



Barmera Uniting Church Centenary

Saturday-Sunday 12-13 October 2019

Here are further details of the centenary celebrations planned for October. If you are able to attend that would be great. If at some stage you've been involved with any of the activities of this congregation but you cannot attend we would be delighted for you to send a greeting and some memories which could be shared at the gathering on the Sunday afternoon. This could be as text to be read out (email is fine) or an audio or video file to be played at the appropriate time.

Program

Tuesday-Friday (10am-4pm) in the week prior - church hall open to the public to view displays and wedding photos.

Saturday 12 October 2-5pm: Displays and refreshments in church hall

Saturday evening 6-8.30pm: Dinner at the Barmera Hotel Oasis Room

Sunday 13 October 10am: Service with Rev Sue Ellis (Uniting Church Moderator in SA)

Sunday lunch: 12-1pm Catered lunch in church hall

Sunday 1.30-3pm: Sharing memories in church hall. Finishing with afternoon tea.

Please pass on this information to friends and family members who have been part of this church in the past. We need to spread the word!

Note: this event celebrates the centenary of the first steps to establish a Congregational church in Barmera. We'll have another celebration in 2022 to celebrate the opening of the present church building.

More information

Ron Harris (Phone (08) 8588 2460 or 0428 821 532 or email ron_harris51@yahoo.com.au)

David Badger (Phone 0403 022 272 or email badg0010@gmail.com)

Notes on the program

The **Saturday afternoon session** (2-5pm) is informal. People can come and go when it suits them to view the displays including the wedding photos (see below) in the church hall, reminisce with friends and have a cuppa.

Dinner – Saturday evening (6 - 8.30pm) in the Oasis Room at the Barmera Hotel. It is expected that each person will order and pay for their own meal.

During the evening there will be opportunity for previous ministers to share some memories or bring a greeting.

After the meal, a PowerPoint presentation of the wedding photos (see below) will be displayed and the photos identified. The winner of the competition will be announced.

The SA Uniting Church moderator will get to 'say a few words'.

**** We need to know in advance who is coming to the dinner so please let us know if you plan to attend so that a place can be booked for you.**

Sunday lunch (12 - 1pm in the church hall). Lunch will be catered by an outside group (Ed and Judy Cottam) at no cost to those attending. There will be no significant formalities during the meal so you won't be missing anything (other than a nice meal!) if you choose to dine elsewhere.

**** Again, to help plan the catering, please let us know if you expect to be present for this meal. Contact Ron or David (see details above).**

Wedding photos. As part of the celebrations, any people who were married at the Barmera Uniting (or Congregational) Church have been invited to provide a wedding photo. These will be on display in the hall, numbered but without identification. Those who view the displays will be given a sheet on which they can attempt to identify as many of the married couples as they can. The winner will be announced on Saturday evening. Photos will be on display in the church hall Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm (in the week prior) and on Saturday 2-5pm.

Memorabilia

Do you have photos, videos, stories, or other memorabilia from your involvement at Barmera? We would love to add these to the centenary display in the hall.

Accommodation

If you're returning to Barmera for the centenary celebrations you are welcome to contact any of the following to arrange accommodation.

Accommodation options

Barmera Hotel/Motel. Barwell Ave. 8588 2111

Barmera Caravan Park (Discovery Holiday Park) 8588 2234

Barmera County Club (at the golf course). Hawdon Street, Barmera. 8588 2888

Barmera Lake Resort Motel (facing Lake Bonney). Lakeside Drive. 8588 2555

Barmera North Lake Caravan Park. Queen Elizabeth Drive, Barmera 8588 7353

Cobdogla Station Caravan Park (Cobdogla) 8588 7164

Glossop Motel, Old Sturt Highway, Glossop 8583 2379

Berri Hotel – Riverview Drive, Berri. 8582 1411

Big River Golf & Country Club Motor Inn, Old Sturt Hwy, Berri 8582 2688

Berri Riverside Caravan Park, Riverview Drive, Berri 8582 3723