

## **Interesting facts about the Mangrove Mountain Union Church**

Members of the local community have been asking about the background to the Mangrove Mountain Union Church. In response, here are a few of the questions with some of the answers:

### **What is the Union Church?**

The Mangrove Mountain Union Church is a beautiful church which belongs to the Mangrove Mountain community. It was built by dedicated past residents of this district for the purpose of Christian worship on the Mountain. It is not a church just for Protestants, nor for Roman Catholics nor for Orthodox adherents. It is for all Christians to worship in and use. It is not owned by any denomination or any person.

The Union Church is comprised of two main buildings: a church and a hall. Both buildings seat about eighty to one hundred people.

### **Where is the Union Church?**

The Union Church is found at 2154 Wisemans Ferry Road, Mangrove Mountain which is near the corner of Bloodtree Road. It has been at this location for one hundred and four years.

### **Who can use the Union Church site?**

The Union Church buildings are available for Christian worship. They may be hired by any Christian group which wishes to promote the Christian gospel through services of worship and other similar activities. The hall itself is available for both Christian and general community use.

They are both available for hire by local campsites as an overflow to their venues.

They are also available for hire for weddings and baptisms.

The committee which has responsibility for the site will look at all requests to use the facilities as they arise. Apart from a Christian church group, currently a group of local craftspeople, the Country Fair committee and the Garden Club use the facilities.

### **What is available at the Union Church site?**

The Union Church comprises a two acre nearly-completely cleared site which has its boundary on Wisemans Ferry Road. Its other boundaries are shared with the next door camp site.

The Union Church charges for the use of its facilities. These fees are put totally into the costs of operating this church site e.g. insurance, maintenance and development of the site. The fees are not used by any denomination for its own purposes but are solely for the use of the Union Church as stated.

Both the church and the hall are air-conditioned. The hall has a fully equipped kitchen which can cater for up to one hundred people at a sitting. Its toilets are situated outside the buildings. Its grounds are kept in good order through regular mowing and general maintenance.

### **What's been happening at the Union Church?**

Currently the Union Church has only one hirer, the Uniting Church of Australia (UCA). In the past, the Union Church has been home to the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church, the Anglican Church, the Christian Fellowship and the Community Church.

The UCA has a small but vibrant congregation comprising people from a variety of Christian denominations including Uniting, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Quaker backgrounds. With such a diverse group the services show a refreshing singleness of spirit about the unity of the Christian gospel. The attendees work and worship well together and share the responsibilities of developing the church.

Everyone in the wider Mangrove Mountain community is invited to participate in the services of the Union Church.

Bridal parties which plan to utilise the services of a Christian ordained member of the clergy are especially welcomed. There are currently no ordained ministers or priests attached to this church from any denomination but the booking officer can assist by pointing prospective wedding parties towards any of the main denominational clergy.

If you wish to find out more about the Union Church or any of its services, please look at its website: [www.mmuchurch.org.au](http://www.mmuchurch.org.au) . Mangrove Mountain Union Church now also has a Facebook page (<http://fb.me/MangroveMountainUnionChurch>).

Should you wish to look more closely at the facilities available, please ring the booking officer on 0408722006.

