



Karuah News

Karuah Progress Association Inc.

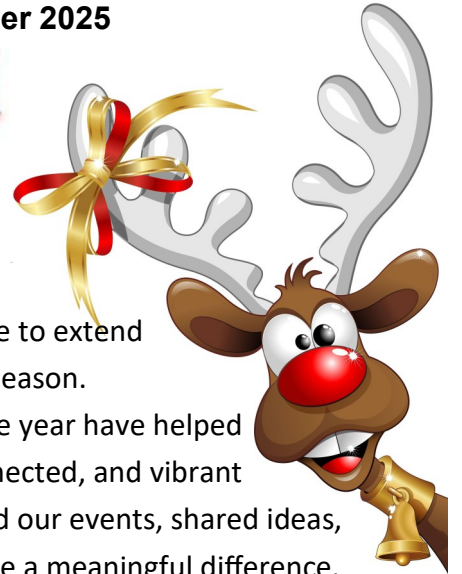
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Issue 11 – December 2025

*Merry Christmas Karuah
and a
Happy New Year*



On behalf of the Karuah Progress Association Inc, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful community this Christmas season.

Your support, participation, and encouragement throughout the year have helped us continue our work to make Karuah a stronger, more connected, and vibrant place to live. Whether you volunteered your time, attended our events, shared ideas, or simply offered your kind words, each contribution has made a meaningful difference.

We wish you and your families a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Thank you for being such an important part of our community.

Warm regards, **Karuah Progress Association Inc**

KIDS XMAS Party

THU 11TH DEC | 4PM

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon featuring:

- LOLLIES & KIDS DISCO**
- RUBY THE CLOWN • FACE PAINTING**
- FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA — DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA!**

Then at 6PM, Santa and his Elves will lead the kids down to Longworth Park for Carols in the Park.

Free Event – Everyone Welcome!

XMAS CAROLS IN THE Park

THU 11TH DEC | 6PM

Join us for a magical night of festive fun!

- LIVE MUSIC • CANDLES PROVIDED**
- SANTA WITH HIS SLEIGH, REINDEER & ELVES**
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE • CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

... and more to come!

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NEWS FROM KARUAH RSL

THU 23 DEC | TAM

CHRISTMAS Feast

ADULTS **\$65**
KIDS **\$35**
Kids under 4 eat FREE

ENTRÉE
Seafood selection and mini quiches

MAINS
Pork, chicken, and ham
Served with roast potato, pumpkin, corn, carrots, and broccoli

SALADS
Pasta Salad | Garden Salad

DESSERTS
Individual pavlovas and assorted treats



Includes one plate and a complimentary house beer, wine or soft drink
TWO SEATINGS AVAILABLE
Seating one 11.30am - 1pm
Seating Two 1.30 - 3pm

Tickets are available from the RSL Club
To ensure smooth service, please email any dietary requirements at least one week prior to the event:
cafeprovidence2324@gmail.com



Fridays SPIKE RYAN 5th Main Bar

PETER STEFANSON 12th Main Bar

COVER 2 COVER 19th Main Bar

PAUL WATTERS 26th Main Bar

Saturdays

6th PISTOL PETE Main Bar

13th CHRIS SAXBY Main Bar

20th BIG PETE Main Bar

27th ANTHONY LEE Main Bar

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
HOLLYWOOD THEME
with DJ SEARLEY!**

KARUAH RSL EVENTS Ph.: 4997 5297

MONDAY

Open 10am - 10pm
BINGO - Eyes Down 11am

TUESDAY

Open 10am - 10pm
Tuesday Bowls

Names in by 9.30am and play at 10am

EUCHRE 10.30am

DROP IN MUSIC JAM 1pm ALL WELCOME

KARUAH ROO'S MEAT RAFFLE drawn 6.30pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT ASIAN BUFFET 5pm

