



News for the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

Calendar of Events - 2025

Date	Time	Event
Sun 27 Apr	10:30am	Release of Ties–Salesi Faupula, Canterbury(BalwynRd) UC
Sat 3 May	10am-2pm	Boronia Road UC: Makers and Growers Market
Sun 4 May	5pm	Farewell to the Stones, St David's (Habitat) UC
Wed 14 May	7:45pm	MtE's Online Study Group; run 7-8 weeks; Fri afternoon session also available starting Friday 16 May.
Sun 18 May	2:30pm	VicTas UC Historical Society: Speaker Bronwyn Pike
Wed 30 May	5pm	Synod Membership Roll Closing Date
Sat 31 st May	9:30am	Presbytery in Council Meeting
Sun 29 th Jun	10am-3pm	Boronia Road 60 th Anniversary Celebrations
Sat30Aug-Tue2Sep		Synod 2025, Box Hill Town Hall
26 Oct	2pm	Celebrate the Centenary of Worship at Ivanhoe UC [put in your diary; further details to come]

Presbytery Chair's Message

Greetings to all members of Yarra Yarra Presbytery,

We have just celebrated Easter Day, a day when we reflect on resurrection and new life. It is a reminder of God's grace and a day of hope for us. It is often a wonderful day, but as we move back into the ordinary stuff of life, we can forget to hope. Our eyes can quickly focus on where we are rather than on the new life that the Spirit is breathing all around us. Let us continue to look to the new life that God is calling us into, and let us share our joyful discoveries with one another.

Blessings

Rev Heather Hon (she/her)

The newsletter is sent to Church Council Secretaries and Presbytery members. If you should not be receiving it, please contact myself at ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person to receive PYY News.

CPE Program – Semester 2



Uniting CPE - The John Paver Centre is offering a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) on Mondays in Semester 2. **Applications close on 16 May.** Visit the Synod website for further information:

<https://victas.uca.org.au/clinical-pastoral-education> ‘

Melbourne Southbank Campus - Chaplain Vacancy

We are looking for a person who will be the Chaplain to the students and staff at the Melbourne Southbank Campus.

The position will be **2 days a week** and be a non-placement pastor position and paid at a level 2 rate according to the synod ministerial pay rate. The Chaplain will be providing pastoral care and gathering young people around the ethos of the Uniting Church. The chaplain will be accountable to the Northcote Uniting Church Council.

All enquiries for the Position Description and further information are to be made to Rev Narelle Collas – narelle.collas@ppw.victas.uca.org.au by **April 28, 2025.**

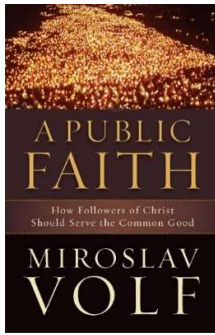
Farewell to the Stones – St David’s (Habitat) UC

A service of reflection and thanksgiving for St David’s / Habitat Uniting Church on the corner of Burke Road and Mont Albert Road, Canterbury is to be held on **Sunday 4th May 2025 at 5:00pm**. The church has been closed and the property is for sale. The service is being planned by Rev Alex Sangster, Rev Joan Wright Howie and Rev Dr Robert Stringer who are all past ministers to the congregation. All past friends and members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

To help with catering, please RSVP to office@habitatforspirituality.org.au or on 03 9819 2844 by **April 23rd**.

A flyer is available for distribution; please contact pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au if you would like to distribute the flyer.

Mark the Evanveligist Study Group-Online



Our second quarter 2025 study groups will use Miroslav Volf's *Public Faith: How Followers of Christ Should Serve the Common Good*.

FROM THE PUBLISHER: *Debates are raging today about the role of religions in public life. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, various religions come to inhabit the same space. Covering such timely issues as witness in a multifaith society and political engagement in a pluralistic world, this book highlights things Christians can do to serve the world.*

MtE's study groups seek to be ecumenical in participation, with people from several UCA and other denominations participating. **Two online (Zoom) groups are planned on Wednesday evenings (7.45pm) and Friday afternoons (1.30PM), for seven-eight weeks (one week per chapter). These studies will commence on Wed May 14 and Friday May 16, and run for 7-8 weeks.**

<https://marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au/>

VicTas Uniting Church Historical Society

The VicTas UC Historical Society warmly invites everyone to their upcoming Zoom event. Bronwyn Pike AM will talk about Uniting, the care agency that runs support and community services on behalf of our church.

