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## Carpentaria Presbytery

- of the Uniting Church in Australia -

### Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Prayers for Rev Gordon Burley's family as they prepare to farewell Rev Burley on 23 August at Ayr UC at 10.30am
- ◆ Burdekin Gospel Music Festival will be held on 27 August
- ◆ 37<sup>th</sup> Synod registrations close on 25 August
- ◆ Christy has Presbytery Minister's PSI meeting today and Placements tomorrow

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### Date Claimers & Reminders

#### Northern Zone Meeting

\* The next Northern Zone meeting will be held on **26 August**

#### Calvary Zone Meeting

\* The next Calvary Zone meeting will be held on **2 November** in Cairns

#### November Presbytery Meeting – Change of Venue

\* The next Presbytery meeting will be held on **3-5 November 2023** in Townsville at Mount Louisa Community Church.

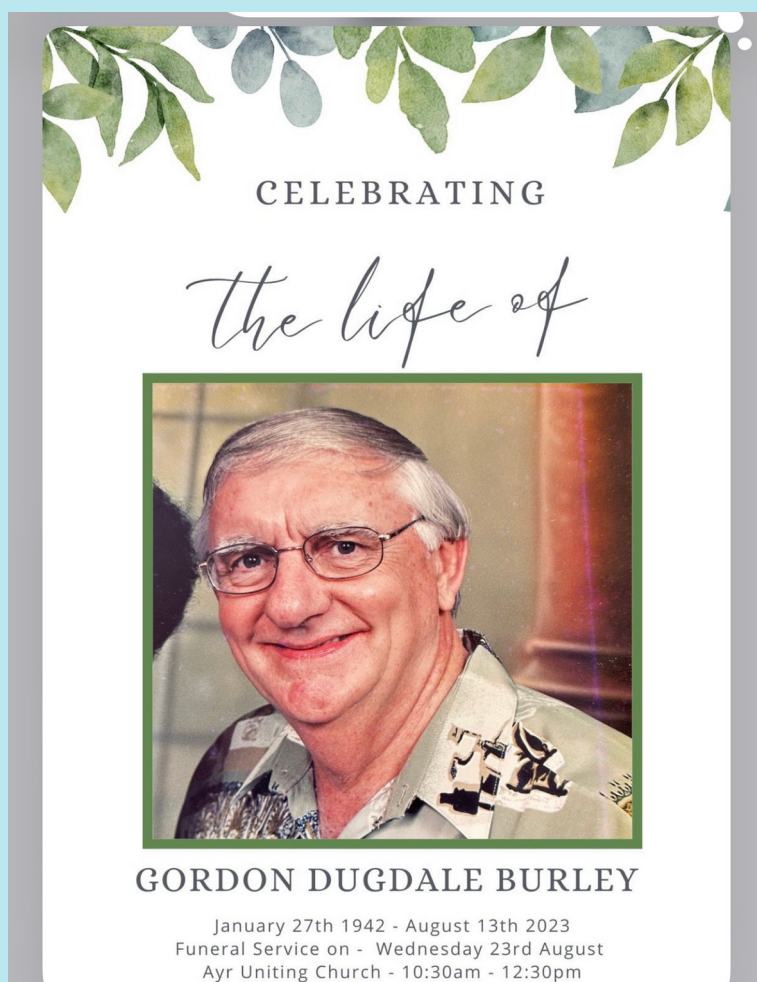
#### Safe Ministry Lay Training - Module 1-5

\* A training day is scheduled at **Aitkenvale** on **30 Sept** & in **Cairns** on **7 October**

## Carpentaria News...

### Vale Rev Gordon Burley

Rev Gordon Burley, retired Uniting Church minister, passed away on Sunday, 13 August. Rev Burley was also a broadcaster and was well known as the “Shepherd of the Outback”.



### Date Claimers – Safe Ministry with Children Lay Training for Modules 1-5

#### SMC Training Day at Aitkenvale UC

- An SMC Lay Training day has been scheduled for **Sat, 30 September 2023 in Aitkenvale** – more info to be advised.

#### SMC Training Day at Edmonton UC

- An SMC Lay Training day has been scheduled for **Sat, 7 October 2023 in Edmonton** – more info to be advised.

