

UCA COMMUNITY GROUPS

Type of activity	Presb	Church group	Contact person	Details
Opportunity shops/ the disadvantaged / Lifeline groups				
Opportunity shops:				
1 Baulkan Hills Op shop	PN	Baulkam Hills		
2 Jindabyne	C	Jindabyne	Derek Watson	
3 Grafton Coffee shop Second hand shop	FNC	Grafton		
4 Sawtell	FNC	Sawtell		
5 Mullumbimby Second hand shop and coffee	FNC	Mullumbimby		
6 Brighton/Kogarah Storehouse	GR	Brighton/Kogarah		
7 Bellingen op shop	MNC	Bellingen		
8 Nowra opportunity shop	I	Nowra	Harry & Laurel Kellett	
9 Dapto op shop	I	Dapto	Rev Owen Lukins	Increasing emphasis to bring a mission focus. Helps include unchurched people.
10 SWR Community op shop	MNC	South West Rocks	J. Wickham	Administration - UCA Manned and profit % shared by local community groups.
11 Nambucca Heads & Bowraville op shop	MNC	Nambucca Heads		% of proceeds to 3 local 'deserving' organisations.
12 Mid North Coast Lifeline	MNC			
13 South Coast Lifeline				
14 Op Shop	FNC	Maclean	Pastor Ray McIlwraith	
15 Corrimal Op Shop	FNC	Corrimal	Jenette Walker & Auriel Young	Self funded
Lifeline groups:				
1 Grafton	FNC	Grafton		
2 Port Macquarie	MNC	Port Macquarie		
3 Broken Hill		Broken Hill		
4 Tamworth Action against addiction	NENW	Tamworth		
5 Lifeline South Coast (crisis, financial) + clothing stores, book fare				

**Coffee shops/catering /food/ feeding/ education seminars/ cultural/ social events for community/ exercise/
sport/ crafts/ markets**

Coffee shops/catering /food/ feeding					
1	Incredible edibles (Uturn)	Hun	Hamilton-Broadmeadow	Ricky Berghofer	6 weekly activity where people take turns to organise a meal in a restaurant. Meals are pre-ordered to save time. Approx 40 attend. Raffle held to raise funds.
2	Canowindra Food Basket	MD	Canowindra	Libby Baulkham	Held every Friday morning. People can obtain food and essentials for a nominal fee.
4	Cabramatta, Cronulla cafes	PN	Cabramatta		
5	Lismore coffee shop	FNC	Lismore		
6	Murwillumbar Red Dove Café	FNC	Murwillumbar		
7	Taree Red Dove Café		Taree		
8	Wagga drop in Centre	Riverina	Wagga Wagga		
9	Newcastle inner city The Bridge: café style church; organic dinner;		Newcastle		
10	Broken Hill drop in centre		Broken Hill		
11	Narooma Drop in Centre	Canb	Narooma		
12	Maitland Coffee & Chat; Munch program	Hun	Maitland		
13	Grafton Whitehouse Café	FNC	Grafton		
14	Eddie Dixon Centre Paddington	Syd	Paddington		
15	Mustard Tree Café	MD	Orange UC	Rol & Dorothy Mitchell	
16	Katoomba Tuesday Open Hearth community meal	P		10	
17	Wollongong Wesley Tea Shoppe	I	Wollongong		
18	Merewether UC Kumra Kitchen	Hun	Mereweather		A community kitchen providing food for the homeless. The local Services club provides the bus and food is donated by local businesses. The university community is involved.
19	Kippax Uniting Care Community Centre	Canb	Kippax		
20	Narromine Food Barn Canowindra Food barn	MD	Narromine		
21	Finley FFF Friendship Fun and lunch (Uturn)	Riv	Finley		
22	Hillston CAMEO Come and meet over lunch (U turn)	Riv	Hillston		
23	Balkan Hills, people with disabilities	PN	Baulkham Hills		

