



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



**Moreton Rivers  
Presbytery**

**Newsletter**

4th October  
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:

-  **12 October**  
EEC Meeting
-  **31 October**  
Standing Committee Mtg
-  **6 November**  
Resourcing Com Mtg
-  **7 November**  
Pastoral Relations  
Com Mtg
-  **10 November 7-9pm**  
Trinity Unplugged
-  **22 November**  
Presbytery Meeting,  
North Lakes UC
-  **5 December**  
Pastoral Rel Com Mtg
-  **7 December**  
EEC Mtg
-  **12 December**  
Standing Com Mtg

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## PRESBYTERY NEWS:

### ***Prayer and Pastoral Concerns***

Please pray for Wesley Mission Qld, for Rev Lyn Burden, Mr Geoff Batkin and the amazing WMQ team as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains who are working in schools; for their ministry to students, families and staff.

### ***Induction Service – Brenton Prigge***

***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 2.00 pm Chermside Kedron Community Church,  
590 Gympie Rd, Chermside***

All are welcome to attend with afternoon tea afterwards.

### ***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](mailto: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.

### ***Service of Dedication to the North Lakes Uniting Church Chapel***

***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 9.30 am – 10.30 am, 2 College Street, Northlakes***

All are welcome to attend, with Morning Tea afterwards.

## MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- 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

**Next Newsletter:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Submissions due:** Monday 16th October 2017

## PRESBYTERY NEWS: *Continued*

### *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/>

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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](#).

### ***2018 Learning for Living Courses Registration now open !***

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



### ***2018 First Aid Training***

For all information and registration [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 most 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:

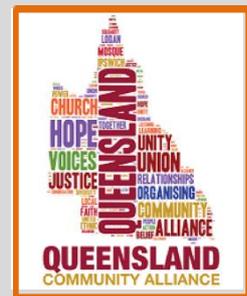
12 & 13 October, at All Saints Catholic Church, Albany Creek.

Rob McFarlane will be part of the training team on day 2.

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 17 October: Matthew 22:34-46 "The greatest commandment" and "The question about David's son" (lectionary for Sunday, 29 October)

**Where:** *Café, ground floor at Synod*

**When:** *10.30 am to 12 noon*

*Tuesday 17 October*

*Tuesday 21 November*

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

[edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) or 3366 0236

## MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*



### ***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.**
- **We will also hear and reflect on the story of the BELLS community, three years after its founding as a Fresh Expression:** <http://www.bells.org.au/>
- **Caloundra Uniting Church Hall, 56c Queen Street, Caloundra**  
**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)



### ***Check out ACTIVATE!***

Trinity College Queensland's exciting new gap-year program. The program will allow school leavers, new grads and the 'vocationally confused' to complete a very practically-based Diploma of Ministry offering purposeful learning and spiritual growth in a genuinely enjoyable context of vibrant Christian community. In addition to academic study, participants will also complete a barista qualification, do a mental health first aid course, learn to cook for crowds, go on an overseas mission trip, serve in local programs for disadvantaged people and so much more.

For the first year only (2018), all program costs will be included in the cost of the academic program, *all of which can be covered using fee-help!* So, yes, the whole program can be enjoyed for a \$0 upfront cost. Options are also available to audit the academic component of the course. ***Continued on next page...***

Please join us in promoting the program within and around Queensland churches. If you know any young people who might be interested, you can direct them to: [www.activate.trinity.qld.edu.au](http://www.activate.trinity.qld.edu.au) or search **activatetrinity** on **Facebook**.

If you require any further information on 0417703728 or [simon.gomersall@trinity.qld.edu.au](mailto:simon.gomersall@trinity.qld.edu.au). Simon is also available to come and promote the program personally in any contexts relevant to your responsibilities.



## 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
- Saturday, 7 April: Sacraments Training Day, equipping Lay Presiders.
- Sunday 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

## National Church Life Survey Results for Moreton Rivers Presbytery:

Following the release of your summary profile and results to local churches, I am pleased to release the full Church Life Profile of the 2016 National Church Life Survey for the Uniting Church Presbytery of Moreton Rivers. **Please use this link to access your Church Life Profile for the Uniting Church Presbytery of Moreton Rivers:** <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/profile-number/select-profile?pn=N4Z9YT>

To view the full profile, click on "View Our Church Life Profile – available now".

After it has loaded you can save the profile by clicking on **Download** - profile as pdf.

The full *Church Life Profile* contents will include a summary as well as more detail:

- **Summary Profile:** The summary of results about the people, what they value and prioritise, their gifts and skills, how they relate to God, each other, and the wider community, as well as vision, innovation and leadership culture.
- **The People of this Church:** Demographics, patterns of attendance, involvement in church life.
- **Church Vitality - Core Qualities of Church Life:** A detailed look at each of the nine core qualities that shape church vitality.
- **Child Survey Results** (for churches who ran the Child Survey): Experiences and thoughts about church life and faith from children aged 8 to 14 years.
- **Denominational Survey Results** (for those who commissioned extra survey questions): Responses to questions commissioned by your denomination.

