



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**Synod of Victoria and Tasmania**  
**Presbytery of Yarra Yarra**

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## **Notes and news for Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions**

*Once again this newsletter contains two sections. The first has information directly related to Yarra Yarra Presbytery, and this is followed by information about items which may be of interest to your congregations.*

*Please identify other items relevant to your community, and promote the issues and events listed below through your own newsletters and other communication channels as appropriate. There is much going on, so please take a few minutes to review.*

### **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

#### **Presbytery Elections**

#### **The time to think about nominating is NOW**

The Nominations Committee would like to remind all members of Presbytery that the time to call for nominations to fill roles on the various Committees and Working Groups is fast approaching – and so you need to start thinking now about whether or not you, or someone you know, has the necessary gifts and graces to contribute to the life of the Presbytery. In the 2016/17 year, a number of Committees and Working Groups have been forced to operate with less than their full compliment of members – and with a number of key roles in the Presbytery falling vacant this year, it is vital that all members of Presbytery consider their capacity to contribute to the life of the wider church.

For example, did you know the Lay Preachers Committee has vacancies for 2 ordained members to assist the work of the Committee in supporting and resourcing Lay Preachers within the Presbytery? These vacancies were not filled last year – so if you are an ordained member of Presbytery looking for an opportunity to serve the life of the Presbytery, this could very well be an opportunity worth exploring.

Please consider your own position to serve, or have a conversation with someone you think may be able to contribute their skills and experience. If you have suggestions, need assistance, or have any queries, please contact the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, Rev. Brendan Byrne, on [minister@mountviewuca.org](mailto:minister@mountviewuca.org) or any other member of the Nominations Committee.

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## **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT AT NORTH BALWYN**

Rev Anneke Oppewal, Minister at North Balwyn, will speak on: “Prayer, mindfulness and hypnosis, at the interface of pastoral care and psychotherapy”. The talk will explore how mindfulness practices, solution oriented psychotherapy and hypnosis techniques can deepen and support pastoral and spiritual care, not only to deepen spiritual well-being and faith but also help alleviate physical, stress and anxiety related issues, such as insomnia and high blood pressure, and provide support and help improve focus and balance, for example before or after surgery or where people struggle with acute and chronic pain. The talk will be followed by soup and then a short reflective service.

When: Sunday, 24th September, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Where: North Balwyn Uniting Church, 17-21 Duggan St, Balwyn North.

Contact: Nell Potter ☎ 9857 8412 or [mail@nbuc.org.au](mailto:mail@nbuc.org.au)

## **AUSTRALIAN CHURCH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The Victorian Chapter of the Australian Church Library Association is meeting on Saturday, 14th October, 2017 at Manningham Uniting Church, 152 Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East (Melway34 E6). David Lepore, from the Bible Society, which is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the beginning of its work in Australia, will be the keynote speaker. For more information please ring Rachel ☎ 9850 4828 or email her at [alanrachelh1@bigpond.com](mailto:alanrachelh1@bigpond.com)

## **JEWISH CHRISTIAN MUSLIM ASSOCIATION FRIENDSHIP WALK 2017**

Starting at the Albanian Mosque in Carlton North we will walk together to the East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Synagogue, then walk across the road to St Peters Eastern Hill Anglican Church. We will start with a prayer of peace and reflections and then learn about some of the history and traditions of each of the places we visit.

JCMA is a membership based organisation for Jewish, Christian and Muslim people of faith. It is supported by the Islamic Council of Victoria, Victorian Council of Churches and Jewish Community Council of Victoria.

To register book your free ticket at <https://jcmaf.w.eventbrite.com.au> or for more information call Ginette Everest ☎ 9287 5590 or 0400 211 221 or email to:

[executiveofficer@jcma.org.au](mailto:executiveofficer@jcma.org.au).

Date: Sunday 22 October 2017, Time: 1:45pm to 5:15pm

Starting point: Australian Albanian Islamic Society, 765 Drummond Street, Carlton North  
[\[http://bit.ly/1KbPHwz\]](http://bit.ly/1KbPHwz)

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*If you have information that you wish to have distributed through this newsletter, please ensure that it is submitted by the start of the month in which the item is to appear. I plan to try to send newsletters out in the third week, so that means if your event occurs early in the month, you will need to have it submitted by the start of the **previous** month.*

*The newsletter is sent to Church Council Secretaries. If you should not be receiving it, please contact me at [pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au) with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person.*