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UCA Queensland Synod Corona-virus Update

For the latest COVID-19 updates and resources, visit the [Synod website](#).

Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For:

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, easy solutions to difficult issues & safety as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Christy & Peter Allen & family, for wisdom, discernment, easy solutions to difficult issues & safety as she travels around our Presbytery.

Monday Prayer:

God of Insight, infuse us with your wisdom. Remind us that the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, & the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Corinthians 1:18-25

Moderator Andrew Gunton

Aurukun Church

Can you help, Aurukun Church are looking for a desktop computer & screen.

Please contact Marie
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13 March 2021



Lawn Bowls

Jubilee Bowls Club

A new year and without the strict COVID restrictions of 2020 so we are embarking on a great 2021 of fundraising for the McKay Patrol. You will notice that we will now be having lawn bowls games rather than the golf. The games will be at Jubilee Bowls Club and we kick off or bowl off on 13 March 2021.

Date: 13 March 2021

Time: 7.45am – 8.00am start

Cost: \$20 (Green Fees & Donation) immediately after the game

Morning Tea and Trophy Presentation @ Aitkenvale Uniting Church

To assist the bowls club with preparation and for catering purposes please if possible advise by Thursday if you are attending otherwise just arrive.

Contact: Kay Ph: 0409892795 Email: wazz.kay@bigpond.net.au

All proceeds to McKay Patrol

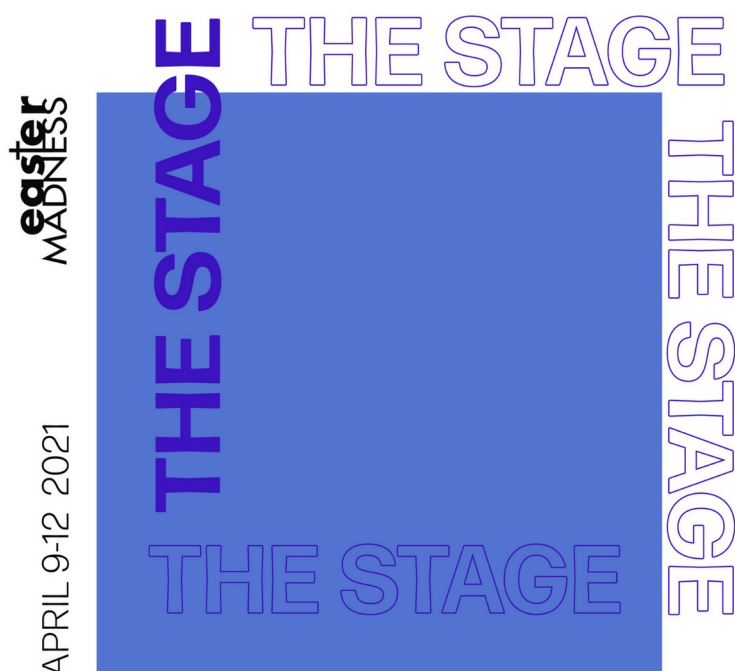
Join us and continue the good work done by Roy Backer for so many years.

New Beginning, New Home

Mareeba Community of Faith at its new home at the Mareeba Bowls Club. Sunday March 7th MCoF welcomed Garry Hardingham who encouraged those present to look to the future and with God's help build upon the excellent start the group had made.



Youth News



WHO: High Schoolers grade 7 -12.

WHERE: This year it will be held at Reflections - Lake Cooby (239 Loveday Rd, Geham QLD.) 30 mins North of Toowoomba.

WHEN: 10 AM check in Fri 9 April - 12.30 check-out on Mon 12 April

COST: \$250 (inc food, accomodation and activities)

For more information contact: Mia Blake: adminsupport@mrpres.org.au or Fa Matangi: youthworker@mrpres.org.au (07) 3366 0236

REGISTER TODAY!

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If you want more information on how you can help support Easter Madness, please contact:

Mia- Email adminsupport@mrpres.org.au or give me a call 3366 0236. or Fa Matangi (Presbytery Youth & Childrens' Coordinator) : youthworker@mrpres.org.au

How can you help EM21?

Sponsoring young people to get to EM21

The fee for the 4day event at Camp Cooby is \$250, there may be some families especially during COVID19 who need that financial assistance.

Email eastermadness@mrpres.org.au or your presbytery letting them/ us know that you want to sponsor someone or more than one.....maybe 2....maybe 5!!!

