



THE LEISURETIME TID-BITS

A Message From Rev Andrea Follett,
Relieving Minister at Elanora & Currumbin Valley Uniting Church



Christmas time evokes a variety of emotions and memories, unique to each person. Often these emotions and memories are in relation to family, to friends, to holidays and maybe even particular favourite foods. Sometimes it is hard to get around to all of the tasks that are expected of us – by others and by ourselves, before we feel like we can enjoy it.

The church calendar begins anew at this time of year, **with Advent** – four weeks of preparation as we lead in to Christmas. **The themes of Advent are hope, joy, peace and love.** We use these themes both to look back and celebrate God entering our world in Jesus; and to look

forward, to the second coming of Christ. We reflect on being people of faith in the now-and-not-yet time between these two events. **As you prepare for Christmas, may your preparations take on the flavour of hope, joy, peace and love and may your celebrations be full of all your favourite Christmas things.**



Each week, Leisuretime depends on the generosity of our teachers to instruct our members in our classes. We are so grateful for your contribution. **MANY THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED 2023 TEACHERS.**



Al, Carol, Mary, Dianne, Paulette, Gail, Heather, Jenny, Gloria, Francis, Doris



Susie



Jan



Christine



Mae



Desley



Kerry



Roslyn

THE LEISURETIME TID-BITS NOTICES

❖ Break-up Day – Wednesday, 6th December



**9 am Starting
Time**

- ✓ Our Special Guest Entertainer is **Peter Tanna**
- ✓ He will sing 2 brackets of songs.
- ✓ The Assembly Hall will be set up with tables.
- ✓ Morning Tea will be served on plates and eaten at your table.
- ✓ You may like to bring decorations to decorate your table to add to the festivities.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR ELANORA UNITING CHURCH SERVICES

- ❖ **Sunday 17th December 2pm – A Remembrance Service of Reflection** for those missing from our Christmas table this year through death, distance or another reason; or for those grieving other losses like a job, a pet, or health etc.
- ❖ **Christmas Day, Monday 25th December 9am** – Elanora Uniting Church All Age Service.



Leisuretime AGM - Monday, 22nd January, 2024 at 8.30 am. All Members are welcome to attend.

Leisuretime Teachers, Friends of Leisuretime and Committee Morning Tea at Cooina, Monday, 22nd January, 9.30am.

Leisuretime resumes Wednesday, 24th January, 2024.

The Pantry and Cooina closed until 23rd January .

The Autumn Fair in conjunction with the Elanora Uniting Church and Local Schools, will be held on Saturday, 20th April, 2024 in the Elanora Uniting Church grounds.



Your Leisuretime Committee would like to thank you for your support during 2023 and

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Jenny Glenys, June Carol Beryl Bev Barrie Sue Norma

THE LAST BIT: A man buys a parrot for Christmas and brings him home. But the parrot starts insulting him and gets really nasty, so the man picks up the parrot and tosses him into the freezer to teach him a lesson. He hears the bird squawking for a few minutes, but all of a sudden the parrot is quiet. The man opens the freezer door, the parrot walks out, looks up at him and says, "I apologize for offending you, and I humbly ask your forgiveness." The man says, "Well, thank you. I forgive you." The parrot then says, "If you don't mind my asking, what did the turkey do?"