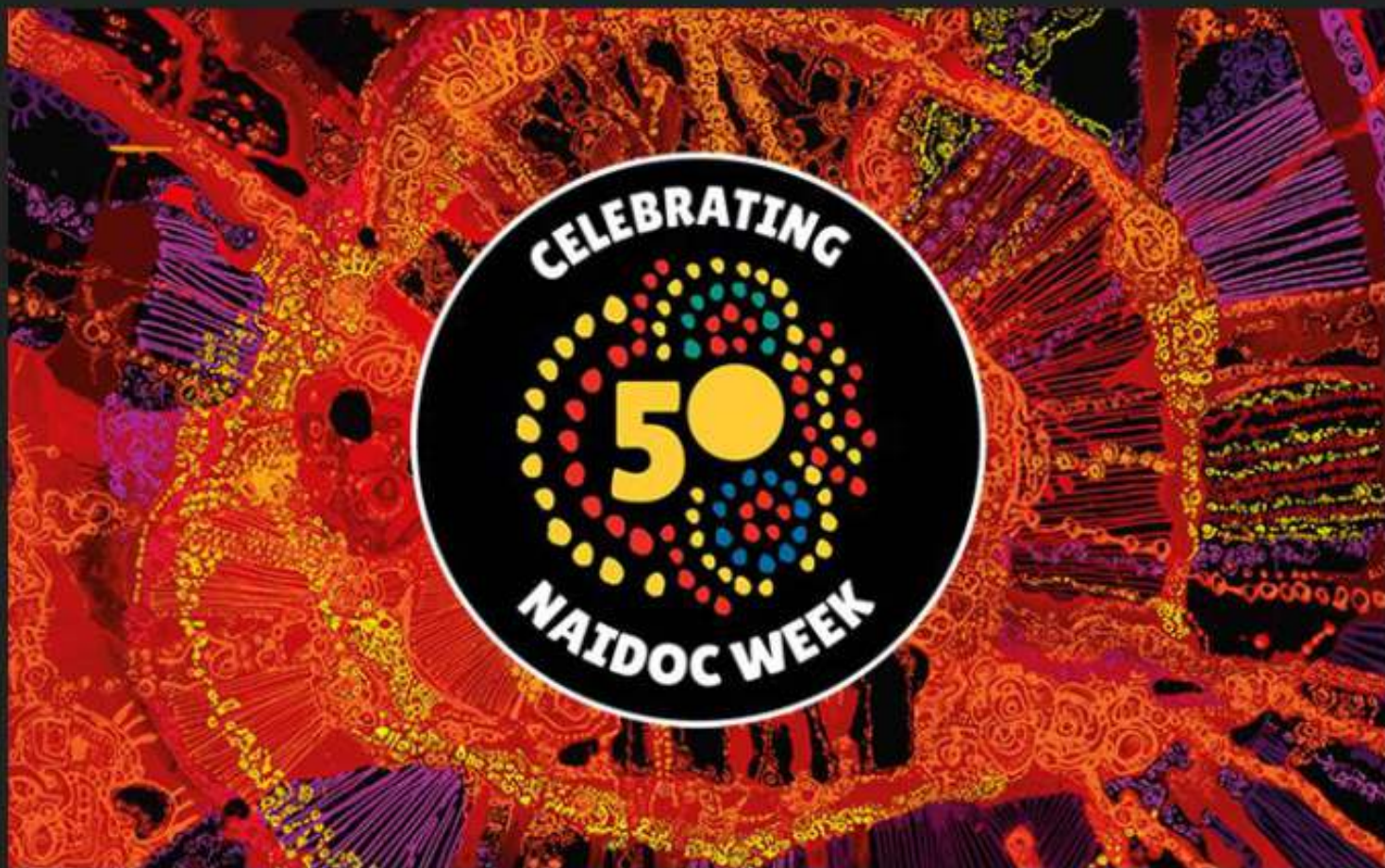


OR

Click [here](#) for the most recent Synod Connect



NAIDOC Week celebrates 50 years



NAIDOC Week 2026 starts this Sunday and marks 50 years of celebrating the voices, cultures and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Together with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, the Uniting Church gives thanks for this significant milestone and recommits to walking together in truth, justice and healing.

As we reflect on the past and look with hope to the future, we invite you to [pray this prayer](#) by UAICC National Co-Chair and Uniting Church Minister, Rev Will Pickett.

NAIDOC Week 2026 (5–12 July)

Over five decades, NAIDOC Week has become a wonderful national celebration of culture, truth-telling and hope, affirming the leadership, vision and aspirations of First Nations communities.

