



Reflection - Rev Neil Storey

If The Shoe Fits!

Many years ago I travelled by train to go to work. One day the train I was on missed my stop and went barreling through to the next one. Not a huge issue the next stop was only two kilometers away. Not a huge issue - until I discovered the shoes I had chosen that day did not fit well which resulted in huge blisters and lots of pain for me.



In recent weeks you would I hope, have heard about the Presbytery Capacity Project that is currently being run by the Associate General Secretary. This is an opportunity for all of us to have input to how our Church is structured going forward.

We know that we are called to "Go and Make Disciples" the key part of this statement for me is GO. That is we are called to go and meet people where they are at, like the disciples did in Acts. They went to the market place and shared the good news about Jesus to anyone who would listen.

There is a very old saying that goes like this "If it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck." Now you might think that is an unusual statement to put in a devotional but I would like you to think about what your personal and your home church's mission strategy looks like. Is it one that is based around the people coming to the worship centre or is it one about meeting people where they are at?

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Is your church a church that genuinely welcomes people into its fellowship or is it one that pays lip service to visitors while everyone goes and has a cup of coffee with their friends?

How are you resourcing people to welcome people to your fellowship, to invite them to join you. How are you and your friends discipling people into the faith of Jesus Christ, do you feel comfortable speaking about your faith?

When you look at how your worshipping community goes about its business, the business that is, of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to the community in which you are planted, how well does your shoe fit, and if it does not fit well, what are you going to do to get a better fitting shoe?

Blessings Rev Neil Storey
Noosa Coastal Uniting Church

Congregational Training Funds

Did you know???

Congregations can apply to Presbytery for funding to train members!

Areas of training could include, but are not limited to

Church Governance – Leadership – Team Building – Mentoring

Preaching – Teaching – Leadership of Small Groups

Evangelism – community connection – Outreach

Administration – Book Keeping – Organisational Systems

Music – Audio-Visual – Technical

Pastoral - Care Essentials course

Congregations within the Mary Burnett Presbytery can apply for up to \$500 per year for training.

Forms are available on the [Presbytery Website](#), under Resources, Forms. Alternatively you can email Kylie - and request a form be emailed to you.

Kylie Aalbers
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Graham's Diary

October

9 PRSC Meeting - Gympie
10 Moderators Convocation - Nambour
14 MC3
15 PSI
16 Placements
30 Meeting with Gen Sec & PRSC (Teams)

There will also be some JNC Conversations on various dates.

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

- Mother Teresa

Presbytery Meeting Dates 2025

November 14 - 16 - Camp Duckadang

Is God calling you to serve the Presbytery?

The Pastoral Relations Standing Committee needs new members to further God's Kingdom in this Presbytery.

Corinthians 12

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Mary Burnett Online Services

[Blackall Range](#) - Website [Buderim](#) - YouTube
[Bundaberg](#) - YouTube [Caloundra](#) - Facebook
[Cooroy/Pomona](#) - Facebook [Hervey Bay](#) - YouTube
[Gympie Uniting Church](#) - YouTube [Kawana Waters](#) - Facebook

Apologies if I've missed anyone, please let me know.

Pastoral Relations & Standing Committee

2024/25 Meetings

**Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.
(Z = Zoom)**

9 Oct Gympie

13 Nov (Z)

4 Dec Gympie

All ministry agents are required to have a Professional Supervisor.
Professional Supervision Covenant forms are available on the
[Presbytery website.](#)

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

Every 10 minutes, a woman is killed. #NoExcuse. UNITE to End Violence against Women

The United Nations' international campaign 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, takes place each year from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until 10 December (International Human Rights Day). It is an opportunity to revitalize commitments, call for accountability and action from decision-makers, as the world approaches the [30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 2025](#) – a visionary blueprint for achieving gender equality and women's and girls' rights everywhere.

[Read the concept note.](#) [Read more here](#)

(source Uniting News 23/9/25 & website)

Property Trust 101



Interested in understanding the Property Trust? New to a board or council?

Property Trust 101 is designed for anyone with an interest in better understanding the Property Trust, its operations, and how it supports the wider Church. Led by Synod Corporate Governance Specialist, Simon Moore, the presentation provides valuable information for board members, or those interested in Church governance. The presentation includes:

- the polity of the Uniting Church
- the corporate structure of the Church
- the obligations and responsibilities of governing body members, and an opportunity to ask questions on notice or during the session.

The session is delivered over lunchtime, with face-to-face and online attendance options. A light working lunch will be provided for those attending in person.

