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"Despite the impact of the floods and cyclones, UnitingCare has continued throughout the year to deliver services to many thousands of people." **Anne Cross**

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# 29TH SYNOD:

*TOGETHER ON THE WAY, ENRICHING COMMUNITY*



**By Mardi Lumsden**

AFTER FIVE days, members of the 29th Synod of the Uniting Church in Queensland closed the meeting in worship on Wednesday 12 October, 2011, at Alexandra Park Conference Centre on the Sunshine Coast.

More than 340 voting members from all over the Church in Queensland joined visitors, staff and volunteers to celebrate the work of God through the Church and discern the direction of the whole Synod.

Members of the 29th Synod made several big decisions that impact the whole Uniting Church in Queensland in an effort to actively live out our 2020 Vision.

Proposals passed to assist the Synod to be better organised for mission included a "re-invigoration" of the Synod Standing Committee (SSC), adopting a new model for the Standing Committee based on competence rather than representation.

Ordained ministers elected to the new SSC were David Baker, Linda Hamill, Garry Hardingham, Lu

Senituli, and David Won Kim.

Lay members elected to the SSC were Greg Adsett, John Agnew, Geoff Batkin, Allan Hanson, and Roberta Stanley.

Ex-officio members are the Moderator, General Secretary, chair of the UnitingCare Board and the chair of the Synod Finance, Investment and Property Board, Chair of the Board of Christian Formation and, to reflect the covenanting agreement with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, a nominee of Congress in Queensland.

In passing the proposal for a Governance Nomination Remuneration Committee (GNRC) the Chair of this committee will also be an ex-officio member of SSC.

The 29th Synod nominated Rev Dr Anita Monro and Rev Dr Chris Walker for the position of President-elect of the National Assembly.

These names will be added to the list of worthy nominees for the position of President-elect which will be determined next July at the 13th National Assembly in Adelaide.

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God in community,  
 may our worship, witness and service  
 be instruments of your grace and peace  
 in the Church and the world  
 in the name of Jesus. Amen.

November 2011

# On the way, together

WHEN I was in Year Seven at Moggill State School I started attending the Rays Group at the local Methodist Church.

One evening we played a game in which we were issued five matches each. We were given the challenge of circulating the hall asking questions. But the rule was that you could not answer using either "yes" or "no".

If a person answered using one of the forbidden words they had to give you one of their match sticks.

At the end of the game the people with only a few matches left had them taken from them and given to someone who had tricked the other girls out of their matches.

The ones who had only a few ended up with none and the ones with many ended up with even more. It didn't seem like a fair way to end.

For devotions that night we were reminded that life is like that sometimes. We were reminded of that often quoted, and sometimes

misquoted dictum, "To whom much is given, much is required".

I have often thought that my life has been a bit like that.

I have had many advantages. I was born in Australia at a time when childhood diseases were mostly preventable.

Our parents loved and nurtured us and encouraged my sisters and me to get a good education.

Mum and Dad had grown up in Christian households and taught us to pray, to be thankful and to ask God's blessings on all our loved ones each day.

**We have inherited a rich and diverse heritage but we have the freedom to bring a fresh slant on that heritage.**

They loved to sing and we learned some of the songs of faith at home and at school.

I attended university for free and by the time I had a sense of call to ministry, women like Rev

Dr Norma Spear had already blazed the trail to ordination in the Methodist Church in Queensland just a few years prior to the formation of the Uniting Church in 1977.

The Uniting Church practised affirmative action before it was fashionable, regulating that, in its first six years, one third of all appointments to Councils would be filled by women.

As I take up the role of Moderator of the Queensland Synod I realise what a privilege it is.

The opportunity to respond to a call to ministry and ordination is not available to women in some other Christian churches.

By and large my colleagues in ministry have accepted me and affirmed me.

Being appointed as the first female Army Chaplain in Australia in 1992 has helped me to build networks and friendships with clergy of other denominations.

I bring to the role a strong

## Message from the Moderator

Rev Kaye Ronalds



pastoral heart and a capacity for listening and seeking to understand the perspective of others. Nevertheless, I have some firm opinions about some matters that I will bring to the table for conversation.

I like to read biographies because it gives me an insight into how other people deal with the complexity of life and manage the joy and grief of relationships.

My favourite book of the Bible is the Gospel of Luke because it provides such riches for a preacher. Not everyone makes meaning of life events in the same way but we can provide an atmosphere that allows discussion about that.

Not only do I feel that I have

personally been given much, I also think that the Uniting Church in Australia has been given much.

We have inherited a rich and diverse heritage but we have the freedom to bring a fresh slant on that heritage. Our witness to Jesus can be given voice in whatever group that we meet.

We have many riches for our pilgrimage together on the way enriching community.

Luke 12:48b

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." (New International Version)

## Signs of consensus

TWAS THE night before Synod and all through the house everyone wanted to hear how the consensus model of voting worked.

After a fascinating day at Pilgrim Learning Community's REFUEL: School of theology, at Caloundra Uniting Church, I spent the night with family who have never been part of the Uniting Church.

