

150TH PILGRIMAGE BEGINS IN EDEN



Wed 13 February 2013

The Diocese's 150th birthday pilgrimage began at 7am on Saturday, February 16 with the cross and Bishop Stuart arriving in the Harbour Master's boat into Snug Cove, Eden.

"A wonderful crowd gathered on the wharf to a greeting from indigenous leaders and the mayor followed by a BBQ breakfast," Bishop Stuart said.

A well-organised open air 'rally' event was held in the town in the evening.

"People invited friends; some of whom 'came forward' and gave their lives to Christ," Bishop Stuart said. "David Ruthven and Joy Harris and their teams are to be commended for their remarkable ministry."

The cross will then be carried from Eden to Canberra in a 'relay' by the Bishop, other clergy as well as parishioners. It is moving through many South Coast towns including Bega, Cobargo, Bermagui, Narooma, Bodalla, Moruya up the coast to Bateman's Bay then to Braidwood, Bungendore, before reaching St Saviour's Goulburn on Good Friday.

Parishes and schools en route will be involved in some way either directly 'walking with the cross' with the Bishop, or including the cross in community activities. Each walk will begin with prayer and conclude with hospitality events such a sausage sizzle and, in one case, a river cruise.

The pilgrimage culminates in Canberra with a walk around the 'parliamentary triangle' before daylight on Easter Day, March 31 followed by a dawn National Capital Easter Service on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.

Bishop Stuart says the walk is both a deeply personal call and a rallying cry to local communities.

Traditionally the cross is a symbol of Jesus' selflessness and love and a sign of his ministry of reconciliation to all humanity.

For Bishop Stuart, it is a compelling invitation to share Jesus' message of life, salvation and hope with others.

"My aim is to highlight the ministry of Christ crucified, risen, ruling and returning," he said.

150th PILGRIMAGE CELEBRATIONS ITINERARY

Saturday, February 16, 150th Pilgrimage celebrations begins in Eden

7.30 am Arrival of Cross and Bishop Stuart and Jane Robinson by boat into Snug Cove.
Welcome to Country: Pastor Ossie Cruise. BBQ breakfast

9am Bishop Stuart to walk with Cross up Warrens walk, along footpaths through Eden town centre and down Bass Street to RSL Hall.

10am Eucharist in the park at the RSL hall.

5pm Rally in RSL Park

Sunday, February 17, 150th Pilgrimage leaves Eden

10am Church Service in the grounds at St John's Eden Anglican Church

12noon Lunch Eden church hall and grounds

Tues February 19, 150th Pilgrimage celebrations in Bega

8.45am-9am: Bishop Stuart Robinson will enter Sapphire Coast Anglican College (SCAC) 2 Max Slater Drive, Bega, carrying the 2 metre cross and proceed to the hall.

9am-10am: Sapphire Coast Anglican College Chapel service begins. The SCAC band will lead the songs, a student will read and Bishop Stuart will speak.

10.30am-12noon: Assemble outside the Law Courts in **Cnr Gipps and Carp Street Bega** where Bishop Stuart will walk with cross into Carp St and then into Church St. The Indigenous Community will welcome +Stuart to country at the gate entrance of St John's Anglican Church (at the Church St entrance). After a short ceremony (flag unfurling and gift presenting) we will gather in the hall at St John's for a VIP morning tea where once again Bishop Stuart will speak.

Wed, 20 Feb 150th Pilgrimage celebrations in Quaama/Cobargo/Bermagui

11am Quaama Public School -- everyone welcome.

12.30- 1pm Cross carried up the main street of Cobargo.

3.30-4pm Cross carried down main street Bermagui finish at All Saints Bermagui for afternoon tea.

Thur, 21 Feb 2013 150th Pilgrimage celebrations in in Narooma/Bodalla

11am – Bishop Stuart arrives at the intersection of Tilba St and the Princes Highway, Narooma. Join in a song to herald the procession. Start procession down **Tilba St** to primary school (probably about 10 mins gentle walk).

11.20am to 12noon – enter the new school hall from **Ballingalla St**. Children come in for their combined Scripture lesson. (Anglican/protestant & Catholic). Half an hour available for Stuart to talk with the kids. (from y1 – yr6)

12.05 to 1pm – process from school down **Narooma Cres/Bluewater drive** to the park for a sausage sizzle. Bishop Stuart to talk.

1.40 pm – Bishop Stuart and cross leave for Bodalla by car (15 min drive)

2pm to 3pm – arrive at bottom of **All Saints' Bodalla's driveway** – process to church for church service.

Fri, 22 Feb 2013 in Moruya/Broulee

10am-12noon – at **St John's Moruya**. Aunty Georgina Parsons will give a Welcome to Country; Archdeacon for Indigenous Ministry, Karen Kime and retired Bishop George Browning will both speak.

12.30pm – The cross will proceed from Moruya to Broulee by car to **St Peter's College** where it will be walked through the school grounds before a simple ceremony.

Sat, 23 Feb 2013 in Batemans Bay/Nelligen

9.30am Batemans Bay Anglican Church Hall morning tea and thanksgiving service.

10.45am Bishop Ian Lambert to lead walk with cross from **Church of the Ascension, Herarde St** down Beach Road **to Innes Boatshed, Clyde St** where there will be a public prayer of Thanksgiving and Solomon Islander men will sing.

11am Cross to board **the ship Merinda at Innes Boatshed, Clyde St,** and will cruise to Nelligen. There will be *fish'n'chip*, drinks tea and coffee, faith-stories and songs aboard the *Merinda*.

12noon A service on the Riverbank at Nelligen again tracing the faith history of the settlement, and then the Cross laid up at St Nicholas, Nelligen.

Sunday 3 March – 150th celebrations in Braidwood

Early AM: 2m cross pilgrimage arrives in Braidwood led by Bishop Stuart Robinson, up the main street for service in the park 9.30am, followed by free sausage sizzle.

Sunday 17 March - 150th celebrations in Bungendore

Arrival of 2m pilgrimage cross led by Bishop Stuart Robinson

9am: Back to Church Sunday – a Celebration Service followed by Brunch and Jumping Castle

Good Friday, 29 Mar 2013 150th Pilgrimage official procession into Goulburn Cathedral

9am Procession of the Cross into the formal Good Friday service at the Cathedral led by the Dean of Goulburn, Phillip Saunders.

10.45am Gathering on the common for Walk with the Cross to Belmore Park led by Bishop Stuart Robinson for 11am service of word and witness.

Easter Saturday, 30 Mar 2013 150th Pilgrimage celebrations arrives in Canberra

5pm - 2m cross pilgrimage arrives led by Bishop Stuart Robinson arrives at St John's Canberra (Constitution Ave, Reid) gathering at eastern lychgate, walk to fountain lawn for A Liturgy of Waiting. Picnic basket tea (byo)

Easter Sunday, 31 Mar 2013 150th Pilgrimage culminates with National Capital Easter Service

Pilgrimage with 2m cross led by Bishop Stuart Robinson

5am - Walk commences at ACT legislative Assembly proceeds to the ACCC via Parliament House, Capital Hill.

7.15am Walk finishes with Easter Day dawn service at ACCC, Barton.