24	Parramatta Mission Family and Homeless services, Ermington Family Learning centre	PN	Parramatta		
25	Community housing, motel, apartments for Westmead children's hospital, Youth accommodation centre, youth crisis accommodation centre, meals plus.....				
26	Leichhardt Epworth House Youth Hostel (22)	Syd	Leichhardt		
28	Wagga court house ministry	Riv	Wagga Wagga		
29	Lismore Graze & Praise	FNC	Lismore		
30	Uniting Care - Foodbank	MNC	Macleay Valley-Kempsey	Noeline Hawes	Distributed by Noeline in Kempsey. Noeline has basically financed the purchase of foodbank supplies by running morning teas (viewing her husband's orchid display) and stalls selling cakes and soft toys (donated & refurbished by her). It is her witness and showing hospitality on behalf of the church.
31	Meals program	MN	Wauchope	Storrs?	
32	Hostel morning tea	MNC	Wauchope		
33	Meals on wheels	MNC	Urunga		
34	Monthly bazaar & coffee morning	I	Nowra	Shirley Chittick	
35	Catering groups	MNC	Nambucca Heads		
36	Rotary breakfasts	MNC	Nambucca Heads		
37	Food Parcel Ministry	MD	Dubbo	Mrs Lorraine Smith	Providing food parcels to needy folk who come to our office door or even on a Sunday morning when folk are assembled for a service.
38	Community Kitchen	MD	Dubbo	Mrs Cassie Carrington	A group of our members volunteer once a month at Community Kitchen (a non-denominational concept) serving meals & offering fellowship to up to 80 needy people.
39	Women's Breakfast	MD	Dubbo	Mrs Kay Diamond	once a quarter we have a women's breakfast, open to all denominations, for up to 80 ladies. We have a guest speaker & share a wonderful time of fellowship together.
40	Norman Andrews House	Syd	Bondi Beach	Omar Abidin	Feeding homeless, working with people with drug and alcohol addiction and assisting them with housing and legal assistance.

41	Newtown Mission	Syd	Newtown	Rev Doug Clements	Drop in centre serving lunch and dinner and providing legal assistance.
42	Wayside Chapel	Syd	Kings Cross	Rev Graham Long	To assist people with drug and alcohol addiction, legal representation and programs for at-risk youth.
43	Edward Edgar Lodge Hostel	Syd	Wesley Mission	Rosemary Cottrell	
44	Magnolia Healing Centre	Syd	Bondi Beach		Run programs for women who have suffered abuse - they offer a counselling service, art therapy, dance classes, yoga and meditation.
45	Just Grounds Espresso Bar			Mark Muss	Alternative lifestyle ministry
46	Loaves and Fishes	FNC	Casino		
	Craft groups:				
1	Craft & sewing group	MNC	Bellingen		
2	"Sew and Sews" group	MD	Orange	Suzanne Cashmere	An opportunity for outreach whilst enjoying craft activities.
3	Berry Craft Group		Berry	John Brentnall	
4	"Stitched Up" for high school students	MNC	Bellingen		
5	Friday Stitchers / Thursday Night Stitchers	I	Bomaderry	Mrs Janette Kibble	Great expertise amongst members - everyone helps each other.
6	Craft Group	MNC	Laurieton/ Bonnie Hills		Approx 90-100 every Tues. Mostly non-church members.
7	Craft Afternoons	MNC	Nambucca Heads		Making trauma bears for Christmas boxes
8	North Lake Macquarie Willows Craft	MNC	Lake Macquarie		
9	Bay and Basin Craft Group	I			
10	Nitter Natter	CC	Mudgee	Lee Paine	A monthly open gathering of folk, mainly seniors, to enjoy each other's company and friendship while doing a little knitting and crocheting to create goods for those in need.
11	Community Craft Group	FNC	Burringbar	Iris Clayden	
12	Adamstown Craft Group	H	Adamstown		

