



## Incoming Presbytery Chairperson

The Presbytery of Gippsland welcomed Rev Fee Morrison on Sunday 21st July 2024 as she was inducted to the Presbytery and commissioned as our new Chairperson.



Fee hit the ground running with several official functions & PiC 2 weeks after induction!

## What happened at the Presbytery-in-Council meeting?

New Presbytery members attending were Carmel Ripper – Stratford UC and Richard Pedlow – Leongatha. Helen Day from Sale was representing members who attend the 17th Assembly in Sydney last month and gave a comprehensive report of the proceedings.

### *Worship*

Lay Preacher Peter Morris from Traralgon led worship and was the Chaplain for the Day. We opened worship with song, “Beauty for Brokenness”. Peter reflected on the Jeremiah 8: 18-9:2 reading. People have their emotional priority mixed up, they become emotional to their sport team winning but desensitised to the turmoil around them. What do we learn from God’s love? We know that God deeply cares for us, he gave us love and direction. We need to take up and share God’s love expressed through unexpected ways. Peter concluded with prayer and song “God gives us a future”

### *Recognition of Service*

A minute of appreciation was given by Rev Deacon Marian Bisset for Rev Veronica Bradley who is currently on a leave of absence and for Rev Deacon Peter Harvey, who ends his placement in Gippsland on 31st August.

Rev Deacon Judy McLeod expressed appreciation for the work of Rev Deacon Wendy Elson and Deb Bye thanked and outlined the work of Simon Trebilcock who has been Acting Chairperson since May 2024. Rev Fee Morrison led a prayer of appreciation and thanks for their Ministry to the Gippsland Presbytery. A letter of thanks will be written to each person recognised with the written recognition of service included.

### *Elections and appointments*

Dot Teague was elected as member of Presbytery Standing Committee and Rev Deacon Judy McLeod was elected as Chair of Gippsland Pastoral Relations Committee - both appointments until the scheduled Presbytery in council meeting in May 2025.

### *Synod Guest: Neville Bion - VicTas Synod Data Project Officer (ESM & Property Safety)*

In Victoria, all non-residential buildings, including churches and halls require an annual Essential Safety measures Report. The Annual Essential Safety Measures Report (AESMR) must be in the prescribed form (i.e. it must be in the format as set out in the Victorian Building Regulations)

Synod recommends engaging a professional (such as Statcom) to assist each congregation to produce the Annual Essential Safety Measures report (AESMR) and who can provide a signature on the document as an 'Agent of the owner'. This is a legal document. For a full explanation of ESM requirements see handout (Essential Safety Measures Victoria) as provided by Neville Bion. AESMR@victas.uca.org.au 91161400

## *Two-minute Reports*

**Wonthaggi** - Veronica Gribble thanked everyone for their prayer, concern and care after her fall at the last Presbytery meeting at Traralgon

**Garfield** - Margaret Dobson - planning a Festival of Scarves, Hats & Rugs for May 2025. Knitters are required from around Gippsland. Let's make this a real Presbytery effort to assist people next Winter. For further information and a flyer contact Margaret - margaret.dobson71@outlook.com

**Yarram** - Ann Kaye - A highly successful High Tea was held at Yarram on 23 June 2024 to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Church kitchen. \$ 2,000 raised - [website link here](#)

**Traralgon** - Rev Heather den Houting - Psychological First Aid Course to be held on Tuesday 10 Sept a.m. at Traralgon. Contact Traralgon UC for further details or [website link here](#)

**Traralgon** - Sue Scarlett - Christian Playgroup Network meeting recently held in Traralgon. Thirteen playgroup leaders attended from Traralgon Uniting Church, Traralgon Anglican Church and Sale/Korumburra Baptist Church. Another network meeting is planned in November. If you have a playgroup in your Church, please let them know that networking/support is available. Please contact Sue for more information. secretary.tuca@gmail.com

**Trafalgar** - Peter Kingwell - An Armchair Artic Adventure Picture Show was conducted by Chris & Sophy Morley with 50-60 people attending. Funds raised will go towards the UNITING Winter Appeal. The Congregation is also supporting Jason, a congregational member who is running for "Have a Chat" campaign.

## Reminders

- **Presbytery Property Committee** – Thursday 21st August 4pm zoom
- **Standing Committee** Wednesday 28th August 2pm – Traralgon UC
- **Psychological First Aid Training** - Tuesday 10th September - Traralgon UC 9:30am - 12:30pm. Please note that participation is **limited to 15 people**. If we do get greater interest, it may be possible to negotiate another session. Please distribute widely to your networks who may benefit from this training in the Gippsland Region. <https://events.humanitix.com/psychological-first-aid-training-yd9knp9y>
- **PRC** Wednesday 11th September – 1pm – Traralgon UC

## Other News



## Frontier Services

Despite a chilling 8 degrees and icy weather, our Outback Links volunteer Lindsay Oates warmed hearts at Burwood Heights Uniting Church on 4th August!

With temperatures more suited to a snowman than a GOBBQ, the event was moved indoors, but over 60 attendees braved the cold, with many more joining via live stream. 🎉

Lindsay transformed the church into a wintery outback scene with a creative setup—featuring a hay bale, folding chairs, road maps of Australia, and even a bushman's jacket. It felt like a cozy outback campfire in the midst of winter.

A huge thank you to Lindsay and Burwood Heights Uniting Church for the generous \$2,500 donation to support our vital work!

Host your own Great Outback BBQ and secure your spot:

<https://greatoutbackbbq.com.au/host-a-bbq-2024/>



## September Camp 2024

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th Sept.

Grades 4 - Year 10 (or 10-16)

Lake Tyers Camp & Caravan Park

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