



**Moreton Rivers
Presbytery**

Newsletter

12th December 2018

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. To sign up or unsubscribe to the newsletter register your details at: office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

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WHAT'S on:



National Young Adults
Leaders Conference
Thurs 17- Sun 20 January
2019, Adelaide



Saturday 19th January 2019
Sunday School Brunch
Moreton Rivers Presbytery



First Aid Training
Saturday 9th February 2019
Chermside Kedron
Community Church



Expressions of Interest
Open for Semester One
(commencing Feb)Learning
for Living 2019



Youth Combine Event
Friday 8 March – "Let's
Bowl"

PRESBYTERY NEWS:

Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for the Redcliffe Uniting Church, Rev Paul Clark and the church community as they minister to those in their community.

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

Please pray for the Shared Services at the Queensland Synod and the role they play within the Uniting Church in Australia.

Closure Service for Neil Storey & Commissioning Lay Preacher Service for Paul Fletcher Sunday 23rd December 2019, 5.00pm Moreton Faith Community Church

Please contact the Presbytery Office (07) 33660236 or office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au if you wish to attend (for catering purposes).

Nominations for Presbytery Property Convenor (urgent)

The Resourcing Committee is currently looking for a Property Convenor. This position involves attending 5 committee meetings during the year as well as some involvement with presbytery property management. If you could like to nominate please [click here](#)

Safe Ministry with Children Audit – Due End of January 2019

Please [click here](#) for the letter from the General Secretary of the Queensland Synod.

Please submit your documents to Jill Bow at adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au by 31st January 2019.



Presbytery Office Hours – Christmas/New Year Break

Our office will be closed from Monday 17th December 2018 and reopen Monday 7th January 2019.

For any urgent enquiries contact: Rev John Ruhle, Presbytery Minister on 0419 482 226 or email John: presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

MORETON RIVERS PRESBYTERY WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

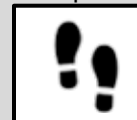
Don't forget to visit our website: www.moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

For all the latest news, information and registration for training courses, camps and events !

We try to maintain up to date information on our website, if you find something that is out of date, please let us know and we will make sure it is updated.



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PRESBYTERY NEWS: *Continued*

Positions Vacant: Part-Time Pastor Role at The Gap Uniting Church

Here's an exciting opportunity to join a growing team at [The Gap Uniting Church](https://thegapuca.org.au/.../2018.8-PD-Youth-Young-Adult-Past...). Link to PD below:
<https://thegapuca.org.au/.../2018.8-PD-Youth-Young-Adult-Past...>

Positions Vacant Part-Time Pastor role at The Gap Uniting Church



We are 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 an exciting employment opportunity at The Gap Uniting Church for a passionate, committed person who has a heart for **young people**.

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

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 & an understanding of the mission & ethos of the Uniting Church in Australia;
- ✓ Demonstrated experience in working with programs & initiatives relevant to the target group;
- ✓ Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with children, youth, young adults & their families.

For more information download the relevant Position Description (PDF) files below.

To apply send your application to office@thegapuca.org.au by 21st December 2018 or contact Rev. Rod Fisher 0419 678 619 if you have questions.

Synod Office

Changes to Building Regulations 2006

The Queensland Government recently amended the Building Regulation 2006, requiring certain buildings to register and complete a combustible cladding checklist.

The Risk Group is currently in consultation with the Regulator to determine which congregation buildings need to be registered and further information will follow. In the meantime, if you are contacted by the regulator or others about this please notify the Risk and Compliance Team on 07 3377 9953.

Terry Selva

Manager Risk and Compliance, Queensland Synod

PRESBYTERY NEWS: *Continued*

Synod Office: *Continued*

Congregational bookkeeping service

The Synod office is currently proposing to set up a centralised bookkeeping service that is opt-in (no compulsion to join). The service can assist presbyteries and congregations that cannot easily obtain people to perform bookkeeping services or may choose to outsource these tasks.

We are asking all congregational treasurers, presbytery treasurers and presbytery ministers to [complete this survey](#) to ascertain whether there is sufficient interest in this service.

[The survey](#) will take approximately three–minutes and should be completed by 14 December COB.

[Peter Cranna](#)

Executive Director – Strategic Resources, Queensland Synod

Moderator's Christmas message now available

Share the wonder of Christmas with these [free resources available on the Synod website](#).

