

# CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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## Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

### Please Pray For

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham as they are on leave; for Rest & restoration. Let's honour this time of rest. **Please do not phone Garry.**
2. Peter & Christy Allen for wisdom, discernment, Godly solutions to difficult issues & protection as she travels around our Presbytery.
3. Robyn & Gavin Cooley, as she deals with the property & financial matters across our Presb.

## Northern MADness

Presbytery Youth Camp

**23-26th September**

at the grounds of

**Mt Louisa Community Church Townsville**

Due to closures of local ANZ bank, **please send all cheques directly to Robyn**, contact Robyn directly for the mailing address.

## Carpentaria Presbytery Ministry agents & Spouse Retreat With Guest Speaker 2nd-5th August 2022

PLT face to face begins Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July evening- Mid afternoon 2<sup>nd</sup> August



UnitingCare Proudly representing Blue Care | Lifeline | ARCS | The Wesley Hospital | Buderim Private Hospital | St Stephen's Hospital | St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital

### Strengthening Connections (Psychological First Aid)

The workshop focuses on the support given to someone immediately following a disaster or critical event until professional help is available, and/or until the person is less overwhelmed and more able to cope. Psychological first aid seeks to reduce the initial distress, foster short and long-term adaptive functioning (build resilience), minimise the risk of further harm

**7 June -Innisfail** 9:00pm-4:00pm <https://sc070622.eventbrite.com.au>

**8 June- Cairns** 9:00pm-4:00pm <https://sc080622.eventbrite.com.au>

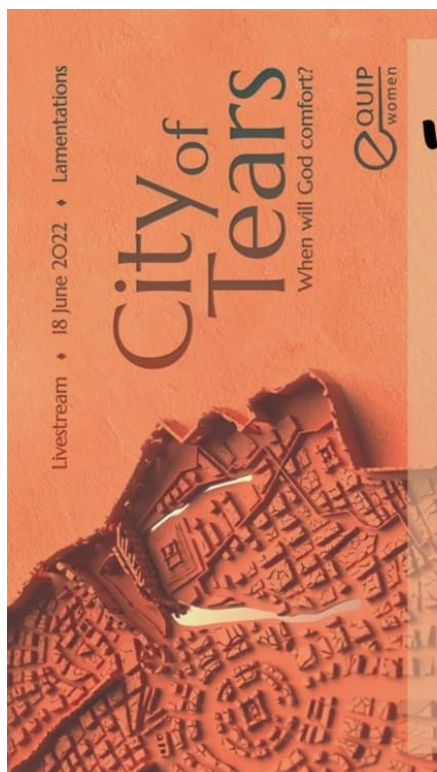
**9 June -Port Douglas** - 9:00am-4:00pm <https://sc090622.eventbrite.com.au>

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,**Statewide Training team**

Lifeline Corporate Training (provided by UnitingCare in Queensland) t (07) 3816 9621  
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## Edmonton UC



*You're invited*

Please join Edmonton Uniting Church Women for a live streaming of EQUIP2022.

**Location:** Edmonton Uniting Church  
Ravizza Close, Edmonton.

**When:** Saturday June 18th  
9.15am Morning Tea for 9.45 am start  
Concludes at 3pm

**Cost:** \$22 (includes morning tea and lunch)  
Payable on the day. EFTPOS available

*for more info go to  
[www.equip.org.au/](http://www.equip.org.au/)*

**RSVP to Barbara:** 0411330373 or  
[barbarajfoster56@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajfoster56@gmail.com)  
by 15th June. Include dietary requirements

# Christy's Thoughts

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endure forever.

Psalm136:1

I was thinking about the Psalms this morning and how so often the emotion of the day is reflected in the words written so long ago. There are words of joy and love for the times when all is well and life seems good, words of pain and suffering for times when life is not how we want or expected it to be.

I was rereading Psalm 139, one of my favourites and as I was looking at the psalms around it, I found again Psalm 136. In all 26 verses the refrain is the same "for his steadfast love endures forever". It lists the work of God's hand, God's action and redemptive action for the world followed by "for his steadfast love endures forever".

As I was letting the word sink in, my mind started singing the song by Chris Tomlin...

*Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King*

*His love endures forever*

*For He is good, He is above all things*

*His love endures forever*

*Sing praise, sing praise*

I wonder what each day would look like if we add that phrase into our lives. What if instead of complaining about all the things wrong in our life we instead said, God's steadfast love endures forever?

Imagine having that as your catch phrase as you make your way through frustration, guilt, pain, sadness? What might happen to us if we were less focused on our daily grind, and more attuned to God's love and care of us. What might happen if we looked at the person we are struggling to get along with and thought, God's steadfast love endures forever.

