

17th December 2023

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

The presbytery's office will be closed between **22nd December 2023 to 2nd January 2024**. If you have any urgent matters, please email Lisa Carey at lisa.carey@pyy.victas.uca.org.au

Staff Updates

We would like to welcome Chris Barnett, who has taken on a supply role with Presbytery of Yarra Yarra until April 2024 assisting Ray McCluskey with PM Congregational role. Chris Barnett has extensive experience working at VicTas Synod and has recently concluded a Project Role with the Assembly. Chris is a welcome addition to our team..

Presbytery Meetings 2024

Our Presbytery Meeting dates for 2024 are:

- Four in-person meetings, on **last Saturday** in February, May, August, November
 - 24-Feb, 25-May, 31-Aug, 30-Nov
- Three Zoom meetings on **Wednesday evenings** (3rd in month) between the full meetings
 - 17-Apr, 17-Jul, 16-Oct

If your congregation would like to host one of our face to face Saturday meetings, please contact Ann in the Presbytery Office on pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au

Requirements for Presbytery Meetings is a space that can hold 80 to 90 people, sitting around tables. Internet access would also be needed. Many thanks.

Presbytery Elections 2024

A warm welcome and congratulations to Presbytery Members that where voted in to the various Committees within our Presbytery at our December Presbytery Meeting.

Position	Appointment
Chairperson, Presbytery (Two years)	Heather Hon (Rev)
Chairperson, Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC)	Rod Peppiatt (Rev)

Chairperson, Resourcing & Property Committee (R&PC)	Alan Chuck
Chairperson, Ministry Formation Committee (MFC)	Avril Hannah Jones (Rev Dr)
Chairperson, Lay Preachers Committee (LPC)	Bruce Hill

Committee	Members
Standing Committee	Lorraine Woolley, Salesi Faupula (4 vacancies)
Pastoral Relations Committee	Nancy Cox, Ruth Crawley, Lavingi Tupou (5 vacancies)
Ministry Formation Committee	Fiona Ensor, David Howie, Margaret Lade, Lauren Mosso, Jenny Preston, Tom Rose, Steve Crump, Lavingi Tupou (4 vacancies)
Property & Resourcing Committee	Ross Roberts, David Rowe, Ken Tabart, Toni Vaka, Simon Watters, Frances Wright, Jacob Westley (5 vacancies)
Presbytery Lay Preachers Committee	Lay Persons: Bennet Osafo-Kwaako, Mark Sheppard Ministers: Peter Mallen, (one vacancy)

Appointments to other bodies	
Lay representative to Placements Committee	Geoffrey Grinton

There are still many vacancies in our committees. For our Presbytery to function properly and provide appropriate support to our congregations we do need new members willing to assist on these various committees.

If you would like to play a part in one or more of our Committees please contact the Presbytery Office at pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au

The more people involved in the running of our various committees, the lighter the work load for all.

Anyone who is a confirmed member of a congregation in the Yarra Yarra Presbytery is able to be nominated to committees.

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