



27th October 2019

### Passionately Pursue Joy - Philippians

On Wednesday, Felicity and I attended the Playford Alive celebration night, where the 2019 Local Heroes and the recipients of the Playford Initiatives Fund grants were recognized. It was a great night! To recognize wonderful individual stories of folks who are overcoming their challenges and seeking to make some kind of difference and organisations that provide opportunities to do the same, was rich indeed. Although this time felt different from the last time I attended some two years ago.

Two years ago, we were in the early days of establishing our community, with a dream of a festival still to be realized. I went along genuinely wanting to make an impact in Playford yet still feeling like an outsider, like we were doing something for the community we were in, rather than with the community we were a part of. Last night though, it was different. As we looked around the room we saw a number of people with whom we had worked and partnered with over the last few years. We reconnected with a number who still carry the Playford Alive development through their leadership and commitment. We celebrated with two Local Hero award winners who had both worked with or attended programs run by our partners through the space. We met parents and friends and made new connections as those we knew introduced us to those they knew. We were locals and we loved it.

Receiving the grant was a wonderful gift and to be applauded by our friends from Family by Family as we received it was really encouraging. But my greatest joy was two small moments later on. One was a text from Felicity later that night simply saying, "I love events like these" and the other was a conversation as I was leaving, with someone who said, "I have never been to church or been interested in it, but I would like to come along, would that be ok?" Our joy, as we are discovering, is truly found in Jesus and in the life he calls us into, but ponder this. Paul, in his writing from the Roman jail to his dearly loved brothers and sisters in in Phillipi, calls them to "Make my joy complete by..." (come and hear Henry bring it to life this weekend). Pauls' joy begins in Jesus and it is fulfilled in the love and life of his community as they live the way of Jesus. It seems that **the joy of Christ in us, is not full until it is shared with others.**

Grace and peace and joy, Pete

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

### CREATE

#### After School Kid's Club

Tuesday's 3.30-5.30pm

@ Playford Uniting Church

Call Nick: 0402 808 744

### LITTLE BUZZ PLAYGROUP

Thursday's 9.30-11am

@ Playford Uniting Church

### 100 DAY CHALLENGE to Dec 1st

A Journey of Faith & Generosity

AIM : to increase our giving by \$500+ per week in order to meet the needs and pursue the vision of seeing lives transformed in and through Playford Uniting Church, for God's glory

Please consider what part you can play?

### CHURCH PICNIC - Oct. 27th

12pm after the morning Service

\$2 Sausage Sizzle supporting the

WonderFULL Festival or BYO Picnic Lunch  
Kids Games, Activities & Free Ice Cream

### UPCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday Oct 27th : Henry**

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**Sunday Nov 3rd : Pete**

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**Sunday Nov 10th : Henry**

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### Message from October 20th


By Peter Riggs

*"Passionately Pursue Joy" - Phil. 1:19-26*

or go to <http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/>

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