WEDNESDAY

Open 10am - 10pm

KNITTING WITH LOVE 10am - 12 Noon

KARUAH TENNIS CLUB MEAT RAFFLE Drawn 6.30pm

POOL COMP for minimum \$100 6pm Start

THURSDAY

Open 10am - 10pm

BINGO - Eyes down 11am

Thursday Bowls

Names in by 9.30am to play at 10am

CRICKET CLUB MEAT RAFFLE drawn from 6.30pm

FUN TRIVIA from 7pm

FRIDAY

Open 10am - Midnight

MEAT RAFFLE drawn from 6.30pm PLUS
\$200 CASH GIVEAWAY DRAW 7.45pm

LIVE MUSIC 7- 10.30pm

SATURDAY

Open 10am - Midnight

COURTESY BUS AVAILABLE 11.30am

HAPPY HOUR 1 to 3pm

Excellent TAB facilities

Saturday Bowls

Names in by 12.30pm to play 1pm

MEMBERS FREE RAFFLE drawn 4.45pm

LIVE MUSIC 7-10.30m

SUNDAY

Open 10am - 10pm

MEAT RAFFLE drawn from 12.30pm PLUS

\$200 CASH GIVEAWAY DRAW 1.45pm

POKER 11.30am Rego. WIN \$500 only \$30 to play!



Karuah Progress Association (KPA)
www.karuah.org

KPA is a non-profit organisation dedicated to enhancing the Karuah community. Its mission is to improve residents' quality of life through social, economic and environmental initiatives.

We welcome new members, volunteers and community support

Meetings are held two months to allow for more flexible project planning with informal catch-ups during the off months. We do not have meetings over the Christmas period.

Next Meeting: 25 February, 2026 (AGM)

Contact: karuahpa@outlook.com or follow Facebook to support event updates & announcements @ **Karuah Progress Association—KPA**

FIRE DANGER RATINGS HAVE CHANGED

Knowing the fire danger rating may save your life



Get Ready For A Bush Fire

Getting ready for a bush fire is easier than you think. By taking 20 minutes with your family to discuss what you'll do during a fire, you could save lives, as well as your home. [BFSP-Complete.pdf](#)

Emergency Bush Fire Information & Alert Levels

In a bush fire it is important you stay up-to-date on the situation in your area so you and your household can put your Bush Fire Survival Plan into action as soon as possible.

[CE-2024-Factsheet-7-Emergency-Information-DIGI.pdf](#)

More information:

[Lower Hunter - NSW Rural Fire Service](#)

What happened when Santa tried stand-up comedy? He sleighed.

Karuah Community Christmas BBQ

Inspector David Donovan, Senior Constable Michelle Chandler, and Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Jemma McLeay warmly invite you to join us for a Community Christmas BBQ at Karuah Police Station on **Thursday, 4 December 2025, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.**

Come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle, meet your local police team, check out our police vehicles, and have a friendly chat.

Santa might even drop by with a few Christmas surprises for the kids!

This is a great opportunity to connect with your local police in an informal setting. Rural policing is all about building strong relationships—so please come down and say hello!



MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

2025

Karuah Community Centre
Every Tuesday—9 - 11am



Access over 10,000 items on board with the added benefit of borrowing from the entire Newcastle Region Library collection.

Services include: Computers, Free Internet and Wi-Fi, Books, Magazines, DVDs, CDs, Printing and photocopying, Seed library.

Karuah Community Hall

FOR HIRE

2 Engel Avenue, Karuah

Full kitchen and amenities

Contact Shane: spewin@msn.com

EVERY WEDNESDAY
10AM - 12NN | FUNCTION ROOM

Wrap with Love

KNITTING, CROCHET
& CRAFT GROUP



Come along to learn knitting and crochet, and help make rugs for charity

Have a chat!
Donations of 8-ply wool and squares are always needed and welcome. Feel free to bring your own craft projects along too.

SHOW, TELL, AND SHARE YOUR INTERESTS!

Contact: **Jenny Semple** 0448 880 509



What do you call an elf who won't share? Elfsh.

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OSHC Service

Karuah OSHC (Located at Karuah Public School)
4997 5670/ oshc**team@gmail.com**
Before & After School Care + Vacation Care
admin@karuahpreschool.org.au

Karuah OSHC is excited to be welcome new families in 2026 and we encourage anyone needing care in 2026 to submit their enrolment forms as soon as possible. Our team is committed to creating a warm, inclusive environment where children feel a strong sense of *wellbeing and belonging*. If your child will be attending **Karuah Public School next year** and you will be needing our services, now is the perfect time to enrol for the **start of the 2026 school year**.