	Social:				
1	Hymn sing-a-long	MNC	Port Macquarie		
2	UPA groups - choir & entertainment	MNC	Chatham		
3	Singles group	I	Gerringong	Peter Chapman	
4	Book Club	I	Gerringong	Peter Chapman	
5	Men's Breakfast	I	Mittagong	Frank Moore	
6	Keiraview Fun Day	I	Keiraview		
7	Keiraview Coffe & Chat	I	Keiraview		
8	Community Fun Days	I	Dapto	Rev Owen Lukins	Held on church property. Activities for children, craft stalls (church & non-church) games, BBQ, puppets, jumping castle, fire engine. 3 active members came through the market days. Others have attendded occasionally.
9	Canasta club	I	Nowra	Shirley Arthur	
10	Friendship group	MNC	Wauchope		
11	CWA	MNC	Urunga		
12	Local radio	MNC	Urunga		
13	Red Dove Day (Uniting Care)	MNC	Nambucca Heads		
14	Choral Society of Manning	MNC	Manning	Bob Berry	
15	Ladies Café	MD	Dubbo	Rev Margaret Middleton	
16	Friendship Morning Tea	FNC	Brunswick Valley		Monthly meeting for lonely women
17	Maclaen Chat & Cino (U Turn)	FNC			
18	Paddington Arts events	Syd			
19	Springwood Open House	PN			
20	Casino Country Gospel afternoon	FNC			

21	Engadine 250 Club (U Turn)	GR			
22	Cambelltown Community Babeque	PN			Regeneration, craft, movies, soccer
23	MLMA Project Reconnect	MD			Small congregations discussing messge, reconnecting communities, hosting catering events
23	Bathurst Races Barbeque	MD	Bathurst		
24	Alstonville Orchid Club	FNC			Community social event
25	WOW Women of Worth	NENW	Tamworth		
26	Women's information days	PN	Baulkam Hills		
27	Pub Chat		NW		
28	New Lambton Father's Group	Hun	New Lambton		
29	Indoor Bowls /scrabble	FNC	Brunswick Valley		
30	Gerringong Singles Group	I	Gerringong	Peter Chapman	
31	Book Club	I	Gerringong		
32	Mittagong Men's Breakfast	I	Mittagong		
33	Down Under	CC	Mudgee	Angela Middleton	An intentional networking of folk in the Mudgee community who wish to explore faith and spirituality in a broad and progressive fashion. Meeting for short bursts through the year (a few weeks at a time) currently the DVD discussion course 'Living the Questions" is being offered.
34	Canowindra Cooperating Anglican & Uniting Churches	MD	Canowindra		Meetings for maginalised groups in the community run as an intentional ministry.
35	Sharing Shed	CC	Southern Cudgegong	Graeme Gardiner	An open community monthly gathering for a meal and guided conversation around issues of life and spirituality hosted by the congregation at Rylstone
36	Uniting Patches	FNC	Maclean	Liz Imrie	Mid-week group for working women
37	WONFA	FNC	Kingscliff	Estelle Crabb	We Ought Never Feel Alone'
38	Mainly Music	FNC	Alstonville	Kayleen Cooper	
39	Table tennis & indoor bowls	FNC	Alstonville	Eric Bostock	
40	Friday night Friendship Group	I	Shellharbour	Beth Laird	To attract non-church women
41	Camden	Syd	Camden		Home based interest groups of 18-30 yr olds - connecting, impacting, influencing & empowering.

42	Midnigth Café	MD	Dubbo	Naomi Nash	A alternate place for young people to meet which has a café and live music venue.
43	The Dungeon	H	Adamstown		A weekly jazz club.
44	Adamstown 'Old Blokes'	H	Adamstown		

