



## A Christmas message from Chris Jones, rector

What a year we have had! What extraordinary support from both the church family and the wider community as we have celebrated the first of our bicentennials. Thank you to every one who has contributed time, money, prayerfulness or all three.

I read an account of Samuel Marsden's first Christmas message to the Maori people in New Zealand. He said that the coming of the Lord Jesus was the most important event the world has ever known. A King born in a stable who is able to relate to all people. A King who laid down His life for others. A King with whom everyone must make peace. He finished by imploring people to make peace with God's King today because they might not be here next Christmas. Two hundred years later it is still a contemporary and authentic Christmas message. May the Lord Jesus richly bless you this Christmas. He is a King who desires peace with all.

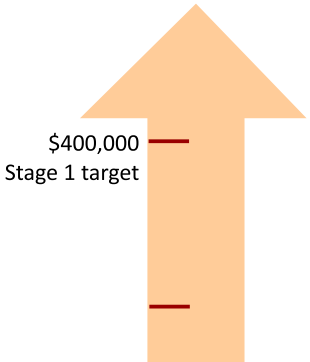
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If you missed out on your deluxe souvenir booklet celebrating St Matthew's Bicentenary it is still available from the church office in the Parish Centre on Thursdays and Fridays. The souvenir booklet is filled with goodies, with messages of congratulations from the Queen, from the celebrations 'Patron Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir, and the present rector, Chris Jones.

\$10 donation would be appreciated to cover costs and profits will be donated to the National Trust Bicentenary Conservation Appeal. Chris Jones Rector, St Matthews Anglican, 1 Moses St Windsor



### The National Trust and St Matthew's Anglican Conservation Appeal for Funds

Our church, the oldest Anglican church in Australia by foundation stone, is desperately in need of conservation repair work on the church tower and elsewhere, as well as in the precinct. We are now a little over a quarter of the way to meeting our needs for the Stage 1 repairs; and are half way to meeting our commitment for matching a government grant dollar for dollar. This Public Appeal is independent and donations are tax deductible. Donations can be given directly to Westpac BSB 032044 A/C 757079. When giving, please email the church offices, so we can receipt you: [enquiries@windsoranglican.asn.au](mailto:enquiries@windsoranglican.asn.au) or ring the church.

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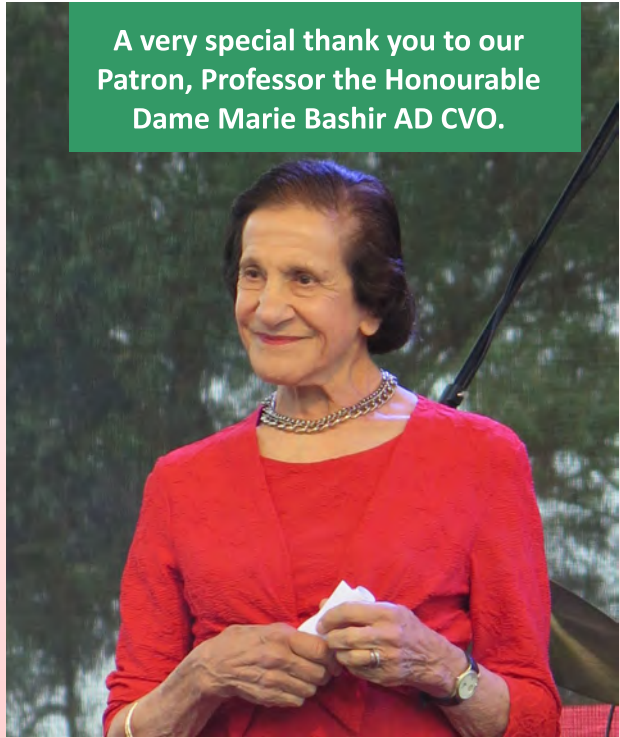
## The Bicentenary Bulletin of St Matthew's Anglican Church Windsor

### ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH WINDSOR Says THANK YOU

to everyone in the church community, to the families with connection to the church, to the Bicentenary Committee, various other committees and community groups, to Hawkesbury City Council, to the public, to the business world and to the media who contributed to our super successful celebration of the church's 200th birthday.

Especially we thank our wonderful Sponsors:

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A very special thank you to our Patron, Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO.

- \*Lithgow and District Family History Society
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- \*Wagana Aboriginal Dancers
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- \*William Cox Fellowship
- \*Windsor Funeral Home
- \*Windsor High School including Blues Band



## 11, 14 and 15 October 2017

The Wednesday service, held on the actual anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone on 11 October 1817, was an enchanting scene, with around three hundred young people from year 12 to



Kindergarten enthralled by being part of their own historic occasion.

An uplifting talk by Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO about how Governor Macquarie set Australia on a path to being a nation respected for its fairness, and a puppet show, interludes of magical orchestral music and singing performed by students from Arndell Anglican College, St Paul's Grammar School and Windsor High School were highlights. A barbecue lunch was supplied to all students by the Rotary Club of Windsor, followed by a tour of the 1810 burial ground and a look at the 1817 stone.



Official guests cut the cake with good wishes to St Matthew's Anglican Church: (left to right) The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir, Patron, Mary Lyons-Buckett, Mayor of Hawkesbury City Council, and Susan Templeman, Member for Macquarie.

Although Saturday was overcast and threatening, serious rain held off to allow the fun community 'Big Birthday Bash' to proceed. A stage full of bands, songs, dances and plays was the centre piece of the day in McQuade Park, with celebrity singer Colin Buchanan enthralled both children and adults alike and leaving behind his trademark mayhem of coloured streamers and goodwill. All items were enjoyed by a crowd of over four hundred people during the day as well as the stalls by all the Historical and Heritage groups of the district, along with Family History Association exhibitions and re-enactments including Town Crier, Graham Keating. Good food from the Rotary Club of Windsor and outside providers had heavy competition from the Ladies Guild whose scones were plentiful and in great demand. The community bus took guests to and from the special exhibitions at the Hawkesbury Regional Museum and two in the Deerubbin Centre - as detailed in the Newsletter 3.

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Sunday 15, was a more formal occasion that was a credit to rector, Chris Jones, and went off with style and an over-flowing church. Special guests were the Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend Glenn Davies and His Excellency, the Honourable TF Bathurst AC, the Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales, Susan Templeman, Member for Macquarie and Mayor Mary Lyons-Buckett amongst other dignitaries. Carol Edds, representing the National Trust, gave a short presentation about the need to conserve the historic fabric of the entire St Matthew's Anglican Precinct.



Saturday revels continued: (left to right) Church stall workers, Governor Macquarie deposits a holey dollar under the foundation stone, thieves stealing the coin, Chris Jones having spirited fun with the streamer machine (featured in the act of popular entertainer, Colin Buchanan) and Town Crier, Graham Keating with soldier of the colonial Veteran Company, Michael Simms.

