

## **Dayboro Uniting Church celebrates 125 Years on 18th October 2025**



For all of its 25 years as an independent Uniting Church with its own ministers, the Uniting Church at Dayboro has had as one of its goals to be relevant to its community and to engage the whole community in its mission. This has been successfully done through linking into most of the local activities in the area and

inviting the Dayboro community to participate in our activities. We enjoy very warm relations with local service groups, medical centres, businesses, art and craft groups, sporting groups, aged care providers, History and Progress Associations, government representatives and agents, and so on.

**This year in October the Dayboro Uniting Church celebrates 125 years in the community and it got us thinking what other stories could be told? Stories of individual, community and family support. Be it in a crisis or everyday life? We are looking forward to the 125 year Church Anniversary that will be taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Our “Walk through the Decades in Theatre and Song” will have two public performances (10.30am and 2pm). We hope to see lots of old friends and ‘locals’ there. It is important to book as we can only accommodate 100 at each session. If you RSVP to Christina 0408 889 136, we will hold a seat (and ticket) for you. Just indicate which session you would like to attend. It is a free event. Both sessions will be followed with great food and a display of historical items. Entry by booking only.**

We are excited about the scores of people from the community who don't usually attend worship who have joined us in presenting this event – from local acting, music, singing and service groups and local government. You are invited to join in the fun and food.

**Dr Paul Inglis**, member of the congregation.



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Never before in my life have I woken up in the morning, hail, rain or shine, full of enthusiasm because I couldn't wait to get to church. Since 2022, I've rushed out the door every Sunday, giving thanks that I was led to the beautiful little church in Dayboro, a place that feels like home. I'm grateful to be Immersed in the warmth of a loving Christian community, where volunteering for various tasks is not only a privilege, it also enriches my faith and spiritually nourishes my soul. But more than that. We worship in a building that is 125 years old, made special because the great grandfather of our current pastor donated the land in 1900 on which the Presbyterian church was built.

The original building was extended due to increased attendance in 1905, demonstrating early community support and growth. In 1924, the building was relocated a mile to its present location in the heart of Dayboro. In 1961, a hall was added, expanding its capacity for events, gatherings, and outreach activities. Since then, the congregation has become part of the newly formed Uniting Church in Australia, resulting in the national merger of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational denominations.

I'm honoured to be a part of a community of people whose love for Jesus is reflected in the way we love each other and warmly welcome everyone to join us for Worship Services, Yard Sales, High Tea, Trivia Afternoons, Musical jamming sessions, Conversation Club, and many more activities. Speaking of activities, on 18th October, beyond the white picket fence and roses, we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of our Uniting Church building. I'm also proud to be involved with the team that has plans to present "A Walk through the Decades in Theatre and Song".

To ensure the 125th anniversary event is successful, we kindly invite you to partner with us through prayer and giving. Prayers, donations and other support will enable us to create a meaningful, welcoming experience for all who attend. No gift is too small—every contribution brings us closer to embarking on this vibrant journey through our cultural heritage and the life of our church. Please make your gift to Dayboro Uniting Church, BSB-6333 000; account number 183102011. Thanks for helping us celebrate this milestone. Come and join the fun on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

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