

News from the Kyngdons

with Roger & Amanda Kyngdon • December 2025



Time has flown by since we returned home from our Long Service Leave, but more about that later. In the past two months we have run two events which have seen people not connected with Newman Anglican come to our church. And this Sunday we are running another one!

At the end of October we held our annual light party. It was such an encouraging afternoon of fun and excitement. We had over 40 kids come more than half which were not connected to our church. Everyone went home on a sugar high also having been told about Jesus being the light of the world.

A big thank you to Oak Flats Anglican Church (where Roger grew up and his Dad Geoff still attends) who generously supported this event financially. Thank you!

Just this Sunday gone we held a volunteer appreciation brunch church service. At this service we shared some yummy food as we thanked volunteers who have supported the church in 2025, especially volunteers who assist in the Op Shop and don't attend church. These volunteers meet at least once a week to go through donations and keep the shop going. It is such a tremendous provision.

We wanted to thank these volunteers in a public way and also get them to a church service so we could share the Good News of Jesus with them.

Please pray that the gospel seeds that have been planted

at these two events would grow into faith.

This Sunday (7 December) we have our Christmas celebration before families leave town for Christmas. This year we gave the chance for kids from the community to be in the choir.

Please pray for the non-church families as they come along to watch their kids sing. May they be struck by the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

Pray for all our Christmas events as we connect with our community.

The end of each year brings sadness to us and the community of Newman with people moving on.

Pray for the families leaving town and for the sadness we feel as we say goodbye. But ultimately, we pray that people will continue to grow in their faith and trust in Jesus.

Pray that new families who move to town will join us at church, especially families who want to come and minister alongside us and support the Good News of Jesus going out into our community.

Banner Image: A waterhole near Newman

Circle Image: The Kyngdons

Middle Image: Light Party

Bottom Image: Bobbing for apples!



All packed and ready to go!

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Our Big Trip

Preparing for almost three months away was always going to be a difficult task. Making sure we had what we needed, let alone might need for what seemed like a thousand people, was problematic at best. Warm clothes for colder climates; swimmers for warmer climates; tools we might need for any breakages.

Just these things alone take time to prepare.

But add in preparations: for Roger's dad Geoff as he stayed in the house; for church, as Geoff looked after the congregation in Newman.

All these things added up to a stressful few weeks before we actually left for Long Service Leave on 20 July. But leave we did, and by the grace of God we returned to Newman on 7 October having clocked up 18,500 kms in the process.

There are so many people to thank for enabling this precious time away for us as a family. Our church congregation for enabling us to go away, for Geoff giving up his time in order to support us, the NW Diocese for putting their processes in place for Long Service Leave to exist, and of course BCA for their support as always.

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We could make this newsletter all about the amazing scenery we saw on the trip, and we certainly did.

The short list:

- Uluru
- Boba trees in the Kimberleys
- Kings Canyon
- The NT

One of the highlights above and beyond these amazing locations was seeing people.

Seeing fellow NW Diocese ministers as we traveled North, particularly in Broome and Kununurra. And then other ministry contacts that we studied with at Moore College, in Darwin and Adelaide. And then, we caught up with the other BCA friends we have made over the years as we travelled: The Woods in Coober Pedy, the Halyburtons in Alice Springs and the McDonalds in Roxby Downs. It was so special to be able to catch up and be encouraged by these amazing people in their locations. And of course, the kids spending special time with their friends.

We even got to be in Katherine on a Sunday. It was wonderful



Outside St. James Kununurra



Ada with Rachael Faricy

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to meet with the church community and see their excitement for the O'Keeffes arrival. **Please be in prayer for the O'Keeffes as they continue to settle into Katherine.**

Looking back on the trip now we are home it is incredible to think of what we achieved. A half lap of the country with five kids and all those kilometres. Memories made. Sights seen. More appreciation for the beauty of our own country. Wishing we had more time to spend in each of the locations we went to.

Geoff had a wonderful time ministering in Newman. Whether it was preaching and leading services on Sunday, assisting in the Op Shop, running Bible study, applying his vast knowledge of all things financial, and speaking to the many and varied people who use the car park during the week. **Please pray for those who were able to listen to Geoff and for the gospel seeds that were planted.**

Give thanks for a smooth transition back into 'normal' life at school. As we drove back into town on 7 October the whole car cheered 'we're home'

as we drove in. It was definitely encouraging that after all the amazing locations we visited, the kids were still excited to return to Newman.

Praise God for a safe and enjoyable trip for the whole family. Give thanks for His wonderful and diverse creation in Australia.

Give thanks for the wonderful support of Roger's Dad, Geoff, the Diocese of North West Australia and BCA.

Finally give thanks for the chance to fellowship with many friends across WA, the NT and SA.



All of us ready to kayak on Lake Argyle



Ben, Ada, Emily & Eliza at Uluru

**Thank you as always for your support,
Roger, Amanda, Ada, Eliza, Ben, Emily & Abigail**

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