Free Community Training

March

An invitation to any ministry related people in the **Townsville District** : Charters Towers, Townsville & Ingham - Community Disaster Recovery Training. Registration as below. **(limited numbers)**

Charters Towers 16-17 March 2021, 9am - 5pm
Register: <https://lifelinecharterstowers.eventbrite.com.au>

Townsville 17-18 March 2021, 9am - 5pm Register: <https://lifelinetownsville.eventbrite.com.au>

Ingham 18-19 March 2021, 9am - 5pm Register: <https://lifelineingham.eventbrite.com.au>

Garry's thoughts

Well, its all happening at the MCG!" Bill Lawry's famous call out especially during the the old Packer-era One Day Cricket series is almost burnt into the national psyche. In fact whenever I get amongst a group of excited people, I can hear Bill's shrill tones in my head.

Over the past few weeks, I have witnessed some real "Its all happening here at the MCG" moments.

A week or so ago, I accompanied two lecturers from Trinity college up to Aurukun for four days of working with the congregational leadership and getting a handle on how pathways for ministry and local training can be provided in order to strengthen the ministry of Pastor Leonard Paul and the local elders. Dr Paul Jones, Principal of the college and Rev Nigel Rogers, Dean of Formation and Dispersed Learning, spent the weekend getting an understanding of how Aurukun operates and the unique challenges that providing, equipping, supporting, training and raising up ministry in remote indigenous communities presents the church and the Presbytery.

While conversations were fruitful to a point, it was the experience of worship that I believe made the biggest impact upon Paul and Nigel. The sense of the real presence of the Holy Spirit as testimonies were given, individual prayers offered and open worship enjoyed in a place that, for most non-indigenous Australians would find challenging, was a great reminder of the simple truth that God's work is a work of the whole world. It reminds me of Jesus in Luke 19:40; "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." Nothing can suppress the urge of the Holy Spirit in prompting God's people to sing out in praise.

The experience and the many conversations has created a space in which, in cooperation with Wontulp-Bi-Buya, Trinity college and the Calvary Zone (a big thanks to Rev Craig Michewski in Weipa!!), resources and pathways are being developed in order to fulfill what I believe is God's desire for the Uniting church to not only provide, but help grow ministry in our most disadvantaged communities.

Last Sunday, I conducted worship with the Mareeba Community of Faith and again heard Bill Lawry in my head as the faith community shared its joy of not only welcoming quite a number of new people into their number, but plans for discipleship into the future. The atmosphere was palpable as future plans were outlined for the rearrangement of home groups and meeting times in order for the community to stay agile and alert to the journey that God is taking them on.

Every eye that I looked into on that day was glowing with the expectation of God's work before them. They looked steeled for the challenges ahead and committed to understanding and developing their place in the Mareeba community. Even visions for engagement in some deep social issues within the community spoke of their commitment that this is where God was positioning this group of people to be. My wife and I came home full of joy and buoyed by what we had experienced.

And then today I learn that the church council in Mount Louisa have resolved to increase Rev Michelle Cullen's stipend as a commitment to the new journey that they are on together. Again, there is feedback of fresh life and a renewed vision of who this congregation is where they are going.

These three instances. Three very different circumstances in three wildly different settings. And yet the same spirit driving God's people on in great joy.

Yes indeed, it's all happening here at the MCG!! (**Missio Carpentaria in Gratia Dei - The Mission Of Carpentaria in God's Grace**)

Blessings,
Garry

Synod News & Info.

Rev John Ruhle's Closure of Ministry service

With the transition of the Project Plenty program of work, and the greatest of respect between the General Secretary, Associate General Secretary (AGS) and the other members of the Synod office Executive Leadership Team, the decision was mutually agreed for Rev John Ruhle to leave the Associate General Secretary role from 1 March 2021.

We thank John for his valuable contribution across a wide range of initiatives, particularly Plenty and pray for him and his family as he moves on to the next stage of his ministry in the church.

A Closure of Ministry service will be held for John at 6pm on Wednesday, 17 March at Toowong Uniting Church. If you would like to attend the service, please register your interest with [Vanessa Van Der Rhede via email](#) - spaces are limited so please do this as soon as you can.

For any queries that would normally be directed to the Associate General Secretary, please now contact the [General Secretary](#).

Agency and service provider news


Trinity Preaching Conference

Trinity is holding a three-day preaching conference 10-12 March. Keynote speakers include:

- Brent Strawn - Professor at Duke University and author of *Lies My Preacher Told Me*
- Michael Hands - Lead Pastor at Newlife Church
- Mandy Smith - Pastor and author on pastoral ministry

With the ability to attend online and in person, it's an event not to be missed.

Register now via the [Trinity website](#).



TRINITY COLLEGE QUEENSLAND

WORD OF LIFE
PREACHING CONFERENCE 2021

10-12 March 2021

- 3 keynote speakers live-streamed (Zoom)
- 2 workshops face-to-face only

Register or find out more: ask@trinity.qld.edu.au