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WE CAN BE COUNTED ON (twice!) in 2026

Census 1:

AUSTRALIAN CENSUS (ABS 2026)

Tuesday 11 August is the snapshot evening for your household to be counted in this important 5-yearly opportunity to contribute to how Australia is described, in developing future policy for the Australian community.

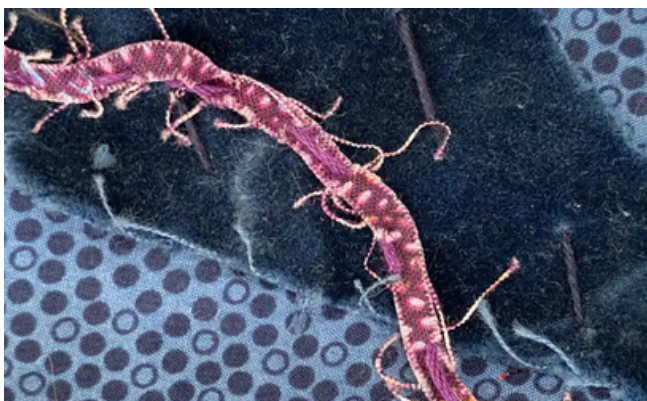


Census 2:

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY (NCLS) 2026

On Sun 13 Sept, our congregation along with thousands of other Australian faith communities will collate details about how we go about our Christian calling: this helps locally (as well as nationally) in developing strategies for strong worship and mission health.

ACFT 2026 CONFERENCE: IMAGINE SOMETHING ELSE



The 2026 ACFT Conference begins at 5:30 pm on **Friday 21st August** with drinks and nibbles and an opening Acknowledgement of Country.

This is followed by dinner and the annual Janette Gray RSM Lecture. This year's lecture is presented by keynote speaker, Mary Kate Holman, whose paper is titled, Boldness, Courage, and Truth: Reclaiming a Gift of the Spirit for Our Time.

Saturday 22nd brings a program of papers and other kinds of presentations and experiences exploring how feminist theologies might enable us to imagine 'something else', a better way.

In person and online tickets available [here](#)!

A WORD FROM CAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

"A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Mid-Year Appeal in June. Together, we raised \$32,880—our strongest appeal result since COVID.

We are incredibly grateful for funds like these, which are not tied to specific programs and can instead support the essential work behind the scenes: administration, marketing, volunteer coordination, and program oversight. Increasingly, these vital functions are the hardest to secure funding for, yet they make everything else possible.

We are humbled by your generosity and deeply thankful for your faithful partnership in the work of CAN. Over the past year, a quiet visitor has gradually become a much-loved part of our Community Lunches. About twelve months ago, Michaela tentatively asked Ayan whether she might be able to play the piano in Dyson Hall. Ayan's response was an enthusiastic, "Heck yes!"



Spaghetti is always a favourite at Community Lunch



Sue serves with a smile!

As it happened, a piano had recently been moved from the back of the church into Dyson Hall and sat patiently, carefully tuned, waiting for someone to bring it to life.

Since then, Michaela has quietly joined us from time to time, filling the room with gentle, original piano music while guests enjoy their lunch. I finally had the chance to properly introduce myself this week—Community Lunches are always buzzing with people to catch up with! Michaela shared how much she enjoys responding to the atmosphere of the room and accompanying the gathering through music, without needing to be in the spotlight. It's exactly how she prefers it.

Her contribution has been a gift to us all.

It is often these quiet offerings of skills, talents and generosity that make our community so colourful, joyful and vibrant. They may not always be noticed by everyone, but together they help create the warmth and welcome that make CAN such a special place."

Virginia Moebus-Nelson, EO

ALSO AT CCS..



Volunteers undertake Overdose Response Workshop



Women's Program visits the NGV

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Carlton's future takes shape around the breakfast table



Chris Jackson, Inner City News

If the discussion at Carlton Inc's quarterly networking breakfast is anything to go by, the future of Carlton will be built through collaboration.

On Wednesday, July 1, Carlton Inc committee members and supporters gathered for the organisation's quarterly breakfast meeting, this time in a new home: the Lincoln Room at the recently opened Crowne Plaza Melbourne Carlton by IHG.

The morning also marked a new chapter for the organisation, with several new members from the local business community and new committee members welcomed as Carlton Inc continues to grow its membership and influence across the precinct.

The new setting proved well suited to the occasion. Guests were greeted with coffee and a breakfast spread from the hotel's Italian restaurant, Fico, while Carlton florist Benty Flowers provided elegant floral arrangements for each table.

Before proceedings began, the room buzzed with conversation as members reconnected with familiar faces and newcomers met neighbouring businesses and community leaders.

With barely an empty seat in the room, the breakfast brought together an impressive cross-section of Carlton's community, including business owners, residents' representatives, community organisations, Victoria Police, City of Melbourne representatives and Lord Mayor Nick Reece.

