



# Ringwood Uniting Church

**Contributing in the tradition of Jesus to known and unknown neighbours' lives**

## **Practising Worship**

### **Sunday 9am - Contemporary**

A service organised by our worship teams and the minister. It includes modern songs led by our music groups involving younger and older members of our church community.

### **Sunday 10.45am - Formal**

A more traditional service organised by the minister with Hymns played on the pipe organ.

## **Practising Community Engagement**

### **Playgroup – Friday mornings**

Every Friday morning, during school term, children up to 4 years of age and their parents come together to socialise and explore a variety of play activities in a caring environment.

### **Biala**

Staffed by a Co-ordinator, two day conveners and forty volunteers, the respite programme has been operating for over 30 years and is designed to give parents of children with additional needs (0 to 6 years) one day a week relief.

### **Ringwood Uniting Church Preschool**

RUC runs a Preschool offering both 4-year-old and 3-year-old sessions run in partnership with Uniting Care Victoria and Tasmania. The Centre offers a high quality preschool program with strong connections with the church and connecting with our increasingly multicultural community.

### **Kids Hope (Prep – 6)**

In a partnership between RUC and Great Ryrie Primary School, our mentors find ways to build a meaningful relationship with a child to make a positive difference in their life.

### **FRESH YOUTH THEATRE High School aged students – 2 Seasons per year - Every Tuesday during term**

Fresh Youth Theatre is a program primarily focused on achieving social change through the use of applied theatre techniques. Applied Theatre is the use of theatre to accomplish nontheatrical objectives. Fresh uses a range of applied theatre practices to bring about societal development and personal growth.

### **Community Living Centre – CLC**

The CLC Committee each semester offer a variety of community based activities for fun, fitness and friendship at Ringwood Uniting Church.

### **Walking Groups – Weekly on Wednesday mornings**

We have two walking groups that walk locally and within the nearby foothills of the Dandenong Ranges and the valleys of the Yarra River.

### **RUC Bicycle User's Group – Saturday mornings**

The group offers regular rides along Melbourne's bike paths and trails. For the longer rides, a full day is required.

## **Practising Hospitality**

### **Friendship Centre – Mondays during school term**

Our group of helpers and older members of the community who may have difficulty attending church meet weekly to share in fellowship and a lovely lunch together.

### **Fellowship Luncheon – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

This is an opportunity to listen to a speaker, share a meal and have time together to talk and get to know each other better in a relaxed atmosphere.

### **Creative Friendships - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11.30 – 3.00 pm**

This is an enthusiastic group who love craft including sewing, quilting, knitting, scrapbooking and Christmas cards. A great way to spend Saturday with the opportunity to develop new friendships, and skills.

### **Music Appreciation**

This is a group for all lovers of classical music. It meets once a quarter in the comfort of a member's home.

### **Social Activities Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night Feb-Nov**

This group runs a variety of nights during the year and supports other annual events such as "Sing Out For Joy".

For more information on any of these activities contact us on 9870 6033 or visit our website at

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## Practising Discipleship

### **Junior Church – 9am Service**

Every Sunday during the school term the young kids from pre-school to grade 4 are engaged with activities during the second half of the 9am Service.

### **Talkback**

Fortnightly, Grade 5 and 6 kids meet after the 9am service to share some food and discuss the message of the service from their perspective.

### **KONTROL**

Kontrol is the Sunday morning discussion group for years 7 and up young people. It meets approximately every fortnight and we discuss a range of topics such as relationships, values, social justice issues, faith sharing, understanding of God, current affairs, Bible study, the church and what it stands for and how it works.

### **Café Conversation – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

Between the services, a new conversation each month as speakers inform us of where they have been, what they have done, who they work with or how we should be involved.

### **RUCYA**

This is a group for young adults in VCE and above that meets monthly on Monday evenings from 8.00pm. For more information, please contact Kerryn Gosbell.

### **Faith Sharing Groups**

Our Faith Sharing Groups meet on a Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening twice a month. They provide a time to relax, enjoy coffee and join in conversation around a faith topic.

### **Book Group**

The group meets in members' homes bi-monthly to discuss books supplied from the Uniting Church Otira Theological Book Club. It's provides an opportunity for a lively discussion and lovely afternoon tea.

### **Wine & Wisdom**

Wine and wisdom offers a chance to come together over an informal meal and a glass of wine (or soft drink!) and discuss, challenge and explore some of the big questions about faith and God. Bring your doubts, your thoughts, some food and your kids, and participate (or just observe if you're more comfortable with that) in some thought provoking discussion.

### **Matthew in the Café**

Meets monthly in the church foyer on Wednesday evenings for a bible study based on readings from Matthew's Gospel.

## Practising Partnership in Mission

### **Mental Health Ministry Partnership**

Ringwood Uniting Church has partnered with the Mental Health Ministry of the Yarra Yarra Presbytery of the Uniting Church in Australia. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry through volunteering your time then check out information at <http://www.each.com.au/volunteer/>

### **Timor-Leste– Hosana Church, Dili**

Ringwood Uniting Church is privileged to live in partnership with Hosana Church, in Dili, Timor Leste. We support the local Hosana Training Centre project which provides training in English language, computer skills and music for young people living in and around Dili.

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