Perplexed by what I was about to embark on, they were fascinated to hear that if the whole voting group (in this case over 340 people) didn't agree on something the voices of those who disagreed were heard and further thought and discussion is required until all members were happy to proceed.

It really is a remarkable feat and, when the consensus model works well, it can be quite moving to witness a sea of orange cards held high to offer support for a proposal.

This was evident at the 29th Synod on multiple occasions, most memorably when the members endorsed a proposal to make an apology to former residents of church owned orphanages, particularly in

Aurukun, far north Queensland, who are still living with the pain of trauma from that time.

There was a hush in the room as 340 people held their orange cards high.

The support of the proposal regarding tuberculosis clinics was a proud moment where the church looked beyond its immediate business to make a difference in the world around us.

The Synod meeting was centred around the 2020 Vision (the *Together on the way, enriching community* journey) and this Synod meeting felt different to others I have attended.

There was a sense of prayerfulness, peace, and a focus to continue to discern God's will for the Uniting Church in Queensland by heading on the journey to enrich our communities together.

It was a pleasure to have the interaction of the FUN (For Under Nineteens) Synod members who brought insight into the meeting and creativity into worship.

We posted stories, photo galleries, audio files, tweeted

and facebooked as many updates as possible to make sure people felt part of the meeting, even if they couldn't be there.

An edition of *Journey* will never capture every moment of a Synod meeting, but I hope in these pages you find the essence of what is possible when such a varied group of people share a common goal.

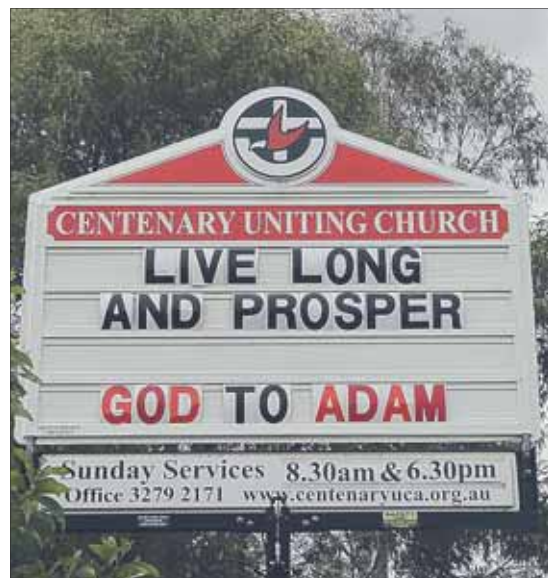
It makes me wish the consensus model was used on the floor of our parliament instead of the insult shouting matches we currently see.

Imagine the changes in Australian society if our parliament was filled with listening and discerning. Maybe we could teach them a thing or two?

Mardi Lumsden  
Editor



## Sign of the times



CENTENARY UNITING Church in the western suburbs of Brisbane has been doing a series of signs throughout October based on movie quotes.

Joshua Green posted this sign on the Uniting Church Queensland Facebook page and it instantly struck a chord with us. Thanks Joshua for sending this in.





# Art celebrates belonging

By Jane Moad

THIRTEEN ARTWORKS by young people aged between five and 17 years old have been chosen to feature in the 2012 Synod calendar.

Throughout 2012, the calendar aims to encourage the whole of the Uniting Church in Queensland to reflect on what it means to belong as part of the *Together on the way, enriching community* journey.

A panel of expert judges was formed to choose the artworks to be shown in the calendar, with the panel itself demonstrating the theme "Belonging, together as Church".

Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, was joined by Tony Anderton, Coordinator of Wesley Mission Brisbane's Art from the Margins, and Maureen Hansen, Curator

and Healing Arts Coordinator at The Wesley Hospital in Brisbane.

Ms Ronalds commented on the joy of viewing all the artworks, saying that the young people had given expression to what it means to "belong, together as Church".

"Each entrant has a different angle on the competition theme," said Ms Ronalds. "Some are saying that the church is about people coming together. Others are about the church being outward looking, in particular focusing on the environment. And some have taken a more symbolic approach to the theme.

"Their creativity reminds me that human beings reflect God's creativity."

Fellow judge, Mr Anderton, said artistic expression gives voice to the basic need to communicate.

"It puts into images a person's

reflection on the world that might not otherwise be spoken about," said Mr Anderton.

"There are some excellent scenes of groups and communities coming together, with a lot of thought put into the structure and composition, with both the words and images used."

Artist, Maureen Hansen, was inspired by the vitality and freshness of the works.

"Being introduced to the way children think about Church is enlightening and livening," said Ms Hansen. "Some of the ideas in particular are quite mature.

"There's great originality and expression in these works that can often be lost in adults' work."

Winning entrant, Finn Jewell (age 11) said that belonging to the Uniting Church was about being connected.



Finn Jewell and Gillian Watson with their artworks which will feature in the 2012 Synod calendar. Photo by Holly Jewell

"I enjoy playing games and learning at Discipleship [Sunday School] and being with friends at Girls' Brigade," said Ms Jewell.