## UnitingCare Prayer Points for August

### BlueCare

- ➔ Give thanks for 70 years of caring.
- ➔ For clients both in their own homes or in care facilities. That they would feel loved, valued and cared for by the staff and volunteers. Pray that they may experience God's presence.
- ➔ For staff working in facilities that they may find fulfillment in their work and show compassion and joy in their workplaces.
- ➔ Pray for the staff who work in community settings. There are major restructures taking place in the Cairns region this month and for Townsville and other areas in due course. Pray for those leading this change, for all staff and their families who are impacted. That they would experience peace and patience, support one another and their clients during this time.

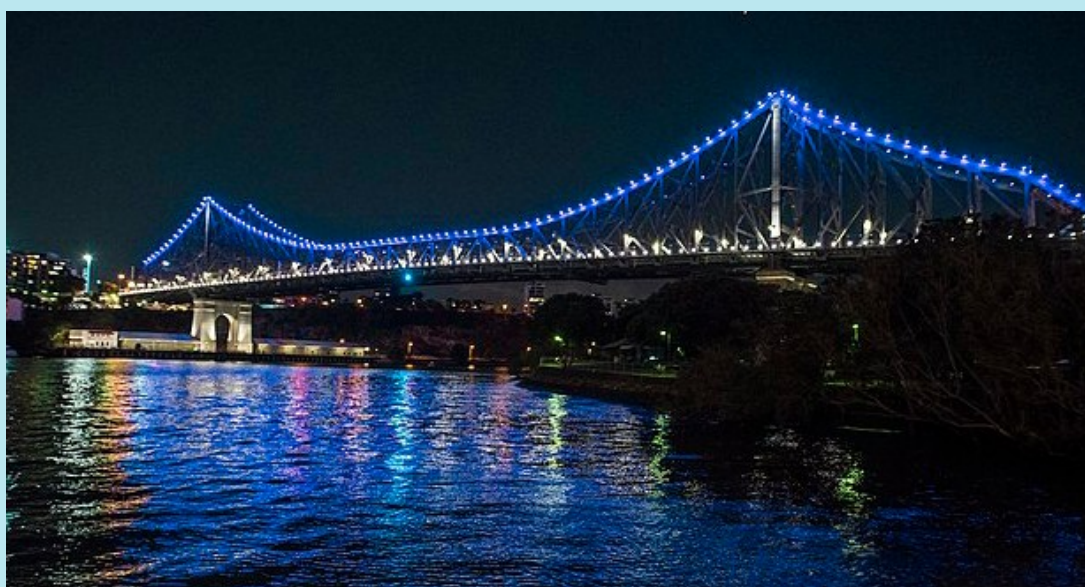
*Christine Herman, Cairns Region Community Chaplain*

## BlueCare 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

The Brisbane Story Bridge turned blue in support of BlueCare's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 10 August.

**Townsville will join the celebrations on 24 August.** The list of assets set to turn blue are listed below:

- **The Wharton Reef Lighthouse**
- **Victoria Bridge**
- **George Roberts Bridge**
- **Old Magistrates Court House**
- **Flinders Square**
- **Little Fletcher Bridge**
- **Central Park Boardwalk**



## Invite from Burdekin UC



## Synod / Assembly / UnitingCare News...

### Guidelines for Running an Appeal

**Define Your Purpose:** Whether it is to raise funds for a specific project, support a cause, or assist a community in need, having a well-defined purpose will help attract donors and supporters.

**Set a Realistic Goal:** Determine the financial target you aim to achieve through your appeal. Set a realistic goal that is both ambitious and attainable. Consider factors such as the urgency of your cause, the size of your audience, and the resources available to promote the appeal.

**Identify Your Target Audience:** Understand who your target audience is and tailor the appeal to appeal to their interests and motivations. Consider demographics, interests, and values of potential donors to create a compelling message that resonates with them.

**Develop a Compelling Story:** Craft a compelling narrative that highlights the impact and importance of your cause. Use storytelling techniques to create an emotional connection and engage your audience. Share stories of individuals or communities who will benefit from their support.

