



# Carpentaria Presbytery

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## NOTES & UPDATES

- **Southern Zone meeting will be held on 13 June**
- **Christy at Muth Arrak Regional Council meeting on 3 June and at Synod Standing Committee meeting on 4 June**
- **Cape Gulf Zone zoom meeting on 18 June at 5.30pm**
- **Safe Church Audits – answer your audit questions as they were due for completion by 31 May**
- **National Church Life Survey 2026 info now available**
- **New PO Box for Carpentaria Presbytery Office from 1 June 2026 is PO Box 7070, Garbutt QLD 4814**

## PRAYER POINTS

- **Presbytery Capacity / Resourcing – Synod wide conversations and discernment**
- **PLT meeting on 9 June**
- **Patrol Ministry throughout QLD**
- **Townsville Consultation follow up work**
- **Townsville West End ministry**
- **Napranum UCA ministry**

## PRESBYTERY OFFICE



Monday – Friday | 8:30am – 5:00pm



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New PO Box from 1 June 2026

### Presbytery Minister Pastoral & Coastal

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Residing in Southern Zone

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## CARPENTARIA NEWS

### CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY – TREASURER

The purpose of the position is to manage the financial records of the UCA – Carpentaria Presbytery according to the Uniting Church in Australia regulations, ensuring that:

- Banking and payment of bills are timely
- Financial operations are systematic, compliant, effective and efficient

to effectively report to both internal and external customers / stakeholders.

Here is the PD [Carpentaria Treasurer PD](#) and start date is 1 July 2026. For all expressions of interest or applications, send to the Presbytery Secretary at [secretary@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:secretary@ucacarpentaria.com.au).

For further questions, please contact Robyn Cooley [admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au) in the first place or the Presbytery Minister [presmincoastal@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:presmincoastal@ucacarpentaria.com.au) if Robyn is not available.

### UCA CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY – ADDRESS AND CONTACT CHANGES

After 2nd July, the "[admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au)" email address will no longer be used, nor monitored. All accounts and correspondence are to be sent to the office email address "[office@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:office@ucacarpentaria.com.au)". We kindly request that you update your contact lists to reflect these changes. We are trying to ensure that the changes are affected before Robyn finishes up on 2 July, so that we know the new system is working.

## CARPENTARIA PRESBYTERY PROPERTY COMMITTEE – SEEKING EOI

Do **YOU** or **SOMEONE YOU KNOW** have a skill in:



**Business Operations**  
(small or large)



**Finance**



**Building / property  
maintenance**



**Architecture /  
Engineering**

**Please connect with us!**

You could be the right person to join our team and give back to the Presbytery as part of the **Presbytery Property Committee**, supporting the mission of the Presbytery through:



**Supporting** congregations with  
property enquiries



**Reviewing** property-related  
applications



**Overseeing** maintenance  
of Presbytery properties

Please contact Rev Christy Allen on [presmincoastal@ucacarpentaria.com.au](mailto:presmincoastal@ucacarpentaria.com.au) or **0418 184 834** for more details. PD is now available [Presbytery Property Committee PD](#)

## 50 YEARS DEADLY – NAIDOC DAY SERVICE OF HONOURING & CELEBRATION

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS DEADLY NAIDOC WEEK**  
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**50 YEARS DEADLY**  
**5-12 JULY 2026**

**Rev Bruce Moore, Moderator of the Uniting Church Qld**  
together with  
**Rev Roberta Stanley, Chairperson Uniting Aboriginal and Islander  
Christian Congress, Queensland**  
invites you a **NAIDOC Day Service of honouring and celebration**

*For five decades, NAIDOC Week has celebrated the voices of our communities — steady, unapologetic, and proud.*

*Each year, its themes have called for truth, celebrated culture, honoured resistance, and reminded the nation of who we are.*

*Fifty Years of Deadly marks a milestone. It's a tribute to the people who built this movement. The Elders who stood firm, the organisers who made space, the artists who turned resistance into expression, and the communities who keep showing up, year after year.*

*At this time, the Uniting Church acknowledges and pays our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have been the continuing voice of truth, in seeking justice and renewed life, through the reconciling love of Christ.*

*We wish to join us at a service of honouring and celebration for 50 Years of Deadly and visioning all that is yet to be written as our future story.*

**Venue:** Albert Street Uniting Church  
**Date:** Wednesday, 8 July 2026  
**Time:** 5:00pm with a 6:30pm dinner afterwards

**RSVP by 22 June 2026 via the QR code or the following registration link**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DLNMJ>

## MT LOUISA COMMUNITY CHURCH – MARKET DAY ON 27 JULY

Come and check out  
Mt Louisa Community Church's



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July from 8am - 12pm  
at Mt Louisa Community Church.  
485 Bayswater Road, Mt Louisa.



AND so much more!  
We hope to see you there.  
Sites \$20 contact 0417707419

## UNITINGCARE MISSION GROUP INDUCTION – 16 JUNE 2026

Our Mission Team within UnitingCare fulfil its purpose in supporting *life in all its fullness* by integrating mission into culture, leadership, & services. This ensures mission remains a key differentiator for UnitingCare, & that we continue to live out our purpose as an expression of the mission of the Uniting Church in Queensland.

As part of this shared purpose, you are warmly invited to join **in person** (*seating for 45*) or **online** as we hold space together & formally induct **Rev Richard Cassady & Rev Tim Griggs** into our Mission Group.

