



Phil Smith MEO bloke!

G'day folks,

The United Kingdom, the Uniting Church and Pentecost.

Without Google, do you know who Diana Barran is? (Her surname is a hint.)

It's been five years since the UK Government created the position Baroness Barran now holds, and the decisions was hailed around the world. Recently the Sydney Morning Herald suggested Australia should follow suit.

As with most developed nations, the *United* Kingdom is anything but united, and, in its fractured state, loneliness is an epidemic. In 2018 this interpersonal disconnection and isolation became so significant that a cabinet position; Minister for Loneliness, was created.

It's a great idea; bringing resources and momentum to bear on a big issue. Yet I can't help thinking loving neighbours would have a huge impact.

Now you know who Baroness Diana Barran is, can you tell the name of the Baptist pastor nearest you? Or the Anglican priest or the Pentecostal minister?

We are fast approaching the anniversary of the *Uniting* Church. In 1977 we thought disconnection, isolation and fracturing were so significant a new movement was created – and how's that going for us?

How much more “uniting” have we done in the past 46 years?

At a recent meeting, the Moderator made a remark about how the likes of 'Qld Churches Together', the 'Australian Council of Churches', 'Movement Day' and other such worthies can hold conferences and write papers about ecumenism and unity, but that the biggest impact has always been when local churches become The Church in their neighbourhood.

Loving neighbours has a huge impact.

As a church, I think the Uniting Church is lonely.

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In regional towns and cities, where overall church membership is declining, there are few signs of unity in The Church. Our movement will always promote such things as the recent 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity', but how often do we arrange to worship with our neighbouring churches, or go on mission with them, study the Bible together.... Invite them over for a barbecue?

People who are lonely become inward-looking and isolated. The same is true of churches.

When we pray for God to bless our own UC Congregation, but won't take part in a National Day of Prayer and Fasting – loneliness.

If we can't even commit within the UCA to the life of Presbytery, or 'Uniting in Prayer' across the Assembly – loneliness.

I felt a bit lonely at my own city's 'Pentecost Together' service. It was held in a central location and in the evening for convenience. From the 75 churches represented in the ministers' networks, about 450 people gathered. I counted a dozen Uniting Church folk.

Isolation wears anyone down.

Sadly, the world around does isolation very well and we see the consequences. The Enemy knows all about divide and conquer.

We need to be together in communion; as members of a local worshipping community, as congregations in a connexional denomination, as a movement within the Body of Christ.

We cannot follow Christ on our own. We won't make it

Unity is important because Jesus reckoned the display of one-ness among believers would actually point people to The Father and glorify God! This isn't simply feel-good stuff.

"So, I give you a new command: Love each other *deeply and fully*. Remember the ways that I have loved you, and demonstrate your love for others in those same ways."

Paul might write to the Uniting Church in Mary Burnett, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Wesleyan nor Anglican, there is neither Pentecostal nor Presbyterian, there is neither Baptist nor Church of Christ; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Phil Smith

Mission Engagement Officer



Possible electricity savings

The Synod Office is exploring options for saving money on your electricity expenditure. To register your interest in this initiative, please email bdu@ucaqld.com.au with the following;

- Contact details
 - Congregation or UEL location
 - Four most recent electricity bills
- Please contact bdu@ucaqld.com.au if you have any questions.

Graham's Diary

June

3-4 Assisting Downs Presbytery with Consultation
8 Standing Committee & PRC
8 Congregation meeting - Buderim
14-15 Moderators Convocation
22 Placements - Bne
25 Service of Closure - Mooloolaba

Graham is available and willing to come and visit, and/or preach Contact Graham at presmin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Presbytery Meeting Dates 2023

July 22 Glasshouse Mountains

Treasurer urgently needed
Admin will assist with bookkeeping
and day to day transactions.

Mary Burnett Online Services

[Bargara](#) - Facebook

[Blackall Range](#) - Website

[Bundaberg](#) - YouTube

[Cooroy/Pomona](#) - Facebook

[Gympie Uniting Church](#) - YouTube

[Hervey Bay](#) - YouTube

[Mooloolaba](#) - Facebook

Apologies if I've missed anyone.

The Synod office has put together a list of Queensland Uniting Church congregations live streaming available on the [website](#).