Date: Wednesday 29th October 2025 **Time:** 12.00pm to 1.30pm

Venue: In person: Jocelyn Baillie Room, Uniting Church Centre, 60 Bayliss St Auchenflower
Online: Via Microsoft Teams

To book your place, please [register here](#)

(source Uniting News 23/9/25)

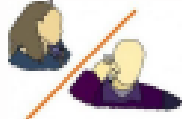
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unused phones and
chargers....

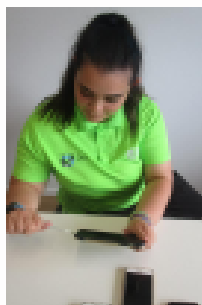


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people in domestic
violence situations to call
000 or a loved one to
pick them up.



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chargers ↓

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from phones ↓

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fixes/gets them ready for
the Police ↓

The Police sends phone to
DV victim ↓

DV victim gets phone and
keeps it for emergencies

Drop Off Sites

Tuesday and Wednesday

481 Broadwater Rd, Mansfield
(come to the hall behind the
church)

Monday - Thursday

652 Albany Creek Rd, Albany
Creek

Wednesday - Thursday

UHL Memorial Hall, WMQ
Chermside

9:00am - 3:00pm

For more information please visit:

<https://dvsafehone.org>

To find your local drop off location, click on this [link](#), scroll down to the map and type in your town. If your town does not have a drop off point, try a nearby town. (eg: Yarraman has none, but Nanango has 3 drop off locations)

The website in green in the picture is hard to read - it is dvsafehone.org



INVITATION
Pre Retirement
Workshop for
Ministers

Please join us for a Pre Retirement Workshop for Ministers presented by Mercer and Rev Linda Hanson.

Wednesday 12th November 2025, 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Uniting Church Synod Office Qld, 60 Bayliss Street, Auchenflower, Ground Floor, Joycelyn Baillie & Thelma Murray Rooms. The workshop will be also available online. Online Link provided on request from Jillian Bow.

Afternoon Tea will be included.

RSVP via email to Jillian Bow, ministrymattersunit@ucaqld.com.au by Friday 31st October 2025. Please also supply any dietary requirements.

Free Chairs!

125 chairs are looking for a new home. These are from the Cromwell College Dining Hall. Pick up Walcott St, St Lucia. If interested please contact Gillian Keir, E: gillian.keir@ucaqld.com.au - Operations Advisor Uniting Education



Let me know what's happening in your congregation
admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Celebrating The Front Porch at Uniting Life

Uniting Life Church celebrated a significant milestone on September 7th with the soft launch of **The Front Porch**, our new community engagement space. Located in the rooms that once housed our op-shop, The Front Porch is designed to be a welcoming place for everyone to gather, connect, and encounter God's love.



The soft launch brought together around 50 people, including Presbytery Minister Ps Graham Huth, to mark the end of the development phase of the Front Porch space. This event was an opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone who dedicated their time and effort to bringing the space to life. We acknowledged the funding that was provided to us from Presbytery and Synod's generous MC3 Grant. We also took a moment to thank God for His guidance and provision throughout the process.

As part of the celebration, we shared communion and offered a special prayer, dedicating The Front Porch to serve as a bridge between Uniting Life and the wider community.

Following the celebration, The Front Porch officially opened its doors to the public on September 9th. We had a great turnout, with many young families from the school across the road stopping by.



Programs at The Front Porch

Throughout the remainder of the year the Front Porch is piloting a few initiatives aimed at supporting and engaging our community:

A Welcoming Presence: A coffee van, provided by Kingdom Coffee, has been set up from Tuesday - Thursday in the vicinity of the Front Porch. This allows people to grab a coffee and gather in the front porch space to connect, including with staff and people from UL.

Community Meal: We will be providing a monthly community meal to various people within the local community.

Clothing for vulnerable people: Through our partnership with Thread Together we will offer new clothing at no charge to vulnerable people and families

Food Support: Uniting Life has a partnership with Urban Angels which allows us to provide single serve meals to people across our local community



Looking ahead, we are excited to explore more missional initiatives such as a carer's connection group and a co-working hub. This soft launch marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter, and we look forward to the many ways we can connect with, serve and love our neighbours.

Sammie Scarbrough
Uniting Life

The Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod

GLS 2025



Two Locations

The Downs Presbytery

Highfields Community Church

23rd October 2025 9 - 4:30pm

Brisbane City

Burnett Room, Wesley House

Ann St, Brisbane City

6th November 2025 9am - 4:30pm

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Mental Health First Aid training

The Queensland Synod is pleased to offer an accredited Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training, and invite you to register your interest in attending an upcoming session.

