

# CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

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## Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

### Please Pray For

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, Godly solutions to difficult issues & protection as he travels around our Presbytery.
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.
4. Ana Mila & Marie during this time of transition (that all will happen smoothly)

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## Northern Zone Gathering

Just a quick reminder about this Saturday's Zone Gathering at Lake Tinaroo Picnic Area. We will meet around 12pm for a time of fellowship and to review how we would like the Zone to function. This time is for anyone in the congregations of our area, not just ministry agents and their spouses.

Byo lunch, drinks, chairs and a hat. Pray for a warm, fine day. Looking forward to catching up with everyone.

Rev Christine Herman (Cairns South Community Chaplain)

## Date Claimer: Basis of Union 5wk Study

The Discipleship Stream will be offering a five week study on the Basis of Union, the founding document of the UCA, in Townsville between 4<sup>th</sup> October and 4<sup>th</sup> November. Times, venues and more information to be finalised.

The resource to be used is "The Basis of Union: A Commentary" by J. Davis McCaughey, edited by past President Andrew Dutney. The Basis itself will be provided to all participants. You may read or download it from the Assembly website - <https://assembly.uca.org.au/basis-of-union>

Please let Kate Dix (email: [katedix1@bigpond.com](mailto:katedix1@bigpond.com)) or Ron Store know by Monday 13th September if you will participate so we can order the resources we will need.

Shalom

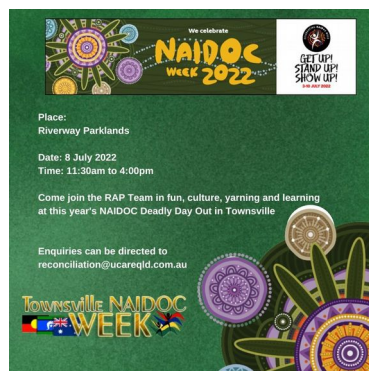
## NAIDOC WEEK 2022

It's NAIDOC week which means it's a time for us to show our allyship in reconciliation by thinking of ways we can GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

NAIDOC week presents an opportunity for First Nations People to come together in community celebration not only with each other but with non-Indigenous people to learn and share in a fun environment.

Communities across the state will be participating in several events where you can come and join the fun, culture, and yarning.

- **NAIDOC Deadly Day Out Townsville:** Friday 8 July, 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Riverway Parklands.
- **Cairns NAIDOC Friday in the Park:** Friday 8 July, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Fogarty Park, the Esplanade, Cairns City



## Christy's Thoughts

Holidays are a funny thing. They are great to look forward to and even better to be on but as the days rapidly disappear and suddenly it is the last day of leave, I can't help but wonder did I get the most I could out of the time.

As Garry returned to work, I took a week and a bit off to rest and refresh. Now I am the first to admit it was overdue and not long enough! However, instead of bemoaning what it wasn't, I tried to just enjoy the moments of sitting quietly in the sun or lying in bed enjoying the lack of an alarm telling me I had somewhere to be. It was good to reconnect with Peter and Jess because even though we are all the same house, it is amazing how little time I am really present with them over the course of any given week.

I was reminded during these few days just how important rest and relaxation are. It is too easy to be busy even when we are on holidays. It is always good to see and experience the things that interest us be it the outback, the ocean or the shops! But the need for real rest, where we allow our minds to be at rest and just enjoy life is also incredibly important.

Now I guess for some of you this is nothing you don't already know, and to you I say.... these words are not for you. I am sharing these thoughts with those who find rest hard, who find turning your mind off almost impossible. For us and I definitely include myself in this we need to find ways to switch off that are intentional and disciplined.

So, I ask you, how do you turn your brain off? What are the ways you rest that allow not just physical relaxation but mind relaxation? What do you do to enable yourself to be rejuvenated in all the different ways we need to be? If you can't answer these questions immediately, then please take the time to figure it out for your sake and your loved ones.

It is too easy to be busy and it takes real discipline to stop. We all need to follow the ways of Jesus including his active engagement in rest and rejuvenation. So, as you read this, may you be encouraged to seek rest when you can and to always be mindful of how you will use the time off to rejuvenate and reconnect with those who love you.

### Pics from Marie's Farewell Dinner at Dundee Waterfront





## The Moderator's Junket...ummm.. Mission trip!!

Garry and the Moderator, Rev Andrew Gunton spent a week travelling to the remotest congregations across the Presbytery. This included Mount Isa where Andrew met Pastor George 'Otumuli who will begin ministry in August.



*On Sunday they attended the closing service for Pastor Gewa Au on Mornington in the morning, before flying up to Aurukun for the commissioning of Pastor Perry Yunkaporta.*



Monday was a drop in on the Weipa congregation and a cuppa with Rev Tevita Niurua in Napranum

On Tuesday they flew up to Thursday Island to meet with the congregation and start the process of getting a new manse (finally) built!



Finally on Thursday they flew back to Cloncurry (in low cloud and rain) where the Moderator got to visit John Flynn Place, the home of the Flying Doctor and learnt the finer arts of baggage handling!!



The Moderator, who is no stranger to the north, came to a deeper understanding on this junket...umm.. mission trip, of the enormity of our Presbytery and I know the experience will be with him for many years to come.

