

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR . . .

Tolerance the Christian way

I am writing in response to Sandy White's letter in last week's edition of the Chronicle.

I was very disturbed at the naming of three members of Dungog's contribution to the Loosely Woven concert last month and the inference that they, and the other performers, weren't Christian because of their participation in the program.

In defence of my daughter Liz Stuckings, I wish to say that despite major physical setbacks in recent years, she has not only retained her faith but continued her responsibilities with courage and cheerfulness.

These include her leadership of the community choir, its civic engagements and visits to the nursing home and many church and personal performances.

I consider her many unsung acts of caring and encouragement shown to many in need of a friendly visit or kindly letter to be those of a practical Christian.

I know the two others named in Sandy's letter as well as the many good Samaritans of the district are equally worthy members of the Dungog community, and I laud and respect them all.

With respect Sandy, it is my opinion these are the Christian qualities we should be fostering and

not arguing about the interpretation of one item in a most entertaining program presented by a very talented and generous concert group.

I also consider tolerance and reconciliation, not judgement and criticism to be the Christian way, thereby avoiding conflict and division.

My own interpretation of the song "I ain't afraid" is that it proudly recognises and illustrates that many wars and atrocities have been justified in the name of many faiths, including Christianity.

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The other Tillegra news

If you had the job of securing the water supplies to the Lower Hunter and the Central Coast for the next 60 years or so, what would you do?

First you'd get Hunter Water, and the Gosford-Wyong Councils' Water Authority, and several experts in smart water technology, and ask them to spend 12 months coming up with a state-of-the-art grand plan.

Meanwhile, and second, you'd be urging everyone to install a water tank, perhaps helped by a subsidy from the State or Federal Government.

Third you'd institute any other measures that could bring about a quick gain, like giving special encouragement to all the big industrial water users