[Bells](#) - Facebook

[Buderim](#) - YouTube

[Caloundra](#) - Facebook

[Glasshouse Country](#) - YouTube

[Kawana Waters](#) - Facebook

[Nambour](#) - YouTube

Standing Committee and PRC 2023 Meetings

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

† 8 Jun 2023

† 10 Aug 2023

† 12 Oct 2023

† 7 Dec 2023

Have you read any good books recently?

Email your review to me at admin@maryburnettpres.org.au



Mooloolaba Update

Sunday 25th June will be the final day of worship for Faith Church (Sunshine Coast) at 6 Meta St, Mooloolaba.

Sunday 2nd July

A New Season - 9am

You're invited!

PresMin Pastor Graham Huth will conduct worship at Mooloolaba to commence a new season of the Uniting Church presence at Mooloolaba.

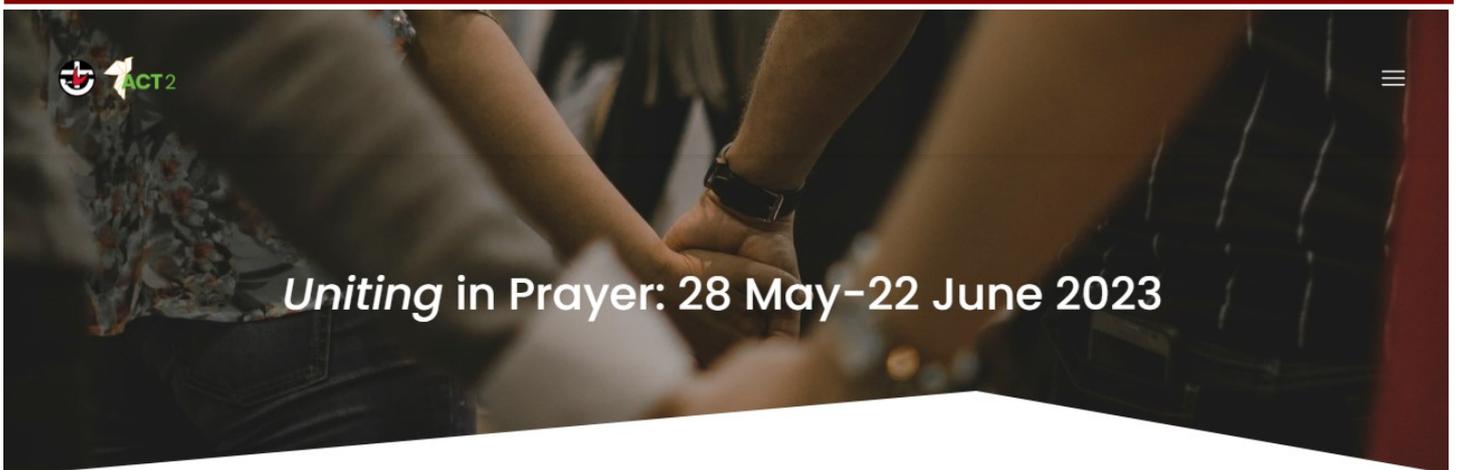
Anyone interested in being a part of a new ministry and missional direction is welcome.

There will be a meeting after worship to explore the future of ministry at Mooloolaba.

Mooloolaba Op Shop

The Presbytery is keen to ensure the Mooloolaba Op Shop continues to support the local community.

The Presbytery is looking for volunteers to assist with this outreach - please contact the Presbytery office; Email: admin@maryburnettpres.org.au



“...your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young shall see visions, your old shall dream dreams...”
Acts 2:17

Between Pentecost (28 May) and the Uniting Church Anniversary (22 June) this year, we’re calling the whole Uniting Church to join in prayer. Sign up now!

As national discernment about the future of the Uniting Church continues through the Act2 Project, Uniting in Prayer will seek to bring together all who call the Uniting Church home. In thanksgiving and hope, we’ll pray and seek the leading of the Spirit for the years ahead.

During this time we’ll give thanks to God for our past, reflect on our present, and with hope we’ll listen to God’s calling and each other.

Through these 26 days we’ll be...

- sharing together in prayer and worship - resources for your community are **out now**, below on this page!
- sharing prayers from across our Church every day for 26 days
- joining every Uniting Church community through a national prayer chain

Let’s join together as we seek the outpouring of God’s Spirit on us and the Uniting Church, and dream dreams together for the future.

[Watch the invitation](#) from Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis below, and **sign up** for all the updates.

