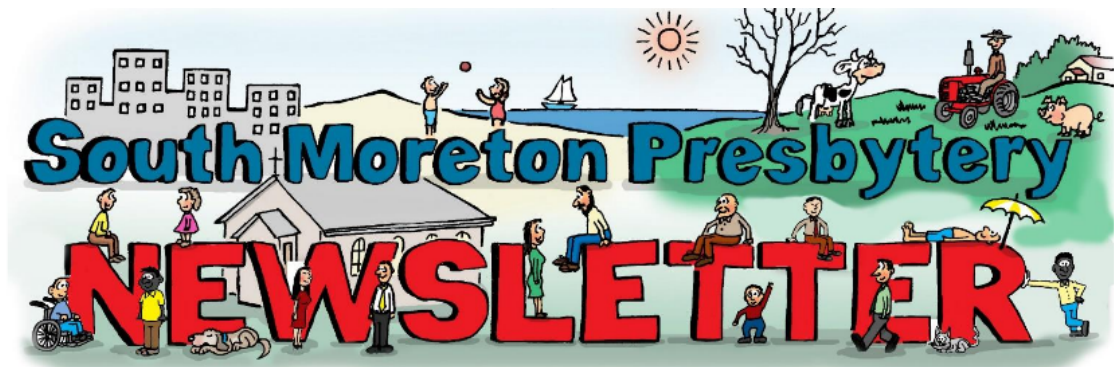


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But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

RECENT INDUCTIONS



Rev. Dan Skippen was inducted into half time placement at Tingalpa UC on July 9. Dan is also half-time chaplain at St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital, Brisbane.

The induction service of Rev. Sione Afu at the Tongan UC Logan City was held on June 18, at Beenleigh Region Uniting Church. Sione continues part-time in supply with BlueCare.

A new season of 'transitional resourcing ministry' officially began at Ashmore UC with the induction during morning worship on July 9 of Rev. Jim Haak into a 2-year placement. Pictured are Church Council Chair Jenny Charles, Jim and PRC member Cathy Hartwig.

Please pray for Dan, Sione and Jim and their Congregations and their new journeys.

Flagstone Community Centre Dedication

A Dedication Service was held of the Presbytery's newly-purchased home at Flagstone for use as a Community Centre on June 30.

The Moderator, Rev. Andrew Gunton, officiated, unveiling a commemorative plaque, in front of a gathering of representatives from Synod (including General Secretary, Rev. Heather den Houting), Presbytery, neighbouring UCA Congregations, and the Flagstone community, as well as Community Centre staff and volunteers, patrons and service providers, and State MLA Charis Mullen.

Please keep this Centre in your prayers as we serve and witness to Flagstone.



Above left: Centre Coordinator, Jack Bravo. Above right: Members of Bayside UC at the dedication.



Presbytery Minister Rev. David Busch, Moderator, Rev. Andrew Gunton and community chaplain Rev. Faye Talatonu

Introducing our new Uniting Church chaplain at the Gold Coast Hospitals

PASTOR KEN MOALA



From volunteer, then in supply ministry, now called into this full-time ministry placement, starting July 1.

Main ministry spaces:

- Gold Coast University Hospital, Southport
- Robina Hospital
- Other hospitals on request

Please pray for Ken, and pray that we might grow our team of volunteer hospital chaplains

Ken will be commissioned into the Ministry of Pastor at the Gold Coast University Hospital Chapel on Thursday, August 10, at 10:00 am.