Gillian Watson (age 11) said church was about being with God and community.

"My artwork is about the environment and people and community being connected as God's creations," said Ms Watson.

The Queensland Synod will donate \$100 to the chosen charity of each of the winning entrants.

Winning entrants were Amelie Toop, Andie Lang,

Finlay Niemi, Finn Jewell, Gillian Watson, Isabella Lamb, Kiara Taylor, Kimberley and Taylor Randall, Krystal George, Lillian MacGregor, Sarah Hancox, Shania Dekkers, Tahlia Hanson, and Xavier Dekkers.

View all the entries at the [www.journeyonline.com.au/photo-gallery](http://www.journeyonline.com.au/photo-gallery).

The calendar can be ordered for only \$2 each. Order by the end of November at [www.together.ucaqld.com.au/artcompetition](http://www.together.ucaqld.com.au/artcompetition)

# Remembering those who serve

UNITING CHURCH Minister, Rev John Saunders, is on active service as a Chaplain with the Australian Army in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan, where he has been since mid-June this year.

When he arrived in the Middle East it was the height of summer with temperatures between 40-

50C. By the time he leaves he will have been through a winter with temperatures as low as -15C.

In 2001, when he was an Educational Corps officer in Darwin, Mr Saunders heard the call of God into ministry and military chaplaincy.

From his post in Afghanistan, he said that going on deployments to exotic, but dangerous, places is par for the course in military service and represents the ultimate goal of serving in the Defence Force – to be on active service, defending the nation and helping bring peace and stability to places in the world where such concepts exist only in dreams and hopes for the future of war-weary people.

Back in Australia Mr Saunders has a very patient and accommodating family.

His wife Jan, son Michael and daughter Jessica, live in Brisbane while John works in Townsville as Padre of 2 RAR when in Australia.

"To say it's not easy is an understatement," he said.

But this is the reality of the sacrifice many Defence Force

families make on a regular basis.

Going on deployment and the resultant dislocation from loved-ones is something many members have to endure and it can take an immense toll on family life.

When it comes to military ministry Mr Saunders said he ministers to people, just like he did at home in congregational ministry. The only difference being that his "flock" wear a uniform, are often not all that religious, and work in a dangerous environment thousands of kilometres away from home.

"I help people with personal problems, family needs, work stresses, dealing with combat, and the spiritual explorations which these hardships inevitably throw up," he said.

He is also actively involved in inter-religious dialogue with local Muslim leaders, a very rewarding and enriching part of his role.

When asked why he has Christians in military service and how relevant it is to have military chaplains in the modern army, Mr Saunders said despite Australia existing as a post-

Christian culture, that in no way means the search for meaning and spirituality is diminished.

"The fact is we are there ministering to men and women, bringing comfort, hope, and a listening ear, irrespective of whether the people we serve are religious or not," he said.

"This is an exciting thing – to live on the cutting edge of faith in a world where many see faith as out-dated and unnecessary and to hold the beacon of that faith to men and women who literally put their lives on the line to serve the interests of others."

With Remembrance Day around the corner (11 November), Mr Saunders asked Church members to not only grieve for the loss of lives cut down in their prime in wars past and present, and pray for peace in our world, but to also remember to support those who continue to serve, believing that they are making a difference and making life safer and more stable for the people in the lands they serve, through prayers, letters, emails, and care packages.

According to news reports 34 Australians have been wounded in action in Afghanistan this year, most recently five in Uruzgan Province, including the death of young Private, Matthew Lambert.

"Both Remembrance Day and Anzac Day are significant days for those of us who serve and those who have served," Mr Saunders said.

"We will mark the occasion with memorial services here at Tarin Kot and in the bases throughout Uruzgan Province.

"To those who have lost loved-ones both over here and in past conflicts, particularly Matty Lambert's partner and family, the most I can say is that we who are on active service feel your loss in that we have lost a mate, a co-worker, a fellow-soldier and it hurts us.

"The difference is people at home can grieve – we cannot, yet. We have to gather ourselves, go outside the wire and do it all again the next day."

For more information on Defence chaplaincy contact Rev Gale Hall, Convenor, UCA Defence Force Chaplaincy on 0410 346 573 or [gphall@hotmail.net.au](mailto:gphall@hotmail.net.au)



Australian Army Chaplain, Rev John Saunders, in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan. Photo courtesy of Defence media



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REV KAYE Ronalds, moved a minute of appreciation for the work, dedication and faith of past Moderator, Rev Bruce Johnson.

"The Synod has been nourished by his writings as he reflected on his encounters with people and with the books he has been reading," she said.

"Bruce, we thank you for your ministry of leadership which you have exercised with courage and compassion. We want to record our deep gratitude to your wife, Heather, (above with Mr Johnson) for giving you understanding and support as she has partnered with you in this journey."

DURING THE 29th Synod Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, launched an initiative to encourage people to say a short prayer at midday each Monday.

The initiative comes out of the Priority Direction B group looking at promoting a discipline of prayer and spirituality (both individually and corporately).