These results can be shared with others by directing them to <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/profile-number> and providing the profile number: **N4Z9YT**

If you have any queries about your results please contact us at [info@ncls.org.au](mailto:info@ncls.org.au) or (02 9701 4479). We would welcome the opportunity to discuss your results with you at an appropriate time.

Thank you for your partnership in serving God's church.

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

**Safe Ministry Training – Bremer Brisbane Presbytery**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@bremerbrisbane.org.au)

**Young Adults Group (YAG) Outing**  
**EAT STREET**

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 4:30pm**

Bring your friends and join us at the Eat Street Markets on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 4:30pm. 221D Macarthur Avenue, Hamilton.

Contact Rachel Pegg (0432 680 248) or Jevahn Gordon (0431 009 935) for more details.

**Next Gen Arise Worship Gathering**  
**29 October 6pm Brisbane Taiwanese Uniting Church**

We'd like to invite you all to our next Next Gen Arise Worship Gathering! It will be a great opportunity to connect with Jesus and others from different Uniting Churches and all cultural backgrounds. Don't miss out on this beautiful experience of coming together and celebrating and praising the name of Jesus! This event will be held at 6 pm on 29th October at Brisbane Taiwanese Uniting Church ([1 Wineglass Dr, Hillcrest](#)). Guest Speaker: Rev. Alan Robinson. The refreshments and snacks will be provided after the event.

If you need more information, please contact Noah on [noah.kim@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:noah.kim@ucaqld.com.au) or visit our Facebook webpage: <https://www.facebook.com/nextgenarise>.

\*Next Gen Arise is Queensland Synod's initiative to support young people from all cultures 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 places of leadership in the church and beyond, and fearlessly change the world. All young leaders and emerging leaders of the Uniting Church and other denominations are welcome to this event.

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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:** 9 October and 23 October.

For details go to:

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

### ***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](mailto:office@thegapuca.org.au) by

**6th October 2017** or contact Ross McDonald Council Chairperson Ph 0418 369 701

### ***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](#)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

***Old 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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

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

### ***Trinity Unplugged***

***Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7-9pm***

***\$10 (with refreshments)***

***Topic: Search for Truth: What does the Bible say?***

***Speaker: Leigh Trevaskis***

The Bible makes a whole lot of truth claims – but can we rely on these as true? Should a modern person give even scant attention to a narrative that claims a personal God created the world?

It would be great to see you there. Please see the attached flyer for more details and please rsvp with Trinity College: 3377 9950 or email: [ask@trinity.qld.edu.au](mailto:ask@trinity.qld.edu.au)

### ***Free Concert - Presented by Violinist Yena Choi***

***Saint Andrew's Uniting Church Cnr Creek and Ann Streets, Brisbane***

***Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 12.30 pm***

For more information: [saintandrews.org.au](http://saintandrews.org.au) or phone Tammy on (07) 32212400

### ***Workshop for Worship Song-Writers***

***Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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://ucsongwrite.wordpress.com/> or [click here](#) for flyer.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### **Art Exhibition and Sale – Sarah Tucker Douglas**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 and rsvp [click here](#).



### ***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](http://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>

### ***Hymn Books Wanted:***

The Barney View Community Church would like to hear from any congregation which has a dozen Australian Hymn Books that could be donated to them. Their little congregation is growing and they need more books. Please contact Mr Hal Catchpole on 07 5463 1036.

### ***Reformation Dinner: Tuesday 31 October 2017, 6:30 for 7pm***

Exactly 500 years ago on Tuesday, 31 October, Martin Luther nailed onto the door of Wittenberg Cathedral a document containing his 95 theses, an action which commenced the Reformation. Aspley Uniting Church Council has decided that we should celebrate this significant event in world history by holding a Reformation Dinner at the Geebung RSL on that evening this year. Please bring along family and friends as this will be a very special occasion in the history of our Church.

A dining room with a capacity for 150 guests has been reserved for our exclusive use and the Church Council has asked ACTS (Aspley Caring Through Service) organise the evening and has decided that any profits from the evening will be donated to ACTS. An invitation is attached [click here](#) and please note that Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Archbishop Philip Aspinall as well as the Moderator Rev David Baker, have accepted an invitation to attend and speak.

The cost of the dinner is \$50 per person for a two course meal and drinks. Please rsvp and pay as soon as possible. You may pay by Cash or cheque to the Presbytery Office or via direct deposit:

Bank: ANZ BSB: 014 010

Account No: 191 523 698

Account Name: Aspley Caring Through Service

Reference: include dinner/surname (please include your surname to assist with identification)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

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