

What happened at the Presbytery-in-Council meeting?

Lindsay Oates thanked Rev Deacon Marian Bisset for her excellent report and her work in the Gippsland High Country with Frontier Services as she moves now to a new role as Presbytery Resource Minister North Tasmania.

Certificates of Recognition of Service were missed last year so there was some catching up to do to celebrate the anniversaries of ordinations for ministers and accreditations for lay preachers.



from 2023

- Hamish Christie-Johnson - 60 years ordained 1Jan 1963
- Jim Murray - 35 years ordained 11Dec1988
- Nola Sieh-Brown 30 years ordained 11Dec1993
- Ian Brown - 30 years ordained 17Dec 1993
- Des Parker - 15 years ordained 1 June 2008
- Moira Dodsworth - 5 years ordained - 12Jan2018
- Lyn Kelly - 10 years since accreditation
- Robern Lubowski - 10 years since accreditation
- Robert Barnes - 35 years since accreditation
- Barbara Hutton - 40 years since accreditation
- Stuart Camp - 45 years since accreditation

from 2024

- Gospel Ralte - 15 years ordained 22Mar2009
- Rev Sandra Houghton - 30 years ordained 11Dec 1994
- Russell Jones - 30 years ordained 8Dec1994
- Graeme Reid - 55 years ordained 23Oct 1969
- Don Macraird - 30 years since accreditation
- Ruth Hibbert - 30 years since accreditation
- Peter Morris - 35 years since accreditation

Gospel, Moira and Peter were presented with their certificates



Certificates for those not present were taken by members of their congregations for presentation locally.

General Business

SYNOD MEETINGS: The Presbytery resolved by consensus to support a recommendation from Synod Standing Committee: - for Synod to be a three-to-five day in-person meeting every two years (including the potential impact on, for example the Moderator’s term and Standing Committee membership terms); and - a one-day online or hybrid meeting on alternate years, if needed.

You are warmly invited by the
UCA Presbytery of Gippsland

to celebrate the induction of the
Rev Paul Ryu
as the Minister for the Currawong Team of
Sale, Stratford and Maffra




Saturday 30th November 2024 from 11:00am
at Sale Uniting Church
(St Columba’s – 91 McAlister St Sale)

followed by lunch


For those who are robing,
please wear your red stole
or a blue UCA scarf.

R.S.V.P. to sec.ucagipps@gmail.com
by 5pm Monday 25th November
for catering and seating




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Gippsland**



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of
this land and these waters and pay respect to
elders past, present and emerging.



Two-minute Reports

- **Mirboo North** 125th Anniversary was held 27th October 2024
- **Swifts Creek** celebrated Marian Bisset's ministry on 3rd November 2024
- **Traralgon** - Heather den Houting announced the churches in Traralgon will organise a Gippsland Plains Camino using the Gippsland Rail Trail, next year.
- **Traralgon** - Simon Trebilcock announced the opening of the community garden in church grounds on 24th November 2024 at 11:30am. There will be a picnic and ceremonial turning of the sod.
- **Trafalgar/Yarragon** - Barbara Kingwill mentioned a community thanksgiving morning tea for volunteers on 1st December 2024. All service groups, sporting groups and volunteers will be welcome to celebrate "how great it is to be a community"
- **Maffra** will be celebrating 120 years on Sunday 17th November 2024 from 10am

IF YOUR CONGREGATION IS HAVING AN EVENT, PLEASE LET US KNOW and please send photos afterwards with a short explanation so we can keep in touch with what's happening around the presbytery....
have you seen our [NEWS AND PHOTOS PAGE](#) or "liked" our [Facebook link](#).

Reminders

- **Presbytery Property Committee** – Thursday 21st November 4pm zoom
 - **Standing Committee** Wednesday 27th November 2pm – Traralgon UC
 - **PRC** Wednesday 4th December – 1pm – Traralgon UC
- The next presbytery in Council meeting will be held **Saturday 1st February 2025 in Traralgon.**

Future 2025 Meetings: 3rd May - 2nd August - 8th November