HERVEY BAY MARKET DAY

SATURDAY 13 MAY 2023

Hervey Bay Uniting Church Adult Fellowship held a successful Market Day on Saturday 13 May. Stalls included Cooking, Oasis group's craft, Bric-a-brac, White Elephant, Plants, Card Making, Woodwork, Jewellery, Books and DvDs

Stalls were set up by 6 am and a steady flow of visitors enjoyed the morning with lots of hospitality, laughter and stories shared.

All proceeds went to **UnitingWorld** and approximately \$2.000 was raised.

Sylvia Wright



Grief & Loss - Buderim

“As we commence our next Blue Care Grief and Loss Program this week we celebrate that through the prayerful support of our people at Buderim over 106 people have participated in our programs since we commenced in 2017.

It has been a privilege to provide care and practical support for many who have lost a loved one.

Several participants have gone on to do the facilitator training and while some are unable to be actively involved it is wonderful to have others who lovingly assist with facilitation.

Congratulations to Blue Care in their 70th year for having the foresight to establish this program which has proven to be a real God-send to so many.”

Aurilea Augustine
Buderim Uniting

Smile

Job interviewer: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Me: I would say my biggest weakness is listening.



Presbytery committees members

Thank you to all who have stepped into Presbytery roles to serve on our committees.

We welcome:

Presmin: [Graham Huth](#)

Chairperson: [Liena Hoffman](#)

Secretary: [Naomi Cavalli](#)

Treasurer: [Peter Mortimer](#)

Mission Engagement Officer: [Phil Smith](#)

Property Committee: [Liena Hoffman](#)

Standing Committee: [Stuart Bosch](#); [Tanya Richards](#), [Susan Mortimer](#); [MEO](#), [Presmin](#), [Pres Chair](#), [Pres Secretary](#); [Pres Treasurer](#)

Pastoral Relations Committee: [Stuart Bosch](#), [Tanya Richards](#), [Bruce Ames](#), [Margaret Gilbert](#), [Presmin](#), [Pres Chair](#), [Pres Secretary](#)

Please pray for the members of these committees as they carry out the work of the Presbytery on our behalf.

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OFFERED FOR ALL THOSE IN
AUTHORITY, SO THAT WE
MAY LEAD TRANQUIL AND
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GODLINESS AND DIGNITY.

Congregational Bookkeeping Project

Many Congregations have taken up the Congregational Bookkeeping Project (CBP), which started in 2019 as a means to help simplify and standardise bookkeeping while helping to attract and retain Treasurers as volunteers.

With over 120 Churches converting to Xero and around 20 Churches using full bookkeeping services, the project has been a resounding success.

With the success of the pilot project, we are moving to a User-Pays model, which is heavily subsidised.

From 1 July 2023, the introductory pricing will be in effect for 3 months to establish what level of actual support is required by each Church entity so tailored pricing can be arranged. Please see the full description [here](#) and the Pricing Information [here](#).

To obtain additional information, contact the Bookkeeping Team through Suren at Suren.Surendran@ucaqlld.com.au or Frank at Frank.Terranova@ucaqlld.com.au.

(source: Weekly wrap 26th May)

Presbytery Property Committee

Are you interested in Property?

Would you like to be part of a small team?

Ideally we would have 3/4 people (1 from each zone) would meet 3 times per year, (on Zoom) a few weeks prior to the Presbytery meetings.

Admin Kylie Aalbers will be nominating to be on the committee at the upcoming Presbytery meeting - Will you join her?

Nomination forms will be emailed before the July 22 Presbytery meeting.

Please submit your congregations' activities to:

admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

**What is happening in your church?
Let me know & I can celebrate it in the
Presbytery Newsletter?**

- ⇒ **Events**
- ⇒ **Book or Film Reviews**
- ⇒ **Relevant interesting items**
- ⇒ **Photo's**

Newsletter deadline is 25th of the month.

*Articles are subject to approval.

Moderator's Convocation 2023

Fit your Oxygen Mask First



The Uniting Church in Australia
QUEENSLAND SYNOD

The Moderators Convocation 2023 invites individuals in the Specified Ministry in the UCA to gather in the community and find encouragement in their calling.

The Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod recognises the importance of providing a safe and thriving ministry environment with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. The "Fit your oxygen mask first" initiative aims to equip Ministry Agents with tools to prioritise their own health, better preparing them to care for others. The event will take place at the

**Evan and Mary Thompson Auditorium, Wesley Hospital in Queensland, on
Wednesday, June 14 (10:00 am - 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm Dinner) and
Thursday, June 15 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm).**

The cost is \$150 per person, including all conference expenses and meals.

