

WACA News

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WELCOME BACK

Past Events—What We've Been Up to

Coming Events

15th February

Baptismal Service

AM

17th February

Church Meeting

22nd February

Ignite Lunch

5th March

WACA

Leadership

WACA YM Launch – 30 & 31 Jan 09

There was an average of 25 people who attended the WACA YM launch at the end of January. The launch started on Friday night with worship and teaching to draw our focus onto Jesus the source of our strength and endurance to enable us to finish the year as strongly as we start. The chance to engage in extended worship was appreciated by many.

Saturday began with 30 people meeting at the Indulgence Café for breakfast and fellowship then we headed back to the church for the remainder of the Saturday's sessions. The Youth and WACA teams split until lunch to allow focus on specifics for both areas then we rejoined for a sausage sizzle for lunch. The teams split again after lunch then rejoined for a final wrap-up, pack-up iced coffees (thanks Michelle & team). The launch provided everyone with the chance to get to know

other team members more, to focus on our approach to the year ahead on our Lord whom we serve.

WACA Leadership Meeting (05 Feb).

The leadership team (minus Ben who is o/s) had their first full meeting of the year early February to get things rolling for 2009. We reviewed the feedback from the Launch and looked at ways to make next year's launch work better. We also discussed different approaches to the WACA newsletter – so don't be surprised to see a few new things occurring in the newsletter over this year. The roster for the year was reviewed with the AM services staying much as they are, the evening service planning is still underway with Pete Neilsen and his team. We also looked at upcoming events to ensure we had them in our diaries. The evening finished with prayer.

Prayer and Praise

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Carolynne Cormack

Praise the Lord Carolynne has been declared in remission. It was great to have her back as part of the worship team on 9th Feb. Remember to give thanks and praise to our lord and God for his grace and mercy for Carolynne and her family. We serve an awesome God!

Brendan Carne

Brendan has resigned from the WACA team as he is moving to Sydney for his work. We wish him well in all his future endeavours.

Kristen Brooks-Dowsett

Is still recovering from an injury sustained over the summer break so please keep her in your prayers

Schools Back

(Uni's soon)

The school year has been up and running for a week now so everyone should be almost back into the school routine – Uniforms, packed lunches, bus/train/car trips. School Zones are back in action so DRIVERS: beware!

Words from Derek's Desk

Welcome to the first WACA News for 2009. As we kick off the year there are a few things I really want to say.

Firstly, a massive thank you to our WACA News editor and chief, Deb Watts. Month by month she continues to produce an excellent publication for our enjoyment. Part of healthy and good community is communication and WACA News does an excellent job of keeping us up to date with all things WACA and getting to know each other a little better. We should all know everybody's favourite Shrek character by now!

Secondly I wanted to bring to your attention the move of Ignite from Thursday nights to Sunday lunch once a month. I want to thank the small number of faithful people who have faithfully attended ignite over 2008. We have had a great time together however it is not serving its primary purpose. Ignite is all about community. It is the only chance outside of our normal activities to catch up together. I know there are those involved in the ministry who don't really want community and feel that there

commitment to the ministry ends with doing what they do when they are rostered. I have listened and heard from those that feel that way; however I don't believe that is what God wants of us, both as a ministry and as a church. We have moved Ignite from Thursday nights to Sunday lunchtimes to make it easy for everyone to get there. If you are part of WACA you need to make Ignite a priority. If you don't think it should be a priority you need to come and talk to me about that. I am really looking forward to having some great times together. Please feel free to bring other members of your family along even if there not involved in WACA. For those of you have kids we are trying to organize somebody to look after them for the short session we have after lunch.

Can't wait to see you for our **first Ignite** on the **22nd of February**.

Thanks for reading and please do all you can to help Deb with WACA News. She is always looking for people to write articles or contribute in some way.

God Bless
Derek

Changes for 2009

Ignite

Ignite for 2009 will be held on the fourth Sunday of the month after the morning service. It will start with a lunch followed by activities for that month. The change has been introduced to give every WACA member the opportunity to attend as many as possible with as little chance as possible of clashing with other activities. (Refer to article above)

Equip/PD

Another change we are planning for this year is to hold development nights periodically through the year to assist team members to hone their skills e.g. vocals, guitar, leading etc. Watch out for information and plan to come to the one that suits your skill set.

A Prayer of a New Day

This prayer was given to all those who attended the Launch breakfast. It is reproduced here as the prayer from the Youth and WACA pastors for all the team members to share in for the year ahead. May you use this prayer as you start your ministry this year.

Heavenly Father, Our God of yesterday, today and a new day to come

We thank you for the year past,
For the high points which brought us joy,
For the painful struggles which taught us endurance,
For the lessons learnt,
For the kids we have reached out to,
For the worship we have given,
We thank you for the year past.

We thank you for the present,
For the knowledge of your presence,
For the reality of your guidance,
For the times we are kept on the edge of our seats wondering,
All the while knowing you are faithful.
For the things being revealed now,
For the things you are holding from us
We thank you for the present.

We thank you for a New Day,
For the assurance of hope
For the promise of your direction
For the things that seem distant
But you have them sorted
For the ministries that are continuing
For the ministries that are starting
For the ministries that are concluding
For the faithful workers
Serving to see your kingdom grow
For the lives that will be touched
And turned to you
We thank you for a New Day

Welcome Back

The Newsletter editor and contributors (that's many WACA members) welcome you all to the first WACA Newsletter for 2009.

We hope you have had time to rest, enjoy catching up with friends and family over the Christmas /New year break and are ready to meet the exciting year ahead.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to keep your focus on Jesus amongst all the activities involved in serving him this year.