As we reflect on the past and look towards a future shaped by justice, healing and reconciliation, we pray that Christ will continue to guide and strengthen us as we walk together in truth across this land.

We are honoured to publish the following prayer written by Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress National Co-Chair and Uniting Church Minister, Rev Will Pickett.

[Click [here](#) for the prayer]

LAUNCH OF EVERLASTING GRAIL

On Tuesday 2 June, we gathered as a community to celebrate the launch of Everlasting Grail. The event opened with a beautiful smoking ceremony at the University of Divinity's Box Hill Campus and was emceed by Auntie Janet Turpie-Johnstone. This endowed fund establishes an enduring and living structure that will deliver sustainable, recurring funding over the long term to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and projects they lead in theology and spirituality.

The Council of Everlasting Grail will be made up by majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, ensuring that 'Everlasting Grail is grounded in Country, shaped by story, and oriented toward justice. It flourishes through relational strength, holds memory in its roots, renews across generations, and stands visibly as a sign of accountability and hope.' A call for applications to the Council will be made later this year, with a view towards a first funding round to be offered in 2027.

Enabled by three entities—the Grail in Australia, the Australian Collaborators in Feminist Theologies and the University of Divinity—Everlasting Grail carries on the commitment of the Grail to the theological and spiritual formation of women.



Speaking at the launch event, Naomi Wolfe and Katharine Massam presented the Golden Everlasting flower as a botanical metaphor for the legacy the Everlasting Grail will embody. Found growing across all of Australia, its roots are grounded in Country. The beauty of the Golden Everlasting is formed through layered bracts, reflecting intersectional justice and collective protection; resilient and regenerative through fire, representing cultural renewal and continuity; and naturally oriented toward the sun, embodying self-determination and sovereignty. Its interconnected ecosystem, dispersing seeds, and unfolding structure illustrate reciprocity, the sharing of knowledge, transparency, and growth, while its enduring, perennial nature conveys a lasting legacy that nurtures future flourishing.

Read on [here](#)!



HYMNS AND PSALMS ON JUSTICE AND HOPE

JOIN IN SINGING AT STONNINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

All are welcome to join us for this free event on

SUNDAY 12 JULY AT 2.30PM

59 Burke Road, Malvern East

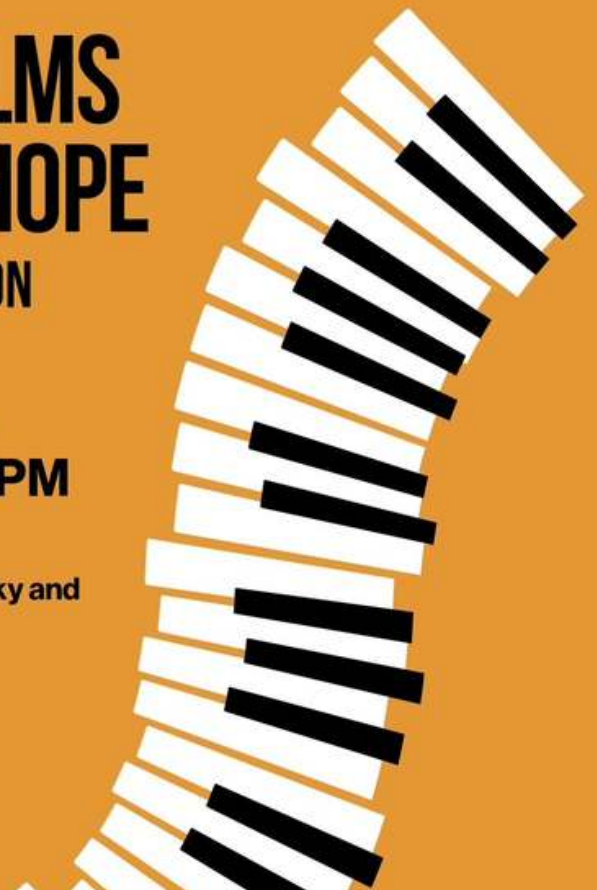
**Pianist Bruce Macrae, organist Colin Prohasky and
guest choir**

Attend live or email for a link to:

ken.barelli@bigpond.com

For enquiries, contact **0418 317 942**

VICTAS UNITING CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY



COMING TOGETHER

SUNDAY 12 JULY 11AM TO 3PM



COMING TOGETHER GATHERING

180 PALMERSTON ST, CARLTON

SUNDAY, JULY 12

11 AM - 3 PM

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join us for a celebration of food, culture and community in Carlton!

The Coming Together Gathering

Join us for an afternoon of warmth, flavour, and connection at The Coming Together Gathering — a joyful community event bringing together different cultures in Carlton around our shared love of food.

