



**Moreton Rivers
Presbytery**

Newsletter

20th September
2017

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

WELCOME

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

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26 September
Greek Geek Group, Old
Synod



3 October
Pastoral Rel Com Mtg



12 October
EEC Meeting



31 October
Standing Committee Mtg



6 November
Resourcing Com Mtg

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PRESBYTERY NEWS:

Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for the congregation of Trinity Grove Wilston, for Rev Peter Blauw and the congregation as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains who are working in the tourism industry.

Queensland Synod statement on marriage

The Queensland Synod has produced a statement on marriage (link below). Ministry agents, church employees and Synod staff are reminded of the importance of ensuring that any public statements made regarding this issue clearly delineate between a personal position and the Assembly's position, as expressed by the Uniting Church in Queensland.

Please share this widely:

<https://ucaqld.com.au/statements/marriage-and-the-uniting-church/>

Position Vacant – Presbytery Mission Development Officer: Inner Ring – MDO (IR)

Moreton Rivers Presbytery is seeking to fill the full-time position of Presbytery Mission Development Officer: Inner Ring.

The purpose is to develop a network of strong “inner ring” suburb Uniting Churches, through missional redevelopment, support and equipping of congregational leadership and to provide resource ministry support for the existing team of lay worship leaders at Ashgrove West Uniting Church.

For more information and position description contact Rev John Ruhle at presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or Ph: (07) 3366 0236.

To submit an expression of interest please email ‘Secretary of Placements’ at placements@ucaqld.com.au

Applications close 30th September 2017.

Nominations for Presbytery Resourcing Committee Members

The Resourcing Committee is currently looking for members!

If you could like to nominate to be part of the Resourcing Committee please [click here](#)

Calling all Partners in Ministry

Sunday 22 October 12:30-2pm

If you are fortunate enough to spare the time to be on the Sunny Coast while your partner is at Synod, please join as our guest at a luncheon in the Bungalow Meeting Room at Alexandra Headlands Conference Centre at 12:30-2pm Sunday 22 October. RSVP desirable by 6 October 2017. Please contact Kristine on kristine.bromiley@ucaqld.com.au or 3377 9705

We will also have at least one other informal get together at a cafe through the week. Any more questions about the luncheon or to register interest for the other get together contact Joan Baker on 0448163133.

MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

3 October	Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
12 October	Educating and Equipping Committee Meeting
31 October	Standing Committee Meeting
6 November	Resourcing Committee Meeting
7 November	Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
22 November	Presbytery Meeting: North Lakes Uniting Church
5 December	Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
7 December	Educating and Equipping Committee Meeting
12 December	Standing Committee Meeting

Next Newsletter: Wednesday 4th October 2017

Submissions due: Monday 2nd October 2017

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MISSION EDUCATION NEWS:

Nominations for Educating and Equipping Committee Members

The EEC is currently looking for members!

If you could like to nominate to be part of the EEC please [click here](#).

Learn how to help your congregation connect with your community

Following up on the incredibly successful Founding Assembly of the Queensland Community Alliance (QCA) on Wed, 30 August, the QCA is offering two-day training course in the basic of community organising. These are free to MRP members and leaders as a member organisation in the QCA. You'll gain the lost benefit if a small group from a congregation or faith community does the training together.

The two-day course "Foundations of Community Organising" is being offered twice in the near future, so act quickly: 12 & 13 September or 12 & 13 October.

Basic information and registration is at:

<http://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/calendar>

For more information, speak to Rob McFarlane.

Greek Geek Group: For preachers who want to work from the Greek text

A lot of people have done a little bit of Greek and would like to use it more. If that's you, a new group is starting which will meet monthly to look at Greek Gospel passages coming up in the lectionary, with a focus on interpretation for preaching. We will also explore tools for using the Greek we have for ministry and encourage one another to use our Greek more.

Next passage on 26 September: Matthew 21:23-32 "The authority of Jesus questioned" and "The parable of the two sons" (lectionary for Sunday, 1 October)

Where: *Café, ground floor at Synod*

When: *10.30 am to 12 noon*

Tuesday 26 September

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Rob McFarlane:

edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au or 3366 0236

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 25 November: MSM—Discipleship & Spirituality in Missional Communities**

- *Venue to be advised. 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

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

The Downs Presbytery, Lay Preacher & Pastor Event

Saturday 7th October, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

"Communicating the Gospel as Disciples in Christ"

Topics include identifying target audiences, preparation for Worship Teams and Lay Preaching.

Guest presenters: Rev.Dr. Rob McFarlane, Mission Education Officer, Moreton Rivers Presbytery.

