



News for the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

## Calendar of Events - 2025

Date	Time	Event
3-5 October		UC National History Conference, Canberra City Church
Sun 5 October	2-4pm	Young Voices, Heidelberg Scots
10-12 October		All Age Camp, Adekate Lodge, Creswick
16 Oct-late Nov	11am-12:30pm	Care4Carers, Hosted by Elm St Mission, Bayswater
17-18 October		Intergen: <i>Belonging By Design</i> , Crossway Baptist Church
Sat 18 October	2-4pm	East Burwood Care, Burwood Heights UC
Wed 22 October	7:30am	Presbytery in Council Zoom Meeting – UnitingWorld Presentation
Sat 25 October	9am-4pm	Discernment Day, In person Parkville or On-line
Sun 26 October		Celebration of 65 years of North Ringwood UC
Sat 29 November	9:30am	Presbytery in Council Meeting

## Ministers' Annual Leave Portal

There has always been a requirement to complete Leave Forms for Ministers wishing to take annual leave. These need to be recorded by the Church Council of the Congregation, the Presbytery, and forwarded to the Synod Payroll Office. An Online Leave Portal has been implemented to allow a Church Council Secretary or Treasurer to prepare the leave form online, and to have it automatically submitted to the Presbytery and Synod. Copies are also sent to the Church Council and the Minister.

To access the portal please head over to the Presbytery's website: <http://yarrayarrapresbytery.unitingchurch.org.au> and click on Resources & Documentation tab. There is also a Ministers' Leave Manual also available on the website.

## Invitation to UC National History Conference: Canberra 3-5 October 2025

All are invited to register for the UC National History Conference to be held at Canberra City Church on 3-5 October.

Rev Dr Alistair Macrae, former National President, will present the keynote address on the theme of our church offering a 'prophetic voice', having spoken up on issues affecting Australia. A Forum on the interactions of church and government with Rev Gordon Ramsay, Lin Hatfield-Dodds and Dr John Williams will take place. Other speakers will

look at the impact of the church's influence in the past and give a focus to the present and offer inspiration for the future.

Registration options:

Attend live or register for a Zoom link online option for those unable to go to Canberra. Day only attendance options are available.

The full program of speakers with topic details is now available as a folder on the national website.

Please visit our website (below) for information and registration options.

[www.uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/](http://www.uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/)

*Enquiries: Rev Ivan Roberts – mobile 0422 648 191*

# YOUNG VOICES





## Co-design Workshop



Date:	Sunday October 5th, 2025
Time:	2-4pm
Where:	Heidelberg SCOTS: 187 Burgundy Street, Heidelberg



A youth and young adult co-design event aimed at informing the future of a Uniting Church youth council to begin in 2026. For more information, RSVP's and catering see:  
<https://livingfaithchurch.org.au/what-s-on/yarra-yarra-young-voices-workshop>

**What you can expect:** When you arrive at the in person co-design workshop you will be greeted by UCA Ministers and Youth Leaders who will facilitate brainstorming conversations between you and a handful of other youth and young adults from local UCA congregations.

**What we want:**

- An open, encouraging, loving Christian heart
- Empathy to understand different perspectives
- Creative out of the box ideas
- Collaboration with diverse peers and facilitators
- Experimentation and preparedness to make mistakes and try again
- Commitment to safety and inclusion

**Accessibility:** Please reach out in advance if you have any accessibility requirements and we'll be happy to help. Contact Kate on 0411 523 153 or register your needs when you RSVP

**Catering:** Snacks will be readily available with your dietary requirements taken into consideration. You can register your needs when you RSVP

### **RSVP @ Young Voices**



camp speaker

PRESIDENT CHARISSA SULI



Uniting Church in Australia  
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA



PRESBYTERY  
OF PORT  
PHILLIP  
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UNITING FAITH & FAMILIES

# all-age CAMP

Whether your family is just you, or you are a mob of 8, this weekend is for all people to connect and have fun.

- OCTOBER 10 - 12, 2025
- ADEKATE LODGE, CRESWICK VIC
- CABIN ACCOMMODATION

Come ready for a weekend of Dual Zipline Racing, the Giant Sling Shot, Leap of Faith, Milkcrate Stacking, campfires and so much more. We will be exploring the theme of 'Weaving Threads of Inclusion' with Uniting Church President, Rev Charissa Suli.



BYO Musical instruments & bedding.

cost information

Our aim is to have an amazing and affordable weekend for all people. The prices below are for the whole weekend:

Individual	\$80
Under 16's	\$40
Under 3's	free
Family package	\$200

and  
A contribution of food for our shared meals.