At its heart it's a free family long table lunch, cooked by eight community cooks and served from 12.30, alongside live music from neo soul to Turkish acoustic.

There will be three spaces.

- In the weaving room, settle in with Eritrean coffee, bring your knitting, and hear expert weaver Muhubo Sulieman share what her craft means to her.
- In the wayfinding space, explore Melbourne City Council's newly launched food map and discover local resources to support resilient food systems.
- You can also buy pickles made by local cafes and restaurants, or swap something at the food swap stall.

The event is free.

If you're able to donate towards the lunch, proceeds go to other food resilience programs delivered through the CNLC, currently a weekly food market delivering staples to people in the neighbourhood. You can donate [here](#).

Coming Together Agenda:

- 11am: Entertainment and stalls (running until 3pm)
- 12pm: Welcome to Country and speeches
- 12.30 to 2pm: Lunch is served
- 2 to 3pm: More entertainment, stalls, coffee and sweets

Please note: there will be a quiet room set up with weaving, henna and quiet activities (like board games!)

Thank you to the restaurants and cafes that took part in making the preserves: Sunhands, Capitano, Super.norma, Fenton, Bar Bellemy, Cordelia and Iris Bakery.

This event is being sponsored by University of Melbourne, in partnership with City of Melbourne, RMIT, Church of all Nations, The Community Grocer, St Judes and Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre.



CAN 3-week worship roster to 19 July 2026:

	5 July GREEN Pentecost 6 <i>School Hols</i>	12 July GREEN Pentecost 7 <i>School Hols</i>	19 July GREEN Pentecost 8		5 July GREEN Pentecost 6 <i>School Hols</i>	12 July GREEN Pentecost 7 <i>School Hols</i>	19 July GREEN Pentecost 8
<u>Preacher</u>	David H	Rev Rod Brown	Rod Brown	<u>Property</u>	Ken T	Ian B Mark S	Ken T Evan R
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	David H	Jill T	Pam K	<u>Offering</u>	Ken T Michelle A	Ian B Shiny I	Ken T Ethan K
<u>PP Pres</u>	Jill T	Jill T	Pam K	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Jill T	Kate E	Julie P
<u>Music</u>	Kate E Sarah C	Jean E	Shirley Frost	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Noruyi L	Mark S	Jill T
<u>Camera</u>	Ethan K	Ethan K	Jeff J	<u>Flowers</u>	Jill T	Greta B	Shirley J
<u>Read</u>	Leah B	Jean E	Michelle A	<u>HC</u>	Paul M	-	-
<u>AV</u>	Ken T	Ian B	Ken T	<u>Chr Min</u>	- <i>School Hols</i>	- <i>School Hols</i>	Jill T Shiny I
<u>Greet</u>	Jill T	Pam K	Jean D				

THIS WEEK WITH CAN

Sunday 5 July @ 10.00am - CAN Church Worship and Holy Communion with Rev David Howie,
Rev Rod Brown (Supply Minister) - introduction to CAN

Wednesday 8 July @ 7.45am - weekly online Holy Communion

@ 7.30pm - Yoorrook study 6 online

Sunday 12 July @ 10.00am - CAN Church Worship with Rev Rod Brown

@ 12.30pm - CAN Church Council meets in CCS Conference Room (bring own lunch)

@ 11am - 3pm - 'Coming Together' event @ CAN Community Support

EARLY WEDNESDAY ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION

Every Wednesday from 7.45 to 8.15am - all are welcome to participate in this weekly, quiet, reflective service online.

Each provides their own piece of bread & wine/juice.

A fresh zoom link is being used for 2026:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86729575044?pwd=4o9MhCnwWtQAWX6c0qMHaqGD9THbP.1>

Meeting ID: 867 2957 5044

Passcode: 404804



CAN Congregation - Offerings to the Church of All Nations Parish Mission

Your offerings support the ministry and mission of the congregation. The Congregation budget contributes the major component of the Community Support budget as well as ministry costs and other mission support.

Offerings can be made during the church service OR by regular bank transfer. Bank transfers can be regular as weekly, fortnightly, monthly Offerings, OR as an occasional offering

Bank details are:

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000

Account No: 191446954

Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



Lectionary Bible Readings

This Sunday July 5, 2026

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Next Sunday July 12, 2026

Genesis 25:19-34, Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 119:105-112,
Psalms 65 (1-8), 9-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Donations to CAN Community Support

Donations to CAN Community Support are tax deductible and can be made online at www.givenow.com.au/canparishmission, in person at CAN Community Support's Administration Office (Tuesday - Thursday) in the CCS Centre, OR by bank transfer as follows:

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000

Account No: 191170380

Name: CAN Community Support