Rev Jenny Sims, Retired Minister, Experienced Lay Preacher, The Downs Presbytery

Rev Bob Heathwood, Retired Minister

St Stephens Uniting Church Hall, 1-7 Union Street, Toowoomba

For more information and registration (RSVP Friday 29th September 2017):

Lay Preacher Coordinator | Bob Brownley | tdpresb.lay@gmail.com | 0410 707 468.

For online registration [click here](#)



2018 Mission Education Date Claimers

Here are some dates for your 2018 diaries to help you be equipped for mission, ministry and service. Details to follow:

- Thursday, 22 February: Learning for Living "Exploring the OT" commences at Ashgrove (10 Thursday evenings)
- Saturday, 3 March: Worship & Preaching Day
- Monday 5 to Wednesday to Wednesday 7 March: The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry (The Work of the Leader) – intro course
- Monday 8 to Friday 27 April: Study Tour to Jordan and Israel (Tour full – talk to Rob McFarlane about going on the waiting list)
- Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 May: National Pioneer Ministers gathering (for people leading Fresh Expressions of church)
- Saturdays 2 June, 7 July and 4 August: Learning for Living "Talking about God (1): Faith & Reason, Creation & Trinity" at North Lakes
- Monday 25 to Friday 29 June: The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry (The Work of the Congregation) – advanced Intentional Interim Ministry course

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YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

Goldly Play Core Training QLD

Thursday 28th – Saturday 30th September 2017

Immanuel Lutheran College, 35 Rim Road, Buderim, QLD

Training Costs: \$445 (price includes morning tea/afternoon tea and lunch. Price DOES NOT include evening meal or accommodation)

Register for training with Kathrin Koning

Phone – 0423 698 925 or Email – koningk@immanuel.qld.edu.au



Safe Ministry Training – Bremer Brisbane Presbytery

Saturday 7th October 2017, 9.00 am – 12 noon

Moggill Uniting Church, Cnr Moggill and Kangaroo Gully Rd, Moggill



For further information and RSVP : admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au

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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Brisbane City Council – Grants available for access & inclusion, men's sheds, etc.

For congregations in Brisbane City Council, there are generous grants available for a range of purposes, including access and inclusion, Men's Sheds, community development and capacity building, upgrading and maintaining community facilities, and improving management and planning skills.

Closing dates are variously 11 September, 9 October and 23 October.

For details go to:

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-safety/grants-awards/summary-council-grant-programs>

Free lunch time concert

Friday September 22 2017, 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

Saint Andrew's Uniting Church, Ann St, Brisbane

Con Sprito features singers from the Queensland Conservatorium who will present a program of music from operas interspersed with French chansons and German lieder. Spranos; Cassnadra Wright, Lauren Williams, Sophia Ricci, Bridget O'Brien, Claudia Marcs; Mezzo-sopranos Christine Eckersley, Zenia Puskarz-Thomas and Tenor James Scott will be joined by accompanists Gemma Scott, Mason Levey, Johan Kyler. Their program will feature solo arias by Rossini, Massenet, Cluck, Verdi and Handel, an aria duet and trio by Mozart, lieder by Strauss and chansons by Faure', Debussy and Duparc.

For more information: website: www.saintandrews.org.au, email: siantandrews@saintandrews.org.au or Ph: Tammy on 32212400.

Up the Creek Exhibition, 7 – 22 September 2017,

Saint Andrew's Uniting Church, Ann St, Brisbane

An Exhibition by Carte Blanche in the Vera Wade Gallery, Saint Andrew's Uniting Church

For more information please go to: www.saintandrews.org.au, email: saintandrews@saintandrews.org.au or Ph: Tammy on 32212400.

Letters for Church Sign, Merthyr Road Uniting Church, New Farm

Merthyr Road Uniting Church has recently replaced the Church sign and no longer needs the slide in letters from the old sign. If your congregation could use these, please contact the church office.

Ph: Debbie 3358 6945 or email: office@mruca.org.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Part-Time Pastor Roles at The Gap Uniting Church

The Gap Uniting Church (TGUC) is an active congregation located in the inner west suburb of The Gap. The congregation seeks to live out its mission of 'Growing life-long disciples of Christ' through intentional multi-generational ministry.

We have two exciting employment opportunities at The Gap Uniting Church for passionate, committed people who have a heart for young people and for families.

We are recruiting for two, part-time roles - a Families Pastor and a Youth & Young Adults Pastor - to join our Ministry Team, working with our Minister of the Word to connect people of all ages to the love of Christ and the life of the congregation at The Gap Uniting Church.

Our Families Pastor (26 hrs/wk) is responsible for oversight of the ministries that have a focus of children and families, as well as facilitating and encouraging faith formation in the home.