	Markets:				
1	Port Macquarie	MNC	Port Macquarie		
2	Community markets	MNC	Wauchope		
3	Dapto Markets Outreach	I	Dapto	Sue Atney	Held last Sunday of month
4	Mittagong markets	I	Mittagong	Dorothy Nugent / Frank Moore	
5	Work in community at sale yards	MNC	Nabiac	Jill Hammond	
6	Monthly BBQ at Maclean markets	FNC	Maclean	Pastor Ray McIlwraith	Profits go into a 'crisis account' for community support, not in church funds.
7	Paddington weekly markets	Syd			
8	Yamba market - puppets/fairtrade	FNC	Yamba	Greg Mashiah	
9	Dapto Community Fun Days	I	Dapto	Rev Owen Lukins	
	Counselling:				
1	Grief & Loss	MNC	Port Macquarie	Kaye Olsen	
2	Divorce & separation	MNC	Port Macquarie		
3	AA groups	MNC	Bellingen		
4	AA groups	MNC	Chatham		
5	Parkinson's Support Group	MNC	Nabucca Heads		
	Bible study/ Prayer:				
1	Women's Bible study	MNC	Bellingen		
2	Adult Fellowship	MNC	Bellingen		
3	Friday Friendship group	I	Shellharbour	Beth Liard	To attract non-church women
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	Fitness / Health:				
1	Heart & Soul Fitness	I	Dapto	Rev Owen Lukins	The first hour is for the gentle exercise program while the second hour involves a healthy morning tea, a short Bible message and discussions on various, wide-ranging, holistic health issues. The team leader (Janet Hyam, a qualified group exercise leader) now organises and runs the fitness activities each week, while other team members are on a roster to provide a healthy morning tea and a short Bible message. The rest of the time is for the discussion on health issues, often with visiting speakers.
2	Bowls	MNC	Laurieton/ Bonnie Hills		Weekly. 30-40 mostly non-church members.
3	Bowls	MD	Orange Uniting Church		
4	Yoga Group	MNC	Nambucca Heads		
5	Indoor Bowls / Scrabble	FNC	Brunswick Valley		Weekly meeting
6	Mullum to Brunswick Valley Fun Run	FNC	Brunswick Valley		Congregation have tems that run in this community Fun Run wearing labelled bibs to identify themselves as a UCA.
	Chaplaincy:				
	Chaplaincy to historic aircraft society	I	Shellharbour	Pastor Grahame Abrahams	

Environmental issues/ community gardens/ Fair trade

1	Nimbin/ Channon Alternative lifestyle ministry fair trade cafe	FNC	Nimbin / Channon		
2	Dorrigo Morning tea celebrations (Uturn)	MNC	Dorrigo		
3	Sydney North Earth Matters groups	Syd	Sydney North		
4	Permaculture Springwood	PN	Springwood		
5	Adamstown/ Permaculture/ Uniting Care Ageing - Mayfield	Hun	Adamstown		
6	Wallsend	Hun	Wallsend		
7	Eden community garden	Canb	Eden		
8	South Sydney community garden	Syd			
9	Berry community garden	I	Berry	John Brentnall	
10	Bill's Place	Hun	Hamilton-Broadmeadow	Ricky Berghofer	A fair trade shop/cafe held in foyer of Wesley Church Tues-Fri 10am-3pm. Volunteers (some from Incredible Edibles group who are happy to assist at a non-church activity) Tea/coffe/ soup served.
11	Feed My People community garden	NENW	Moree	Rob Buchan	To provide a safe meeting place in Moree to produce food and build community between farmers, retirees, the aged (many ex-farmers with no outlet to sow and reap), the church family and local families, the needy and local school communities. This project aims to take Moree's congregation out of the church building and into the community – to develop new meaningful relationships with the Aged Community from the local Aged Care facilities and with the local indigenous families and individuals who regularly seek food as part of welfare assistance.
12	Bellingen Eco ministry faith community markets	MNC	Bellingen		
13	Community Garden	Syd	Glebe Café Church		
14	St Luke's Belmont community garden	Hun	Belmont		
15	Far West Indigenous Church community garden		Broken Hill		
16	O'Connor community garden	Canb	O'Connor		
17	Chatswood South community garden	SN	Chatswood South		

18	Cooma community garden	Canb	Cooma		
19	Evergreens	MD	Parkes		
20	Gymea-Miranda community garden	GR	Gymea-Miranda		
21	Broken Hill Aboriginal community garden				
22	Merewether Community Garden				On joint owned land behind the church linking with community kitchen.
23	Mudgee Community Garden	CC	Mudgee	Gayle Wynne	A joint venture with three local organisations serving people with mental illnesses to create a community vegetable and fruit garden in the rear yard of the church property to assist with client's well-being and lifestyle needs.