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SAVE THE DATE

The Great Flagstone Trivia Gala

Come and support our Flagstone Community Centre with
an afternoon of trivia, fun, laughter and fellowship

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Beenleigh Region Uniting Church

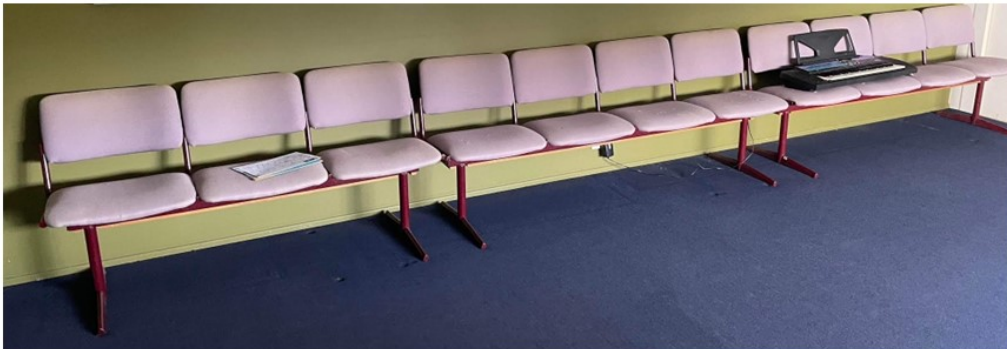
1.30pm to 4.30pm

\$150/table (1 for each congregation!)

\$10 for individual registrations

FURTHER DETAILS AND BOOKINGS COMING SOON

Chairs to Giveaway



Brisbane Taiwanese Uniting Church has approximately 30-40 chairs to
giveaway (130-150 seats). Please contact chairperson@taiwanuca.org if you
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Angela Trethewey works 4 days a week at Real Life Christian Church as their Support Services Coordinator and would like to make herself available on the 5th day each week to support other churches. If your church would benefit from her help, please contact Angela to discuss your needs and request a quote.



Angela Trethewey
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UPCOMING EVENTS

PIMPAMA UC COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Youth crime and youth justice

Speaker: Mr Bob Atkinson, APM OA

Former Qld Police Commissioner, Royal Commissioner into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, key leader in State Government inquiries into Youth Crime and Youth Justice.

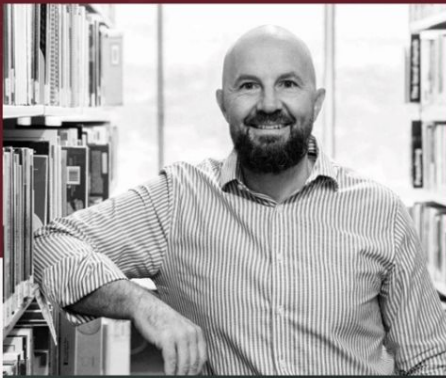


Saturday, July 15, 8:30 am

Pimpama UC, 246 Creek Road

Cost \$12
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Dr Paul Jones



Principal of
Trinity College
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Sunday 23 July

9am

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Please join us and bring a friend to

Men's Breakfast



Beenleigh Region Uniting Church
 32-50 Mt Warren Blvd,
 Mt Warren Park Q 4207

7:00am start
 Saturday, 29th July 2023

Cost is \$10 per person

Guest Speaker: DJ Paine
 From Vision Radio Breakfast Show,
 'Rise and Shine'

RSVP: 23rd July 2023

RSVP sheet on the information desk after Worship

Or Church Office: (07) 3807 5969 / bruc2@bruc.net.au
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 9am-12pm



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Church, is turning 100!

We'd love for you to join us at the Dinner (1920s theme) at 5pm on 12th August, or for our celebrations including a worship service, 9.45am on Sunday 13th August, with lunch and a time capsule opening.

For more information or to RSVP to either events please email hello@yourvillage.church



Intergenerate Australia and NZ Conference 2023

"A Gospel for all ages"
August 8-24

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BLUE CARE SUNDAY: CELEBRATE 70 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Date: Sunday, 20th August 2023

Time: 9:30am – 11:00am

Location: West End Uniting Church
11 Sussex St
West End QLD 4101



St David's Coopers Plains Uniting Church invite you to an Hour of Hymns

If you enjoy singing some of the old time favourites,
join us at 10am on the following dates for 2023.

Wednesday 13 September

Tuesday 31 October

Thursday 30 November (Hour of Christmas)

Put these dates in your diary and come along to
St David's Uniting Church
68 Orange Grove Rd, Coopers Plains.