Perhaps the way out of your current feelings of loss, isolation, grief and frustration is to say, life may not be how I would like to be, but God's steadfast love endures forever. Let's try it out this coming week and see how focusing on God rather than our own feelings of inadequacy, anger or sadness can change our lives.

O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
For his steadfast love endures forever.

Blessings,  
Christy Allen  
(PresMin Coastal)

# Synod News & Info.

## Prayer



Merciful God we give thanks for your mercy and peace which flow to each and everyone of us through the power of your Holy Spirit. As Australia engages in national Reconciliation week, may we the Second people, who have caused much pain to the First peoples of this land, continue to walk the path of recognition of those past hurts and continue to be moved into action as we look to your wisdom and guidance to bring us together as one people. In your mercy forgive us.

As we watch in horror at yet another school shooting in America, grant compassion and hope to all decision makers. Stir them into action through the power of your Holy Spirit and hold those who mourn the loss of treasured life close in your loving embrace. In your mercy forgive us.

As we celebrate this Pentecost may the Holy Spirit fill us anew with a passion to bring about justice and peace for all people. Inspire us with a daring hope to guide our words and our actions – let us be courageous and full of faith. Fill us with renewed energy to take on the challenge to make real change in our world and bring about lasting change so that all people will know that they are loved, free and forgiven. Amen

**Rev. Andrew Gunton, Moderator**

## National Reconciliation Week 2022

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for NRW are the same each year; **May 27 to June 3**. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the successful [1967 referendum](#), and the [High Court Mabo decision](#) respectively.

The 2022 theme, **Be Brave. Make Change**, asks all Australians to be brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can make change for the benefit of all Australians.

For more information on how you get involved, click [here](#).

## Stand Up Speak Out

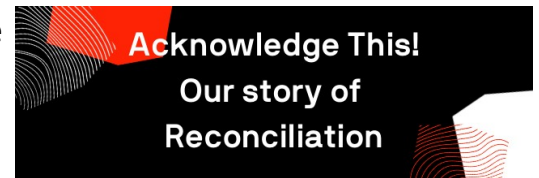
Understanding loneliness and mental Health Lived Experience Australia and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists Community Collaboration Committee are conducting a survey to identify what contributes to loneliness, the impacts it can have on mental health and physical health and what might help to reduce the sense of loneliness and support communities to flourish. Access the survey [here](#).

## An online program to help build resilient youth

'Bite Back' is Black Dog Institute's free, self-guided online wellbeing and resilience program for young people aged 13 - 16 years old. To find out more, click [here](#).

## Free webinar - Acknowledge This! Our story of Reconciliation

Join Rhys Paddick, Director of [Acknowledge This!](#), as he shares his journey and addresses some basics in Aboriginal cultural awareness and cultural application, like how to give an authentic Acknowledgement of Country. Find out more [here](#).



## News from the life of the church

### Big Fella Boss Cross



For those lucky enough to have gone to the 36<sup>th</sup> Synod, you may have noticed a beautiful cross on the stage. It's known as the 'Big Fella Boss Cross'.

The 185 centimetre tall timber cross hung on a wall in the Ashgrove Uniting Church building for 80 years, until it was noticed during renovations. Moreton Rivers Uniting Church Presbytery with the support of the QLD Synod commissioned Melbourne painter, Safina Stewart, who is a Kurri and Torres Strait woman, to paint the old wooden cross and give it a new expression. Along with Ipswich Indigenous youth

worker, Brooke Prentis, Safina stripped back the decades of dark varnish to create a new story on this unusual "canvas". The cross has been beautifully repainted using the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, using traditional symbols and designs to portray a new story that focuses on the new life that Jesus has made for all creation because of his resurrection power.

The cross has symbolically been given 'a new life and a new story to tell. For more information, read the full brief [here](#).

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Today we mark the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and give thanks for the common ground and shared life we have with other Christians in Australia and around the world. We pray that these may ever grow as together we find our identity and call in Christ, and seek to live as agents of peace and justice.

The [National Council of Churches in Australia](#) has released a suite of resources to mark the week including a full worship service and eight daily reflections [here](#).

## Multi Cross Cultural Reference Group - Pentecost Service on June 5 live stream

Multi-Cross Cultural Reference Group (MCCRG) invites you and your friends to join us for a time of worship and celebration of Pentecost and the diverse cultures and gifts we have in the Queensland Synod! All are welcome. Please bring some cultural food to share during afternoon tea and fellowship time at the end of the service. For those who cannot join us in person, live streaming of the service is available on the Kangaroo Point Uniting Church's [Facebook page](#). Like and follow the page and tune in at 2 pm on Sunday!

Please contact Rev. Louisa Yu at [worldwide\\_intl@yahoo.com](mailto:worldwide_intl@yahoo.com) for a chat or for further information.