Multi cultural/ refugee work/ International mission

1	Kippax emergency relief	C	Kippax		New child and family support
2	Korean New Generation fellowship group	KC			
3	Tongan Second Generation 15-30 yr olds				Prison ministry, Drug & Alcohol Camp, Easter Camp, band
4	Chatswood language classes	SN	Chatswood		
5	Baulkham Hills supporting refugees	PN	Baulkham Hills		
6	Jesmond Park	Hun	Jesmond Park		Afterschool help program for Sudanese youngsters with links to the local Primary School.
7	Wagga Wagga Sudanese soccer, language classes	R	Wagga Wagga	Moses Taufa or Tony Davies	
8	Griffith Islander language services	R	Griffith		
9	Peak Hill East Timor building project	MD	Peak Hill		
10	Gordon Mexico building project	K	Gordon		
11	Uniting Care Hunter Nursing Home 'Garden for Life'				
12	Refugee settlement	FNC	Lismore	John Morris	
13	Cabramatta Vietnamese soccer team	Syd	Cabramatta		

Seniors/ Nursing Home ministry/ Men's Sheds

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1	Hospital visiting	MNC	Port Macquarie	Margaret Ironside	
2	Nursing Home services	MNC	Wauchope	Dot Barden?	
3	Aged care facilities and homes	MNC	Chatham		
4	Bellingen Hospital action group	MNC	Bellingen		
5	Nursing home outreach & services	MNC	Bellingen		
6	Monthly singalong - aimed at seniors	I	Dapto	Rev Owen Lukins	A number of unchurched people started to come through personal invitation.
7	Sing-a-long for seniors	I	Mittagong	Shonagh Moore	
8	Keiraview aged care	I	Keiraview		
9	Computers for seniors	I	Berry	John Brentnall	
10	School for Seniors	SN	Dee Why		
11	Anzac Dawn Service Morning Tea at RSL	MNC	Red Rock	Max Moase	
12	Visits and entertain people at care home. ?	MNC	Red Rock	Max Moase	
13	Red Cross entertainment	MNC	Red Rock	Max Moase	
14	Monthly service for aged care	MNC	Red Rock	Max Moase	
15	Visiting homes, hospitals & aged care, CWA, Anzac day & local groups.	MNC	Nabiac	Jill Hammond	
16	Seniors Club	MNC	Nambucca Heads		
17	Hostel/ nursing home visits/ services	MNC	Laurieton/ Bonnie Hills		
18	visits to elderly, sick & bereaved	MNC	Urunga		
19	meals and activities for the elderly	MNC	Urunga		Community bus brings the elderly to the church.
20	Hostel ministry, nursing home.	MNC	Urunga		
21	Nursing home visits & services of worship	MNC	Nambucca Heads		
22	Sunshine Hour School for Seniors	R	Wagga Wagga		
23	Friendship Luncheon & communion service	MD	Peak Hill		Held monthly
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	Men's Sheds				
1	Nowra Men's Shed	I	Nowra	Rev Venn James	
2	Berry Men's Shed	I	Berry	John Brentnall	Membership 50+
3	Taree Showground Men's Shed		Taree	Show official	Making bikes for the people in community who cannot get out & about. Easy to make mobile, they are made from 2nd hand ones given. Have sent them overseas with help from Taree Lions Club.
4	Dubbo Men's Shed	MD	Dubbo	Mr David Pattinson	we do have a couple of men involved with the local Men's Shed here in Dubbo.
5	Orange Men's Shed	MD	Orange		
6	Molong Men's Shed	MD	Molong		
7	Borenore/Nashdale Men's Shed	MD			
8	Cudal/Cargo Men's Shed	MD			
9	Junee Men's Shed	R	Junee		
10	Tahmoor Men's Shed	PN	Tahmoor		
11	Narrandera Men's Shed	R	Narrandera		
12	Bowral	I	Bowral		
13	Jindabyne	C	Jindabyne		
14	Wangi Wangi Men's Shed	H	Wangi Wangi		
15	Morpeth Men's Shed	H	Morpeth		
16	Terrigal Men's Fraternity (Uturn)	K	Terrigal		
17	Melba Shed	C	North Belconnen		
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Camps/ child care/ play groups/ after school care/ Youth/ RI & scripture classes/ School chaplain/ Easter camps/ NCYC/ Black Stump/ Kids campout/ Riverina snow