Each month a new prayer will be printed in *Journey*

(see page 1) for you to cut out and put in your wallet.

The Communications team also designed prayer card holders. Ten of these were in the congregation packs available for every congregation at the Synod meeting and a limited number of additional card holders are available on request.

To request these please email [tara.burton@ucaql.com.au](mailto:tara.burton@ucaql.com.au)



**THE SUMMER** Madness crew kept Synod members alert and raised funds to help provide Summer Madness 2012 attendees with a copy of the *Skey* devotional. A huge thankyou to their volunteers, especially Danica Patselis (above) who made delicious fairtrade Merlo coffee for more than 12 hours a day for five days.



ON THE first day of business, artist and minister, Rev Alan Robinson (left) of Beenleigh Region Uniting Church, drew as he spoke the Bible reading, Mark 2:1-12 (Jesus forgives and heals a paralysed man), in his own words.

Just as in the reading, people were amazed by the way Mr Robinson opened up a familiar reading in a new way. The resulting three drawings were displayed on the wall at the front of the meeting.



DR BEN Myers (left), Lecturer in Systematic Theology at United Theological College in Sydney, gave a fascinating Norman and Mary Millar lecture on Saturday 8 October challenging those present to experience the aesthetics of Christian mission through creativity, community, and culture.

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The Synod elected 18 representatives to the 13th Assembly.

Ministers going to the Assembly meeting are Lynette Burden, Stu Cameron, Michelle Cook, Heather Griffin, Peter Lockhart, David MacGregor, Vilami Mila, Josie Nottle, and Lu Senituli.

Lay members are John Agnew, Lauren Ash, Jenny Brecknell, Hayden Gaffel, Tegan Gaffel, Matt Gees, Andrew Johnson, Monique

Mawbey, and Elaine Rae. Ex-officio members are the Moderator and General Secretary.

Members of the 29th Synod also asked the SSC, as part of the continuing *Together on the way, enriching community* journey, to consider options for changes to presbytery structures to help resource mission, look at how the Synod can support a justice advocate (and what that might look like) and look into making specific funding available for youth and young adult events.

General Proposal 5 brought by Jan Bryde and Bruce Cornish (regarding lobbying the Government to maintain tuberculosis clinics in the Torres Strait) was made stronger and passed by consensus.

A moving moment was shared as Synod members made an apology to our Indigenous brothers and sisters who still live with the pain of past abuse or mistreatment experienced while living in institutional care provided by the church and its agencies in years gone by, particularly in Aurukun, far north Queensland.

Amongst the decision making, the meeting was filled with (and surrounded

by) prayer and worship as well as a celebration of those in ministry and the invaluable volunteers within the church.

Members heard of the struggles of our partner churches in Fiji and Tuvalu from UnitingWorld's Bruce Mullan.

Bible studies by Rev Dr Chris Walker, National Consultant in Theology and Discipleship, challenged members to equip people for deeper discipleship.

Old friendships were sustained, new friendships began and all present heard stories of God at work throughout the whole church in Queensland and the world.

The thankyou's included a standing ovation for

Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, General Secretary, Dr Shirley Coulson, and Business Committee Convener, Andrew Johnson.

Synod members were also very appreciative of all the volunteers and staff who planned and attended the meeting and the staff of Alexandra Park Conference Centre.

To the strains of the song "How then shall I live?" Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, sent Synod members back to their own communities with the challenge to continue to live out God's call and the discerned 2020 Vision for the Uniting Church in Queensland.



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# Synod finances on the way, but not there yet

By Jane Moad

THE SYNOD'S financial position was described as "at best stable" but "not out of the crisis" in the Finance, Investment & Property (FIP) Board report to the 29th Synod on 8 October.

FIP Board Chairperson, Andrew McBryde, stated that the Synod was "on the way, but not there yet" and outlined the direct strategies the FIP Board was pursuing to continue to improve the situation, but stressed the need for further attention on finances.

"The current funding model of the Synod is not sustainable," said Mr McBryde.

"Alternative funding models continue to be developed, and the FIP Board aims to have a proposal for the Synod Standing Committee by the end of the year.

"We need to focus on the utilisation of our resources, both property and people, and to give where we can."

Director of Finance & Property Services, Robert Packer, advised that there was both good news and bad news regarding the Synod's financial position.

He reported that while the draft financial results for the 2010-11 financial year show a small surplus for the Synod and a reduction in debt, there are still significant concerns that need to be addressed.

"The net asset position of the Synod must be improved, but there are only two ways of closing the gap—an equity injection and accumulating surpluses," said Mr Packer.

At the 28th Synod, a capital injection of \$20 million was requested through the transfer of

beneficial use of property to the Synod.

In their report, the FIP Board acknowledged the \$5 million in property which had been gifted to the Synod to date, with a further \$3 million to be added, pending valuations and best alternate use options.

The report noted that the need still existed for further properties to be transferred to the Synod, and for "de-cluttering strategies" to streamline systems, products and services, and to reduce costs.

"The surplus for 2010-11 does not add much to the net asset position," said Mr Packer.