Throughout the year, we focus on nurturing creativity, supporting friendships, and offering meaningful experiences that help children grow socially, emotionally, and confidently. Our program encourages children to express themselves through craft, movement, imaginative play, and collaborative projects that build teamwork and a strong sense of community. Educators work alongside the children to promote positive wellbeing, resilience, and a genuine feeling of belonging, ensuring every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to explore new ideas. Through daily routines, special activities, and shared experiences, we aim to create an environment where children can thrive, try new things, and develop lifelong skills in a fun and engaging way.

We're also thrilled about our upcoming Vacation Care program, which is shaping up to be an awesome experience filled with fun activities, hands-on learning, and opportunities for children to explore their interests. So check out Facebook page for our fun filled program.

For those interested in enrolling their child, please contact the office at **admin@karuahpreschool.org.au** or call **4997 5670**. Kind regards, *Melissa Mills, OSHC Coordinator.*



ST COLUMBA OP SHOP

Pre-Christmas Half Price Sale

414a Tarean Rd, KARUAH

Everything over \$1.00 will be half price

Grab some bargains for Christmas

Wed 10th December - Sat 20th December

Op Shop open

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

9am – 1pm



THE KARUAH OYSTER BAR

Local Oysters / Seafood for Christmas

429 Tarean Road, Karuah / 0435 273 922

A family business established in Karuah in 2021, we are the leading supplier of the freshest seafood in the region. We offer local Sydney Rock Oysters, fresh local prawns, bugs, fish, crabs and more.

XMAS OPENING HOURS

Monday 22nd December: 5am – 2.30pm

Tuesday 23rd December: 5am – 2.30pm

Wednesday 24th December: 5am – 2.30pm

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day





Karuah

Karuah Rural Fire Brigade News

Karuah RFS has been in action 24hrs most days, over the past weeks, mainly due to the major fire activity close by.

Other incidents attended were: 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 oil spill, 3 car fires, 2 B Double highway closures, 2 Assist Ambulance. Please consider becoming a brigade member.

Be aware of Total Fire Ban periods. Remember, a permit to burn is now required.

Visit the station for a chat on Sundays 9am until 12pm.

All visitors are welcome at the station.

Always call 000 in emergencies

For more information about volunteering with RFS:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/join-the-nsw-rfs>

You can contact Captain Jim Semple at the station
Sunday 9am - 12pm or Wed 10am-12pm



Meals on Wheels

MEALS ON WHEELS More than just a meal!

- ◆ We provide meals to Tea Gardens, Hawks Nest and areas from Karuah to Bulahdelah.
- ◆ Meals are nutritious and a variety is available for selection.
- ◆ Specific dietary requirements can be catered for including vegetarian, gluten free and diabetic.



Did you know? Meals on Wheels has been operating for over 40 years in our area. We are always on the lookout for volunteers either in our local kitchen or delivering meals.

For more information phone our friendly office staff on 4997 0800

Karuah Konnect

On-demand bus service

Service times: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am to 2pm

Gold coin donation, to invest back into the service



TO BOOK CALL **4997 5297**

PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE

The service will pick you up from your home and drop you anywhere in the designated area.

Please remember to leave your mobile number with the Karuah RSL when booking.



Karuah Local History Group

*Meet in the Karuah Centre,
393 Tarean Road, Karuah
7.00pm on the
first Tuesday of each month*

The local group works towards recording to preserve events and local people's history. We have produced small, reasonable cost publications from information received by members. Most of these books have been prepared by our members and are available for perusal and purchase at the Karuah Centre or from members.

If you are interested, please call in at the Centre to check what is there. We are keen to have people with information / photos or new members to join us at our meetings.

**If you wish to contact our group:
Cliff Johnson on 4997 5217 or
Paul Mulvaney on 0407 583 623**

BYO **ACOUSTIC** INSTRUMENTS FOR OUR

DROP IN MUSICAL Jam

A COLLECTIVE OF
**LOCAL
MUSICIANS**
conducting a musical
jam session, all
musicians & community
members invited.

**ALL WELCOME, COME
& ENJOY THE MUSIC!**

Bring chords and words if
original composition.

**1PM EVERY
TUESDAY**

What do you call Santa when he's on the
beach in Australia? Sandy Claus!

