



Frankston Beach Service:

1st January

New Year's Day members gathered for a picnic service at Frankston Beach. The National couple were present and Rev John Adamedes gave the sermon to begin the year. Rev Rick McInerheney played music and Rev Greg Hanson offered the opening prayer for the year. Members ate a picnic lunch and spent time at the beach. Sarah Boyd, a local of Frankston, helped to plan the event.





Youth Workshop:

3rd January

The 2022-2023 summer workshop was held this January. This was a historic workshop because we could finally invite 2nd generation members from Solomon Islands, of which 2 came. Officially the workshop was held in Manila for all of AP1 & 2, but since many members could not attend, we held the workshop in Melbourne at the Belgrave centre. This was our first workshop held outside of covid lockdown restrictions and we were able to gather youth from across Australia. Ahjeong Yoo and Markus Zimmerman organised and led the workshop, investing very heavily in our youth education. The 3 Sun Moon UPA Missionaries also served as core staff. Melbourne youth leadership and members supported heavily to make the workshop a success.





Children's Workshop:

10th January

Following the youth workshop, our first interstate Children's workshop was successfully held after being postponed due to covid restrictions. Portia Bal, Hiromi Kobayashi, Daniel & Chizuru Meadows led the workshop. A heavy focus was put on teaching the children our church traditions and culture, and letting them engage in it through prayer and activities. Many youth from the youth workshop stayed on as staff, due to this we adopted a buddy system where 1 youth member would look after and teach a child participant. This proved very successful with the children looking up to their buddy with great affection and the young member having opportunity to teach and practice what they had learned in the youth workshop. This model may become the basis for future workshops as we saw good development in staff and participant alike.



Youth Gathering:

21st January

Melbourne youth gathered at Hiromi Kobayashi's residence to share fellowship and a meal. May youth who did not attend the workshop could meet together.



Youth Hike up the 1000 steps:

25th January

Youth leader Hiromi Kobayashi organised several of the youth to hike up the 1000 steps in Belgrave, a popular hiking attraction in the hills.