

Warrambui Gathering

18 - 20 October 2013

A weekend of Reflection, Healing and Challenge for those who are passionate about the future of the Lutheran Church in New South Wales.

The NSW District is holding a weekend of fellowship, teaching, inspiration, encouragement, challenge and prayer for its members. ***The 'Warrambui Gathering' will be held over the weekend of October 18 - 20, 2013.*** It is always good for the people of Jesus Christ to come together as a gathered whole. In a time of declining numbers, financial pressure, damaged morale, and a crisis of confidence, the weekend is intended to give impetus to fresh thinking and direction, and renewal of hope and courage. It will be the Holy Spirit equivalent to a Work Camp.

The weekend will include:

- Joyful worship of God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, in particular celebrating our core truths, namely Jesus Christ as the only centre for our lives, and only by grace, through faith in Him, established on the Word of God.
- A time for expression of our frustrations, pains, disappointments and grief over the situations which confront us, and together casting all those cares on Him.
- Straight forward New Testament teaching about Christians using their Spirit-bestowed gifts and capacities in their local settings.
- An evening in which accounts of Christ-centred growth and personal testimony can be shared.
- A 'Panel Time' during which any or every question can be asked... and honest answers given.

Pastor and 2 congregational 'delegates' registration 11 - 25 August 2013
General registration from 26 August 2013

The following electives will be available:

- Encouragement and teaching for those who lead worship with music.
- Encouragement and instruction toward helpful use of contemporary technology and internet resources.
- Teaching about Basic Pastoral Care
- Encouragement and teaching in Mentoring and Discipling
- Teaching and encouragement for prayer, especially intercessory prayer.
- Teaching and encouragement around small group/connect group/home group/bible study group.



A key feature of the gathering is that it will be FREE to those who come! It will be offered as a GIFT to you, the people of the Church in NSW.

Register by completing the attached form or online at www.lcansw.org.au/gathering

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Friday 18 - Sunday 20 October 2013

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Failure and decline are not inevitable. We do not have to be on a path to death from which resurrection is impossible. For those "In Christ Jesus" faith and hope can always be renewed and rebuilt. To continue on without review and reflection about who we are, and where we are going, without at least asking questions and searching the scriptures, would be sad, and even bitter, to contemplate. Our conviction is that Jesus is Lord, and "In Him" the Heavenly Father is always for us and the Holy Spirit is always within us. As Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, ...*Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:24)*

Many of our members and friends have never been to our 'Gathering Place' at Warrambui. This may be because there was never a particular reason to be there. Often it has to do with cost. *Whatever the case, this weekend will be provided free-of-charge.* The finance to cover costs has been generously provided by the LLL Ministry Fund. It is nothing less than an investment in the building-up of the heart and spirit of our people. It is deliberately targeted at turning the good ship LCA NSW off the rocks and setting it on a fresh and healthy course.

There is an important note about registration. We are committed to giving every Pastor and every Congregation the opportunity to participate. Therefore registration will take place as follows. In the two week period leading up to August 26 registration will be open for each Pastor and up to 2 delegates from each congregation in NSW. From the 26th of August registration will be open to everybody else... but remember that there will only be 190 beds available (unless you arrange your own accommodation nearby.)

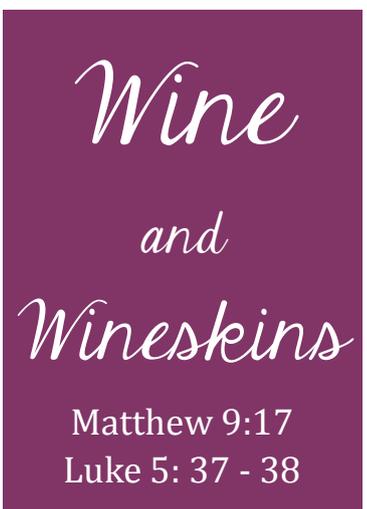
It may be that such an event will fill Warrambui to capacity. If that is so it may be necessary to ask our Canberra brothers and sisters to travel from home. However please note that we will be unable to have children attending.

Please don't come just because it will be a free weekend. We want those who attend to be passionate about seeking the Lord's heart for us in NSW.

We understand that many of you could be uncomfortable attending with someone else paying the bill. You will have the opportunity to express your gratitude through the Sunday offering. It will become seed-money for future Gatherings.

The organising team for this event are Pastor Fred Veerhuis, Tanya Cunningham, Fred and Inta Gollasch, Russell Veerhuis, Pastor Joel Cramer and James and Judi Doecke.

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ... When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father." John 15: 5 - 8



For further information visit www.lcansw.org.au/gathering/ or call the district office on 02 9736 2366