



News for the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

Presbytery Chair's Message

Greetings to all members of Yarra Yarra Presbytery,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was able to be at my Installation on 24 February at Manningham Uniting Church and Community Centre. It was wonderful that we could gather together, conduct business and worship as the community that we are called to be. I do look forward to serving God with the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra, as God is at work with amongst and through each one of us. The reality of our situation is that the church is in a contested place and change is upon us. But as Lent reminds us, the journey Jesus took doesn't end in death but in resurrection. My prayer for each one of us is that we will be able to live into that hope, as Christ's resurrected people.

Blessings as you continue to love and serve God and God's people, following the example of Jesus and being led by the Spirit.

Rev Heather Hon

February 2024 Presbytery Meeting

Installation of New Chairperson

It was a very special and significant occasion when Rev. Heather Hon was installed as the new Chairperson of Yarra Yarra Presbytery, at a Service at Manningham Uniting Church on 24th February 2024.



Members of Presbytery, were present to witness this important event, and to promise their support of Rev. Heather in this new role. Outgoing Chairperson, Lisa Carey, led the service and Rev. Rod Peppiatt gave the reflection. Rev. Heather's installation as Chairperson was the culmination

of an important day in the life of Yarra Yarra Presbytery. We wish Heather well in her new responsibilities, and commit ourselves to doing all we can to support and encourage her. *By Peta Lowe, Lay Representative, Koonung Heights UC*



Recognition and Thanks for Outgoing Chairperson

The Presbytery of Yarra Yarra would like to thank Lisa Carey for all her hard work and commitment to the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra over the last four years in the role as Chairperson. We would like to wish Lisa all the very best in her new role as Chairperson for the Presbytery of Port Phillip West.

Thank you Gift for Lisa Carey

Contributions towards a gift for Lisa can be made to:

UCA Presbytery of Yarra Yarra
Westpac
BSB 033 028
Acct No: 285838

Please use “Gift for Lisa” in the Payment Reference. Thank you.

Double Ordination – Sunday 17th March 2024

Please join members of Presbytery of Yarra Yarra at the combined Ordination of Chris Booth and Andreana Reale this coming weekend.

Starting Time: 2:30pm

Location: Carlton Uniting Church (Church of All Nations), 180 Palmerston Street, Carlton, VIC 3053

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Mission Development Fund

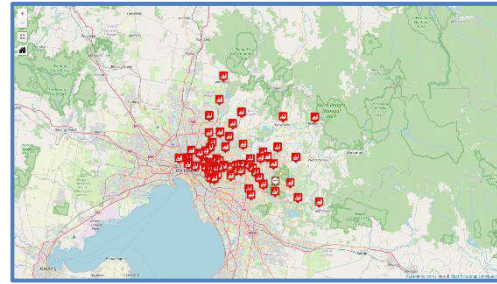


A small and hardy bunch from the Banyule Network and St Michael's church participated in the Midsumma Pride March on Sunday 4th February. We wanted to look at the possibility of organising a bigger contingent for inclusion in next year's march, so we'd like people to think if they'd like to participate.

The Uniting Church is one of the very few Christian denominations that has no official barriers to the inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in its life and witness, and we'd like to both celebrate that and let others in the community know that they have a safe place to worship with us. One of the unexpected delights of marching was the encouragement from those watching, with many folks applauding us and several folks shouting "Thankyou" at the top of their voices. It was an affirming and wonderful time. If you're interested in participating, you can contact David Landis-Morse at the Banyule Network of Uniting Churches.

PYY Map

Thanks to Jacob Westley, we now have all congregations and their details listed on the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra Website under the About Us menu.



<http://yarrayarrapresbytery.unitingchurch.org.au/presbytery-map/>

Sacrededge Festival – Diversity from the Heart

Dates: 3-5 May 2024

Location: Queenscliff

Thirty-plus artists and presenters will be coming to this year's festival, including First Nations musicians Amos Roach (son of Uncle Archie), Kutcha Edwards and four-person band Kardajala Kirridarra.

The three-day event provides an opportunity to nurture connection with people from diverse backgrounds.

Sacrededge brings together musicians, poets, storytellers and artists from Indigenous, refugee and LGBTIQ

communities, along with carers of the earth and oceans, and advocates of wholistic wellbeing.

Further information about this festival can be found on their website

<https://unitingqueenscliff.org.au/sacrededge-festival/>



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