



**Moreton Rivers  
Presbytery**

**Newsletter**

6th March 2019

*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](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

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## WHAT'S on:

	Youth Combine Event Friday 8 March – "Let's Bowl". Contact Fa if you would like to come
	"Transitions" Women's Gathering Saturday 9 March Chermside Community Church
	Safe Ministry with Children Training (no Ministry Agents) Saturday 30 March 2019 Caboolture Uniting Church
	Easter Madness 12 – 15 April Alexandra Park Conference Centre

## PRESBYTERY NEWS:

### *Prayer and Pastoral Concerns*

Please pray for the Saint Paul's Stafford Uniting Church, Rev Yvonne McRostie and the church community as they minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains ministering in the Police Force.

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

### *Presbytery Staff Changes as of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

- Rev John Ruhle will be leaving the Presbytery Minister position Thursday 7 March to take up the Associate General Secretary role at the Qld Synod.
- Rev Yvonne McRostie will be Interim Presbytery Minister until a new Presbytery Minister is appointed. Her email address will be [presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) and phone will be (07) 3366 0236 and mobile 0419 482 226.
- Rev Mark Cornford will be Acting Presbytery Chairperson. His email address will be [chair@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:chair@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au).

### *Lay Preacher Commissioning Service – Sarah Tucker*

Moreton Rivers and Mary Burnett Presbyteries will be commissioning Sarah Tucker as Lay Preacher on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am at Glasshouse Country Uniting Church, Twin Peak Drive, Beerwah. If you are wanting to attend please contact Kathy Wright at [office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) 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 Now!***

If your congregation hasn't submitted the relevant documents please [click here](#) for the letter from the General Secretary of the Queensland Synod. Please submit your documents to Kathy Wright at [office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) ASAP.

## PRESBYTERY NEWS: *Continued*

### MORETON RIVERS PRESBYTERY WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Don't forget to visit our website: [www.moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](http://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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## MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

12 <sup>th</sup> March	Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Standing Committee Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Educating & Equipping Committee Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Resourcing Committee Meeting

**NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING:** To be advised.

**Next 2019 Newsletter:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Submissions due:** Monday 18th March 2019

### ***Name Badge Order***

The Presbytery Office is putting in another order in mid-May for name badges. If you would like to order some please email: [office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) by Friday 10 May 2019.

## PRESBYTERY NEWS: *Continued*

### Presbytery Items for **Sale!**



One large screen – free



Bags of Creek Pebble Stones \$5.00 per bag



For more information contact the Presbytery Office on 3366 0236 or [office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:office@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

## QUEENSLAND SYNOD NEWS:



### ***Moderator's Community Service Medal***

The Queensland Synod of The Uniting Church recognizes the wonderful work of volunteers through the Moderator's Community Service Medal.

The Moderator's Medal is presented to individuals who have contributed in an outstanding way to the Uniting Church's mission in community services.

This year we are again looking for nominations that truly reflect the mission of UnitingCare: ***Bringing life in all its fullness through improving the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities as we: Reach out to people in need; Speak out for fairness and justice; Care with compassion, innovation and wisdom.***

Nominees must:

- be a volunteer for a community service activity of Uniting Church (past or present)
- have exhibited outstanding service over a number of years.

Nominations are open and can be submitted electronically via the UnitingCare Queensland website [www.unitingcareqld.com.au/moderators-medal](http://www.unitingcareqld.com.au/moderators-medal).

Nominations close on **Friday, 5 April**. Recipients will have their awards presented locally in their community.

Should you require more information about the nomination process, please contact Sarina Vanderplas on 07 32534733 or [sarina.vanderplas@uchealth.com.au](mailto:sarina.vanderplas@uchealth.com.au).

### ***Letter from the Moderator – Consultation Process and Forums – Assisted Dying***

To view letter and Consultation Forums [click here](#)

### **Consultation Paper – Assisted Dying**

To view the paper [click here](#)

## TRINITY COLLEGE NEWS:



***Trinity Unplugged - "I Believe! Help my Unbelief?"***

***Guest Speaker: Dr John Frederick***

***Thursday 21 March 2019, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm***

***Trinity College Qld, Level 1, 60 Bayliss Street, Auchenflower***

For more information [click here](#)

***Trinity College Queensland Activate Gap Year Program***

For more information [click here](#)

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## YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

### **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 Training (no Ministry Agents)**

**Saturday 30 March 2019, 9.00 am – 11.00 am**

**Caboolture Uniting Church, Cnr King St & Smith's Rd, Caboolture**

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



### **Easter Madness 2019! – Registrations now open!**

**12 – 15 April 2019, Alexandra Park Conference Centre**

This year Easter Madness will be held at Alexandra Park Conference Centre. Price for early-bird registration is \$199 (\$249 for standard registration).

