

The Ferguson News

with George & Carmel Ferguson • December 2025



Banner Image: Aerial view of Walgett

Circle Image: Carmel & George

Middle Image: Liz & Greg Grosser

Bottom Image: George in his Police Chaplain uniform

In the middle of July we had a visit from BCA Nomads Greg & Liz Grosser from Boggabri who had spent three months doorknocking with James Daymond in Cobar. James ran an evangelism workshop the day before our clergy conference and God placed on George's heart to start doorknocking here and Greg & Liz enabled us to do it.

We wanted to start off small, so we started with the two Aboriginal missions in Walgett. One is just over the river, and the other one is about 10 kilometres out on the Barwon Way. We had some positive results from both missions. We were able to engage with about 10 people and have good conversations about Jesus. Out of the whole lot that we door knocked, we were able to hand out about 30 Gideon New Testaments which we were pleased with. There were some people who didn't want to talk, but they weren't rude.

Greg & Liz wanted to know how they can help at church and Liz played the keyboard at both our services. They enjoyed it so much they stayed the next Sunday too.

The week that the Grossers were with us the police awards were on Bourke and Greg came with me to Bourke. He thoroughly enjoyed it. He said, "I've never seen so many police officers at the same time!"

At the awards I received a police uniform which I now wear when I visit the local police station in my role of

Police Chaplain. I visit once a week and I used to dress in my Sunday best. Wearing my police uniform has made such a difference. They're more receptive and friendly.

Please give thanks that Greg & Liz Grosser were able to spend a week with us and enable some evangelism visiting.

Pray that George's weekly visits to the local police station will continue to be well received and open doors for gospel conversations.

Kids' Clubs

We've had about three Colly kids' clubs this year and they have gone really well. We get a really good roll up of around 30 kids.

We are very fortunate with the Colly Kids' Club that a couple from Moree bring a team over to help run it. They have a minibus so they bring everyone in that. They're in their forties and they're great engaging and playing with the kids. This couple also run an after-school homework club once a month in Colly. They are dedicated and it's all really good for the Mob.



Walgett Kids' Club

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Kids clubs always start with games, then we have an object lesson. One lesson related back to a spanner. The spanner has a design, a purpose and a creator. And God is the creator with a design and a purpose, and He loves us and serves us, and we should serve Him.

In Walgett we held a Kids Club last month and had about eight kids attend. At the start of the year a family moved to Walgett and we had great plans with them in terms of kids ministry but unfortunately things didn't work out and they had to move on. They are only around 170 kilometres away and they came back for the Kids Club which was a real blessing.

Before the Kids' Club in Walgett, Carmel puts flyers up on the noticeboards and in shop windows. She also visits families with kids a couple of days prior to the Kids' Club and gives them a little postcard with info. It is our prayer that more kids would attend in Walgett.

We would love to run Kids' Clubs once a month but unfortunately in bush ministry things pop up. So, we are working on getting the team together so if we have to go away someone will be able to take over and the Kids' Clubs can continue to operate.

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Please pray that more kids would attend our Kids' Club in Walgett.

Pray that people would be willing to join the team to run the Kids' Clubs in Walgett.

Thank God for the team from Moree who help us run the Kids' Club in Colly.

Pray that the kids who attend will hear the Good News about God and His purpose for them.

Visiting preachers

During NAIDOC week we ran special services in both Walgett and Colly. That weekend Bishop Rod Chiswell was with us and he preached at both services, spoke really well and was warmly welcomed by everyone.

BCA QLD/NNSW Regional Officer Mike Uptin came to visit recently and was a great encouragement to both of us. He also preached at both services and it was nice to have fellowship with him.

Thank God for the visits of Rod Chiswell and Mike Uptin to Walgett and Colly, their preaching at our services and the encouragement that they provided to everyone.

Yarning Session

Every year in our Diocese we have a yarning session about Indigenous ministry. Our Bishop is keen to keep Indigenous ministry on the radar of everyone in our diocese. It's not a workshop but simply a yarn about things that can be done in the Indigenous space. This year Simon Gillham (Head of Missions at Moore College) and Michael Duckett (Director of Indigenous Ministry, Diocese of Sydney) came up to lead it. The 45 people who attended really enjoyed their input.

Give thanks for Rod Chiswell wanting to keep Indigenous Ministry on the radar of all the clergy in his diocese.

Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Family Camp

This year we went to the Aboriginal Evangelical Family

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camp at Condobolin on the October long weekend. Jim Naden was the key speaker and he did a really great job in teaching and encouraging the faithful who had travelled to be there. About 400 people attended and a lot of them travelled all the way from Western Australia. The camp also saw mobs come from QLD and across NSW.

Give thanks for the opportunity to attend the AEF Family Camp.

Pray that all those who attended were encouraged in their faith.

Remembrance Day

In November, for Remembrance Day, I was asked to pray at the Colly school assembly. It was a great opportunity to get into the school.

The new Principal introduced herself to me and she wants me to be more involved.

She asked why there wasn't any Scripture in the school. So hopefully we can do that next year, but the problem is we need teachers.

Give thanks for the new Principal at Colly Central School



and the opportunity to teach Scripture there.

Please pray for teachers to come to Colly and teach the kids at the school about Jesus.

For further prayer

Anglicare are looking to come out to both Walgett and Colly to run a fortnightly food pantry. We'd hold it on the church grounds in both places and so it would be a great chance to share the Gospel.

Please pray that this comes to fruition.

Please also pray for some more Christian workers to come out to our towns, become part of our church family and help us reach out into our communities with the Gospel.

We had one lady move out this year; she's been helping in the church, and she's started holding a Bible study at her place. It has a different feel to running a Bible study in the church, so we pray more people will come.

In Christ,

George & Carmel

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