A CHRISTMAS PEEP INTO THE PAST

Submitted by Robyn Witt

Most readers would be familiar with the Christmas carol “Twelve Days Of Christmas”. But did you realise that once upon a time it had a much deeper meaning.

Between 1558 and 1829 Catholics in England were forbidden by law to practise their faith. It was a crime to BE a Catholic. The carol was written as a “catechism song” to help Catholic children learn the tenets of their faith. The song’s gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith.

The partridge in the pear tree is Jesus Christ. He is symbolically represented as a mother partridge who feigns injury to decoy predators away from her chicks. This recalls Christ’s sadness over the fate of Jerusalem – “Jerusalem, how often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks.....”

- Two turtle doves** the old and new testaments.
- Three French hens** the three theological virtues – Faith, Hope and Charity.
- Four calling birds** the four gospels and/or the four evangelists.
- Five gold rings** the Pentateuch – the first five books of the Old Testament, which gives the history of man’s fall from grace.



- Six geese a-laying** the six days of creation.
- Seven swans A-swimming** the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Eight maids a-milking** the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing** the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- Ten lords a-leaping** the Ten Commandments.
- Eleven pipers piping** the eleven faithful apostles.
- Twelve drummers drumming** the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed

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is your licensed volunteer wildlife rescue organisation if you live in the Port Stephens (north of Fern Bay), lower Great Lakes and Dungog/Gresford areas.

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NURTURE TO NATURE

1300 946 295 or 1300 WINC WL

RFS

BE A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL

Join the KARUAH team today!

The KARUAH Rural Fire Service is currently seeking dedicated and enthusiastic individuals to join our team as volunteer Firefighters. As a member of our team, you will be part of a community-based organisation that plays a critical role in protecting the lives and property of our community members.

APPLY NOW

Email: lower.hunter@rfs.nsw.gov.au
Or scan here to find out more

rfs.nsw.gov.au/join

Know your local fire danger rating, have a bushfire survival plan ready, and follow instructions from emergency services. Stay informed, stay safe, and never take risks with fire.



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Karuah Roos Rugby League Football Club

Contact Information: 0402 283 316 /
karuahroosrlfc@gmail.com

Congratulations to the 2026 Committee!

President: Dwayne Fleming
Secretary: Meriki Mason
Treasurer: Priscilla Mason

General Committee:

Jessica Neilson, Brendon Mason, Fiona Manton,
Sonja Evans, Ebony Oakley, Dillon Sharp, Todd Mason,
Jamie Cox, Kellie Johnson, Karen Morten.

2026 Sponsorship Opportunities Now Open!

We are currently seeking sponsors for the upcoming 2026 season. Karuah RLFC is a proud, family-orientated club with strong community roots, and partnering with us is a fantastic way to support local sport while gaining valuable exposure for your business.

We have a range of sponsorship packages available to suit all budgets — from jersey sponsorship and field signage to digital advertising and game day support.

If you or your business are interested in supporting the Roos in 2026, please reach out. We'd love to have you on board! karuahroosrlfc@gmail.com

Congratulations to our 2026 Senior Coaches!

Roos Captain-Coach: Sam Croese
Rooettes Coach: Luke Perry
Pre-Season Starts January 15th, 2026!



Roos Captain-Coach: Sam Croese

If you're interested in joining our club for the 2026 season, contact us via social media or email:

karuahroosrlfc@gmail.com.

2026 is shaping up to be a huge season for the Roos! Stay up to date with all things footy on our Facebook page: KARUAH ROOS RLFC



Rooettes Coach: Luke Perry



KARUAH & DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB

THANK YOU!!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you so much for the recent support at our Community Trivia Night. We had the best night and raised some great funds for our local tennis club. Overall we raised \$1,240. We hope you enjoyed the committee dressing up and the prizes on the night

SOCIAL SUMMER COMP

Our Summer Comp starts on 13/10/2025 at 7pm Monday nights Social tennis & Tuesday nights A Grade. Cost is \$50 /year membership and \$50/comp fees. **TAKING NAMES NOW & ALL ENQUIRIES TO DAMIEN ON: 0411 328 114**

RAFFLE TICKETS:

For the chance to WIN a trip to the 2026 Australian Open including flights and accommodation call Emily on 0401 646 548 to enter. \$5 a ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets

KIDS TENNIS

Kids tennis is Tuesday afternoons at the Karuah & District Tennis Courts from 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Cost is \$2 per week and \$5 registration per year. ALL EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED.

