



*encouraging and equipping God's people for God's mission*



**Moreton Rivers  
Presbytery  
Newsletter**

19 April 2017

## WELCOME

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter. It's full of what's happening around the Moreton Rivers Presbytery and beyond.

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## WHAT'S on:

-  **22 APRIL**  
Autumn Fair The Gap UC
-  **30 APRIL**  
Commissioning  
Paula Hukehuke  
Bracken Ridge UC
-  **12 MAY**  
Talent Night  
Chermside Kedron
-  **29-31 MAY**  
Ministry Agents Retreat
-  **3 JUNE**  
MSM Southport
-  **27-30 JUNE**  
Day Camp CCC Campsite
-  **29 JUNE-2 JULY**  
President's National  
Ministry Conference  
Darwin

## PRESBYTERY NEWS:

### *Prayer and Pastoral Concerns*

Please pray for the congregation of the **Mt Mee Community Church**.

Please pray for **Pastor Richard Lance** as he recovers from cardiac bypass surgery and is looking forward to returning to work.

### *Commissioning Service*

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30 am**

Mr Paula Hukehuke will be commissioned as a Pastor at Bracken Ridge Uniting Church.

### *Code of Ethics Training*

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Kenani Community Church, Earnshaw Rd, Banyo**

9:00am to 12:30pm, followed by lunch

**After lunch Seminar: Leading in Times of Transition: An introduction** (led by Rev Dr Rob McFarlane)

1:15pm-4:00pm including afternoon tea

The afternoon sessions will introduce you to some of the key insights and practices for leading congregations and agencies effectively in times of transition. Isn't that every congregation and agency, nowadays? The introductory sessions are adapted from the internationally accredited Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry program and will give you an enhanced depth to your ministry as well as a taste of the full program.

Please RSVP by [clicking here](#)

### *2017 Presbytery Ministry Agents' Retreat*

**29-31 May, Woodlands of Marburg 174 Seminary Rd, Marburg**



### *Slowing down to catch up to God*

At our 2016 Synod we were reminded of the importance of the 'contemplative disciplines' in the life and ministry of a 'Christ-centred disciple', e.g., silence, stillness, solitude, listening and contemplative prayer and living. Our 2017 Presbytery retreat will give us the opportunity to learn and use some of these contemplative skills, practices and disciplines. It will also provide us with space and time to slow down to keep pace with and be present with God.

Join us for a time of enrichment and refreshment at the beautiful Woodlands Estate.

Our retreat facilitators are Johanna and Jeff Lawrence, who have both trained as spiritual directors and both facilitate reflection days and retreats. Johanna is actively involved in the Christian Meditation Community, she leads the team teaching others to meditate and lead meditation groups, she also co-facilitates a 'renewal retreat group'. Johanna has a BA and Masters in Gestalt Therapy. Jeff is a Biblical storyteller, pastor, spiritual director, 'pastors renewal retreat group facilitator', mentor in a pastors Professional and Personal Development program, men's group facilitator, a leader of a men's contemplative bushwalking retreat.

**Register** online at the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Website or by [clicking here](#). Price is \$295 per person including meals and accommodation. Registration is now open and should be completed by Monday the 8th of May. Payments may be made by direct debit or cheque (see registration link for details)

## MISSION EDUCATION NEWS:



### ***Learning for Living Courses***

Learning for Living is a course in spirituality, focussing on enrichment of self, mission to the world and ministry to the church. **North Lakes starts on Saturday, 20 May** running for three Saturdays (20/5; 10/6; 22/7). Register now!

For more information and registration please [click here](#).

### ***Mission Shaped Ministry***

You are invited to share a learning journey in a supportive community to be equipped for a lifetime of good practice and learning in growing fresh expressions of church. Whether you want to start a new fresh expression of church, or find a missional edge for your congregation, mission shaped ministry will encourage, equip and inspire.

- **Saturday 3 June (MSM—Leading Missional Communities)**
  - *Southport Church of Christ. 9.00 am—4.00 pm*
- **Saturday 26 August (MSM—Young Adult Mission)**
  - *Queensland Synod. 9.00 am—4.00 pm*
- **Saturday 25 November (MSM—Discipleship & Spirituality in Missional Communities)**
  - *Highfields Cultural Centre. 9.00 am—4.00 pm*

For more information and online registration [click here](#).

For further information please contact Jill Bow: [adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

### ***Study Tour to Israel & Jordan***

***8-27 April, 2018***

Our experienced tour leader, Biblical scholar and educator, Rob McFarlane, is leading a group to Israel & Jordan. The tour will focus on Biblical studies, Byzantine Christianity, as well as Islam, Judaism and Christianity. A full brochure with itinerary and costings for this tour is available.

**Information evening** 7.00 pm, Fri 14 July, Presbytery office. For the brochure and booking form, [click here](#).

### ***Footsteps of Paul - Greece Study Tour***

***Sun 17th Sep - Sun 1st Oct 2017***

This tour begins in the place Paul and his companions landed after his vision of being called to Macedonia, and then follows his ministry throughout Greece. Spend several days exploring unique and incredible sites, all with amazing historical, cultural and religious significance, both for the ancient world, and for the church today. Join us for two weeks of learning and laughter, as we encounter the world of the New Testament, and rediscover what it means to be people of mission.

