

# BELMONT UNITING CHURCH

7th February Weekly Newsletter 2021

## THE YEAR OF HOPE

Welcome everyone to the Year of Hope - 2021. A warm welcome back to Rev. Ikani, Moana and family. We trust you enjoyed precious family time together.

We hope this year will be a much better one for us all and that we can manage these new 'Covid normal times.' This newsletter is temporary and designed to update everyone on what happened over the holidays and also includes information of new events coming up.

This format is a trial using the same program - called Canva - that was used last year. Discussions will take place within the Communication Committee on how best to move forward using this excellent program to produce a smaller weekly newsletter. This will continue to be emailed with hard copies available on Sunday mornings for those without internet.

**Worship - Sunday 7th February is at our usual time of 10:00am with Holy Communion**

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## In Loving Memory



Geoffrey Douglas Anderson - 22nd December 2020

Doreen Golding - 25th December 2020

Heather Davis - 25th December 2020

Brian Norman John Wood - 20th January 2021

*We keep their families in our prayers*

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A story on Brian in the Geelong Advertiser 5th February begins with " Few people could match Brian Wood's knowledge of Victoria's Western District and the rich heritage of its farming properties. Friends joked that if the veteran agent stood atop Mt. Elephant near Derrinallum and gazed across the flat expanses, he would be able to name every property in every direction and also identify each owner of those farms, past and present."

The late Brian Wood shares a proud moment with his granddaughter Anna





It is with great sadness we are sharing the news that Anne Wandendeya died in the morning of Wednesday the 27th of January.

After several months of suffering from a rare and aggressive cancer Anne died peacefully in her own home in Mbale with her family close by.

Anne became Director of BCC in 1998 after the sudden death of her husband and founder of the Bushikori Christian Centre, Pastor Sam Wandendeya. She has filled this role with fortitude, courage and above all, love. Sincere love for all the children, she knows all those who have come in need to BCC, and their families and circumstances.

As Director of the Bushikori Christian Centre, Anne's life was committed to knowing each sponsored child and was like a mother figure to them. All who have been involved through the program in the past 26 years will always remember her faith and care.

It is no exaggeration to say hundreds in Uganda will mourn and pay tribute to this remarkable lady.

Her strength and selflessness and commitment to Jesus and His calling leaves a legacy that will be widely recognised in Uganda, she will be sorely missed.

We too here in Australia are mourning the loss of our dear friend and sister in Christ, as will so many here who have been touched by Anne's example and witness.

We take this moment to pray for Anne's immediate family, especially remembering Samson, Grace, David, Mary and Matthew as they mourn the loss of their mother. We pray for the Ugandan Board of Trustees for Bushikori, as they begin the process of selecting a new Director. We give thanks to the Bushikori Uganda Executive Committee and the Heads of Departments who are continuing the work during this time of loss, mourning and transition.

The Australian Support Committee mourns the great loss of our godly and wise sister in Christ, as our partner in this work. We remember our dear friend Anne, for her kindness, and her gentle yet unwavering faith that touched each one of us.

May Anne now rest in eternal peace.

A service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Anne will be held in Geelong in February. Details to follow when confirmed.

In Christ's love,  
the members of the Australian Support Committee.

The Australian Support Committee of Bushikori suggested that a donation towards the cost of Anne's funeral service and catering would be gratefully received at Bushikori.

The BUC church executive have decided to have a retiring offering after the 10 am. Morning Service on February 14th. to assist with this request.

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Council Meeting - Tuesday 2nd March @ 7:30 (Fellowship Room)

Annual General Meeting - Sunday 14th March

Annual Reports to Secretary required by 2nd March