	Playgroups:				
1	Port Macquarie playgroup	MNC	Port Macquarie		
2	Nowra playgroup	I	Nowra	Judy Eaton / Faith Kettlewell	
3	Weekly playgroup	I	Dapto	Sue Atney	
4	Mum to Mums	I	Dapto	Sue Atney	Networking mothers from playgroup contacts to support each other and be involved in wider community.
5	Kids Club	I	Gerringong	Peter Chapman	
6	Child care group	I	Mittagong	RosemaryThomas	
7	St Columba pre-school	I	Keiraview		
8	South West Rocks Mini-movers	MNC	South West Rocks	Isobel Herman	A developmental program for children 0-5 yrs & their parents. No evangelism but sharing the love of Jesus.
9	Plaster Fun House	MNC	South West Rocks	Ruth Bannerman	
10	SRE	MNC	Urunga		
11	Burnside children	MNC	Nambucca Heads		Making children's clothes, resources for Burnside staff training.
12	Playtime groups	FNC	Mullumbimby		two groups Mon & Wed am
13	Family Focus	FNC	Kingscliff	Craig Blackburn	
14	Children's Christmas Cele	FNC	Kingscliff	Craig Blackburn	
15	Early childhood pre-school	FNC	Burringbar	John Morgan	
16	Brunswick Valley Playtime	FNC	Brunswick Valley	John Morris	
17	Port Macquarie playgroup	FNC	Port Macquarie	Kaye Olsen	
18	Mum to Mum	FNC	Dapto	Sue Atney	Networking mothers to support each other and be involved in the wider community.
19	Childcare playgroup	FNC	Mittagong	Rosemary Thomas	
20	Bellbird Kid's Club	H	Bellbird		An outreach to children, parents and grandparents.
21	Kurah Kid's Club	H	Grahamstown		A disadvantaged area with an Aboriginal Mission. Links with the local Primary School.
22	Bright Ideas Playtime	H	Adamstown		

23	Parents and Littlies (P.A.L.S.)	MD	Bathurst	Robyn Wray	A group for Parents and children from birth to school age. A small group of mums and church members run the group each week. All of the parents at P.A.L.S. assist in the setup and cleanup each week. Members of our church congregation assist in cutting up the fruit for the children's morning tea.
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24	Bathurst KUCA	MD	Bathurst	Ellie Mowbray	We have a four square program which consists of games, tea, devotions and craft. We have a team of four who organize food and another two who run the program and do the craft.
25	Bathurst Uniting Youth Group	MD	Bathurst	Pete and Julie Sackett	We meet every Friday night during school terms. Young people are encouraged to take up leadership of it and ownership in it. Parents, our Family Ministry Resource Worker and our Minister provide their support, each usually asked to assist once or twice a term. Pete and I usually are there about 4-5 times a term to provide consistency of leadership. We try to have some impromptu spiritual dialogue that connects with life issues or something topical in the news or events happening around the kids to help them to ponder God stuff.
Community church services not for members					
1	Elvis Gospel Service	MD	Parkes		To come together in devotion when away from home on that weekend.
2	Church in the Schoolyard	MD	Forbes	Lyn Bullard	
3	Tamworth South Country Music Service	NENW	Tamworth South		
4	Narooma Oyster Festical Service	C	Narooma		
5	Chaplaincy to Historic Aircraft Society	I	Shellharbour	Pastor Graeme Abrahams	