Contact Rev. Rod Fisher ASAP for more information - [rfisher@thegapuca.org.au](mailto:rfisher@thegapuca.org.au) or [click here](#).

## MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

### ***National Church Life Survey (NCLS) results***

Congregations who participated in last year's NCLS will be receiving their packages in the coming week. There are some great new resources, including a workbook to help you do some creative mission planning. The workbook includes short session options as well as extended processes.

Rob McFarlane will organise a gathering of **congregational leaders** with Scott Guyatt (Synod Mission Engagement) to explore the best ways to use this fabulous missional resource.

Congregations who didn't participate: GREAT NEWS! You can still do the survey and get the resources to help engage with your community and transform your congregations.

For more information: <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/> or contact Rob McFarlane [edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

### ***National Conference of Lay Preachers***

***7-10 July 2017, Melbourne***

The National Conference of Lay Preachers provides a meeting place for Lay Preachers, Candidates, Worship Leaders and other interested people to share a few days of fellowship, mutual support and encouragement as we engage with our calling to lead God's people in worship. One of the highlights is always meeting friends from other Synods and sharing with them. For more information and registration form – please visit the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Education page: [MRP Education - Lay Preacher's conference](#)

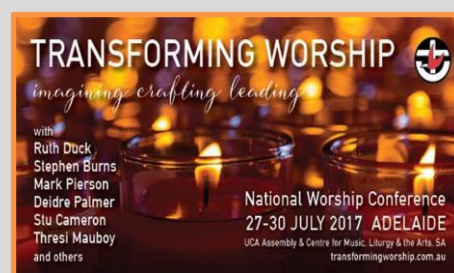
### ***Transforming Worship:***

***A national conference on worship in the UCA***

***27-30 July, 2017, Burnside City UC, Adelaide SA***

- Worship as transformation and formation in the presence of God
- Interplay between worship, learning & mission
- Shaping intergenerational worship
- Worship in multicultural communities
- Preaching: making Gospel sense
- Crafting music and imagery for worship
- Worship 'outside the box'

For more information please visit <http://transformingworship.com.au/>



### ***President's National Ministry Conferences 2017***

Assembly President Stuart McMillan's two National Ministerial Conferences will be held in **Darwin 29 June - 2 July** and **Adelaide 22-25 August**. The Darwin conference theme is "Honouring First Peoples as Sovereign". The Adelaide conference is combined with the UL17 Conference "Growing Leaders to Grow the Church". For more information please [click here](#).

## MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

### ***Bridge the Gap: Zimbabwe***

Following fantastic Bridge the Gap treks to North India, East Timor and Sri Lanka over the past few years, Bridge the Gap - Zimbabwe is now taking shape. The opportunity to 'trek for change' in some of the most amazing parts of the earth is happening again and if previous trips are anything to go by then it promises to be a very rewarding time.

Over the past few years, we have raised money to help support students in North India, people with disabilities in Sri Lanka, and health clinics in East Timor, while at the same time trekking the Himalayas, through central Sri Lanka, and up Mt Ramelau in East Timor. All of these trips have taken place using the model of partnerships, project awareness, and trekking.

For more information contact **Rev John Ruhle** at [presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

### ***Gospel Yarning***

***15-19 May 2017, Sydney, Australia***

Gospel Yarning is a cross-cultural gathering on evangelism in the Uniting Church. A great strength of the Uniting Church is our cultural diversity, so we will hear and build up one another in new wisdom for faith-sharing in many different ways. We seek to establish the Uniting Church as a servant of the Gospel for our next forty years. Click on the flyer for more information. To register please visit: [ume.nswact.uca.org.au](http://ume.nswact.uca.org.au)

[Link to Flyer](#)



## MISSION EDUCATION OFFICER: ***Rev Dr Robert McFarlane***

Rob serves as Mission Education Officer in Moreton Rivers Presbytery. His previous roles have included congregational ministry, university chaplaincy, lay ministry education, continuing education for ministry, and theological college lecturing and supervising postgrad students in both Biblical studies and ministry. Rob's PhD was on the Gospels. Rob is passionate about how the Gospel narratives come alive in our context today.



## YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

### **Day Camp 2017**

Tuesday 27 June - Friday 30 June, Triple C Campgrounds, Cedar Creek

### **Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed**

For all information and online registration please [click here](#)

**Registrations are now open !**



### **Talent Night – Youth Combine Event**

### **Fundraiser for September Camp!**

Friday 12 May, Emmanuel Uniting Church, 7.00

For all information and to register your act online please [click here](#)

### **Messy Church Training**

Beth Nicholls from South Moreton Presbytery is a regional coordinator of Messy Church across Brisbane. She has generously offered to conduct Messy Church training with any congregations who are interested in exploring this significant ministry opportunity.

