



Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of Victoria and Tasmania
Presbytery of Yarra Yarra

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Notes and news for Yarra Yarra Congregations and Institutions

Please promote these issues and events through your own newsletters and other communication channels as appropriate. There is much going on, so please take a few minutes to review.

*If you have information that you wish to have distributed through this newsletter, please ensure that it is submitted by the start of the month in which the item is to appear. I plan to try to send newsletters out in the third week, so that means if your event occurs early in the month, you will need to have it submitted by the start of the **previous** month.*

The newsletter is sent to Church Council Secretaries. If you should not be receiving it, please contact me at pyy.secretary@victas.uca.org.au with the name of your congregation and the name of the correct person.

PRESBYTERY MEETING ON SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER

Members of Presbytery are reminded that the next meeting will be at the Corydon Uniting Church, Tallent Street, Croydon, on Saturday 26th November. The meeting will commence at 9.30am, with coffee and registration from 9am. Lunch will be provided, and members will be asked to make a donation of a minimum of \$5 to assist the Croydon Congregation. The agenda and available reports will be circulated early next week.

ANNUAL ROAD TRAUMA TIME FOR REMEMBERING

The Commission for Mission encourages individuals and congregations to engage in the annual road trauma *Time for Remembering* ceremony to be held Sunday November 20, starting at noon, Parliament House, Melbourne. Please refer to the attached invitation, and background material. Congregations are free to use the petitions on or about November 20, which is the UN sanctioned World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims. Enquiries to Andy Calder at the Commission for Mission, tel 92515489.

GOSPEL CONCERT AT WHITTLESEA

Whittlesea Combined Churches (WMI) present a Gospel Concert in Whittlesea at St Mary's School multipurpose centre on 20th November. Star attraction — Golden Guitar winners Carter and Carter, supported by local performers as the star attraction. See <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/43041> for more information and bookings.

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SHAKESPEARE AT NORTH BALWYN

As part of the Mind, Body, Spirit program, Associate Prof Bruce Steele AM FAHA, Organist and Music Director, North Balwyn Uniting Church, will give a talk on *Shakespeare in 2016* on Sunday 27th November at 5.30pm. William Shakespeare died 400 years ago this year yet his work is still as alive as ever. Bruce Steele looks at some aspects of his work which explains why this is so. The talk will be followed by soup and then a short reflective service. North Balwyn Uniting Church is at 17-21 Duggan St, Balwyn North. Enquiries to Nell Potter, tel 9857 8412 (Wed–Fri, 10am–4pm) or email to mail@nbuc.org.au.

BREAKFAST WITH TIM COSTELLO AT NORTH RINGWOOD

North Ringwood Uniting Church is very pleased to advise that they have secured the services of Tim Costello for a breakfast and address on Saturday 3rd December 2016. The theme of Tim's address is *Hope and Faith in a hope-less world*: Being socially and politically effective in a secular world that disregards the spiritual, the poor and the refugee. North Ringwood Uniting Church is at 14 Dickson Crescent, North Ringwood. Bookings may be made through the link on the attached flyer. Enquiries to John Oettinger on tel 0487 327 259.

FOLLOW THE STAR AT BURWOOD

The annual presentation of *Follow the Star* at Burwood Uniting Church (Corner of Warrigal Road and Hyslop Street, Glen Iris) will open on Thursday December 1st and be open to the public daily (Sunday excepted) until Saturday December 23rd 2016. The displays present the story of the first Christmas and are accompanied by a Christmas Tree Forest with trees decorated by local schools and organisations. The times of opening to the public are Mondays 10 am to 3.00 pm, Tuesdays 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm, Wednesdays 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Thursdays 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm, Fridays 12.30 to 3.00 pm Saturdays 10.00 AM to 12.30 PM. Other times may be available by appointment especially to groups (children or adults). Contact Felicity 0449 751 402 or Anne 0487 750 442 for further information.

PIANO DISPOSAL

Banyule Network have advised that there are two pianos remaining at Bellevue Ave as they commence to clear the property for sale/development. They are quite old, and not in particularly good condition, but are available for anyone willing to make a small donation and pay for removal. Contact Sarah Garfirth on 0412 565 731.

ACCOMMODATION ENQUIRY

The Synod has forwarded an enquiry from a student at the University of South Australia, currently associated with and an active and devoted member of Parafield Gardens Uniting Church in South Australia. His request was suggested by the elders of his church. He needs to complete a work placement as part of studies in Melbourne's South East, and asks if there is a Uniting church family who would accept a temporary boarder, for 1–2 months. Offers can be directed to Alec on tel 0458 274 069.