



Middle Ridge Uniting Church

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

## Presbytery Minister's Report

### Prayer Points

I would invite you to prayer with me for:

- Adam and his family as they grieve the loss of Adam's Dad in the UK
- Canberra Region Presbytery and Riverina Presbytery who are our Prayer Partners.
- Crows Nest District Uniting Church and their new ministry agent Ps Cynthia Taafe as they prepare for her arrival in September.
- The Most Reverend Robert McGuckin as he retires and moves back to NSW
- The Most Reverend Ken Howell as he is installed as the 7th Bishop of Toowoomba
- Bishop Cameron Venables as he assists the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane after the retirement of Archbishop Aspinall.
- The Moderator-Elect Rev Bruce Moore as he prepares for the 37<sup>th</sup> Synod meeting in October
- CBW remote area as we purchase a property in preparation to regenerate a ministry in that region.

### Report

It has been six months since my surgery, and all is going well, and I am extremely grateful to God for the provision of good medical care and the support surrounding me. There is a lot happening around the Presbytery to keep me on my toes. It has been wonderful to have the experience and wisdom of Rev Rob Callow to work alongside me in this role and I am grateful that the Standing Committee has agreed to extend his supply in the Resource Minister's role until the end of September. Besides getting the office space furnished and completed Rob has been working on Safe Church; Lay Presiding and has offered pastoral care to congregations who need support to keep up with the compliance work.

**Frontier Services** – it's wonderful to have Dona settling into Bottle Tree RAM. Thank you to MRUC for supporting Dona through their recent Market for Mission Day. I am excited to be bringing a report from the JNC for the Cunnamulla Burke and Wills RAM this meeting. The trip to Birdsville to support Frontier Services is well advanced in its planning – we have both the Moderator Andrew Gunton and the National Director from FS Rob Floyd joining this trip.

**Saltbush** – the offer of support and connection through Saltbush Community continues to be a gift and blessing to congregations who are needing to feel more connected.

**Presbytery Report to Synod** – with the help of the Standing Committee I am preparing The Downs Presbytery report to the 37<sup>th</sup> Synod which will be finalized by the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

**Presbytery Synod Interface (PSI)** – the focus for our time together as Presbytery Ministers has been to work on the Qld Synod Resourcing Review and to finalise the CPMP budgets for 23/24FY.

**Pastoral Oversight Committee** – we are grateful for the work of Marg Thorpe in this space and are also excited about the team of people doing the CPE training to become volunteers. We continue to wait for news about the Pastoral Coordinator PD from DDHS.

**Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group** – we have been accepted as walking group in the Carnival of Flowers parade on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September you are very welcome to join us as we witness our unity to the community. Thanks to John for taking on the role as Chair of this group.

**Here's what I have been up to since our last meeting:**

27<sup>th</sup> Feb – General Secretary Recruitment Panel

28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Pastoral Oversight Committee Meeting and Online Discipleship Book Club – Re-Jesus

1<sup>st</sup> March – Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group

2<sup>nd</sup> March – BlueCare Chaplain JNC

6<sup>th</sup> March – Scots PGC College meeting

8<sup>th</sup> March – CBW Remote Area JNC

9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March – Lifeline Disaster Training

11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March – Saltbush Gathering – Goondiwindi

18<sup>th</sup> March – Protea Place Fundraiser – Warwick

21<sup>st</sup> March – Property and Insurance Workshop

22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March – PSI and Advisory Committee for Ministerial Placements

26<sup>th</sup> March – Central Downs AGM

28<sup>th</sup> March – Synod Resourcing Review Workshop and Presbytery Standing Committee

29<sup>th</sup> March – Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group

2<sup>nd</sup> April – Led Worship at Wilsonton UC

4<sup>th</sup> April – Online Discipleship Bookclub (Canoeing the Mountains)

13<sup>th</sup> April – Crows Nest District UC JNC

18<sup>th</sup> April – Connect 100 Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April – PSI and Advisory Committee for Ministerial Placements

24<sup>th</sup> April – 9<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Leave

10<sup>th</sup> May – Pastoral Relations Committee

10<sup>th</sup> May – Connect 100 Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> May – Synod Reception of Minister Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> May – The Warwick Caledonian Society 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Highland Debutante Ball

17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May – PSI and Advisory Committee for Ministerial Placements  
19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May – Presbytery Office Bearers Workshop  
21<sup>st</sup> May – Led Worship at Dalby UC  
22<sup>nd</sup> May – CBW JNC meeting and meeting with Scots PGC College Principal  
23<sup>rd</sup> May – Presbytery Standing Committee  
26<sup>th</sup> May – Yumin Bah Conference  
29<sup>th</sup> May – Formation Panel  
30<sup>th</sup> May – meeting with Scots PGC College principal and Eastern Downs Church Council  
31<sup>st</sup> May – Connect 100 meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> June – Lord Mayor’s Minister’s Appreciation Morning Tea  
2<sup>nd</sup> June – Retired Minister’s Morning Tea  
6<sup>th</sup> June – Formation Panels  
7<sup>th</sup> June – General Secretary Recruitment Committee  
8<sup>th</sup> June – Connect 100  
14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June Moderator’s Convocation

**Self Care** – I had a great holiday with family and look forward to returning for a family reunion in early October. I have taken to listening to audiobooks which is a great escape and have reunited with my volunteering at Orange Sky Laundry as often as I can.

**Supervision** – I have had two sessions with my supervisor since the last meeting. I have changed supervisors to focus more on my spiritual wellbeing.

**Health and Spiritual Wellbeing** - having a new knee has given me a bounce in my step, I was able to do the Nutbush at the Debutante Ball in Warwick (in heels as well). I am grateful to my home church and my Minister Dylan (St Stephens) for their prayers and worship there when I can.

**Continuing Education** – I have attended the Moderator’s Convocation; Discipleship Online Bookclub; Lifeline Disaster Training; Presbytery Office Bearers Workshop.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That my report be received.

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