For further information contact Beth Nicholls at: [bethnicholls@bigpond.com](mailto:bethnicholls@bigpond.com)

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

### ***Spiritual Care Australia Conference***

***7-10 May 2017, Gold Coast***

### ***Engaging a Mosaic of Care***

Nourish yourself in mind, body and soul on Queensland's beautiful Gold Coast and grow in your knowledge and ability as a spiritual care worker/pastoral care worker/chaplain. Whatever your spiritual tradition or your level of expertise, there will be something for you! Come to Surfers Paradise in May 2017 and dive deep with outstanding speakers helping us to explore the mosaic that is each individual we encounter.

Spiritual Care Australia is the professional association for practitioners in chaplaincy, pastoral care and spiritual services. As a national organisation we seek to unify, consolidate, support, promote & encourage the development of chaplaincy, religious, pastoral & spiritual care within contemporary multi-faith Australia.

[Click here for information](#) .

### ***Partners in Ministry Retreat – Date Claimer***

***5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Alexandra Park Conference Centre***

***The unforced rhythms of Grace***

***Weekend Theme: Grace under Pressure***

Retreat led by Pastor Sharyn Robinson and Rev Alan Robinson

Male partners in Ministry most welcome. [Information and Registration Link](#)

If you need any additional information Joan can be contacted at [joan\\_baker@me.com](mailto:joan_baker@me.com)

or contact [kristine.bromiley@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:kristine.bromiley@ucaqld.com.au) / 3377 9705



### ***Next Gen Arise***

***Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Logan Uniting Church, 129 Dennis Rd, Springwood, 6.00 pm***

Next Gen Arise is QLD Synod's initiative to support cross-cultural young people to develop their leadership, connect with each other and corporately worship Jesus.

Our mission is to develop leaders who can inspire a movement of cross-cultural young people to passionately follow Jesus, selflessly build each other up, faithfully take a place of leadership in the church and be-yond, and fearlessly change the world.

We would like to invite you to our next combined worship event where all cross-cultural young people from QLD Uniting Churches and other denominations are welcome.

If you need more information, please contact Noah on [noah.kim@ucqld.com.au](mailto:noah.kim@ucqld.com.au) or go to our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/nextgenarise](http://www.facebook.com/nextgenarise).

### ***Redcliffe Uniting Church: Free Parenting Breakfast***

***Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 8am***

Enjoy a FREE breakfast and hear author and lecturer Mark Grecko speak about Communication in Marriage and Parenting. For men and woman. Contact Becky Clarke for more information:

[redcliffeuc@dovenetq.net.au](mailto:redcliffeuc@dovenetq.net.au)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### ***Autumn Fair***

***Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm***

**The Gap Uniting Church, 1050 Waterworks Rd, The Gap**

The Gap Uniting Church is having its Autumn Fair (previously the April Fair). Come along and help to celebrate 50 years of Fun at the Fair! There will be Face Painting, a Jumping Castle, 2nd Hand Toys and Games for the kids. For adults we have 2nd Hand Clothes, Books, Puzzles, Gifts and Fantastic Plants! Don't forget to grab one of our wonderful hamburgers or some of the home made cakes, pies, sweets and biscuits.

**For more info contact The Gap UC Office on 3300 2712 or check the website – <http://thegapuca.org.au/activities-and-events/local-community/autumn-fair/>**

### ***Merthyr Rd Uniting Church – Book keeper wanted***

Merthyr Rd Uniting Church are looking for a **Senior Book-keeper**. If you are interested, please contact Debbie at the Merthyr Rd Uniting Church office on 3358 6945. Debbie is in the office Mon – Wed and Fridays between 9:30am and 2:30pm.

### ***Timor Children's Foundation Annual Luncheon***

***Saturday 13th May 2017, 12 noon-2pm, Indooroopilly Uniting Church, 74 Station Road, Indooroopilly***

Tickets cost \$25 at the door. All proceeds will be donated to the Scholarships Project and to support the Samaria Children's Home. For catering purposes **please RSVP to Ruth Grieve on mobile ph: 0429474383 or email: [admin@timorchildren.com](mailto:admin@timorchildren.com) by Wed 10th May.**

### ***Car Boot Sale and Car Wash – Stalls \$10***

***Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00 am – 12 noon***

**The Chermide/Kedron Community Church, cnr Gympie & Rode Rds, Chermide**

**Contact: (07) 3350 4302 or [office@ckcc.org.au](mailto:office@ckcc.org.au)**

### ***Signs & Wonders – Watoto Children's Choir***

***Free Concert !***

***Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 9.00 am***

Come and join in this vibrant worship experience led by the choir of children from Uganda.

**Chermide/Kedron Community Church, cnr Gympie & Ride Rds, Chermide**

For further information contact Chermide Kedron on 3350 4302. [Click to view flyer](#)

### ***Baldwin Studio II Organ – Giveaway !***

St Paul's Uniting Church Stafford, Stafford have a well-loved Baldwin Studio II Organ to give away to a good home. It is still in good condition and would be nice for a church or chapel.

**Please phone the church office on (07) 33569465 (Tues-Thurs 9 am -2pm) if you are interested.**



## MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS: *April-May*

**2 May** Pastoral Relations Committee

**16 May** Standing Committee

**Next Newsletter:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

**Submissions due:** 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017