So start promoting, encouraging, saving and fundraising for this great opportunity for your youth (grade 7-12) to be part of a weekend of discipleship and community building.

For more information go to: <https://eastermadness.com.au/>

### **Day Camp 2 – 5 July 2019**

**Two venues: Triple C Camp Site Cedar Creek and Pine Rivers Uniting Church**

More information and online registration coming soon!



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## EDUCATION NEWS:

***Learning for Living 2019 – Registrations Open Now!***  
***Commencing 25 July 2019 – Semester 2 – "Talking about God 2"***  
If you are interested in enrolling or would like to find out more [click here](#)



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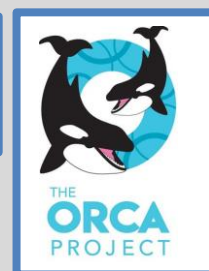
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

### **Ways You Can Support the ORCA Project**

For more information [click here](#)



**ORCA open night: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Albany Creek Uniting Church 5:30-7pm**

652 Albany Creek Road, Albany Creek

See flyer for details [click here](#)

Contact Alison Cox if you are planning on coming: [a.cox@wmq.org.au](mailto:a.cox@wmq.org.au)

### **Responding to Domestic & Family Violence – Half Day Training Event**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm**

**St Andrew's Anglican Church Caloundra, 46 Upper Gay Tce, Kings Beach,**

**Cost \$30.00**

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

### **Wednesday Lenten Reflections: Vera Wade Gallery**

**Saint Andrew's Uniting Church, Ann St, Brisbane**

**11.00 am – 12 noon**

**Wednesday March 13,** Theme: "The Wilderness", leader, Geraldine Wheeler

**Wednesday March 20,** Theme: "Grace – my gift to you" in the series "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven", leaders, Marion McConaghy, Geraldine Wheeler

**Wednesday March 27,** Theme: "Forgiveness", leader Jennii Gould

**Wednesday April 3,** Theme "Water", leader, Rita Ringma

**Wednesday April 10,** Theme "The tree", leader, Sue Oliver

**Wednesday April 17,** Theme "Responses to stories of Holy Week", leader Geraldine Wheeler with artists

Each week there will be time to reflect on art works in the Vera Wade Gallery which relate to the theme, a reading of the scripture passages, an explanation by the artists of their thinking when possible and time for quiet response, reflection and prayer.

For more information [click here](#)

### **Messy Church "Let's Explore Who is God Together"**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 4.45pm for a 5.00 pm start,**

**Finishes with dinner by 7.00 pm**

**Arana Hills Uniting Church, corner of Cycas St and Alstonia St,**

**Arana Hills**

For more information: [click here](#)



## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### ***St Paul's Anglican Church Ashgrove and Ashgrove Dance Studio Community Fete Saturday 23 March 2019 9.30 am – 3.00 pm, 10 Jubilee Terrace Ashgrove***



All funds raised will go towards significant improvements to our community hall which is used not only by Ashgrove Dance but other community groups as well.

We are asking for donations of items or vouchers for raffles, prizes or to invite you to consider setting up a stall on the day with a donations towards our community hall project.

For further information contact Rev Tiffany Sparks on Ph: (07) 3366 2320 or email:

[tiffany.sparks@stpaulsashgrove.org.au](mailto:tiffany.sparks@stpaulsashgrove.org.au) or Wendy Lowe Ashgrove Dance Studio Ph: 0407675230 or email: [ashgrovedancestudio@gmail.com](mailto:ashgrovedancestudio@gmail.com)

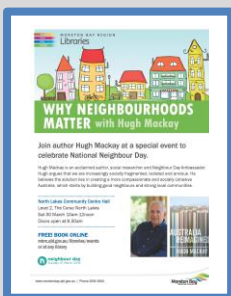
### ***The Circle Way @ Work - An Introduction Workshop Tuesday 26 March 2019, Toowoomba***



The Circle Way is a methodology that supports inclusive conversations, meetings and groups that welcome diverse opinions, promote mutual understanding and discover meaningful and wise solutions.

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

For registration form [click here](#)



### ***"Why Neighbourhoods Matter "***

***Presented by Hugh Mackay – Free Seminar!***

***Saturday 30 March 2019, 10.00 am – 12 noon (Door opens 9.30 am)***

***The Lakes Community Centre Hall, Level 2 The Corso North Lakes***

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

### ***GodlyPlay Australia 6-8 April 2019 Chermside Kedron Community Church***

For more information and to register: [click here](#)



## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### ***The Gap Uniting Church – Autumn Fair***

***Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm***

More information coming soon.



### ***The Gap Uniting Church – Garage Sale***

***Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 6.00 am – 12 noon***

More information coming soon.

