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## Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

### Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Presbytery Ministers, Administrator, PLT, congregations, faith communities, Ministers/Pastors/Chaplains and mission outreaches within Carpentaria Presbytery for 2023
- ◆ Garry travelling to Mornington Island on Fri and attending Commissioning of Tau William as Pastor on Sunday
- ◆ Commissioning and Induction Services in Jan and Feb (see date claimers)

### 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.

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# Carpentaria News...

## Pics from Commissioning of Netani Bolatolu

Some pictures from Netani Bolatolu's commissioning as Pastor in Cairns Emmanuel on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan.



## Date Claimers – Inductions and Commissionings

### January 2023

**Sunday 29th 10am** - Rev Tau William - Mornington Island Uniting Church (Flights to Mornington Island only available on weekdays via Rex airlines - but well worth the effort)

### February 2023

**Friday 10th 7pm** - Pastor Andrew Hicks - Wulguru Uniting Church (moving from supply to placement)

**Friday 17th 7pm** - Rev Malia Mau - Burdekin Uniting Church

## Grant Information / Workshops

### Communities Innovation Fund: Responses to Social Isolation and Loneliness

The Queensland Government is investing \$4 million over four years in a new Communities Innovation Fund. The Communities Innovation Fund will provide up to \$200,000 per year to community organisations for innovative services that create meaningful connections for Queenslanders experiencing social isolation and loneliness.

The Communities Innovation Fund is a flagship initiative of Communities 2032 – the Queensland Government's new ten-year plan for supporting vibrant, inclusive, safe and welcoming communities. As a key priority of Communities 2032, the Communities Innovation Fund is focused on initiatives that combat social isolation and loneliness in Queensland communities.

## **Purpose**

It can be difficult to make new connections, and to maintain them, especially after the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We all need to feel like we are part of our community, and that we have people in our lives to genuinely connect with.

When people are well connected with their communities, when they have genuine and meaningful relationships to rely on, they have better health and wellbeing, and better quality of life. We are committed to helping Queenslanders experiencing social isolation and loneliness.

We know that community organisations are uniquely placed to help address these critical issues, with committed, skilled and experienced people working at the heart of their communities.

The Communities Innovation Fund is designed to provide funding to organisations with new ideas that will help people connect, reconnect, find and keep meaningful relationships within Queensland's diverse communities.

Through the Communities Innovation Fund, we are looking to test and try new approaches that could be scaled up or expanded in the future.

## **What funding is available?**

Two separate grants rounds will open in early 2023:

### **Small grants**

The small grants round is for short-term initiatives up to \$50,000. The total value of funding available for small initiatives is \$800,000 over the next four years (\$200,000 per year). The small grants will open each year for applications.

The small grants round will support projects like events, courses, innovative ways of creating connection and professional development opportunities.

The application form can be downloaded at

<https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/nextcloud/index.php/s/zBqHDj8PsnNEWoM>

## **INVITATION: Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) is building compassionate communities in North QLD and is accepting registration to attend our free health community connector's train-the-trainer workshop**

Compassionate Communities is a globally recognised whole of community approach to improving the end-of-life experience for people by mobilising local networks, groups and services to be more conscious, aware and equipped to offer support.

The Compassionate Communities initiative aims to empower members of our community to play a stronger, more confident role, in the care and support of people at end of life. Often, we don't have the right information at hand, which is why the Northern Queensland Primary Health Network is developing the health community connectors program which activates everyday citizens to draw upon their knowledge of local services and groups and offer that information to people that they come across who might benefit from being more connected.

*'Health Community connectors are hairdressers, taxi drivers, café staff, aged care workers, teenagers, students, choir group members, community workers, business owners, librarians, social workers, neighbours, commuters.....anyone really!' ~ Groundswell Project staff*

At NQPHN, we are seeking expression of interest from people to become Health Community Connectors who are community-minded individuals passionate about engaging with community members on identifying and signposting vulnerable people to groups, services and other supports that either formally and informally address end of life care, grief and bereavement. Some examples of these services and supports may include palliative care, support groups, social clubs, community services and any other type of helpful supports. Health community connectors maybe retired professionals, health or community services professionals, caregivers amongst others.

If contributing to the community and planning well in the face of ageing or declining health and end of life is important to you, then REGISTER to attend our free health community connector's train-the-trainer workshop in locations near you!

To register your interest, please complete the form at this link: [Health Community Connector Registration Form](#) and/or register via the QR code below or call 0475 747 489 and speak to Maria Callaghan, Older Persons' Health & Palliative Care Manager for more information.