Opening the morning, Carlton Inc chairman Sergio Alderuccio welcomed guests before introducing the organisation's new committee members and outlining Carlton Inc's vision of bringing together the many voices that make up the precinct.

Read on [here](#).

VALE REV DR JOHN BROWN AM: A FAITHFUL PIONEER OF THE UNITING CHURCH

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Rev Dr John Brown AM, one of the Uniting Church in Australia's most influential leaders, who died last Friday, 17 July, at the age of 92.

A faithful servant whose vision shaped the Uniting Church, John helped shape the theological imagination, mission priorities and public witness of the Uniting Church for more than four decades. His was a ministry defined not by personal prominence, but by faithful leadership, genuine relationships and an unwavering conviction that God's mission is lived through justice, partnership and reconciliation.

His enduring legacy can be seen in the Uniting Church's commitment to Covenanting with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC), its understanding of itself as a multicultural Church, its global vision for mission and its long-standing partnership with the Korean Church. Through patient leadership and unwavering determination, John helped lay foundations that continue to guide the Church today.

"John was one of the Church's significant leaders, and a pioneer of multicultural and covenant ministry in the UCA," said Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli.

"Although I had known of Rev Dr John Brown's ministry for many years through the life of our Church, it was a privilege to finally meet him two years ago through the Korean National Conference. By then I already knew of the significant contributions he had made to the Uniting Church, but what has stayed with me most is not the breadth of those achievements. It is the memory of his humility, his gracious spirit and the warmth with which he related to people.

"I still remember watching him converse so naturally in Korean with members of the Korean National Conference leadership. It was a simple yet profound moment that revealed the depth of the relationships he had nurtured over many years and the genuine love he held for the Korean community.

"As we give thanks for John's faithful life and witness, we hold his family, friends and all who mourn his passing in our prayers. In the hope of the resurrection, we commend him into the eternal love and mercy of God, giving thanks for a life faithfully lived in the service of Jesus Christ."



Born on 24 September 1933 near Mount Gambier, South Australia, John was the fifth of eight children. Raised in a pioneering farming family, he learned the values of hard work, humility and perseverance before studying Philosophy and Middle Eastern languages at the University of Melbourne, and later Theology at Presbyterian Theological College (now Ormond College).

During his university years he met Norma, who would become his wife and lifelong partner in ministry. They married in 1957 and committed themselves to missionary service in Korea.

Ordained into the Presbyterian Church of Australia in 1958, John served in the regional Victorian towns of Bairnsdale and Omeo before he and Norma answered God's call to Korea in 1960.

For the next 12 years he taught Hebrew and Biblical Studies at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul, pastored village congregations and served the Presbyterian Church of Korea. Those years forged a lifelong love for the Korean people, their language and their Church.



CAN 3-week worship roster to 9 Aug 2026:

	26 July GREEN Pentecost 9	2 Aug GREEN Pentecost 10 <i>Holy Communion</i>	9 August GREEN Pentecost 11		26 July GREEN Pentecost 9	2 August GREEN Pentecost 10 <i>Holy Communion</i>	9 August GREEN Pentecost 11
<u>Preacher</u>	Rod B	Rod B	Rod B	<u>Property</u>	David J	Ian B	Ken T Evan R
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Sue C	Rod B	David H	<u>Offering</u>	David J Noyuri L	Ian B Noyuri L	Ken T Ethan K
<u>PP Prep</u>	Evan R	Rod B	Evan R	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Shirley J	Pam K	Jean E
<u>Music</u>	Glen W	Jean E	Jean E	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Coco C	Leah B	Coco C
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	Ethan K	Jeff J	<u>Flowers</u>	Jill T	Greta B	Greta B
<u>Read</u>	Evan R	Greta B	Evan R	<u>HC</u>	-	Shiny I	-
<u>AV</u>	David J	Ian B	Ken T Sue C	<u>Chn Min</u>	Ken T Shiny I	?	Jill T Ken T
<u>Greet</u>	Leah B	Shirley J MacN	Jill T				

THIS WEEK WITH CAN

Sat 25 July @ 9.30am - 4.45 pm - JIM Convention at Centre for Theology & Mission

Sunday 26 July @ 10.00am - Worship with Rev Rod Brown @ CAN Church

Tuesday 28 July @ 6.30pm - online CCS Board meeting

Wed 29 July @ 7.45am - online Wed early Holy Communion

Sunday 2 August @ 10.00am - Worship, Holy Communion with Rev Rod Brown @ CAN Church

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=4o9MhCnwWtQAWX6c0qMHaqGDa9THbP.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

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Lectionary Bible Readings

This Sunday
July 26, 2026

Genesis 29:15-28, 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b, Psalms 128,
Psalms 119: 129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Next Sunday
August 2, 2026

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

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:

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