

## **Introducing...**

**Michele Lake** current chair of Church Council & treasurer of Cooinda ... she shares her story ...



**My church story starts long before I was born; it started on Christmas day in 1944, when my father asked for Mum's hand in marriage. Dad being a Catholic, Mum a Methodist, not so welcoming in those days. Dad promised my Grandmother he would marry my mother in the church of her choice, and should they have children they would be brought up in the church of my mother's choosing. I was born in Wynnum and grew up in the Wynnum/Manly district. I had one sister six years older than myself. By the time I was 10 years old we had moved homes five times, eventually, settling in a house in Manly.**

**My church life started when I was baptised in the Methodist Church at Wynnum as a young baby. My first Sunday School, aged 3, was at Wynnum West Methodist, then I attended the Wynnum Presbyterian Sunday School and Church with my mother (a special time). My claim to fame - at the church fete, I won a cooking competition aged 8 - cooking pikelets. Another move and I was off to Lindum Sunday School and afterwards into the car and off to Manly Methodist for church. I was fortunate to have a connection with every Methodist church in the district. Now all have been combined into Bayside Uniting. In my early teens I attended youth group at the Assembly of God Church at Wynnum West.**

**In my late teens I drifted away from the church, attending irregularly, wherever I was, buying a home and moving away from Wynnum/Manly. In my thirties, I spent a few years at the Wynnum Baptist church. So my life went on, I always had some understanding of Christianity, perhaps an immature understanding, however I believed God was always with me.**

**I was transferred to the Gold Coast in the late 80's and moved to Currumbin, and would attend church once again very irregularly. I became adept at sneaking in and out, hopefully not being noticed.**

**Eventually one Sunday, Rev Glennis caught up with me, and simply said, "You are always welcome here, and perhaps you would like to attend more regularly". Something to ponder???**

**As I headed towards retirement, my pondering became more in depth, and I finally started to attend church a little more frequently. When I**

retired I knew what I wanted to do, or perhaps I was being called to do. When asked at work what I was going to do in retirement, I would simply say “look after my father and return to church life”.

So my journey began in earnest, I attended an Emmaus weekend, and met a wonderful lady, Lorraine, whom I thank for her patience with me. I am still growing in Christ, and look forward to each day growing closer to Jesus.

I now look back and understand that those turning points in my life that I thought were my decisions were not really mine, but a path I was being led to follow. I am thankful and full of awe that the path has led me to this loving community and closer to Jesus. Blessings Michele Lake



Our Church has been involved with the **KIDS HOPE** Programme at the Elanora State School for the past 14 years. We now head into our 15<sup>th</sup> year with 11 mentors. The mission statement says - ‘One Church, One School, One Child, One Week, and One Year’. For the mentors it is a time of joy and satisfaction that we are building up a relationship with a child in that time each week. At the end of term last year, one little fellow said to his mentor - ‘Come with me, and I will show you the block that I will be in next year, so that you will be able to find me’. If you are interested in learning more about the Kids Hope programme, please talk with Jan Drury, the Co-ordinator. Your prayers are certainly so very much appreciated and welcomed.

*Jan Drury, Co-ordinator.*

**Leisuretime** is collecting pre-loved reading and sun glasses as part of the **LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT** program. Via humanitarian organisations, over 7 million pairs of these glasses have found their way from Australia to Africa, Asia, India, East Asia, the Far East, China, and countries of the Pacific Rim, Southern Asia, and Oceania! Recently, members in ocean-going yachts have reached and tested villagers in very remote areas, and delivered spectacles to them!

Please place your unwanted glasses in boxes at Church or Leisuretime over the next few weeks.

*Enquiries to Beryl: 0418 794 667*



**HOW DO I  
DONATE MY  
SPECS?**

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Our churches (local denominations) coming together for prayer 12 - 4<sup>pm</sup> at Living Temple Church, Tugun.

- 5<sup>pm</sup> BBQ dinner at Burleigh Heads Point, followed by
- Worship there at 6<sup>pm</sup>  
All welcome.



Living Temple is also hosting the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**, at 9:30<sup>am</sup>.  
All welcome



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Mueller College, Rothwell  
<http://igniteexpo.org.au/>

Over 800 like-minded people, keynote presentations, and over 70 elective workshops make **IGNITE** great value for those interested in children's ministry, at church or in schools.

Are you interested?

Visit the website for more information.



Thanks to BlueCare for our new entry signage on Applecross Way. We also have new letterboxes there.

Please note that the church office postal address is now:

17a Applecross Way  
Elanora 4221  
Phone: 5534 5817



If you are a gifted musician or singer, or have skills in data or sound operation, please come along to our first **MUSIC TEAM MEETING** on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February** at 7pm in the church. We will hear about our purpose as a team, where we are heading, and how you can be a part of this team.



See Jo Rogers for more details:  
Ph 0429 047 303 or email  
[rogersjm@outlook.com](mailto:rogersjm@outlook.com)  
Looking forward to seeing you!

**LENTEN STUDIES** – starting 10<sup>th</sup> March. See Carol or Rhonda. Details on the noticeboard and website.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** – due by 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please email to the office.

**CONGREGATION AGM** – after worship on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Nominations for congregation chair and secretary should be received in the office by 10<sup>th</sup> March. Nomination forms available this Sunday.

**THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READING:** Luke 6: 27-38

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**CALLED TO....**

- ✚ Love (1 Cor 13:1-13) February 3
- ✚ Obey (Luke 5:1-11) February 10
- ✚ Joy (Luke 6:23) February 17
- ✚ Goodness (Luke 6:31) February 24

But the fruit of the Spirit is



against such things there is no law.  
Galatians 5:22-23