"The Treasury operations have an imbalance between what is owed to depositors and the amount invested. In a falling property and equity market, the result of this has been that loan rates have increased and deposit



Director of Finance & Property Services, Robert Packer, presents the report to the Synod in session. Photo by Osker Lau

rates have dropped—a situation that neither the borrowers nor depositors have liked."

Mr Packer also advised that while the line of credit with ANZ was currently undrawn, the debt levels were forecast to significantly increase.

"Cash flow forecasts of agencies' capital programs will

require a drawdown on the ANZ facility, possibly as high as \$100 million," he said.

Mr McBryde also expressed the FIP Board's appreciation for the support provided by Mr Packer during the challenging financial circumstances and the work of Finance & Property Services staff members.



ON SUNDAY 9 October, Synod members experienced worship as Messy Church.

Led by FUN (For Under Nineteens) Synod delegates and the South-East corner youth and children's workers, people roamed between 13 different activities based on the reading John 15:1-17 (The vine and the branches).

Synod Bible study leader, Rev Wendi Sargeant, reminded members that "it's OK to be messy every now

and again!"

Synod members were invited to experience 13 creative stations around the space including a magnetic graffiti wall to write sorry prayers (some of which the young people later read out), chalk drawings on paths, learning a song, reading and discussing Wesley's notes, potato sponge painting, bookmark making, collage and many more activities to help people engage with the reading.



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# Church inducts first female Moderator

By Mardi Lumsden

THE 29TH Synod meeting of The Uniting Church in Queensland began on Friday 7 October 2011 with a celebration service and the induction of Queensland's first female Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, at Unity College in Caloundra.

Around 700 people gathered with songs of praise in celebration of the diversity of the Church in Queensland and to induct Queensland's first female Moderator.

Cheri Yavu-Kama-Harathunian, a Senior Elder of a Kabi Kabi clan (the Indigenous people of the Sunshine Coast), performed the Welcome to Country using the Kabi Kabi words, "Junjarin-nga dhar'guna yau'eembai'ya ngoolam'bula dhar'kun yar war gow".

"These are Kabi Kabi words. "They are a 40 000-year-old blessing given to my people to honour and bless others and they mean: May the spiritual forces of Mother Earth guide and protect your inner self and truth.

"I offer this blessing to all of us present here, I pray that Creator Spirit will not just bless you but that Holy Spirit will come and you will experience a life changing moment of transformation in your ministry, in how you do the business of the Church and how you live your life through and by His grace."

Two musical ensembles (one made up of Unity College students and staff, the other being the Synod worship band) helped the congregation raise their voices in many languages throughout the celebration.

Outgoing Moderator, Rev Bruce Johnson, called new Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, to take up the challenge and privilege of the role and the declaration of Ms Ronalds as Moderator was greeted with enthusiastic acclamation.

Greetings were brought by Rev Dr Chris Walker from the Assembly, the Right Rev Dr Jonathan Holland, Bishop of the Northern Region of the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane, Rev Paul Smith, Vice President of the

Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District, and Queensland Churches Together President, the Rev Cannon Richard Tutin.

Rev Peter Woodward brought a prayer for the church and the Moderator's chaplain, Sharon Kirk, brought prayers for the new Moderator and her family.

The congregation was treated to vibrant Bible readings from Rev Norma Spear, Shirley Doyle, and Rev Rob Evans.

Addressing those gathered, Ms Ronalds reflected on the Uniting Church in Queensland's Vision 2020 journey (*Together on the way, enriching community*) and asked the question, "Are we there yet?".

"Already, many of you are uniting in Christ, acting with love, living with hope, witnessing in faith, and working for justice.

"But we need to find ways to enrich our communities even when there isn't a disaster."

Ms Ronalds said she didn't want to underplay the significance of being the first female Moderator of the Queensland Synod.



Past Moderator, Rev Bruce Johnson, General Secretary, Dr Shirley Coulson, and the Moderator's chaplain, Sharon Kirk, join the congregation of the 29th Synod celebration to pray for new Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds. Photo by Osker Lau

of an education and the many advantages of growing up in Australia."

She invited the members of the 29th Synod to leave preoccupations behind them and join her on the "pilgrimage to follow Jesus and experience the kingdom of God at hand".

"I count it a great privilege.

"I have been very fortunate to have had a mentor like Rev Norma Spear and to have been influenced by many capable women of faith.

"By the same token I recognise that I am a white, Western woman who has had the benefit



BERYL ROYLANCE, Carole Lyall, Dulcie Turner, Iuma Apelu, Lyn Paynedoc, Margaret Sear, Pat McMurtrie, Wendy Kent, Clyde Nicholl, Joyce Rieck, and Jeannine Moye were presented by Rev Kaye Ronalds with Moderator's Community Service Medals on Sunday 9 October 2011.

The Moderator's Community Service Medals are organised by UnitingCare Queensland on behalf of the Moderator. The presentation ceremony was followed by a special lunch. A more detailed story will be in the December edition of *Journey*.

