

March 2025

PyY news



News for the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

Calendar of Events –March 2025

Date	Time	Event
4 April	11am	Quarterly Essay: Can we Stop Violence Against women & Children? Held at Centre for Theology & Ministry's Library
Wed 30 May	5pm	Synod Membership Roll Closing Date
Sat 30 Aug-Tue 2 Sep		Synod 2025, Box Hill Town Hall
26 Oct	2pm	Celebrate the Centenary of Worship at Ivanhoe UC

FURTHER DETAILS OF THESE EVENTS ARE IN THIS EDITION OF PYY NEWS

Presbytery News

Dates for the Diary - Presbytery In Council

Dates of the remainder of 2025 Presbytery in Council Meetings are:

- Saturday **31st May** 9:30am
- Wednesday **23rd July** 7:30pm - Zoom Presentation
- Saturday **13th September** 9:30am
- Wednesday **22nd October** 7:30pm – Zoom Presentation
- Saturday **29th November** 9:30am

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>

Richmond UCA – Acceptance of Call

We are delighted to inform the Presbytery that Rev Keren Roodenburg has accepted the call to ministry with the Richmond UC from 15 March 2025.



FRIDAY April 4, 11.00 -- in the library at [the Center for Theology and Ministry](#). (Some parking *may* be available onsite, but plan to park in the surrounding streets, just in case...). **Catch a coffee at the CTM cafe before the meeting** (although coffee not allowed in the library), **and then stay for lunch afterwards!**

More info: www.marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au

SYNOD 2025: Sat 30 Aug – Tues 2 Sep 2025

The 18th Meeting of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania meeting will commence at 10am on **Saturday 30th August 2025** and conclude by 4pm on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 and will be held at Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill.

It will open with the installation of our new Moderator, **Rev Salesi Faupula**; and feature Bible studies and theological reflection – framed by the Synod meeting theme: *Pilgrims of the Spirit*, reporting from key Synod bodies, and opportunities for reflecting on, and looking forward for the Synod's mission as part of the UCA across Victoria and Tasmania.

Although we are still a number of months away from the Synod meeting, Synod are asking presbyteries to **begin thinking about Synod membership and encouraging discussions regarding Synod membership and any proposals for the Synod meeting**, within our presbytery and congregations as early as possible.

Presbytery's process has changed, Minister's within the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra are no longer automatically made Synod Members by the Presbytery, instead **Ministers will need to notify Presbytery Office of their interest in nominating for Synod Membership.**

Centenary of Worship Ivanhoe UC – October 2025

The Ivanhoe congregation was established in 1890, with the current building erected in 1925, and the first service held on October 24 of that year.

Members at Ivanhoe are excited about the up and coming 100 years of worship in this building and extend a warm invitation to representatives of Presbytery to join in for what should be a wonderful celebration.

To commemorate the centenary of worship in this building, a day of celebrations will be held on **October 26 2025**.

10am Network Service followed by a light lunch.

There will be a display of **memorabilia** and at 2.00pm there will be a **music event**.

Further information will be advertised in the coming months.

April Newsletter Deadline: 14th April

Please forward articles and other information you wish to share with the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra to ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au by 14th of the month.

Lowery Citation console theatre organ—Free

Labelled above the keyboard as a Lowery symphonizer

Dimensions: Height: 1.1 m high.

Width: 1.35 m wide x 80 cm from the back of the organ to the front of the keyboard. Depth from front to back: With pedals and seat 1.20 m

It is approximately 30 to 40 years old and is in excellent working condition.

Would require a van or small truck to move.

The seat is worn by exposure to passing traffic, but the organ body is in very good condition.

Interested parties can arrange seeing the organ up close and test it if they want to by contacting David Risstrom on mobile 0418502713 or email david@davidrisstrom.org



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