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Carpentaria Presbytery

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Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ❖ *Pray for our Ministers, Pastors and congregations as they prepare for Advent and Christmas services*
- ❖ *Christy & Craig will be in Brisbane next week for Presbytery Ministers/PSI & Placements meetings as well as attend various Closing, Induction & Commissioning Services*
- ❖ *Carpentaria Presbytery Advent Appeal for Kennedy Patrol will run from 24 Nov to 29 December 2024*
- ❖ *To subscribe to Uniting News: Click the link [here](#) and add your details.*

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CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY OFFICE CLOSING DATES DURING CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

20 December 2024 to 13 January 2025



Carpentaria News...

DATE CLAIMERS

2024 Dates

- 18th December – Final 'Links'
- 16 Dec 2024 to 10 Jan 2025 – Ana on Leave
- 20 December 2024 to 13 January 2025 – Carpentaria Presbytery Office Closed

2025 Dates

- 1-19 January 2025 – Christy on Leave
- 27-31 January – Budget & Strategic meetings in Cairns
- 28-30 March – #1 Presbytery Meeting in Cairns at Cairns Emmanuel
- 16-19 May – 38th Synod in Session at Alex Park
- 10-11 August – PLT (face to face) at Ingham or Innisfail
- 11-14 August – Presbytery Retreat at Cardwell starting with dinner
- 31 Oct to 2 November - #2 Presbytery Meeting in Townsville at Mount Louisa Community Church
- 3-5 November – Strategic Meeting (face to face) in Townsville (tbc)

The Devil is in the detail (a reminder to church councils):

Each church congregation is registered with the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-profits commission) as a charity.

Being registered as a charity gives you several tax exemptions, particularly when it comes to GST.

However, to **maintain registration**, you are required to:

1. report your financial position **each** year AND
2. update your responsible people **every time** there is a **change**.

When you update your changes, you must provide the following:

- **'Change of Key person bulk form'**
 - listing the 'new' people and the required details
 - listing the people to be removed – check the ACNC listing for who they have as your responsible people.
- The minutes from your church council or congregation meeting where you have noted the approved / elected changes.
- The above items (change of key person form and minutes of meeting) need to be sent to both the Presbytery office and the governance team at the Synod office governance@ucaqld.com.au

- The governance team will upload those changes to the ACNC, if they usually report to the ACNC on your behalf.

What happens if you do not keep this information up to date?

- a) **Bank signatory changes** – banks check that the responsible people they have on file matches to the ACNC / ATO records. If these are found to be different, you may have difficulty making changes.
- b) **Opening a new bank account** – banks check that the information in your minutes matches the ACNC / ATO records. The opening of a bank account will be delayed until this information is corrected.
- c) **Seeking assistance from the ATO regarding GST or BAS** – if your responsible people have not been updated, the person on the phone at the ATO will not be able to help someone who is not listed as a responsible person.

Robyn Cooley

CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY ADVENT APPEAL FOR KENNEDY PATROL



The Carpentaria Presbytery, in partnership with Frontier Services, ministers to remote rural, indigenous and isolated communities in the Kennedy Patrol comprising Cape York Peninsula and the Gulf Savannah regions. The Patrol serves people in the small communities and large properties that are a part of this remote area including Coen, Georgetown, Bamaga, Pormpuraaw and Cooktown.

With increased fuel prices we are running an Advent Appeal to help Kennedy Patrol with fuel costs. If your congregation or members of your congregation have a passion to support this ministry, you can hold a fundraiser, take a collection or a retiring offering during advent (Sunday 24th November to Sunday 29th December 2024). Please direct all contributions to the following account:

Bank BSB: 014-503
Bank Account: 412172554
Account Name: UCA – Kennedy Patrol
Reference: Advent Appeal 2024



Stable at Riverway at Townsville from 18th -22nd Dec 5:30-9:00 p.m.



Have you thought of coming to visit Stable at Riverway?
Have you thought about bringing a group from your Church or community?
Have you thought about getting involved?

Stablenq is one of the largest Christian outreaches in the region with attendances of over 40,000, over 60 churches involved, 1,000 volunteers and over 100 businesses and community groups involved. This year will be our last at Riverway and it is shaping up for another wonderful year.

The town of Bethlehem will again be created with actors, live animals and authentic sets. There are heaps and heaps of activities for kids from fishing, block building, storytelling, bread making, weaving, dressing up as a soldier and so much more.

But this year there will be heaps of other activities from JC Action,(a Christian BMX group) performing every night, 'Be still entertainment living statues' brought to us by DPM Water and aerialist - Ollie Winfrey plus the Calvary Christian College Express, Annadale Christian College Youth and Family area, side show alley, photo booth, face painting and of course free tea, coffee and Christmas Cake at Helen Munro Property Raintree Grove. Here you will find the main stage with heaps of talented local performers. **There is so much to see and do and it is all FREE.**

On Wednesday night we have a special seniors and disability evening brought by Avanti Health Centre, Thursday night is CentraCare night of Hope, Friday night will be a very exciting Cultural night with embassies, performances, food, and a parade. Saturday night is Christmas market night. Check us out at www.stablenq.com.au. Our promotional material is at the bottom of the first page and this year's promotional video is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5d7vVrPIY&feature=youtu.be> it's worth having a look.

Big thank you to those Churches who are supporting Stable. Really appreciated.

Anne Harley



From The Word for Today...

Humility is the pathway to honour

'Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.' 2 Kings 3:11 KJV

Elisha started out serving Elijah and, in some ways, ended up surpassing him. In Bible days, servants washed the hands and feet of their masters. Elisha did that. He began with the humble task of pouring water on Elijah's hands and ended up receiving Elijah's mantle and using it to supernaturally part the waters of the river Jordan. For years he cooked meals, washed clothes, and set up Elijah's tent. And when Elijah went to heaven, Elisha received a double portion of his spirit and ended up working twice as many miracles as Elijah.

There is an important lesson here. If you enter the service of the Lord wanting to start at the top, you will fail. Why? Because the only promotion that matters comes from the Lord (see Psalm 75:6-7). Knowing his time on earth was limited, Paul put in place a succession plan for his ministry. And if you're wise, you will do the same. Speaking to Timothy, his designated successor, Paul writes, *'And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, ...'* (2 Timothy 2:24 KJV).

When you try to compete with others or exploit circumstances to your advantage in order to get to the top, don't be surprised if God blocks your way. When Peter started in ministry, he was like a racehorse that hadn't been trained: highly strung, impulsive, ambitious. Later he wrote: 'In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, *"God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble."* Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.' (1 Peter 5:5-6 NIV).

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But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