## INDOOROPILLY

UNITING Church youth and children's ministry worker, Rev Josie Nottle (right), and her creative volunteers, hand painted two giant Vision 2020 wheels to display during the meeting and a smaller wheel for the Vision Books shop at Synod. On one of the wheels people were encouraged to list how they were living out the Vision 2020 already. If you would like to borrow one of these wheels for a meeting please email lyndelle.gunton@ucaqld.com.au to arrange collection from the Synod office.



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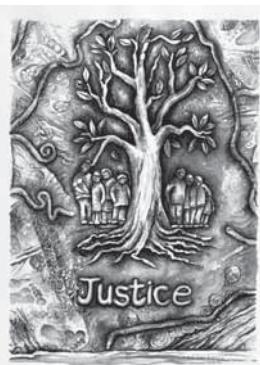
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## Message from our CEO

This last year will surely be remembered for the prolonged period of multiple natural disasters in Queensland. Living

through those severe weather events was a frightening, difficult time and the lives of many people were thrown into chaos and heartache as they dealt with the very real impacts of the floods and cyclones. It was truly inspirational to observe and experience the amazing spirit and dedication to our clients and patients that was shown by our staff in our services during and in the aftermath of the natural disasters. The stories all speak to the very essence of UnitingCare – its focus on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities and the dedication, resourcefulness and commitment of our staff and volunteers.

In particular, I want to acknowledge the work that UnitingCare Community (formerly Lifeline Community Recovery service. More than 3000 deployments of more than 230 community recovery officers, all trained in psychological first aid, to more than 60 sites took place. These staff and volunteers not only supported thousands of individuals but also helped spearhead longer term recovery

through a co-ordinated approach to rebuilding or re-establishing key community networks and support structures.

Despite the impact of the floods and cyclones, UnitingCare has continued throughout the year to deliver services to many thousands of people through Blue Care, our UnitingCare Health hospitals and UnitingCare Community.

During the year we undertook a major review of our strategic plan inspired by a long term vision that focuses on our role in supporting our clients and patients to live their lives as fully as possible – to be all that they can be. Our renewed core objectives focus on person-centred care and our service models, on our capacity to attract and retain staff, volunteers, and visiting medical practitioners, on our partnerships within our sectors, on our contribution to social policy and research, and on our viability and impact on the environment.

This year we formalised and celebrated UnitingCare Queensland's commitment

to developing and implementing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Building on work already underway to improve employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within UnitingCare and to improve accessibility and cultural relevance of our services, the RAP will identify additional actions and realistic targets that contribute to 'Closing the Gap'.

Behind all the achievements and challenges faced by UnitingCare are the people – more than 14 000 staff, 8500 volunteers and our chaplains. They are the bedrock of the organisation and I want to thank each of them for their work, their contribution and their commitment to our mission as the health and community service provider of The Uniting Church.

Care, compassion, courage, kindness, respect, reconciliation, service, justice, learning, working together, transforming ... these are the hallmarks, the essence, of what it means for us to be the Uniting Church at work in the community.



**Anne Cross**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Highlights of the year

- Lifeline Community Recovery Officers trained in psychological first aid are deployed into community recovery centres around the state to support the many thousands of individuals affected by the Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi
- Crisis plans in place in other UnitingCare Queensland service agencies serve our clients well. Blue Care successfully manage the evacuation of high risk and vulnerable people from troubled flood and cyclone areas and staff at The Wesley Hospital maintain high levels of health care to all patients amid rising flood water
- UnitingCare Queensland formalises its commitment to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) at a launch on 1 February 2011
- The UnitingCare Community Helping out Families (HOF) program is established in October 2010
- St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital, in Brisbane, is the first hospital in Queensland to install the very latest in cardiac technology – the CARTO 3 System, a three dimensional imaging device to treat cardiac arrhythmias
- The January Lifeline Bookfest raises nearly \$900 000 despite being affected by the Brisbane floods
- The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital celebrates its 30th birthday and is rated in the top one per cent of hospitals in Australia.
- UnitingCare Social Justice launches its discussion paper *Responding justly to asylum seekers* – a useful tool for dialogue and debate around government policy and funding
- Blue Care launches a new initiative to help build long-term career pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing staff – eight scholarships are awarded to employees to undergo a Diploma of Nursing. Additionally, a new health care program in Central Queensland is launched to improve and promote better health for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander peoples living with chronic and complex care needs
- UnitingCare Queensland holds its inaugural research conference highlighting the variety and depth of the many social research projects conducted across the organisation
- The Wesley Hospital Clinical School receives a federal government grant awarded for innovative clinical teaching and training – work on a new student teaching and education facility commences
- The UnitingCare Queensland Board gives the go ahead for Blue Care to begin construction of the \$60 million Azure Blue Lifestyle Community on Brisbane's Redcliffe Peninsula – the first of six new resort-style integrated retirement communities which will transform the way older people live in the future
- The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital, part of UnitingCare Health, tops the polls in a national survey into maternity hospital experiences, undertaken by Medibank Private
- Construction of a new \$11 million facility at Gracemere Gardens, near Rockhampton and a \$10 million revitalisation at Mareeba Garden Settlement in the Atherton Tablelands begin
- UnitingCare Community's Elder Abuse Prevention Unit (EAPU) partners with other researchers in a research study to demonstrate the need to clarify the nature of elder abuse and give a true indication of its prevalence across Australia
- UnitingCare Social Justice develops an action plan on how to address entrenched disadvantage in the geographical locations identified in "The Scan of Disadvantage in Queensland" completed in 2010. Discussions with key community sector organisations identify pilot projects to find inventive approaches to reduce locational disadvantage
- Two cardiologists based at St Andrew's Memorial Hospital, Dr Wayne Stafford and Dr John Hayes are awarded Fellowships by the international Heart Rhythm Society as a result of their efforts spanning 20 years in cardiology and cardiac research
- Blue Care staff provide over 3.6 million occasions of service to people at home – 127 932 more visits than last financial year