<https://play.tennis.com.au/KaruahTennisClub>.

BOOK A COURT VIA OUR WEBSITE



ALL WELCOME TO COME & PLAY



The Karuah playgroup is run by the team at Firstchance and led by our Specialist Educators, providing local families with:

- A community-led, playgroup for 1.5 hours per week during school terms
- A Speech Therapist and Occupational Therapist to support children and families
- Individual support to parents/carers

Days:
Every Monday during school terms

Time:
10am to 11:30am

Location:
Aboriginal Community Hall, Mustons Road, Karuah

Join Us:
No need to book a place. Just come along and meet our team

Want to know more:
Phone: Aunty Michelle on 0434 212 480 or 02 4910 3130
email: reception@firstchance.org.au or visit our website www.firstchance.org.au

All welcome - parents, carers, grandparents, and siblings.



Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Initiative Raymond Terrace & Karuah is funded by the Australian Government and Facilitated by The Smith Family

KARUAH MEDICAL CENTRE

406 Tarean Rd, Karuah, NSW 2324
Phone: 4997 5510 / 4997 5912

We bulk bill all pensioners, concession card holders and kids under 16 years of age

- **Pfizer booster** vaccines are available.
- **Flu vaccinations** at clinic.
- **Shingris (Shingles vaccine)** is free for over 65.
- **Children's health:** Baby check, Immunisation, catch up.
- **General health:** General Check ups, Diabetes, Sexual Health check, Health assessment, Enhanced Primary Care Plans, Mental Health care plans, Aboriginal health Assessment
- **Women's health:** Cervical screening test, self collection is available.
- **Family Planning:** Infertility test, Implantation, IUD, OCP injections, Pregnancy test, Antenatal shared care.
- **Surgery/treatment:** Skin Cancer check, Minor surgery, removal of lesions, suturing, lacerations, cryotherapy, wound care
- **Speciality Services:** ECG, Weight control, Travel vaccine, pre-employment check up, fitness to drive medical assessment
- **Mental Health Plan**
- **Counselling**
- **Hypnosis**
- **Hearing Check**

What do you get if you cross a kangaroo with Santa's reindeer? A Christmas hopper!

Living Through Grief Group

This group will give people experiencing grief and loss, an opportunity to meet with others in similar circumstances and to share their feelings and concerns. It will be a time for people to talk in a safe and comfortable setting, with some general input provided by Lee, both of whom have experience in working with these groups. Feel free to buy a coffee and bring into the meeting.

For more information contact:
Lee Clayton - agiftofsong@icloud.com

All welcome, this is a safe, inclusive, respectful place. Healing isn't always about therapy, it's often about:

- ◇ People
- ◇ Recognising we need them and
- ◇ Sometimes not knowing how to trust

It's allowing ourselves to exhale in the presence of someone safe, and trust ourselves there.

Dr Glenn Doyle:

Can't clean up the whole room? Clean a corner of it.

Can't do all the dishes? Do a dish.

Can't get in the shower? Wash your face.

Always look for the things you CAN do, with the energy and focus you DO have. Little wins pave the way for bigger wins. 1% beats 0%.



Karuah Motor Yacht Club

WELCOME
to our family-friendly sports club!

Join us every Friday night from 5pm at our licensed venue for delicious family meals and desserts.

On special nights, enjoy live music

Our courtesy bus is available every Friday night for your convenience.