The program includes topics on Supervision and Wellbeing, Theology, Practical Steps, Ministry Perspective, and Spiritual well-being. Registration is open via <https://www.trybooking.com/CGCKW> until Friday, June 2, 2023.

For Ministry Agents, there will be more detail in Friday's Weekly Wrap.

For further enquiries, please get in touch with Vanessa Van Der Rhede at events@ucaqlld.com.au.

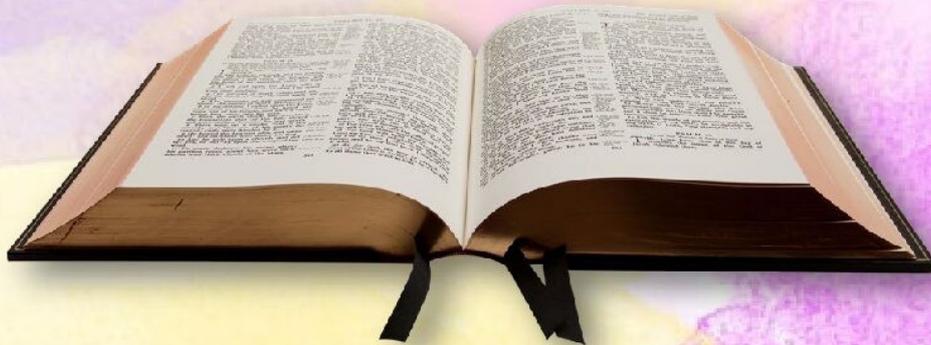




EMPOWERING LAY PREACHERS

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAY PREACHERS 2023



FOR LAY PREACHERS, LAY PREACHER CANDIDATES
AND THOSE INTERESTED IN LEADING WORSHIP.
BE ENCOURAGED, SUPPORTED AND CHALLENGED IN YOUR MINISTRY

STARTS: 4:30PM FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST
ENDS: 1:00PM MONDAY, 7 AUGUST

Alexandra Park Conference Centre
13 Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands QLD 4572

Website: [National Conference of Lay Preachers 2023 - Uniting Church in Australia \(ucaql.com.au\)](https://www.trybooking.com/CENVA)

Support from the Alcorn Fellowship Trust will help lower Registration Fees

You can now register for this event here - <https://www.trybooking.com/CENVA> Please RSVP via the registration link by Tuesday 4th July 2023

For more information please go to the Synod [Website](#)

President's Conference At Redcliffe UC - 26th - 30th July

It's just over two months until the 2023 President's Conference, taking place in two parts from 26-30 July at Redcliffe Uniting Church north of Brisbane.

The first part of the Conference will explore the theme, 'Ministry in precarious times.' What do we mean by precarious times? What are some of the marks of this?

What might we reflect on in this part of the conference that may resonate with people who minister in the Uniting Church?

How will the second part of the conference tap into the All of this Is Us theme?

What would be a big drawcard for people to this part of the conference?



For the President's answers to these questions, and to register - click on the link

(source: Uniting Church in Australia, National update 24th May)

2023 Godly Play Core Training

Godly Play Core Training is being offered in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney through 2023. Especially suitable for those in ministry roles, including Ministers, Pastors and Chaplains, these intensive three-day courses invite participants to be immersed in Godly Play practice with supportive feedback and evaluation. *Image: Godly Play Core Training in Tasmania*



(source: Uniting Church in Australia, National update 24th May)

Blue Care 70th Birthday



Live life your way.

Blue Care 70th Anniversary

Thanks to those who have volunteered to be their local champion for anniversary celebrations.

Planning is already underway for the festivities throughout the year.

If you would like to put your name forward to be your local champion, please contact Sheri Holland.

Sheri.holland@ucareqld.com.au for further information and support.



Blue Care Sunday

20th August 2023

Celebrate 70 years of faithful service

It honours the story of the Rev Arthur Preston, superintendent minister of the West End Methodist Mission and Sister Olive Crombie, the first nurse for the Blue Nursing Service in 1953.