## Who is UnitingCare?

UnitingCare Queensland is the health and community service provider of the Uniting Church and supports more than 14 000 people throughout Queensland every day of the year.

With over 15 000 staff and 8500 volunteers in more than 400 geographic locations across Queensland, UnitingCare Queensland is one of Australia's largest non-profit health and community service providers, with annual revenue in excess of one billion dollars.

UnitingCare Queensland also participates in the UnitingCare Australia network, contributing to social policy development and advocacy at a national level.

## Our Mission

UnitingCare Queensland claims its place in the mission of God through its health and community services, research, advocacy and community development.

**As part of The Uniting Church, the mission of UnitingCare Queensland is to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities as we: Reach out to people in need; Speak out for fairness and justice; Care with compassion, innovation and wisdom.**

Blue Care, UnitingCare Community, UnitingCare Social Justice and UnitingCare Health are vital expressions of this mission.

## Our Values

UnitingCare Queensland believes the following values are fundamental to the work we do:

### Compassion

Through our understanding and empathy for others we bring holistic care, hope and inspiration.

### Respect

We accept and honour diversity, uniqueness and the contribution of others.

### Justice

We commit to focus on the needs of the people we serve and to work for a fair, just and sustainable society.

### Working together

We value and appreciate the richness of individual contributions, partnerships and teamwork.

### Leading through learning

Our culture encourages innovation and supports learning.

## Our Service Network

UnitingCare Queensland delivers quality and compassionate care through its service groups:

### Blue Care

- Generalist and specialist nursing services
- Residential aged care services
- Allied health services
- Personal care, social support and domestic assistance to people in their own homes
- Respite care
- Retirement living
- Pastoral care and counselling

### UnitingCare Community (previously Lifeline Community Care Queensland)

- Lifeline – (suicide prevention, telephone counselling, shops and community recovery)
- Child and family care
- Counselling (including financial counselling)
- Crisis support
- Disability support
- Social inclusion
- Prison ministry

### UnitingCare Health

- The Wesley Hospital
- St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital
- St Stephen's Hospital – Maryborough and Hervey Bay
- The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital

### UnitingCare Social Justice

UnitingCare Social Justice uses research, education and advocacy to address social disadvantage.

UnitingCare Queensland also works with **Wesley Mission Brisbane** to further the outreach of the Uniting Church in Queensland

# THE WORK V

### Caring for people's health through our private, non-profit hospitals

UnitingCare Health focused on improving the wellbeing of patients in 2010/11. Despite continued global financial pressures and the floods, our hospitals - The Wesley and St Andrew's War Memorial Hospitals in Brisbane, The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital in Buderim and St Stephen's Hospital in Maryborough and Hervey Bay - have supported their staff throughout the difficult times while still maintaining the highest possible care for patients.

UnitingCare Health has continued to refurbish its facilities including a newly rejuvenated emergency centre at St Andrew's, expanded Clinical School facilities at The Wesley and a 27-bed rehabilitation unit at The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital. A number of major projects are scheduled in 2011/12, in particular, the expansion of St Stephen's Hospital, Hervey Bay, where the campus will move from a day hospital to a 96-bed inpatient hospital and will incorporate an e-health initiative - the first regional hospital in Australia to be fully integrated.

The Wesley Hospital Clinical Education School has grown to be the largest in the private sector in Australia. Last year more than 1000 nurses, allied health staff and doctors participated in education programs.

Several exciting developments have occurred at St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital including the new "direct access" endoscopy service and the "direct access" chest pain assessment pathway and stroke clinic which were both launched in the first half of 2011. These clinics now streamline access to specialised services.

Research into how we can achieve the best patient outcomes is a critical element of patient-centred care. In the past year our research institutes at St Andrew's and The Wesley Hospitals have been engaged in a wide range of research projects that seek to improve the treatment and wellbeing of our patients.

### Providing older people with a comfortable, warm home environment and experienced and expert clinical care

Our 76 residential aged care services assist residents with 24-hour professional, flexible and compassionate care delivered with respect and dignity. These facilities are home to more than 4200 people and our staff take pride in delivering resident-centred care which helps a person be as independent as possible regardless of their care needs.

