



News for the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

Calendar of Events - 2026

Date	Time	Event
Sat 21 Feb	10am-3pm	Inspiring 2026, Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville
Sun 15 March	10am-3:30pm	Centenary of Ivanhoe Uniting Church, 19 Seddon St, Ivanhoe. Register trybooking.
Sun 15 March	2:30pm	UC Historical Society, Zoom. Speaker Rev Dr Paul Goh
Sun 15 March	1-3pm	YASC, Living Faith Church, Greensborough

Message from our Chair Heather Hon

As I am about to step down from the role of Presbytery Chair, I wanted to take this opportunity to say thanks to everyone for their commitment to Presbytery over the last couple of years. I realise that what members offer is not insignificant, whether that is turning up and engaging in every meeting, serving on a committee, or somewhere in between.

My thanks, too, for your support of me which has been evident in conversation, collaboration and prayer as I have fulfilled this role to the best of my ability.

My prayers will remain with you all as you continue to serve together as the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra. Blessings – **Rev Heather Hon (she/her)**, Chair, Presbytery of Yarra Yarra 2024-2026

Welcome to Amanda Bee!



Amanda recently joined Yarra Yarra's Presbytery Team as our new Office Manager. Her workdays are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. You can reach Amanda on 03 03 9857 1003 and at pyy.office@victas.uca.org.au.

Please extend a warm welcome to Amanda as she gets to know the Presbytery and settles into her new role with the team.

From 24 February, please direct any **email** for the **Office Manager** to pyy.office@victas.uca.org.au.

And please direct any **email** for the **Presbytery Secretary** to pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au.

Presbytery Events

Presbytery in Council Meeting – Saturday 28th February

Our first Presbytery Meeting for 2026 will be held at Living Faith Church Greensborough on **Saturday 28th February** starting at **9:30am**.

An exciting start to 2026 with the Installation of our new incoming Chairperson, Rev Craig Thompson, Deputy Chairperson Rev Joan Wright Howie and Presbytery Secretary Jacob Westley. The meeting will include the recognition of retiring committee members, and the commissioning of new committee members.

Synod Emissions Reduction Fund (SERF)

Funds to assist your congregation or Faith Community reduce emissions

In 2024, a Synod Emissions Reduction Fund was made available by the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania and many congregations applied and were granted funding to assist with their work in reducing their emissions. There is now a further opportunity for congregations and faith communities to apply for another round of funding. So, your congregation or faith community is invited to make an application to this fund, in order to assist your congregation's work towards reaching zero emissions.

Application close **5 pm February 28th 2026**. For the application form go to <https://justact.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/APPLICATION-FOR-FUNDING-FROM-THE-SYNOD-EMISSIONS-REDUCTION-FUND.docx>

No application will be funded more than \$10 000. We aim to inform congregations and faith communities the outcome of their applications by the end of March 2026.

Questions about the application can be asked of the SERF Administration Team members: Jamie Thom 0427 210 787; Heather Baxter 0487 429 748; Tom Spurling 0409 461390

Ivanhoe Uniting Church: Centenary – 15th March 2026

Celebrate 100 years of worship in the Ivanhoe Uniting Church on **15th March 2026**.

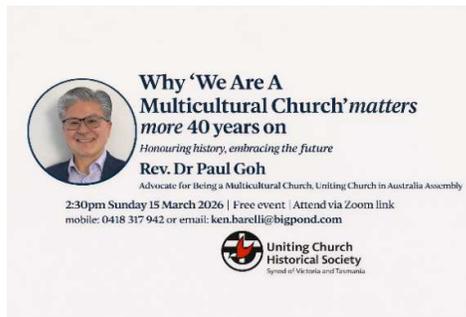
Following a **service at 10am**, there will be **lunch** and at **2pm Music for celebration** featuring Heidelberg Brass, chamber choir "Colla Voce", the George Fincham & Sons 1920s pipe organ and Heidelberg Dance.

Please refer to the attached flyer to the email for registration and further details.



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UC Historical Society – Speaker Rev Dr Paul Goh



Our VicTas Uniting Church Historical Society is pleased to announce our first event for 2026 on **Sunday 15 March**, by **Zoom** only.

2:30pm start. To register email ken.barelli@bigpond.com or mobile 0418 317 942.

Rev Dr Paul Goh will speak on 'Why the statement that "we are a multi-cultural church" matters more today'.

Any English as a second language congregations in your region are most welcome.

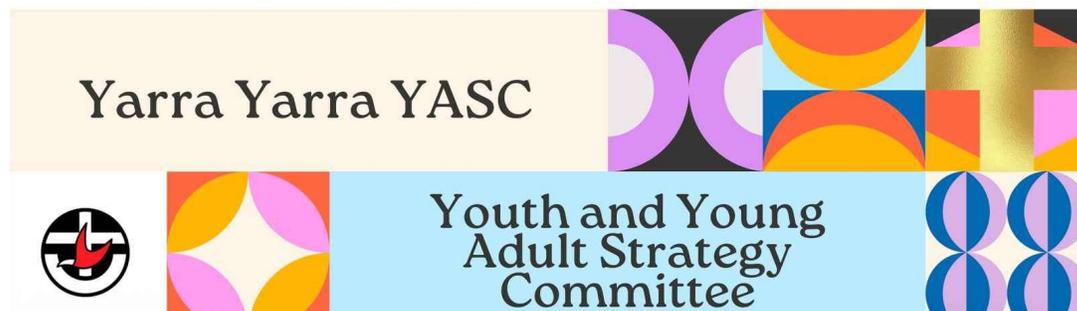
Yarra Yarra YASC - March 2026

The Yarra Yarra Youth and Young Adult Strategy Committee (YASC) exists to provide a voice for young people across the Yarra Yarra Presbytery, contributing ideas, perspectives and leadership to support mission, faith development, inclusion and engagement of you and young adults in church life.

YASC will be meeting next on **Sunday 15th March 1pm-3pm** at Living Faith Church, Greensborough. To RSVP for the next YASC meeting in March please register at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/yasc-meeting-8t6ywzk4>

Any questions please contact Kate Clough, Family, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, 0411 523 153



March Newsletter Deadline: 14th March 2026

Please forward articles and other information you wish to share with the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra (in Word or image format, not PDF) to pyy.office@victas.uca.org.au by 14th of March 2026.