

# CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY

# Link



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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.

## Carpentaria Link Weekly Reflection

### Sign Up and Share Your Reflection

Here is your opportunity to contribute to Carpentaria Link by offering a reflection. You can choose the date from the calendar found at [https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/link\\_roster/link\\_roster\\_calendar.php](https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/link_roster/link_roster_calendar.php)

We would love to hear how God is working in and through you all.

## Date Claimers

### Northern Madness Camp – 23-26 Sept 2022

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## Date Claimers

### November Presbytery Meeting – 4-6 November 2022

Mark your calendars now. The November Presbytery meeting will be held at Mission Beach Resort, Mission Beach from Friday, 4th November until Sunday, 6th November. It will begin at approximately 1.00pm on the Friday with training. More details to come and keep your eye peeled for registration information at the beginning of October.

## Pastoral Matters

### Vale, Pastor Gumerangi

Please note the passing of Pastor Gumerangi on Mornington Island on Sunday morning. Gumerangi served as a Pastor on Mornington Island and also did community work in Mount Isa. A funeral date is yet to be finalised.

Please pray for his family, the Mornington Island community, the members of Calvary Zone and the wider Presbytery who ministered alongside Gumerangi.

His skin name is being used with permission of the family.

*Blessings*

*Garry*

## Grants Made Easy Webinar

Last week Vanessa Griffiths hosted a very informative webinar about applying for grants, grant writing and some do's and don'ts of grant applications. If your congregation is seeking funds for a major project, perhaps applying for a grant is the way to go. To see more, click on the link: <https://vimeo.com/744803618>

## Reminder re Bush Chaplaincy Appeal

Due to rising fuels costs the Presbytery is holding an appeal to help the Kennedy Bush Chaplaincy and the Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplaincy, with their ministry. If you would like to support these important ministries, please send donations to accounts below:

### **Kennedy Bush Chaplain**

Acct Name: UCA Kennedy Patrol

Acct # 412172554

BSB: 014-503

### **Carpentaria Remote Bush Chaplain**

Acct Name: UCA McKay Patrol

Acct # 169408

BSB: 034-173

*Blessings*

*Garry*

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## Southern Zone Gathering – Mundingburra

**Why:** We stated at our most recent gathering that it would be good to gather for fun, fellowship and encouragement and that the invitation should be sent out to all congregations in the zone not just ministry agents and presbytery reps.

**What:** With that in mind we are offering an opportunity to gather for a BYO picnic at some time on Saturday, 8 October 2022. You can come when you want and leave when you need to however John Dansie and his children will be there from 2pm until 6pm (we'll have a BBQ tea around 5pm).

**How:** You can participate by showing up at some point in the afternoon and either bringing all your own stuff or making arrangements within your group or congregation.

**When:** Sat, 8 October between 2pm and 6pm

**Where:** Sherriff Park, Love Lane, Mundingburra <https://www.soe-townsville.org/parks/sherriff.html>

**Who:** At our recent zone gathering we remembered how well attended our pre COVID zone gatherings were. With that in mind the invitation is open to anyone who has a connection with the Southern Zone (congregations, Blue Care, ministry agents, lay people).

*John Dansie*

## Time for Peace – Correction to Date

A powerful activity on the International Day of Peace is the **Minute of Silence at 12 Noon on 21<sup>st</sup> September** (not 11 September as previously advertised) in every time zone as it circles the globe. Gather with others, or just pause wherever you are to join with countless millions of peace lovers all over the world in the universal prayer **“May Peace Prevail on Earth.”**

# Garry's Thoughts

## An Urgent Appeal to Help a Struggling Congregation in Transylvania

Winter is coming!!

The Reformed Church of Transylvania in Romania congregation, located in Săcele, east of Brasov has a small and a big problem.

The small congregation of about 40 worshipping committed Christians who struggled through the Covid pandemic with many deaths amongst their numbers resulting in greatly reduced income, are now being faced with gas prices caused by the war in the Ukraine increasing more than 5 fold in the past few months.

The inefficient and antiquated heating system in the church manse is no longer able to be used as the cost of heating is expected to be more than the congregational giving.

To avert a freezing winter the congregation is urgently needing to upgrade the heating system to a modern efficient system which will cut their costs dramatically.

While they have raised a good amount of money, in order to finish this installation they require a further \$7,500AUD. In order to raise this the congregation is considering securing a loan which will take them more than 5 years to pay off and add to their current plight.

For us, in Australia, this is a relatively small amount.

But, for Romania, this is a cost that is way beyond their reach.

This is not an appeal from Rev Mark, but a response to a need that I believe we can do something practically and urgently for a congregation that has been devastated by Covid and is now caught in both the Ukrainian refugee crisis and energy prices that are doubling every single month.

This is an extremely poor community and we can do a little in order for them to receive much.

If you would like to help in this urgent need, please make donations via the Carpentaria Presbytery.

**Bank: ANZ Bank Ltd**  
**Account Name: UCA - Carpentaria Presbytery**  
**BSB: 014 676**  
**Account No.: 474906525**  
**Reference: Transylvania**

Winter is coming!! Let it not be their winter of discontent.

*Blessings*  
*Garry*



# Synod News & Info.

## Health & Wellbeing

### R U OK Day and World Suicide Prevention Day are on this week

Mental health and well-being are in the spotlight this week through [R U OK Day](#) and [World Suicide Prevention Day](#).

The message behind R U OK Day, which is on Thursday, September 8, is to encourage anyone struggling with things happening in their lives to chat with a friend or reach out to a service, such as Lifeline. Chris Ikin is the Office of the Synod's Health and Wellness Coordinator, and he said R U OK Day is very relevant to the church.

"We want to help people and provide resources that can be easily accessed," he said.

"We've got the Sickness and Accident Assistance Plan (SAAP) for Ministers, the wellness hub, and Benestar for Synod employees and Ministry agents."

**Read more from Chris at Journey Online [here](#).**

### Free COVID-19 RAT kits

From August 2022, you can get free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) at Queensland Health RAT distribution points if you:

- hold an eligible Commonwealth Concession card
- are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, including people escaping domestic and family violence
- are seeking [asylum](#) in Queensland
- recently arrived from [Ukraine](#)
- working in Queensland as part of the [Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme](#).

Queensland Health is now distributing RAT kits at many locations in the community. Find your nearest distribution locations [here](#).

## Safe Ministry with Children

### New Safe Church Training Procedure and Training Schedule

The Queensland Synod remains committed to providing a safe Church for everyone. A copy of the new Safe Church Training Procedure with a Training Matrix is available from the Synod Learning Team. **Please direct all training enquiries, including online training, to the Learning Team on [07 3377 9990](tel:0733779990) or [learning@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:learning@ucaqld.com.au).**