Stay updated by following us on Facebook and the Karuah Community website - www.karuah.org

mail@kmyc.net.au
<https://www.facebook.com/karuahmotoryachtclub/>
Off Pacific Hwy, Karuah Waterfront, Karuah

LOCAL DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

- Voluntary Fire Brigade
- Karuah Both Medical Centres
- Karuah Motor Yacht Club
- KRLFC Lionel Morten Oval
- Karuah RSL
- Karuah Tennis Clubhouse
- Community Centre: North Arm Cove

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Thank You to All Our Customers

Wishing You All A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

Closed Wednesday 24th December to Friday 16th January 2026

Under 16s Banned from Social Media as of 10th December 2025

This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, X, YouTube and TikTok, Reddit and more to come. Kids over 16 will need to prove their age, but Social Media Minimum Age legislation specifically prohibits platforms from compelling Australians to provide a government-issued ID, such as licence Medicare card etc. For more information and what to expect here is some

info:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions/faqs>

The End Of 32Bit Programs

32Bit programs are already being phased out:

- Windows XP 32Bit was popular, 64Bit was available but not fully supported
- Windows 7 & 10 came with both 32Bit and 64Bit
- Windows 11 only have 64Bit operating system

A 32Bit operating system can only access 3GB of memory, as most computers now have 8-32GB of memory 32Bit windows is not recommended for a modern computer. 32Bit

programs can still run on a 64Bit Windows, but due to limitations, all 32Bit programs will be discontinued by the end of 2025.

Location Tracking

In September 2025 a Windows 11 update made Location tracking mandatory. If it's not already turned on, your computer will continue prompting you to enable it.

Recently, even installing a printer is required to know your location. Location tracking will be used as part of the age verification system for under 16s as mentioned earlier.

For those working from home, Microsoft Teams will soon introduce a new feature that can identify your location even if using a VPN and report this to your boss. The new feature is expected to be introduced in December 2025.

Geo-blocking was introduced between 2015-2018, designed to prevent users outside a certain region from accessing specific content (for example, watching U.S. Netflix in Australia). While VPNs have long been used to bypass these restrictions, the rise of advanced location tracking may soon render VPNs obsolete.

Office 365 Subscription refund

Microsoft put their subscription price up 40% this year. Recently the ACCC took Microsoft to court over this, and the results are in.:

You can now stay with Office 365 Family which includes AI assistant which now cost \$179 or switch to Office 365 Classic with No AI at a cost of \$139 and get a refund for the difference. Go to Office.com and sign in with your account to change if needed.

Microsoft put their prices up to recover some of the cost of AI BUT have now admitted they have so much AI Hardware, they cannot get enough Electricity to run it all and are now selling some of the hardware overseas.



Return & Earn

We are sure that everyone has heard of the **Return & Earn** scheme across New South Wales for recycling bottles and cans.

Port Stephens Koala Hospital (PSKH) currently has a fundraising campaign to raise \$10,000 *for much needed ICU koala cots.* The campaign is well underway and has reached over \$7,000 in refund donations already!

If you would like to help PSKH reach their target, **please set Port Stephens Koala Hospital as your preferred payout on the Return & Earn app when recycling at your local recycle machine.** Even if you donate just 10 cents or 20 cents from your refunds - that small donation will help to achieve their fundraising goal.



To register, just download the Return and Earn App



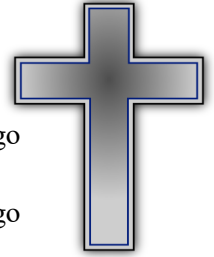
Why did the gingerbread man go to the doctor?

He was feeling crummy

THE KARUAH UNITING CHURCH

The Karuah Uniting Church services & times for December 2025 are currently as follows:

Any changes to this can be found on our website: grahamstown.uca.org.au



Date: December 7	Time: 11.00 am	Minister: Rev Waisea LogoLogo
Date: December 14	Time: 2.00 pm	Minister: Joe Kalou
Date: December 21	Time: 11.00 am	Minister: Rev Waisea LogoLogo
Holy Communion with lunch after church.		
Date: December 24	Time: 7.00 pm	Minister: Rev Waisea LogoLogo
Christmas Eve Service at Medowie Church. All Welcome.		
Date: December 25	Time: 9.00 am	Minister: Andrew Landa. Christmas Day Service
Date: December 28	Time: 11.00 am	Minister: Rev Waisea LogoLogo

Our Hall is available for hire. We have a form to be filled for that purpose and it is available from myself, Andrew, I can be contacted by email at: johnlanda@gmail.com or phone 0437 115 032.

Be Blessed. Andrew Landa for the Karuah Uniting Church

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Mass Times for DECEMBER 2025

1st, 3rd and 5th weeks are Saturday evening @ 6.30pm

2nd and 4th weeks are Sundays @ 8.30am

The 2nd Sunday is a celebration of the Eucharist with Communion without a priest.