Code of Ethics and Safe Ministry (Module 2) refresher training Two opportunities for Ministry Agents

Code of Ethics only

Tuesday, 25 July 2023 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Newlife Church 4 Greenwich Court, Robina, Lakeside Lounge WEST

To register click [here](#)

OR

Code of Ethics and/or Safe Ministry refresher training

Monday, 4 September 2023

Coordinated by UnitingCare Qld

Code of Ethics: 9am to 12pm

Safe Ministry training (Module 2): 1pm to 4pm

Venue: UnitingCare Qld, Wesley House, 192 Ann Street, Brisbane

Registration will open soon. Information will be sent to SMP Ministry Agents.

For enquiries email office@southmoreton.org.au

HEALTHY MINISTRY BREAKFASTS FOR MINISTRY AGENTS

Gold Coast: First Thursday of the month, 7:30 am
NewLife Cafe, Robina.

Brisbane: Second Thursday of the month, 7:30 am
Cafe 63, Cinderella Drive, Springwood.



Act2 report is now available

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invited to consider specific ideas emerging from the Act2 consultation process.

Proposals then will be sharpened and considered by the Assembly Standing Committee early 2024 before coming to the 17th Assembly meeting in July 2024.

Meanwhile, the Act2 team has issued its major report on what it has heard from its extensive consultations and conversations across the church. [It's available here.](#)

[See the Act2 website](#) for more information, how to participate and who is involved.

COME TO THESE KEY NATIONAL CHURCH EVENTS



 **Uniting Church in Australia**
ASSEMBLY

President's Conference 2023

Hosted by Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis

26-30 July, 2023
Redcliffe Uniting Church

The President's Conference is a great national opportunity to gather with others across the Uniting Church to connect, share stories and reflect on how God is present and working in our Church and our ministry.

The 2023 conference is taking place in two parts: 26-28 July for ministry agents in a placement, and 28-30 July for the whole church.

To register click [here](#).

For all inquiries email
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A CONFERENCE IN PUBLIC THEOLOGY

3-4 November 2023

the cooperative

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What does popular fashion, art, sport, entertainment, and technology tell us about the many influences on society? Over four weeks the Cooperative will cover the birth and mass proliferation of what we know call “pop culture”, ask how theologians can engage pop culture well (and badly!), and will enjoy a weekly deep dives into pop cultural relics from film, music, sport and fashion. Classes will run online via zoom on Tuesday nights beginning August 1, 2023.

See [here](#) for more information and to register.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023

Presbytery meetings

All 9:00-1:00, Beenleigh Region UC

Saturday, August 12

Saturday, November 11

UCA President's conference (Redcliffe)

Wednesday - Sunday, July 26-30

(July 26-28 is for ministry agents, 28-30 is for the whole church)

[See item above](#)

National Lay Preachers Conference

Friday - Monday, August 4-6

[Details here](#)

37th Synod in session

Friday-Tuesday, 20-24 October 2023

[Watch this space for details](#)

[Click here](#) for the national UCA calendar of events and commemorations



FROM THE PRESBYTERY MINISTER

Act2 report gives plenty to think – and pray – about

The Assembly's national conversation about UCA renewal has been given substantial focus and momentum through the project team's release of their first report last month, "Act2: In response to God's call".

The full report is [available here](#) and is highly recommended reading for anyone interested in understanding the UCA's current situation and its challenges.

The report collates the feedback received from across the church – individuals, Congregations, Church Councils, Presbyteries and Synods – through direct submissions, focus groups, in-person consultations, online thematic discussions, 'town hall' gatherings, and meetings with church leaders and representatives.

One statistical 'finding' is that the UCA comprises approximately 1672 local communities with a typical weekly attendance of 28 people and an average age of 68. Behind these figures would be stories of church communities that are dying and some that are emerging; some that are inward-looking and some that remain open in the face of wider community decline.