Thanks Moderator for making yourself available for the people of our Presbytery.

## Synod News & Info.

### Disability Leadership Program 2022

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and the Australian Network on Disability are partnering to support leaders with disability in securing board positions by providing an opportunity to uplift their governance knowledge. This opportunity will provide 85 full-fee scholarships this year to leaders with a disability to undertake the Company Directors Course or the Foundations of Directorship program at AICD. Leaders with a disability have until July 24 to apply.

Click [here](#) to apply, and for more information.

### Not-for-Profit Treasurers' Awards 2022

The 2022 Not-for-Profit Treasurers' Awards close in a week! The awards are designed to recognise the contribution not-for-profit treasurers make to their community groups, the not-for-profit sector, and Australian society. You can take part in the Not-for-Profit Treasurers' Awards in one of two ways:

- Nominate anyone who has served as a treasurer of an Australian not-for-profit organisation at any time in the past 12 months; or
- If you're a not-for-profit treasurer, share your insights for your chance to win one of four \$5,000 cash donations for your not-for-profit.

To nominate or enter, click [here](#).



## Making Connections for Your Mental Health and Wellbeing Consultation Program 2022

You're invited to share your experience of the mental health and suicide prevention system through a series of community conversations. This August, the National Mental Health Commission will be in Queensland for its *Making Connections for Your Mental Health and Wellbeing* consultation program. Consultations will be held in Cape York, Palm Island, Hervey Bay, Mt Isa, Logan and Roma. Click [here](#) to register.

### Grants Made Easy Webinars

When you see an email about a grant, do you immediately go to the delete button, thinking it will be too hard and take too long? You may be surprised that some Grants are easy to apply for. The Synod Office Business Development Unit wants to show you how easy it is to pull together grant applications that could mean vital dollars to go towards a community project or facility upgrade. Over the coming months, we will be running a series of Webinars to show you how easy it is to put in a grant application and what tools you need to make it super easy to apply. Our first webinar, "Grants made easy", will be in August.

Please email [vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au) if you would like to register for this webinar.

### Grants - Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme

The following grants are available through the Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme, which provides emergency funding to individuals and households impacted by natural disasters.

**Essential Household Contents Grant:** Financial contributions of up to \$1765 for a single adult and up to \$5300 for a couple/family are available to help people in activated disaster areas who are uninsured or unable to claim insurance to replace essential household contents. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Structural Assistance Grant:** Financial contributions of up to \$10,995 per single adult and up to \$14,685 per couple/family are available to help repair damage to an uninsured dwelling (including caravans and residential vessels) to return it to a safe, habitable, and secure condition. Click [here](#) for more information.

### The OCRA Project

The ORCA Project is an NDIS approved post- school option for young people that live with disabilities. The service provides young people with the skills they need for success in the workplace and the opportunity to learn about themselves, their interests and the work that is meaningful to them.

The ORCA Project are collecting unused mobile phones for a company called DV Safe Phones. They give phones to domestic violence victims so they can get the help they need. We are practicing work skills and helping to reset them before passing them on to DV Safe Phones. We have attached a poster with information about it. Would you please be able to put this in [your congregation](#) newsletter?

If you would like to see more, please visit <https://dvsafephone.org/>

Your old phone could save a life!

The ORCA Project Team

## Grants Available - Ski for Life

Ski for Life Inc is committed to raising awareness and promoting mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention. Funds Raised by Ski For Life are available through grants to assist communities, groups, and individuals in undertaking projects which align with our mission. Your congregation could be interested in these grants as eligible applicants include communities, groups, and individuals.

To find out more, click [here](#) or contact Vanessa Griffiths (the Synod's Fundraising Support Manager) via email: [vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au)

## Stand Up Speak Out

### NDIS Participant Survey

The Summer Foundation and People with Disability Australia (PWDA) are conducting research into the NDIS experiences of people with disability, their families and close supporters. The survey results will be presented to Minister Shorten, the NDIA and the government to address the current challenges. Access the survey [here](#).

## Call for participants: The Australian Ad Observatory Project

This project is interested in how social media advertising targets all Australian social media users over 18 years of age. It is seeking participants to install an extension on their web browser that collects all the ads they see when they go on Facebook. The extension only collects the ads (which are identified as 'sponsored' content). Researchers want to find out what kinds of ads are being seen by Australian users and aim to achieve a much greater level of transparency and accountability through this crowdsourcing approach.

Join the project [here](#).

## News from the life of the church

### A Gospel for All Ages - Book launch

On **Tuesday, July 12 at 10 am**, the A Gospel for All Ages Zoom book launch is for those who preach (regularly or occasionally), those involved in worship leadership (regularly or occasionally) and those interested in influencing a more intergenerational approach to worship. [A Gospel for All Ages: teaching and preaching with the whole church](#) is the latest book from Rev. Dr Dave Csinos, Associate professor of Practical Theology at the Atlantic School of Theology. Whether your interest is in preaching, Christian education or intergenerational ministry, this opportunity to hear Dave speak will encourage your thinking regarding how preaching the gospel in the worship context can be more engaging for young and old alike.

Especially suitable for Ministers, Lay Preachers and other Ministry Agents, go to [A Gospel for All Ages: Launch Event](#) for more information and registration.