After the 4th Sunday Mass we have a community morning tea in Marian House with the Catholic community invited.

Our Lady of the Rosary parishioners have commenced a monthly

Women's Shed

to be held on the

2nd Wednesday of each month at

2.30pm in our

Church Hall, Marian House.

This is for all women in our town who would like to come and share a cuppa, chat & bring along any craft to work on.

ST COLUMBA OP SHOP Pre-Christmas Half Price Sale

414a Tarean Rd, KARUAH

Everything over \$1.00 will be half price. Grab some bargains for Christmas

Wed 10th December - Sat 20th December

Op Shop open: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9am – 1pm



Carols Under the Gum Tree

Sunday 21st Dec, 2025

5:30pm free BBQ and activities for children

6:30pm Carols, great music and a nativity play

Come and celebrate the joy and wonder of Christmas!

St Columba Anglican Church

414a Tarean Rd, Karuah

If it rains we will be inside the church





ST COLUMBA ANGLICAN CHURCH — 414a Tarean Rd, KARUAH December 2025 News Update

You are warmly invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00am to sing some inspiring hymns and songs, hear a message of hope from the Bible, and then enjoy coffee and morning tea afterwards.

Our congregation ranges in ages from 4 to 94 and everyone is welcome!

Messy Church Christmas is on Sunday 7th December from 4:00-5:30pm. This is for families who would like to get creative with some Christmas craft, enjoy fun activities, hear a Bible story, sing some songs and then enjoy a hot dinner together afterwards. It is free, but there is a donations box if anyone would like to contribute.

Little Fish Playgroup is on every Friday during school term from 10:00-11:30am. The last one for the year will be the 12th December.

Big Fish Fridays Kids Club is lots of fun for primary aged children in years 4-6. The last one for the year will be Friday 12th December.

The OpShop is open 4 days from Wednesday to Saturday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. We will close for the Christmas/ New Year break from Sat 20th December and re-open on Weds 7th January. Please do not drop off any donations during the break as our volunteers will be having a well-earned rest.

Carols Under the Gum Tree is on Sunday 21st December. There is a free BBQ and activities for children from 5:30pm and the Carols start at 6:30pm.

Christmas Day Service is at 9:00am – everyone is welcome to this very special service.

A disabled ramp for our hall is currently being built. We are sorry for any inconvenience to anyone walking from the carpark as there is a builder's fencing blocking some of the path. We hope that it will be completed before Christmas.

For enquiries about Sunday services and the Opshop contact:

Reverend Alison Williams at alisonwilliams1@zoho.com or call/text 0491 112 681



Christmas Services at St Columba Anglican Church

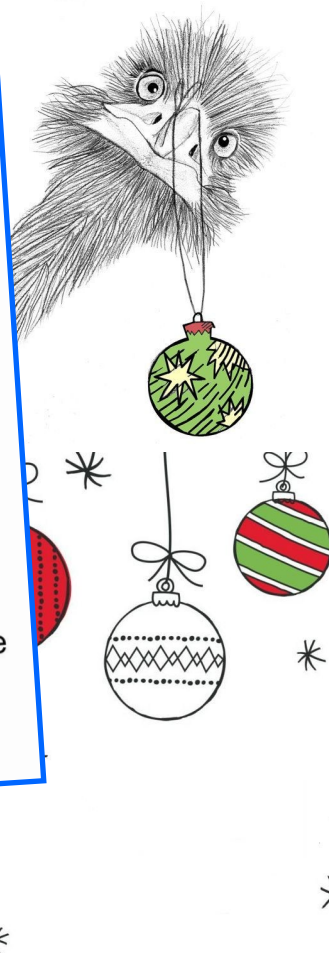
Sunday 21st Dec – 9:00am A Christmas message
with carols to bring peace, hope and joy

Christmas Day Service—9:00am God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes
in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Come and worship, come and find new hope. All welcome

Please note our OpShop will be closed until Weds 7 January and we will not be taking any donations over the Christmas break until that date.

Enquiries: Rev. Alison Williams, snrminister@parishbtgk.com 0491 112681





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