- Social media banner
- Powerpoint template
- Christmas music video
- Moderator's Christmas video

[Ben Tupou](#)

Marketing and Communications Officer, Queensland Synod

MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

31 st January	Resourcing Committee Meeting
31 st January	Educating & Equipping Committee Meeting
12 th February	Standing Committee Meeting
12 th February	Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

Next 2019 Newsletter: Wednesday 9th January 2019

Submissions due: Monday 7th January 2019

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YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

Sunday School Brunch – For Sunday School Teachers/ Educators
Saturday 19th January 2019, 10.00am – 12.30pm
Moreton Rivers Presbytery Office, 22 Ashgrove Av, Ashgrove

Cost: \$8.00 per person

Sunday School Resource Sharing and Faith at Home Resource

To register online: [click here](#)



National Young Adults (18+ years) Leaders Conference
17 – 20 January 2019, Adelaide

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

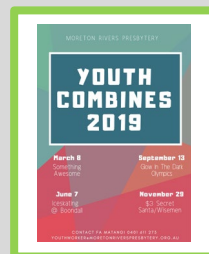
If your congregation would like to sponsor a Young Adult please contact

Fa Matangi on 33660236 or email youthworker@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au



2019 Youth Combine Events !

For dates and information: [click here](#)



First Youth Combine Event for the Year !
8 March 2019, "Let's Bowl"

For more information: [click here](#)



Safe Ministry with Children Congregation Training (No Ministry Agents)

Saturday 23rd February 2019, 9.00 am – 11.00 am

Caboolture Uniting Church, Cnr King St & Smith's Road

\$5.00 per person to cover printed material.

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



YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS: *Continued*

Day Camp 2019 !



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EDUCATION NEWS:

2019 First Aid Training

***Saturday 9th February 2018, Chermside Kedron Community Church
Cnr Rode & Gympie Roads (Carpark entry via Henry St)***

9am – 11 am (CRP refresher \$55.00 per person)

9 am – 3.00pm (Full First Aid including CPR \$100.00 per person)

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



Learning for Living 2019 – Express Your Interest Now !

Commencing February 2019 – Semester 1 – “Talking about God 1”

If you are interested in enrolling in Semester 1 please contact Jill Bow at the Presbytery Office on
Ph: (07) 3366 0236 or email: adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au



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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Christmas Fun Day – St Mark's Mt Gravatt
Tuesday 18th December 2018, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
For kids Prep – grade 6

Come and celebrate the greatest gift of all – the birth of Jesus Christ !
 For more information: [click here](#)



Hold Fast (Saint Andrew's Uniting Church) "Beer and Carols"
Sunday 23 December 2018, 5.00 pm
The Grove, 225 Waterworks Road, Ashgrove
 For more information and to rsvp : [click here](#)



Ways You Can Support the ORCA Project
 For more information [click here](#)



GodlyPlay Australia 6-8 April 2019
Chermside Kedron Community Church
 For more information and to register: [click here](#)

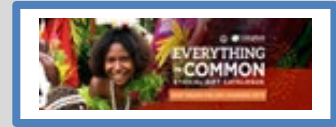


COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

"Everything in Common" Gift Store – UnitingWorld

Don't forget to visit the "Everything in Common" Gift Stores for some Fantastic Christmas gifts ! Look out for congregations who are having stores, come and visit our store at the Presbytery Office (22 Ashgrove Av Ashgrove).

For Online Shopping and "Everything in Common" video: [click here](#)



Sandgate Uniting Church – Wins 4KQ Christmas Lights !

Sandgate Uniting Church has won the Best Church and Community Group category in the 4KQ Christmas Lights annual competition. The theme this year is joyful news and the church wants to bring news of great joy to the community through the displays and conversations with all who visit the church to see the displays, both outside and inside, to enjoy the entertainment, what the many stalls have on offer, and the activities offered the children. For more details of what is on offer, opening times and days please [click here](#).



Religious Instruction Teachers Needed within Schools in Moreton Rivers Presbytery (Urgent)

If you are interested please contact Kathy Wright at the Presbytery Office on (07) 3366 0236 or email: office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

Seeking Accommodation

Young Christian family with 2 pre-school age children transferring to Brisbane with work looking for 3 or 4 bedroom home in proximity to schools and good public transport to city. Would consider unused Manse rental. Commences work January 7th 2019.

Contact: David Ellis, McKay Patrol – 0407 210 858 or via email mckaypatrol@ucanq.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Can you help during this Christmas period?

Hi to Everyone in Moreton Rivers Presbytery,



Firstly I wanted to share with you this beautiful video from our recent Outback Links trip to Alice Springs. A team of wonderful volunteers helped with some vital maintenance of the historic John Flynn Memorial Church and Adelaide House, paying homage to the founder of Frontier Services. A huge thank you to everyone who took part. [Click here to view video](#)

Secondly, I am asking for your help for those doing it tough in remote Australia. We've recently received many calls for help from Aussies asking for support over this upcoming Christmas period.

Can you help? You can volunteer now and lend that practical hand and make a difference in the lives of one of these families. Please call myself or Rose on 1300 787 247 or visit www.outbacklinks.com.au/locations for more information and our latest job listings.

Find out how you can lend a hand!

Thank you for standing with us.

Michelle McLeod
National Program Manager - Outback Links
Frontier Services