*Maria Callaghan  
Older Person's Health and Palliative Care Manager*

## ***From the Word for Today...***

### **Connecting begins with Caring**

**'May the Lord make your love increase and overflow.' 1 Thessalonians 3:12 NIV**

One of America's most successful telephone companies created a TV advert using the slogan, '*Can you hear me now?*' It shows a man talking on the phone, but the person on the other end can't hear him. So, he repeatedly asks, '*Can you hear me now?*' The ad was designed to convey the message that this particular phone company delivers a high-quality signal and doesn't drop calls. When your phone drops a call, you know it. And what's your immediate reaction? Annoyance? Frustration? Anger?

In his book, *Everyone Communicates, Few Connect*, Dr John Maxwell writes: 'When I interact with people... I know I've connected when I sense extra effort—people go the extra mile; unsolicited appreciation—they say positive things; unguarded openness—they demonstrate trust; increased communication—they express themselves more readily; enjoyable experiences—they feel good about what they're doing; emotional bondedness—they display a connection on an emotional level; positive energy—their emotional "batteries" are charged by being together... unconditional love—they are accepting without reservation. Anytime I interact with people and I see evidence of these signals, I know I'm connecting. I've learned what it takes to connect... and... to gauge when I'm succeeding. How are you doing when it comes to connecting? When you interact one-on-one with someone important in your life, do you receive these signals? Even if connecting with others isn't something you're good at today, you can learn how to do it and become better tomorrow.'



But first, you must genuinely care about the person you are trying to connect with. That's why Paul writes, 'May the Lord make your love increase and overflow.'

(Reflection from [vision.org.au](http://vision.org.au) website – The Word for Today reading, 24 January 2023)

The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass



## ***Synod News & Info.***

### **Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps / Celebrations**

#### **Sign up for Lent 2023 materials and resources**

We are planning for Lent in 2023 and have created a Lent website for you to bookmark. We've also included a link that you can use to enter your email and sign up for Lent materials and resources. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us by responding to this email.

[Click here to sign up for Lent!](#)

#### **One-day workshop to reflect, re-imagine, connect and be encouraged, with mission researcher Phil McCredden**

The workshop aims to give ministry agents and mission leaders a bigger, deeper picture of currents of change in the world which we serve, help us re-imagine the church's missional task and opportunities, and consider refocusing or sharpening their Congregation's purpose and place in the community. As churches face challenges of relevance, community connection and even viability, this workshop may be a catalyst - not necessarily to do more but to think and do in new ways.

Visit the [website](#) and click on Events. Select your preferred workshop and complete the online registration. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Information Sessions - Secure Jobs, Better Pay

Following our update on the Secure Jobs, Better Pay Act in December, the People, Culture and Learning team would like to invite you to attend an Information Session on the amendments that have been made to the Fair Work Act.

The information sessions, which are likely to be of interest to all Church congregational leadership, will cover the following amendments as well as what these mean and how the changes may impact you:

- Bargaining and workplace relations
- Job Security and gender equality
- Compliance and enforcement
- Workplace conditions and protections
- Workplace relations institutions

Jennifer Devantier, People & Culture Advisor and Grant Weaver, Executive Director People, Culture and Learning, will run a session on **Wednesday, January 25, at 2:30 pm**. It is anticipated that the sessions will go for approximately 2 hours and will allow time for questions.

To register, please email the People & Culture team at [hr@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:hr@ucaqld.com.au). Please put **Secure Jobs, Better Pay** in the subject line.

## Building A Culture Of Discipleship Workshop

Want to attend the Building A Culture Of Discipleship Workshop on Saturday, February 11, 2023? [Register here](#)

Contact [adminsupport@mpres.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@mpres.org.au) if you have any questions or would like more information.

## Blue Care 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023

Blue Care will be celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023 with celebrations across Queensland. We are encouraging localised celebrations in all our UnitingCare and Blue Care facilities and also in our Uniting Church congregations.

Do you have someone in your area who could be a local champion? Someone who could facilitate these local celebrations?

Plans are already underway and support will be given to our local champions in many and varied ways.

Please contact Sheri Holland via email at: [sheri.holland@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:sheri.holland@ucareqld.com.au) for further information.

## Reminder: Easter Madness 2023 (1-4 April)

Easter Madness has now kicked off and we would love to encourage congregations in sponsoring a youth to further their faith journey. If you register now there is a \$22 discount available now until the end of December. - **REGISTER** - Code: *EarlyBird*