Please pray for our chaplains

- † Ps Barbara Betts (Kingaroy)
- † Narelle Cramb (Sunshine Coast North)
- † Rev Anna Ashby (Buderim)
- † Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim)
- † Rev Tanya Richards (SCUH)
- † Pastor Peter Pearson (Bundaberg)
- † Rev James Stevenson (Buderim)

- † Rev Keren Seto (St Stephens Hervey Bay)
- † Ps Merisa Holland (Caloundra)
- † Rev Craig Allan (Hervey Bay)
- † Ps Susan Cameron (Caloundra/Maleny)



Grants and funding - The following grants and funding opportunities are available for your congregation.

2023 NAIDOC Local Grants

This grant opportunity provides funding to organisations to contribute to the cost of activities held during NAIDOC Week 2023 (2 - 9 July) that celebrate First Nations' histories, cultures, achievements and continuing contributions to our country and society. Activities should align with the 2023 National NAIDOC Week Theme *For our Elders*. [Click here](#) for more information.

Course (online) - introduction to Australia's national charity regulator

As the national regulator, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) has specific functions within the charity sector. Gain a better understanding of the charity sector through this course. You'll learn precisely what falls inside and outside the ACNC's area of regulatory responsibility and what kind of support it can offer Australian charities.

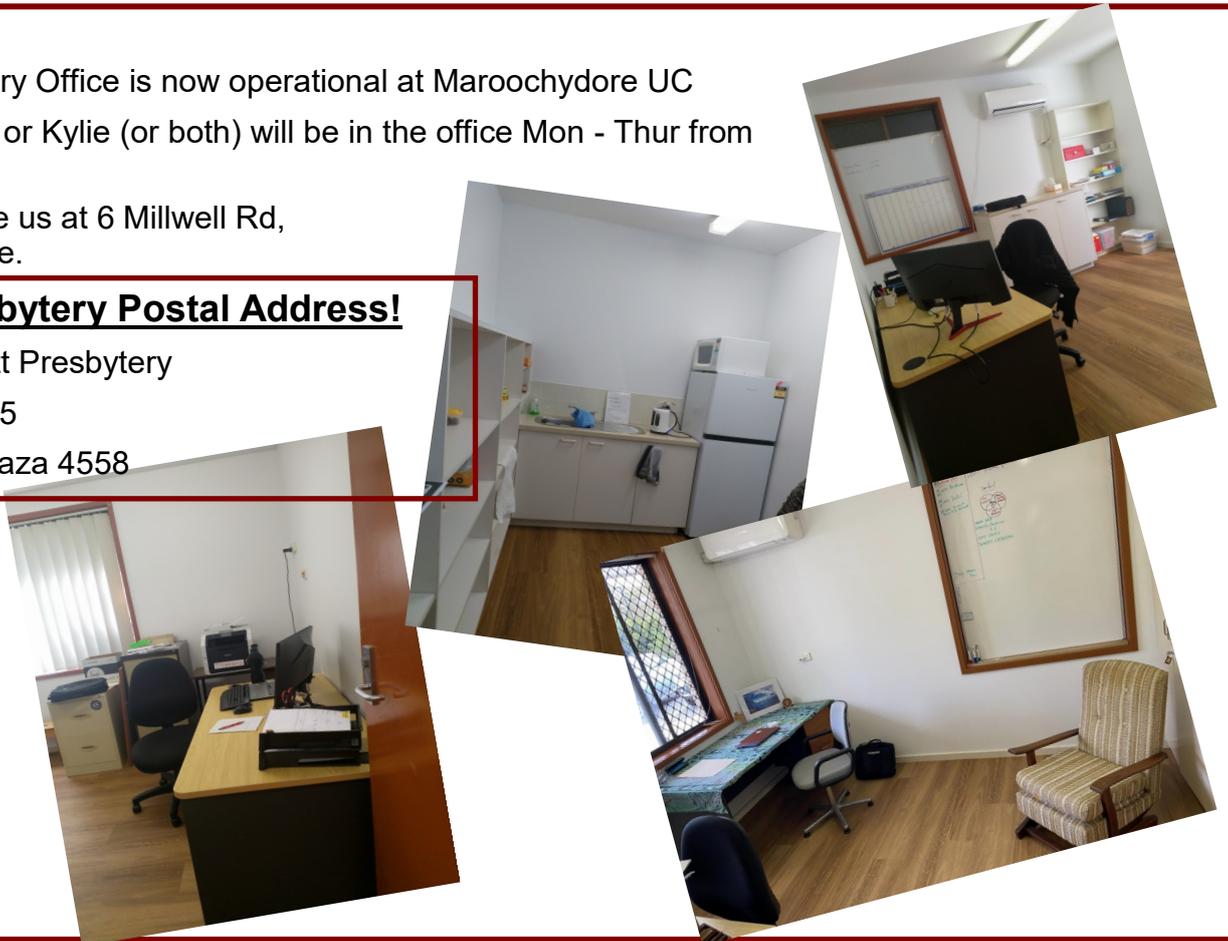
For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

The Presbytery Office is now operational at Maroochydore UC
Either Naomi or Kylie (or both) will be in the office Mon - Thur from 9am

Drop in to see us at 6 Millwell Rd,
Maroochydore.