Why is this training important? Team leaders and those working in community outreach, and social assistance programs are often the first point of contact for people experiencing mental health challenges. Having accredited training ensures you are equipped to:



Intervene early
Recognise the warning signs of mental concerns in other adults.



Offer support
Learn the skills to speak openly and accurately about mental health.



Respond in a crisis
Respond across a range of crisis situations where an adult may be at risk of harm.



Reduce stigma
Reduce stigma and increase a support for adults experiencing and living with mental health problems.

Why attend a Standard Mental Health First Aid training course?



Improve knowledge
Of mental illnesses, treatments and appropriate first aid strategies.



Improve confidence
Course participants report improved confidence in providing first aid to individuals.



Cost: Free training session designed specifically for team leaders
Location: Synod Office

What you'll learn
Learn how to apply mental health first aid to adults, including:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Psychosis
- Substance use problems
- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Panic attacks
- Non suicidal self-harm
- Traumatic events

Become an MHFAider
Adults who complete the course become Mental Health First Aiders (MHFAiders).
Accreditations are valid for 3 years.

Duration

- Face-to-face training, 2 x 6-hour sessions, over 2 days.



Take the next step

Register your interest here:



There are 2 [Options](#)

1. 20th and 27th October (2 days face-to-face certified training)
 2. 3 hour summary session (non-certified) date to be confirmed
- (Source Uniting News 26/8/25)

Moderator's Convocation 2025

Drinking from the Well



Recognising the importance of providing a safe and flourishing ministry environment and that personal mental health and wellbeing is vital to being able to effectively serve in ministry, you are invited to attend our final Moderators Convocation 2025 - Drinking from the Well, at Nambour Uniting Church on Friday 10 October. Read your personal invitation from the Moderator [here](#)

Please RSVP via the registration link **by Friday 3rd October 2025:** [Register here](#)
For enquiries, email Vanessa Van Der Rhede: events@ucaqlld.com.au

Treasurers

Annual Returns are now due.

If you need assistance, please contact the Presbytery office.
treasurer@maryburnettpres.org.au, admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Montville Reflection Gallery

For the Season of Creation (1 September to 4 October)

Stillness and Strength— An Exhibition by Genevieve Clark

From Genevieve—As you step away from the business of life to view these images, you are invited to pause and reflect. The beauty of creation and the quiet moments of stillness point us to the presence and greatness of God. As you follow the images around the church (in a clockwise direction from the entrance), let the words of scripture guide you. See God as creator, marvel at God's power, hear of God's love and God's plans for you in Christ. Receive the strength and peace that God alone gives.



Genevieve Clark is a retired educational leader who has become a passionate iPhone photographer. She lives in the beautiful Dundowran Beach on the outskirts of Hervey Bay. As she explores Australia, farm-sitting and house-sitting, she enjoys using her camera to capture the beauty of her surroundings. She hopes her visual language encourages others to experience and understand Bible verses in a tangible, emotional and contemplative way, while also showcasing the amazing country we live in.

Wanted!

Artists working from faith-based contexts to exhibit in our reflective space in late 2025 and 2026! [Email Anita for details.](#)

7 DAYS WITHOUT PRAYER MAKES ONE WEAK

Have you read any good books recently?

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

Uniting for Community Mental Health Expo



- Connect with community services
- Ask questions
- Join in the fun activities
- Sit and relax
- All ages welcome!
- Free event.

Community organisations are uniting for Maryborough to raise awareness of how positive mental health improves our overall health and wellbeing and enables us to enjoy a meaningful and productive life. Want to know more?

Thursday 9 October 2025

9:00am to 1:00pm

Maryborough City Hall

255 Kent Street



Hosted by Uniting Church Mental Health Forum

For further information contact:

Email: Delma.Lovell@ucareqld.com.au

Mobile: 0428 598 309

The Palmwoods **Bush Dance**

brought to you by the
Palmwoods Community and Business Association
Sat 11 Oct 2025 - doors open 5:30 pm