**Use a variety of Communication Channels:** It is essential to utilise a variety of communication channels to reach a wider audience. Employ social media platforms, website updates, email campaigns, and traditional media outlets to spread the word about your appeal. Engage volunteers and supporters to amplify your message through their networks.

**Create an Effective Call to Action:** Clearly state the actions you want your audience to take. Whether it's donating online, attending a fundraising event, or volunteering their time, make the call to action straightforward and easily accessible. Provide multiple options for donors to give (e.g., online, check, bank transfer), ensuring convenience for different individuals.

**Provide Regular Updates:** Keep donors and supporters informed about the progress of your appeal. Share updates on the funds raised, milestones achieved, and the impact their contributions are making. Transparency builds trust and encourages ongoing support.

**Express Gratitude:** Show appreciation to all donors and supporters. Send thank-you notes, acknowledge their generosity, and keep them informed about how their support is making a difference. A little gratitude goes a long way in fostering lasting relationships.

**Evaluate and Learn:** After the appeal concludes, evaluate its success and areas for improvement. Assess the impact, effectiveness of communication strategies, and donor response. Use these insights to refine future appeals and continually improve your fundraising efforts.

Remember, running an appeal requires dedication, effective communication, and a genuine connection with your audience. By following these guidelines, you can maximize your chances of running a successful appeal and achieving your fundraising goals.

## Season of Creation Resources

Are you celebrating the Season of Creation? Season of Creation is an annual global movement where Christian communities pray and act to care for God's creation, beginning September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ending October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Ecology).

- [Season of Creation website](#)

This year we will unite around the theme "Let Justice and Peace Flow" and compile many useful resources to help people get involved in this Season of Creation.

Please email [sustainability@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:sustainability@ucaqld.com.au) if you wish to be added to the distribution list. The resource list will be sent out on Monday, August 21.

## Insurance Claims Lodgement Change

As part of our ongoing initiatives to improve the Synod Insurance Program, we will progressively move management of our insurance claims to a third-party administrator **Crawford TPA**.

**Crawford TPA** is a Brisbane-based, leading provider of claims management services with many years of experience with The Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod. Please note that with effect from August 1, new Property insurance claims should be notified to:

- **Email:** [ucaclaims@crawco.com.au](mailto:ucaclaims@crawco.com.au)
- **Phone:** [07 3223 3155](tel:0732233155)

Please continue to lodge all other claims via the existing channels until advised otherwise.

Please [email](#) or [call](#) the Synod insurance team if you have any questions.

## Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer for the Moderator's Community Service Medal

**Know an incredible volunteer making a difference in the Uniting Church community?** It's time to recognise their hard work! Nominations for the Moderator's Community Service Medal are now open. If they've shown outstanding service, nominate them!

- [Find out more and submit a nomination here](#)

Email [mission@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:mission@ucareqld.com.au) for a printable form.

## From The Word for Today...

### Work on your character

**'The righteous man walks in his integrity.' Proverbs 20:7 NKJV**

When the Bible speaks of integrity, it means having a good character. And good character sets boundaries.

It may not always determine what you *will* do, but it always determines what you *won't* do. Character lets you realise how much you're willing to pay to get what you want. When someone in a relationship has no character, they're dangerous.

Proverbs 20:7 says, *'The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.'* Character doesn't have to be in the spotlight, excessively running the show. And it doesn't resort to intimidation or shaming to get its own way. The person who thinks he or she can get what they want by lying, cheating, or manipulating is sadly mistaken.

Understand this: no matter where you go, the *real* you will eventually show up! And if you don't work on your character, you won't be able to build healthy relationships. Genuine relationships require integrity; someone who shows a consistent character in all circumstances; who plays by the rules and can be relied upon; who offers credit where credit is due; who lives by faith; who trusts God to enable them to accomplish all that he or she was created and called to do.

The Bible tells us the wicked may prosper for a season, but they will not endure. And ultimately, they will most certainly not triumph (see Proverbs 11:21). The psalmist says, *'The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them'* (Proverbs 11:3 NKJV). So, the word for today is – work on your character.

*(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 16 August 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass)*