Spaces are limited - registrations essential.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 21 SEPT

REGISTER HERE

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/XXCKSLKPVGH555ZZ8](https://forms.gle/XXCKSLKPVGH555ZZ8)

weekend full of activities suitable for all-ages





For more information, follow the registration link or contact Rev Jeanne Beale (Deacon) at 0432 284 279 or [revjbeale@gmail.com](mailto:revjbeale@gmail.com)

THANK YOU TO ST ALBANS-ST ANDREWS UNITING, UNITING FAITH AND FAMILIES FAITH COMMUNITY AND SYNOD CAMPING GRANTS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT TO MAKE THIS CAMP FINANCIALLY ACCESSIBLE.



## Care4Carers

We are very excited to be working with [Women's Health East](#) to deliver a new program - **Care4Carers** - for women who provide unpaid care.

This free program will run weekly from **Thursday, 16 October to late November**, 11 am - 12.30 pm. Hosted at Elm St Mission in Bayswater, the program is for women who support someone with mental health challenges, disability, chronic conditions or age-related needs.



Caring for others brings rewards and challenges, and it's important that carers can be part of a group where they feel safe to share their thoughts, express themselves and have some fun.

**Care4Carers** offers connection, conversations and a moment for women to prioritise their wellbeing. Information on local support services will be available.

Participants can expect a welcoming space, morning tea and the chance to connect with others who understand.

Please share if you know someone who may enjoy being part of Care4Carers.

While the program is free, **registration is essential**.

**Click the link** to register via Humanitix: <https://events.humanitix.com/care4carers-a-safe-and-supportive-environment-for-women-who-care>

**Location:** 654 Mountain Highway, Bayswater 3153

**When:** Thursday, 16 October - November 2025

**Time:** 11 am - 12.30 pm

**For more information:** Please contact Ethne on 0428 330 873 or email [info@elmstmission.org.au](mailto:info@elmstmission.org.au)

## East Burwood Care

East Burwood Care is celebrating the re-opening of our Food Assistance service and renewing our commitment to caring for the community.

Please join us on **Saturday 18th October 2 - 4pm** at Burwood Heights Uniting Church hall, Cnr Burwood Highway & Blackburn Rd, Burwood East (entry from Blackburn Road)

RSVP would be appreciated - [rsvp@ebcare.org.au](mailto:rsvp@ebcare.org.au) by Friday 10th October

*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](mailto:ann.williamson@victas.uca.org.au) with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person to receive PYY News.*

## Discernment Day - in person and online 25 Oct 2025

Are you wondering "where to from here" in terms of your discipleship? Ever thought about what God might be calling you to? And how do you know it's a call from God?

The Synod equipping Leadership for Mission team warmly invites you to attend a Discernment Day on **Saturday 25 October**.

We will offer an opportunity to learn about discernment, lay and ordained ministries, UCA processes, and educational pathways. This event will be held in person in Parkville and online. All are welcome. Come and see!

Register online at <https://events.humanitix.com/discernment-day>

**Where:** Centre For Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent Parkville

**When:** 9am-4pm Saturday 25 October

**Cost:** \$40 per person (in-person); Free (online via Zoom).

The poster features a green and blue wavy header. On the left is the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne logo, and on the right is the Intergen logo. The main title 'Belonging by Design' is in large blue font, followed by 'Embracing Neurodiverse Children, Youth & Families in Ministry' in green. A central black box with white text says 'SAVE THE DATE!'. Below this, two columns of text specify the dates and target audiences: '17 October, 2025' for 'Pastors, children & youth staff & key leaders' and '18 October, 2025' for 'Pastors, leaders and church volunteers'. The venue 'Crossway Baptist Church, 2 Vision Drive, Burwood' is listed below. Two keynote speakers are featured with circular portraits: Kirstyn Oliver on the left and Louise Gosbell on the right. At the bottom, it says 'more details to come' and 'intergen.org.au'.

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### Belonging by Design

Embracing Neurodiverse Children, Youth & Families in Ministry

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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Pastors, children & youth staff & key leaders

**18 October, 2025**  
Pastors, leaders and church volunteers

Crossway Baptist Church  
2 Vision Drive, Burwood

Keynote Speaker  
**Kirstyn Oliver**

Keynote Speaker  
**Louise Gosbell**

more details to come  
[intergen.org.au](https://intergen.org.au)

### October Newsletter Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> October

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



*Save the date  
You're invited to*

**A CELEBRATION OF  
65 YEARS  
OF  
NORTH RINGWOOD UNITING CHURCH**  
(originally North Ringwood Methodist Church)

*Sunday 26th October  
2025*

- \* Celebration Worship 10am
- \* Fellowship Lunch 12noon

Come and give thanks & praise to God  
for the mission & work of His church in this place

R.S.V.P. for catering to:  
[office@nruc.org.au](mailto:office@nruc.org.au)  
or via the QR Code