New Presbytery Postal Address!

Mary Burnett Presbytery
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The Synod has joined the Queensland Conservation Council's Cost of Living x Climate Coalition, along with other environmental and social services organizations, to endorse its "Power Together" campaign. The campaign advocates for increased investment in renewable energy by the Queensland Government to alleviate the cost of living for vulnerable communities.



We support this vital initiative as part of our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and the principles outlined in our [Flourishing Creation Action and Advocacy Plan](#). Your participation in this advocacy campaign will help amplify our collective voice and positively impact vulnerable communities. Let's stand together in promoting renewable energy investment and ensuring a more sustainable and equitable future for all. Thank you for your continued dedication to our environmental sustainability goals.

We urge all interested to visit <https://powertogether.org.au/> to learn more and get involved. For further information, contact Emily Murray at emily.murray@ucaqld.com.au.

(source, MRP newsletter 25th May)

INTERGEN & DISCIPLESHIP



Nurturing Faith at Home: Here2Stay Discipleship Framework Offers Resources for Lifelong Growth

One of the foundational principles of the Here2Stay discipleship framework is the nurturing of Families/Households as the primary faith communities for all ages. Offering a range of resources for Lent/Easter & Advent/Christmas was one way our church realised that we could support households in having a growing, life-

long, active faith that extended beyond our gathering together on a Sunday.

A few years ago, I received this picture of a wooden cross covered in ribbons from a single lady in our church. This was after our congregation had created and offered a range of resources for households to use for reflection at home during Lent and Easter. This particular lady had chosen some daily readings, among other things.

[Register here](#)

[Read more of the article, by Jillian Ross, Day Camp, Intergen & Faith at Home Coordinator, Moreton Rivers Presbytery, at Journey Online](#)

(source, MRP newsletter 25th May)

Dates for your Diary

2023 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

- † 22 July - Glasshouse Mountains
- † 10 - 12 November - Camp Pialba

Start time: 9.00am

2023 STANDING COMMITTEE, COMBINED & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

- † 10 August
- † 12 October
- † 7 December

Start time: 9.30am

Submissions accepted for consideration 1 week before meeting.

2023 ZONE MEETINGS

- Inland Zone Meeting (Not scheduled)
- Northern Zone Meeting (Not scheduled)

MANDATORY REPORTING TRAINING (Ministry Agents)

Ministry Agents – Initial training – Module 1 online,
Module 2 face to face,
Module 3 Online. – Begin cycle again

SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING

- †
- † 10 Nov 2023 - Camp Pialba, Hervey Bay - Ministry

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

- † 10 Nov 2023 - Camp Pialba, Hervey Bay
[Online version available here](#) To be completed with 2 or more people together. Then send completed certificates to admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

RETREAT (TBC)

INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

- † 4 June - Rev Neil Storey 5pm Buderim UC

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

- † 23 June

RETIRED REVS

SYNOD

- † 21-24 October 2023



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Please email changes to admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

MARY BURNETT PRESBYTERY

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The Presbytery, as a Council of delegates from congregations and agencies, are disciples witnessing the love and transformation of Jesus in order to better serve our ministry agents, congregations and other places of ministry within its bounds.

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Jesus knows me, this I
love!

WORK DAYS

Grahams day off is Monday, Phil's day off is Saturday. Liena's is Friday

Whilst Graham, Phil & Liena may check messages and respond to urgent requests, please leave non-urgent matters for their work days. Thank you.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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Rev Stuart Bosch
Pastor Phil Smith
Mrs Naomi Cavalli (Secretary)
Rev Liena Hoffman (Chair)
Mr Peter Mortimer (Treasurer)
Mrs Susan Mortimer
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IT HAS THE SAME PROPERTIES AS STONE
BUT TECHNICALLY IT'S A MINERAL ... OK
TO CAST?

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