



21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

## Notes and news for Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

*Please ensure that items for the next edition are sent in by the end of the month. It is helpful if you can provide text, rather than copies of fliers which need to be transcribed and summarised. Please include contact information for those seeking more information.*

### PRESBYTERY NEWS

#### Inductions – July

All members of Presbytery are encouraged to attend Induction Services. If you can't get to all of them, maybe you can attend one closest to where you are. During July we have the following inductions occurring:

- Ian Turnnidge at Fairfield on **16-Jul at 2:30pm**
- Hye Ja Kim at Burwood Heights on **21-Jul at 7:30pm**
- Andrew Boyle, Highfield Rd on **23<sup>rd</sup> July at 2:30pm**

#### Membership of Assembly - Expression of Interest by 30<sup>th</sup> July

Presbytery has been advised of the 17th Assembly meeting to be held in 2024. The actual dates of the meeting in July 2024 and the location within the Synod of NSW-ACT will not be determined by the Assembly Standing Committee (ASC) until its 21-23 July 2023 meeting. We will send out a reminder once dates and the location have been confirmed.

Presbytery of Yarra Yarra is able to **appoint three Members** to the 17th Assembly and an additional 34 members will be appointed by the Synod in November.

The Presbytery will make its appointments at the **August meeting**, and the Standing Committee invites Expressions of Interest from people who would be interested and willing to represent Yarra Yarra. We have been particularly encouraged to seek to appoint some members who are of a youthful age (under 25 at the start of the Assembly meeting).

Please send Expressions of Interest to [ppy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ppy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au) by the **end of July**.

#### Call for Synod Nominations – by 14<sup>th</sup> August

With the 2023 Synod Meeting just round the corner, it was time for the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra to send out a Call for Nominations to all members of Presbytery and Church Council Secretaries.

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| Secretary            | Geoffrey Grinton | 03 9857 1003 | <a href="mailto:ppy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au">ppy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au</a>   |

For details and Nomination forms please refer to the email that was sent out on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Note that all ministers in placement are presumed to be nominated to attend Synod, but that ministers have the option to opt out of nomination, within a specified time, and the Presbytery elects its ordained delegation to the Synod from the remaining ministers.

Please give serious consideration to who you would want to nominate as your **Lay Member Representative** to Synod. Self-nomination is possible, but must be supported by another, non-family, member of the Church who is willing to support your nomination.

Please send your Nominations to the presbytery at [pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au) by **Friday 14th August 2023**.

### Upcoming Presbytery Meetings

Wed **19<sup>th</sup> July – 7:30pm** - Yarra Yarra Presbytery Zoom Meeting

**Speaker:** Geoff Thompson

**Topic:** Confession, Context and Controversy: The UCA's Quest for Wisdom"

**Zoom Registration for this Meeting are required**

Sat **26<sup>th</sup> August** - Yarra Yarra Face-to-Face Presbytery Meeting

Starts at 9:30am

Location: Camberwell UC

Includes an eLM Update by Duncan McLeod

### Executive Assistant to the Associate General Secretary

We are currently looking for a Executive Assistant to the Associate General Secretary to join our Secretariat team here at Synod.

Situated in the city at 130 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Remuneration: Level 3, LSCEA. **Closing Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

For a position description and to apply please [follow this link](#).

If you have any interest please let Kathryn D'Alessandro know via email [Kathryn.D'Alessandro@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:Kathryn.D'Alessandro@victas.uca.org.au)

### Opportunity - The Wesley Centre: Theology Ethics and Public Policy

The Wesley Centre seeks a Director (0.5 EFT) with strong leadership and communication skills to establish this Centre that will have a focus on broad, deep and substantial explorations of the values and ethics that underlie public policy. For more information and to apply, please go to Probono Careers website: <https://probonoaustralia.com.au/jobs/2023/07/director-23/>

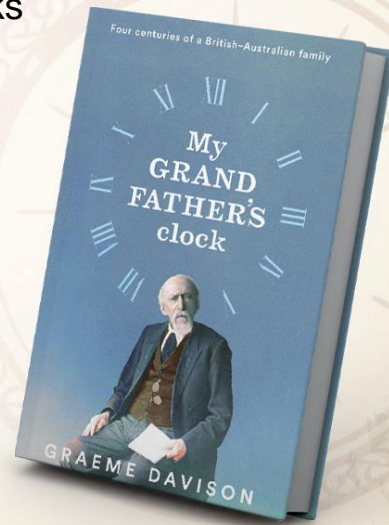
## METHODISTS MELBOURNE AND MIGRATION

Emeritus Prof. Graeme Davison AO talks about Methodists in Melbourne and introduces his new book, 'My Grandfather's Clock'.

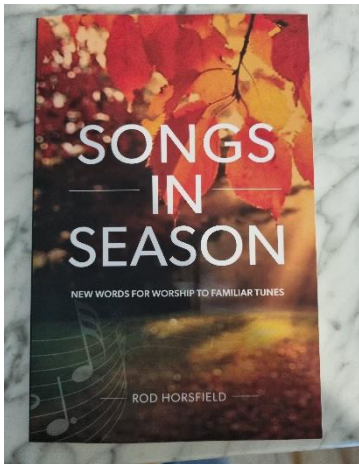
Attend live or email for a link to:  
[ken.barelli@bigpond.com](mailto:ken.barelli@bigpond.com)

**Sunday 6 August 2.00pm** | Free event  
Uniting Church 132 Keilor Road,  
Essendon North.

*Uniting Church Historical Society.*



## You are invited to a Book Launch



Rod's book of new hymn words, responding to the Gospel of Christ, and shaped by the faith and practice of congregations, *will be officially launched in song*

on the **6th August, 2023 at 2.00pm**  
at the Highfield Road Uniting Church  
72 Highfield Road, Canterbury 3126

**An RSVP for catering purposes would be helpful**

[equus66@optusnet.com.au](mailto:equus66@optusnet.com.au) by **28<sup>th</sup> July** please

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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 and Presbytery members. 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.*

**Act2 Project: possible future Directions and Options for the Church to consider.**

The Act2 Project has been seeking input from every local community of faith, presbytery, church council and local leaders to name a few regarding possible future directions and options for the Church to consider.

This phase of the program was completed in May and summarized in their latest report, which can be downloaded from their website <https://www.act2uca.com/act2report>.

The Act2 Project team are now starting the intensive engagement phase that will run until the end of November.

An important document that discusses potential future directions for the Church and requires input from all of us associated with the Uniting Church. If you would like to provide feedback, you can do so at <https://www.act2uca.com/>

**Boronia Road Uniting Church Presents**  
a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon with  
*The Evans Family*

A family group of singers and musicians whose passion is to serve the Lord



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
2023 at 1.30pm**

Come along and enjoy some beautiful music and a scrumptious afternoon tea at the intermission.

Cost: \$20 per person.

Proceeds to go to the cost of installing Split System Air Conditioners in the Church

A sample of the wonderful music you'll hear can be found on

[www.theevansfamily.com.au](http://www.theevansfamily.com.au)  
[info@theevansfamily.com.au](mailto:info@theevansfamily.com.au)

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