**When:** Tue 16 Jun, 11.00am – 12.00pm

**Where:** UnitingCare Corporate Office, Level 5, 192 Ann Street, Brisbane

### Recognitions within UCQ

- **Rev Richard Cassady** – Manager, Church & Community Partnerships (First Peoples)
- **Rev Tim Griggs** – Connect100+ Queensland Ministry Lead, Mission & Community Partnerships

**In-person RSVP by Tue 9 Jun to [mission@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:mission@ucareqld.com.au)**

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Mission Team at [mission@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:mission@ucareqld.com.au)

## ONLINE RENEWAL PRAYER MATERIALS

The best songs are the ones that get in your head, work their way into your heart and connect with you at the deepest level, moving you to respond.

Join us each week, 7-7:30pm (Qld time) on a Tuesday night, and on the first Wednesday morning each month from 6-6:30am (Qld time), as a small group gathers online to listen to God's song and pray that it would again capture our hearts, and lives.

We'd love you to join us. Whether prayer feels natural to you or you're not quite sure what you're doing, you're welcome. Come as you are.

**To join on Tuesday at 7pm use this link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81994146488?pwd=VDcxd1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09>

**To join on Wednesday at 6am use this link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81502499450?pwd=4S2L4gafUXX76SIUNHCGQxurYxrJMp.1>

If you are unable to join us tonight, you might like to pause and take a moment to join us in this prayer

*God, we come before you with joy and gratitude,  
answering the Psalmist's call to sing and praise you with all our hearts.  
We thank you that your Word is true  
and your loving heart is steadfast.*

*Help us, your church, to turn away from what holds us back  
and turn our eyes toward you.  
Renew our love for you and for one another.  
Give us fresh hearts to worship you with sincerity,  
and help us again find the joy and beauty  
of the rhythm and melody of following you.*

*We ask you to restore our vision and passion.  
Remind us that you are the foundation of everything we do,  
and help us remember why we gather in the first place -  
to hear and be transformed by your song of love  
and to sing it out to a hurting world.*

*Strengthen our leaders with wisdom.  
Guide our decisions.  
May our voices sing out of your righteousness and justice,  
and may we dance to the beat of your overflowing love and mercy.*

*May the song of your heart draw us and guide us on the way ahead.  
Renew us from the inside out,  
so we become a melody of your grace and truth.  
In Jesus's name*

*Amen*

**Paul Wetzig**  
**Mission Development Partner**

## GRANT TIPS

**Tip 1:** "Stop positioning grants as short projects. Funders are backing long-term impact, not one-off activities. Many foundations are moving toward multi-year and flexible funding. Government funding is also putting more weight on long-term capability, infrastructure, sustainability, partnerships and future outcomes. So don't only

describe what you'll deliver this year. Explain how the work will keep creating community or industry benefit after the funding period ends."

**Tip 2:** "Collaboration is becoming a competitive advantage. This came through strongly in the material I reviewed. Funders are favouring partnerships, networks, consortiums and projects that connect with the wider sector or community. Applications are stronger when they show collaboration with councils, community groups, industry partners, or other not-for-profits. Shared delivery and co-design can reduce risk and show broader benefit.

Even small organisations can strengthen an application by showing who they work with, not only what they do."

**Tip 3:** "Small grants can help unlock bigger funding later. Funders often use pilot programs to test proof of concept. That makes early evidence important. A small grant can help you test the idea, collect results, build partner support, and show demand. That evidence can put you in a stronger position for larger government or philanthropic funding later. Treat small grants strategically. They can become leverage for the next stage of funding."



## DATE CLAIMERS

2026

**26 May to 5 July** – Craig Mischewski on Leave  
**23-26 October** – 39th Synod at Alex Park  
**19 November** – Muth Arrak Zone Meeting in Cairns  
**20-22 November** – #2 Presbytery Meeting in Townsville at Mount Louisa Community Church  
**23-25 November** – PLT F2F Strategic Meeting

**Synod Selection Panel (SSP) Key Dates 2026**  
 Panel Training Day – 18th April

**Selection Day 2**  
 Applications Close – 31st July  
 Psychological Testing – 8th August  
 Synod Selection Day 2 – 7th November

### ZONE MEETINGS

Muth Arrak	Northern	Southern	Gulf
19 November - Cairns	18 July 12 September	13 June 1 August	(Zoom meetings at 5.30pm) 18 June 20 August 17-19 November - Retreat to be confirmed



## THE WORD FOR TODAY

### KNOWING AND ENJOYING YOUR INHERITANCE

**“We are...joint heirs with Christ.” Romans 8:16-17 NKJV**

We share the same inheritance as Christ! Whatever He has, we have! “In this world we are like Jesus.” (1 John 4:17 NIV). So, if we are co-heirs with Christ, why do we struggle through life? For two reasons:

(1) We don't know about our inheritance— “The exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe” (Ephesians 1:19 NKJV). No one ever told us that instead of fighting for victory, we fight from a position of victory. If you have given your heart to Christ, He “has blessed [you] with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3 NKJV). Notice the word “has.” You already possess everything you need to be everything God desires. You have access to “every spiritual blessing.” That also means God will “equip you with all you need for doing his will” (Hebrews 13:21 NLT). (2) We don't believe in our inheritance. Imagine what would happen if a generation of Christians lived out of their inheritance. They would turn away from pornography. The lonely would find comfort in God, not in the arms of strangers. Struggling couples would spend more time in prayer and less time in anger. Children would consider it a blessing to take care of their aging parents. “God's power is very great for us who believe. That power is the same as the great strength God used to raise Christ from the dead” (Ephesians 1:19-20 NCV). The same indwelling Spirit that raised Christ from the dead will turn every one of your “I cant's” into an “I can.” “I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13 NCV).

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