Our Youth & Young Adults Pastor (24 hrs/wk) is responsible for reaching out to young people, providing a worship that can be owned by them and contributing to programs that encourage them to explore what it means to be Jesus followers.

Essential for both these roles are:

- A commitment to being a Jesus follower and an understanding of the mission and ethos of the UCA;
- demonstrated experience in working with programs and initiatives relevant to the target group;
- demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with children, youth and young adults and their families.

For more information visit our website - <http://www.thegapuca.org.au> - and download the relevant position description. To apply for either role, or if you have any questions, email office@thegapuca.org.au by 6th October 2017 or contact Ross McDonald Council Chairperson Ph 0418 369 701

Aspley Uniting Church Same Sex Marriage Forum

Saturday 23 September 8am – 10 am, 748 Robinson Road, Aspley

Speakers Greg Cary, former radio 4BC presenter, and Everald Compton, leading advocate for an Ageing Australia and author, will lead the forum. All Australians are being asked to consider their views on same sex marriage and Greg and Everald will present both sides of the debate. This forum will be a valuable platform for engaging respectfully in this controversial issue. Participation through questions and comments will be the main part of the forum. A light breakfast will be served from 8-8.30 am followed by the forum at 8.30-10 am.

For more information : [click here](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Qld Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT)
Thursday 12 October 2017, 10.00 – 11.00 am, Brisbane Multicultural Centre
Rooms 5 & 6, 28 Dibley St, Woollongabba.

This is a free workshop offered for people who support refugees and people seeking asylum. Ministers might find it useful to know about QPASTT's services – QLD Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma.

Closing date for registration is Monday 9th October 2017.

For online registration: <https://register.eventarc.com/37011/qpastt-information-session>

Useful Guide to Copyright and Churches

Here is a link to a really clear and helpful summary of stuff to do with churches and copyright.

It has been produced by the legal eagles in the VicTas Synod, so some contact details aren't relevant, but the obligations and procedures are national, so it is applicable for us all.

On page 5 it also points you towards a full guide "Churches and Copyright", downloadable at a cost from the Australian Copyright Council's website, [click here](#)

Workshop for Worship Song-Writers

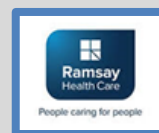
Friday 26th January – Sunday 28th January 2018, Indooroopilly Uniting Church

Songwrite 2018, the third national workshop for worship song-writers in the Uniting Church, is being held at Indooroopilly UC, Brisbane, over the Australia Day long weekend, 26-28 January 2018. The previous two events (Canberra and Adelaide) drew song-writers, young and old, from across Australia for a wonderful weekend of learning, writing, recording and worship singing. Keynote speaker for 2018 is Tanya Riches (composer of "Jesus, what a beautiful name"), a Hillsong pastor from Sydney with a deep experience of cross-cultural and First Peoples music.

Online registrations at \$150 will be available soon. For further details visit <https://ucasongwrite.wordpress.com/>

Going to Hospital ?

If you or one of your family are being admitted to hospital and you wish to have a visit from a Chaplain or you wish to receive communion whilst in hospital, please be sure to make this on your admission form or speak to the person admitting you to make sure your wishes are known and documented.



Please do not assume that because you have listed your faith that you will automatically receive a visit, you must give permission for a visit.

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

What's the best way to save lives in a disaster?



Preparation. UnitingWorld is working alongside our Pacific church partners to help them be better prepared before disasters strike. You can help. \$1 invested in disaster preparation saves \$15 in recovery efforts later. Donate now to support this life-saving work in the Pacific: www.unitingworld.org.au/disasterpreparation

Watch: "It was all black..." A man describes taking shelter in the eye of Cyclone Winston, which levelled his home in Fiji
<https://vimeo.com/230236446>

Art Exhibition and Sale – Sarah Tucker Douglas

Friday 10th November 2017, 6.30 pm , 2557 Mount Mee Rd, Ocean View.



Please join us in enjoying a celebration night of Art, Wine, Views and Conversation. Q & A session on the impact of Prison Ministry and the workings of a Prison Chaplain.

For more information go to: www.oceanviewstates.com.au/news-events/ or info@oceanviewstates.com.au RSVP: 3425 3900

Merthyr Rd Uniting Fashion Swap

Saturday 30th September 11am til 3pm

Swap or buy, and learn to play your part in making fashion traffic-free.

Merthyr Road Uniting Church is hosting a Fashion Swap to raise funds and awareness on human trafficking. All proceeds go to Stop the Traffic. More information can be found on the Merthyr Road Uniting Church Website and the Merthyr Road Uniting Church Facebook Events page: [Merthyr Rd Website](http://MerthyrRdWebsite)

Contact Helen Prior 0401 911 124 or enquiries@mruc.org.au

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