



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

As usual, the 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.

Please ensure that items for the next edition are sent in by the end of the month.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery Ministers and Pastors Conference

The 2019 Ministers and Pastors Conference will be held on 22nd and 23rd October, and it is hoped that every active ministry agent in the Presbytery will attend. The duration has been decreased to two days in recognition of the difficulty some Ministers have in being away from their congregations, and the cost has been maintained at a level consistent with that for 2018.

Church Council Secretaries are asked to have a conversation with the Minister(s) in the congregation to ensure that they are able to attend this important event.

BOROONDARA COMMUNITY OUTREACH PRESENTS "SONGS AND STORIES FROM THE DEEP"

Water is often used as a metaphor. It is serene and turbulent, deep and shallow, calming and disturbing, pacifying and irritating. All Directions Community Choir have chosen water as the point of departure to explore what it means to be human and living with a mental illness. We have incorporated some gospel and modern songs that use water as a focal point, and added to these our own original songs, poetry and prose.

When: Thurs 24th or Sat 26th October, at 7pm

Where: Habitat Uniting Church Hall, 23 Highbury Grove, Kew

Cost: \$25 (Concession) and \$40 (Waged)

Bookings: <http://trybooking.com/bfewn> or phone Natalie on 0409 019 269

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MIND BODY SPIRIT SERVICE

Speaker - Mr Ahmad Aly, Head of Upper GI Surgery at the Austin Hospital and a Clinical Associate Professor with the University of Melbourne.

Topic: 'Obesity, Cancer and everything in between... Self-inflicted or Conspiracy?' "Just eat less and exercise more". If it's that simple, why isn't it working? Why does overweight and obesity now affect more than 60% of our population? Is this a lifestyle choice? Or is this a conspiracy? And could eating less really save cancer lives?

To be followed by soup and a short service of reflective worship in the church."

Date: 27th October, 5:30–7:30pm

Place: NBUC, 17–21 Duggan St, Balwyn North, www.nbuc.org.au

Contact: Ph: 9857 8412 (Wed 1pm – 5pm; Thur & Fri 10am – 5pm)

Email: mail@nbuc.org.au

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING AT NORTH MELBOURNE

A Safe Church Awareness Workshop will be conducted at the Congregation of Mark the Evangelist (4 Elm Street, North Melbourne) on Sunday 27th October, from 11.30am.

These workshops are designed to provide leaders and congregational members with knowledge and understanding of our Safe Church policy and procedures. It is a valuable opportunity to understand the importance of striving to be a Safe Church in our community. All local appointed leaders – largely those who are required to have Working with Children Police Checks – are required to attend such a workshop. An experienced safe church trainer from the Synod will lead the workshop.

If you are interested to attend, please contact Ann Wilkinson on ann.wilkinson@internode.on.net or 0405 619 046.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING AT HEALESVILLE

Healesville Interchurch Community Care Inc (HICCI) will also offer a Safe church training programme in November. It is on Tuesday 26th November. 4.00-5.30 at the Healesville Uniting Church. HICCI has a weekly free community meal each Tuesday at 5.30 at the Uniting Church and anyone attending the SafeHICCI training is very welcome to stay on for the meal. Anyone planning to come should register with Margaret Blair (tel 0448 704 074) or with Evelyn at HICCI, email transport@hicci.org.au

GOSPEL YARNING 2019

Gospel Yarning 2019 is for ministers, chaplains, deacons, presbytery-workers and leaders of ministries in the Uniting Church in Australia. The next Gospel Yarning Conference will be held on 17–20th November this year at the Centre for Ministry in North Parramatta. The theme for this second conference is "For

Such a Time As This, How can we be the Church of Jesus Christ in a Secular World." Rev Peter Hobson from Brisbane is the keynote speaker. It is sure to be a very stimulating conference.

COST: \$200 each. Lunches included. No evening meals included. Those on the leadership team will be half price.

REGISTER: on the [UME website](#). Anyone can register. We have reserved two places for each presbytery, for each CALD Conference and for Congress. No limit to registrations, they close 10th November

MORE INFORMATION: Chair of the working group Rev Dr Ian Robinson, is the Alan Walker Lecturer in Mission, Evangelism and Leadership at United Theological College. Phone him on: 0417 687 746 or email:

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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 with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person.