UNITING VICTAS: The Record and Work of Care

Uniting CEO, Bronwyn Pike AM

Sunday 18th May 2025 at 2:30pm

ONLINE EVENT

To receive the event link, email: Robert.renton@bigpond.com

Boronia Road UC – Makers & Growers Market

SATURDAY, 3rd May 2025, 10am – 2pm

Aprons ~ Baby Clothes ~ Bath & Bubble stuff ~ Bags & Buttons ~ Candles ~
Cards ~ Herbs ~ Jams ~ Jewellery ~ Knitted & Crocheted Goods ~ Mosaics ~
Paintings ~ Pens ~ Pet Treats ~ Plants ~ Scarves ~ Succulents ~ Sweets ~ Toys
~ Wooden Items ~ and more!

Refreshments will be available.

Entry by Gold Coin Donation

To book a STALL or for more info - 0421 769 067

all proceeds to go to our Emergency Relief Pantry.

DV-alert

Domestic and Family Violence Response Training

2-Day Foundations Workshop

For frontline workers

About 2-Day Foundations workshop

This workshop provides practical knowledge and skills in implementing the **Recognise, Respond and Refer Model** in a frontline worker context.

It is offered as a standalone workshop or as part of the Assessment Pathway towards assessment.



RECOGNISE the signs of domestic and family violence



RESPOND confidently



REFER appropriately

Enhance your skills with 1-Day focused workshops

There are a range of 1-day workshops available that you can attend, including:

- Engaging with Interpreters
- First Nations
- Gendered Violence in Diverse Communities
- Multicultural
- Men who Use Violence
- Women with Disability

Nationally recognised training

Once each of the components has been completed, you can enrol in the Assessment session. After successful completion of the assessments, you will achieve a nationally recognised Statement of Attainment for the unit of competency CHCDFV001 Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence.

eLearning Foundations (18 hours)

3-Day DV-alert Foundations / First Nations

1-Day focused workshops

Assessment

Cost

It is free for frontline workers.

Financial support is also offered for staff backfill for attendance of the 2-Day Foundation workshops and 1-day focused workshops, and help with travel and accommodation is available in some cases.

Terms and conditions apply. Go to dvalert.org.au for more information.

Contact us

For further enquiries contact: training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au

Delivery of training and assessment on behalf of Lifeline Australia (RTO 88036)

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

Due to the program's context and content, individuals under 18 cannot attend DV-alert face-to-face workshops or access online courses and materials. Visit www.dvalert.org.au/application-handling for more information.



"I learnt a lot from the course about domestic violence and how to respond to cases of domestic violence."

– Gizelle, Rehabilitation Counsellor

Date: 23/04/2025 & 24/04/2025

Time: 9.00am-5.00pm

Venue: Uniting Vic/Tas 160 Whitehorse Road Blackburn 3130

Enrol: www.dvalert.org.au/cselif07692



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BORONIA ROAD UNITING CHURCH



It is 60 YEARS since this church came into being! First it was St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, then Boronia Presbyterian Church and then Boronia Uniting Church.

We will celebrate this milestone on **Sunday, 29th June 2025**

10am - A Cluster service led by our Knox Uniting Church minister, Rev Russell Croxford.

Followed by light refreshments (morning tea/light lunch) and fellowship... re-connecting with many folk who have connections with us over all those years.

1pm – a sing-a-long in the church led by Max Thomson – favourite choruses and hymns.

2pm – afternoon tea (really left-overs!) and more fellowship and re-connecting.

3pm – time to go home!

We plan to have a 'HISTORY CORNER' – if you have photos, newspaper cuttings and other memorabilia - we'd love to hear from you.

Please invite everyone you know who has had a connection with our church over the years to this special day. Come for the whole day or only part of it.

Everyone will be welcome.

RSVP by 22nd June to Max Thomson max.jan@optusnet.com.au / 0416 070 064

April Newsletter Deadline: 14th May

Please forward articles and other information you wish to share with the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra (in Word format, not PDF) to ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au by 14th of the month.