Here are some of the positives about the UCA that were frequently mentioned in the discussions so far:

- Worship and pastoral care remain at the heart of local communities of faith. People believe their communities provide a strong sense of belonging and are inclusive.
- Communities of faith are also committed to connecting with their local community.
- Discipleship is both a source of life and a place for further work. There is a deep heart to be a Church that is more able to invite people into life-giving communities of faith and grow them in the way of Jesus.
- There is an appetite for church planting, fresh expressions and experimentation. Beyond some notable exceptions, this has tended to be relatively small communities.
- There is deep love for the Uniting Church and what it represents. The Basis of Union continues to have value as a foundational document for our life.
- Our commitments to the Covenant, being a multicultural church and seeking justice are also foundational. There is ongoing pride in the Uniting Church's extensive network of community services.
- People also appreciate that the Uniting Church is an inclusive church, that despite its differences it does seek to hold together a very broad range of beliefs and practices.
- People appreciate the principles that shape how we make decisions - in community with all people, lay and ordained, regardless of gender, gathering to seek consensus.

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- Local communities of faith expression frustration and confusion at times about the support they receive from the wider Church.
- Local communities see that their primary contributions to the wider Church are financial giving and appointing people to councils and committees.
- Some lament the decisions of the National Assembly meetings and the impact that has had on local communities of faith.
- There is a widespread view that the UCA's system of governance is no longer working as designed.
- The reliance on a high number of participants in unpaid roles (office bearers, council members, board members, committee members) is no longer viable.
- The assumption of a high level of collaboration between councils is leading to confusion of responsibilities, inefficiency and slow decision making.
- The intersection of concepts such as oversight, corporate governance, conciliar decision making, and individual decision making are causing widespread frustration.
- There is a mismatch between the scope of council responsibilities and the resourcing available.
- Property is now both a significant source of revenue and a burden to maintain for most communities. As an asset rich, cash poor Church, there is significant contest about the merits of property sales and the distribution of sales proceeds. There are significant pastoral, theological and ethical issues at stake in our use of our property resources.

These are just bare points, and the whole report is well worth reflection and discussion. This material will be reflected in the work of Presbytery and Synod meetings over the coming months, and every Church Council and Congregation should consider how this report might trigger fruitful conversations for their people.

There are uncomfortable truths and contestable views. As its authors say, "Not everything in this report is easy reading." But renewal begins with a grounded, realistic sense of who we are and of who God is, and a surrender to God's work of healing and transformation, of breaking down and building up, of pruning and planting.

The Act2 team offers their report "in a spirit of deep love for our Church, hope for our future, and faith that, in his own strange way, Christ constitutes, rules and renews his Church." Let's make this our prayer, and commit that we will not refuse God's invitation to discover afresh the divine purpose and plan for the UCA as a movement for renewal in the church and the world.

Rev. David Busch

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UCA Assembly Update (National): [click here](#)

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MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Presbytery committee meeting schedule, 2023

- PRC meets the 1st Tuesday of each month except January. Next meeting: August 1.
- Property Cttee meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Next meeting: July 18.
- Standing Cttee meets the last Wednesday of each month except December. Next meeting July 25.

Please send items for these meetings to the Presbytery office no later than midday 3 business days before the meeting.

Synod Placements Committee:

Meets the Thursday after the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Next meeting: July 20.

PRESBYTERY CONTACT LIST

COVID CONTACTS

[Qld Health coronavirus page, updates](#)

[Synod COVID page](#)

Do you have questions about Covid, public health directions and your church?
[Email the Synod here](#) or contact Peter Rose, 0419 527 985.

Do you have questions about the Synod's vaccination policy and requirements?
[Email the Synod here.](#)

OUR DUTY OF CARE CONTINUES

While broadscale public health constraints largely are being lifted, our Congregations need to continue to exercise a duty of care to safeguard those who participate who volunteer with us. Please ensure you continue to apply appropriate measures to keep your people safe and to minimise risks. Contact the Synod Covid officer as above, or participate in the Wednesday briefings for Covid advisors.



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