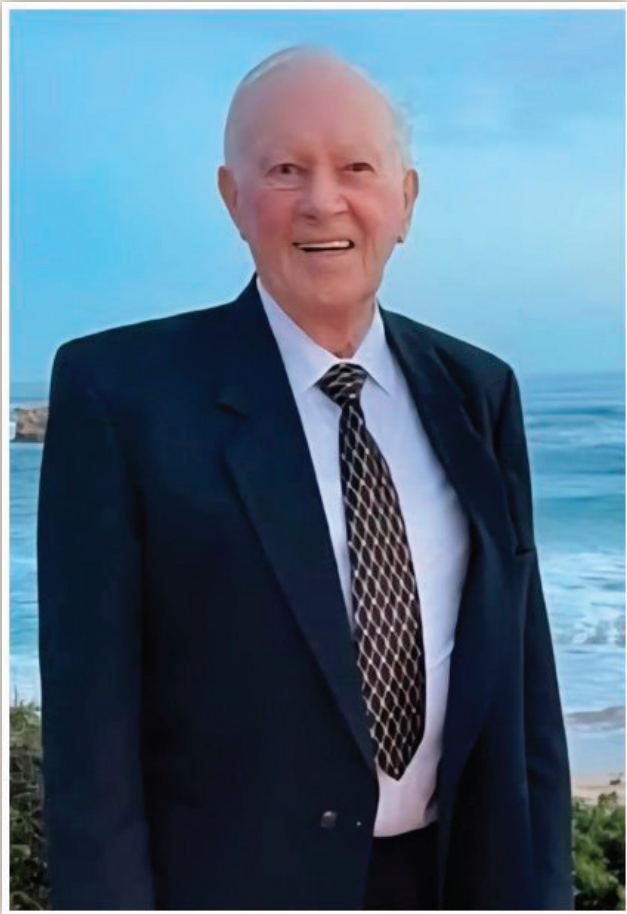


Thanksgiving Service

GORDON LOVEL

22nd April 1933 – 2nd July 2026



Mount Waverley Uniting Church

Friday 10 July 2026

Elder – Lois Litchfield

Minister – Rev. Duncan Turuva

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entry of Clergy

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather with heavy hearts to give thanks to God
We gather to encourage one another with our presence.

We gather to support one another with our prayers.
We gather to remember a life that has touched our own.

We gather to worship God who is faithful in life, in death, and
in the life beyond death.

Come, then, let us draw near and find comfort in God's presence

Prayer

Hymn

TIS 217 Love divine, all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Memories of Gordon Lovel – Video Presentation

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:9-18

Jane Petty

God didn't set us up for an angry rejection but for salvation by our Master, Jesus Christ. He died for us, a death that triggered life. Whether we're awake with the living or asleep with the dead, we're *alive* with him! So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it. And now, friends, we ask you to honour those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love! Get along among yourselves, each of you doing your part. Our counsel is that you warn the freeloaders to get a move on. Gently encourage the stragglers, and reach out for the exhausted, pulling them to their feet. Be patient with each person, attentive to individual needs. And be careful that when you get on each other's nerves you don't snap at each other. Look for the best in each other and always do your best to bring it out. Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.

In this is the Word of God
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The Lord is my shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

Refrain

*I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me

Refrain

*I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

Reflection

Rev. Duncan Turuva

Prayers of the People

by Lois Litchfield
Including the Lord's Prayer

Commendation and Committal

Announcements

Closing Hymn Amazing Grace

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Blessing and Benediction

As you go from this place, carry God's peace in your hearts and God's hope into the world. Be there for one another. Speak words that heal. Offer kindness that lifts others up. Live as people who encourage one another and build each other up in love. And may the blessing of God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer—surround you with peace, strengthen you with hope, and remain with you today and always.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

3-fold Amen!

Recessional

Wind Beneath My Wings

Colleen Hewett

Pall Bearers

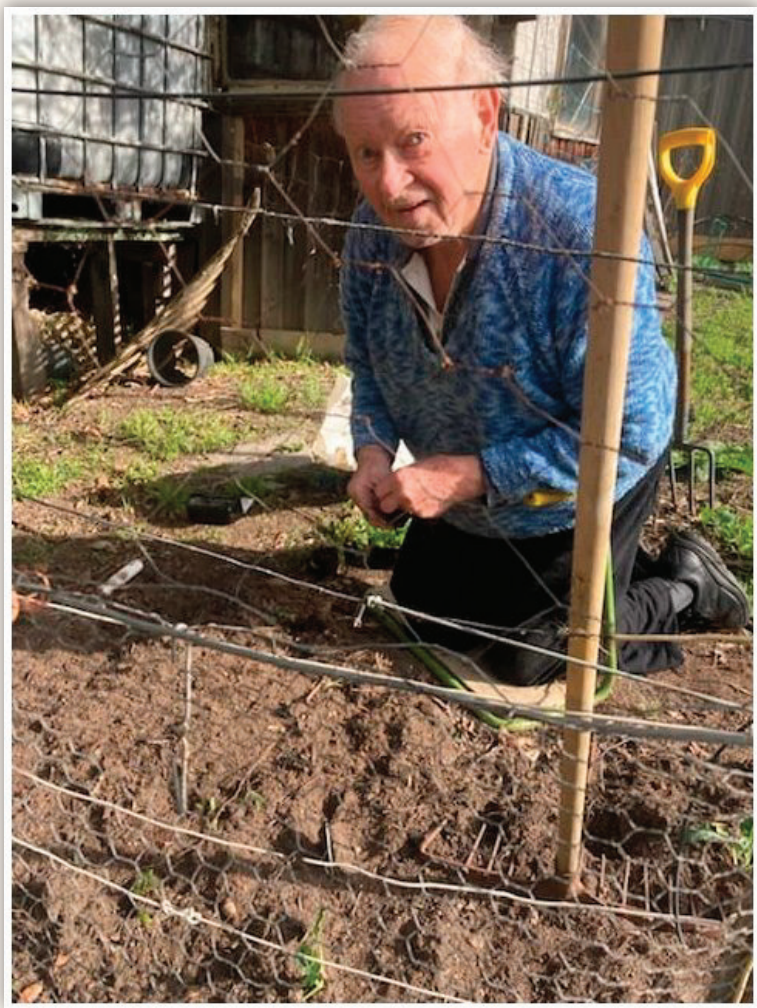
Roy, Matthew, Alex & Jeremy Lovel;
David & Michael Petty



The family wishes to thank you most sincerely
for your attendance here today.

Your expressions of sympathy and support
have been a great comfort to them at this time.

Following the service, you are
warmly invited to remain and join the family
for light refreshments.



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