**CELEBRATE SPRING AND DANCE YOUR SOCKS OFF TO
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The Swag and Fiddle Bushdance Band

at

Palmwoods Memorial Hall

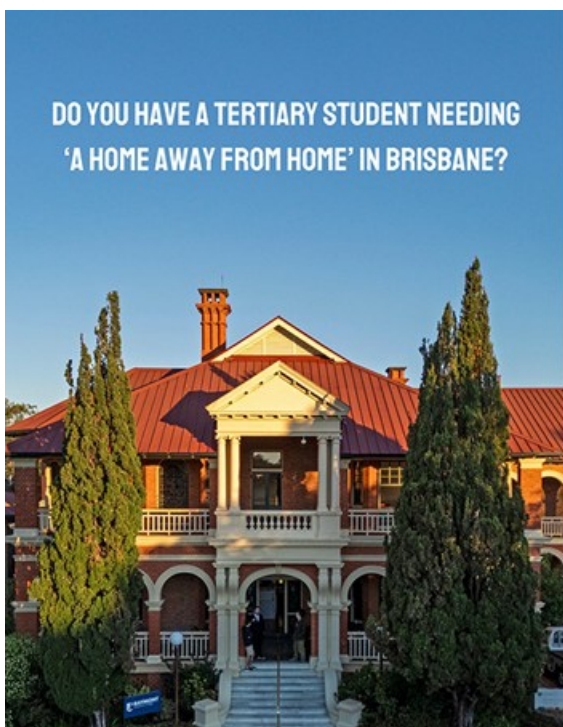
TICKETS: \$12 adults/\$3 children/\$25 family
from: Humanitix (see QR code below); The Little Book Nook and
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Be in the Raffle to win great prizes.

Food & drinks be available to purchase.



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"All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need."

(Acts 2:44-45)

Presbytery Office

Maroochydore Uniting Church
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Maroochydore
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Drop in for a cuppa *Except - SC & PRC
face to face meeting days - see page 3



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Prayer

God our Comforter,
Just as Your people once wept by the waters of Babylon, longing for home,
We come before You with hearts yearning for Your house to be renewed,
And your world restored.
In times when we feel distant from Your presence,
Help us remember Your faithfulness.
Place on our lips songs of your goodness and mercy,
That together our voices may harmoniously proclaim Your life and hope
To our communities.
Restore joy to Your church, Lord.
Renew our love for You
Expressed through the way we love our neighbour.
Revive us God, and let Your church be known
For Your symphony of redemption it proclaims
To all creation, through the melody of our lives
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

(source Uniting News 30/9/25)



Smile!

Dad: What's the difference between
a Piano, a Tuna and Glue?

Son: What?

Dad: You can tune a Piano but you
can't piano a tuna!

Son: What about the glue?

Dad: I knew you'd get stuck there!



Please pray for our chaplains

- * Ps Theo Masselos (Buderim PH)
- * Rev James Stevenson (Buderim PH)
- * Ps Kristen Porter (Buderim PH)
- * Rev Keren Seto (St Stephens Hervey Bay)
- * Ps Jim Hall (Bli Bli/Gympie)
- * Ms Donna Hamill (St Stephens Hervey Bay)
- * Mr Craig Doherty (Sunrise Beach)





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UPCOMING COURSES

Code of Ethics Foundations

8th Oct - 9am to 12:30pm

MRP Office, 170 Bonney Ave,
Clayfield

Basis of Union

Part 1 - 21st Oct - 6pm to 8pm

Part 2 - 22nd Oct - 6pm to 8pm

Online via Zoom

Register



www.mrpres.org.au



cml@mrpres.org.au



**TRINITY
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Tuesdays at Trinity

October Short Courses - All Welcome to join

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am

7 Oct - Healthy Church Councils

14 Oct - Church Finances & Giving

21 Oct - Church Finances & Giving

To enquire or enrol in these workshops, please email ask@trinity.qld.edu.au or phone **07 3377 9950**.
You can find the full list of Short Courses available for [Semester 2 2025 here](#).

Dates for your Diary

2025 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS Start time: **9.00am**

* 14-16 November - TBC

Business meeting Saturday 9am

2025 PASTORAL RELATIONS & STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

9 Oct (Gympie) 13 Nov (Zoom)

4 Dec (Gympie)

Start time: 9.30am (gympie) or **1-3pm** (Zoom)

Submissions accepted for consideration up to 1 week before meeting.

SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING

Ministers - 14 Nov – Camp Duckadang

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

* 14 Nov – Camp Duckadang

MINISTERS RETREAT

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INDUCTIONS, COMMISSIONINGS, SERVICES OF CONCLUSION

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PROPERTY (FIP) MEETINGS

* 23 October

RETIRED REVS

SYNOD

* Oct 2026

ASSEMBLY

* July 2027

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all.



Jesus knows me, this I love!

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Please email changes to admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

MARY BURNETT PRESBYTERY

WHO ARE WE?

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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God's love knows
no bounds

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WORK DAYS

Grahams day off varies, according to his schedule. Please leave him a message if no answer, and he'll get back to you when he's able.
Thank you.