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

The following is a list of Points for Prayer for the month of MARCH in relation to Religious Instruction in our Queensland Schools:

"Given the recent threats to Religious Instruction in Queensland, we ask that each Sunday during March you pray in your services and prayer meetings for the following points:

- (1) that the place of RI in schools is preserved within class time
- (2) that more parents give permission for their children to enrol in RI classes
- (3) that there are enough godly instructors to take all classes
- (4) that Christians are moved to provide financial support to help fund the program
- (5) that God would clear away the bureaucratic obstacles to RI in all schools

There is much work going on behind the scenes to ensure that students have the opportunity for RI into the future.

### ***Bookkeeping Assistance – Congregations***

Monique Bartlett has offered bookkeeping services to congregations. She is available on Thursdays and Fridays (also evenings). For more information call Monique on Ph: 0413 477 923 or email: [monique.bartlett@hotmail.com](mailto:monique.bartlett@hotmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### POSITIONS VACANT:

#### *UnitingCare Volunteers*



Please contact the Volunteer Management team at [volunteer@uccommunity.org.au](mailto:volunteer@uccommunity.org.au) if you are interested.

#### **Volunteer Reception Support - UnitingCare Caboolture**

The volunteer Reception Support role will support the delivery of services by assisting with a range of reception & administrative functions: Provide professional welcome to staff, volunteers, clients & visitors. Operate MITEL phone system providing professional first impression. Refer & respond to all enquiries, record & distribute messages. Assist with managing office appointments. Provide administrative assistance - document collation & circulation, record keeping, data entry, archiving.

#### ***Volunteering Opportunities – Can You Help?***



We need your help to support those doing it tough in remote Australia. We are receiving many calls for help from our fellow Aussies doing it tough. Many of you will have seen in the media just how much people in Remote Australia are struggling. The country is experiencing the most severe weather conditions we've seen in a very long time. Even as an organisation that specialises in providing support and care for Remote Australians, the images and stories being shared have been incredibly confronting. These extreme weather events are going to forever change whole communities.

As we reflect on the large scale of loss we can only feel compassion for those caught in these disasters. We're working hard to be part of the solution through our network of Bush Chaplains, who are continuing to provide practical, pastoral and spiritual care during this time of grief and our amazing volunteers are also providing support where possible and getting ready to help with clean-up efforts.

You can support us in many ways, by giving a gift or volunteering your time and talents. You can volunteer now and lend that practical hand and make a difference in the lives of one of these families. **Please call 1300 787 247** for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Email: <https://frontierservices.org/how-we-help/outback-links/>

Website: [www.outbacklinks.com.au/locations](http://www.outbacklinks.com.au/locations)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

### ***Calling all Caravaners, Campers and those who enjoy the Great Outdoors and are part of the Inner Ring Group of Churches.***

If you are part of the Inner Ring Churches of the Moreton Rivers Presbytery and are interested in sharing the Great Outdoors we are asking if you would be interested in being part of an Inner Ring Camping group. This is another way for members of Inner Ring Churches to get to know each other and to share experiences and fun with others who have a common interest.



Tim and Allison are avid caravaners as are Dellvene and myself, who are part of the Ashgrove West Congregation. We are sure there would be many others who have similar interests and would be happier camping in the company of others. Possibly we only look at four weekends a year and camp sites ranging from camping parks, showgrounds, farm stays and other places of interest that always come.

If you are interested please email your details to the presbytery office, so we can get back to you and arrange an initial cuppa at a central location. Looking forward to hearing from you all soon.

Cal & Dellvene Hanton  
Ashgrove West Uniting Church.

### ***Mindfulness for Seniors.***

***Merthyr Rd Uniting church Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 10am-12pm***

Mindfulness is a way to practise focussing your mind in the present. There are many styles to suit everyone. Whereas once mindfulness was considered to be something practised only by certain religious groups such as Buddhists, it is now a word everyone seems to be bandying around, from the person in the street to psychologists and other health professionals.

What is it, and why are people so keen to recommend it?

The answer is that mindfulness is a regular practice that focuses the practitioner's mind in the present for whatever duration of time they choose to do it, be it long or short. There are a number of different exercises people can use to practise it, and these are so varied that there is probably one style that will suit you, even if you believe that you could never stay focussed on one thing for even a minute.

Over the past few years much research has been done to find out whether or not mindfulness practice is beneficial for people, and the answer has been a resounding "yes." Regular mindfulness practice has both physical and mental health benefits, enabling the reduction of things such as stress, anxiety and depression, enabling people to better regulate their emotions, increase their capacity to learn new things, lower blood pressure and improve immune systems function – to name just a few.

If you would like to learn more about mindfulness and its benefits, as well as some simple mindfulness practices.

*Free morning tea (flyer was too big to add here– please see email attachment)*

**RSVP for catering purposes by phoning 3358 6945 or emailing [office@mruca.org.au](mailto:office@mruca.org.au) by 21st March.**