Each of our services endeavours to provide nursing and personal assistance in a home-like environment that residents can call their own. Services offered are high and low care as well as planned and emergency respite and specialised care for people with dementia. It is interesting to note that demand for low care is decreasing rapidly, and with ageing-in-place policies being implemented many of our low care residents are moving on to high care.

### Providing independent living choices

Blue Care has progressed its strategic approach to sustainable care services, independent of external funding, for some years. In January 2011, construction commenced on Azure Blue Redcliffe comprising resort-style independent living with the option to access both in-home and residential care services through Blue Care on the same site as needed. With construction well underway, work is also in progress on developing the service model which underpins Azure Blue's philosophy: to provide seamless care options to support residents in maximising their independence with dignity. This is especially important for couples and friends, who may have differing care needs as they age.

This model will be adapted across Blue Care's five future Azure Blue Lifestyle Communities planned for South-East Queensland. Each of the sites will have a range of accommodation as well as a wide selection of lifestyle facilities from a restaurant and cafe to gym and pool. They will also have a residential aged care facility with high and low care, a memory support unit, and a wide range of community services.

### Supporting older people to live at home

A focus for our community services during the year has been to expand our chronic disease self-management programs; build the number of packages of care in areas of need and to implement our palliative care and wound management guidelines across services. These have proven successful and the continued demand for care and support saw staff make over three million visits – 145 884 community visits more than the previous year. Social support and allied health again experienced significant demand, with both service areas delivering around 50 per cent more care hours than last financial year.





# WE'VE DONE

## Supporting people with a disability to have a better life

UnitingCare Community's approach to Disability Services is to support our clients to have an independent life and we offer an extensive suite of support for individuals and families who have been impacted by disability, taking a holistic approach that is driven by the individual needs of each client. This means that the services we provide are flexible and adaptable and that our staff are continually proactive in their problem-solving to ensure the highest quality of life for our clients wherever possible.

This year UnitingCare Community supported more than 1000 clients with disabilities across the state and in many cases also supported their families and carers as well. Our support included 24-hour care, drop-in support, in-home care, post school support, employment services, lifestyle and respite support and social interaction programs.

## Supporting people and communities to grow and recover from pain and trauma

During the floods and in the aftermath of Cyclone Yasi, more than 230 community recovery counsellors trained in Psychological First Aid, were deployed to more than 60 sites across Queensland, giving support to an estimated 90 000 people over a six month period. The majority were deployed in Emerald, Ipswich and the Lockyer Valley, Darling Downs and Brisbane.

As the spate of disasters quickly affected more regions across Queensland, tremendous pressure was placed on our limited human resources. This required a quick response to ensure vital support was supplied to all communities without abandoning already affected areas. With money raised from the flood appeal the Lifeline Community Recovery Program was able to embark on an urgent recruitment drive of people with the required counselling experience and provide them with the Psychological First Aid training. They were then immediately deployed to support flood and cyclone affected people and communities. We were able to recruit and train more than 100 new community recovery counsellors in fewer than 10 days during the peak of the disaster, ensuring that no affected area was left forgotten or alone.

## Strengthening families and children and building resilience

UnitingCare Community takes a resilience approach to service delivery when it comes to programs for families and children, providing a structured way of assisting clients that honours their individuality; their family, community and cultural memberships; acknowledges the depth of their struggles and supports the seeking of solutions that lead to resilience. We do this through:

- Family Intervention Services (FIS) which works with families to address the identified child protection concerns and to ensure the family has the capacity to care safely for their children
- The Helping Out Families program which seeks to support families which have been referred to them by the Department of Communities and the wider community
- Out of Home Care services that have continued to expand, with two brand new residential care services opening in 2010/11
- Foster and Kinship Care – additional funding was received for a further 25 foster care placements in the Brisbane region
- Family Relationship Centres which assisted more than one thousand clients this year
- Older persons programs, including The Elder Abuse Prevention Unit, Seniors Enquiry Line and the Time for Grandparents program

## Message from our Board Chair

The Board of UnitingCare Queensland has over the last year continued its commitment to reflect, respond and renew in order to undertake the Uniting Church's mission of improving the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities in Queensland.

The process of reflection, response and renewal continues to be important for such a large and complex organisation. UnitingCare Queensland operates in an environment of significant social and demographic change, with complex family and individual issues and variable economic conditions across the state. It is important to be agile and innovative to better meet both the growing needs in the community and to ensure our future sustainability.

Increased competition, major reforms and legislative changes in the health and aged care environment, prospective changes to tax benefits and concessions for charitable organisations, the introduction of the carbon tax and governments seeking to decrease expenditure mean that being an agile and innovative organisation is the only option.

UnitingCare Queensland is in a very positive position to respond to these challenges and continues to be a leader in the health and community sector. While our primary focus remains clearly centred on service delivery and improving the wellbeing of all the people we work with every day, we are giving priority to the way in which our size and capacity can best be engaged to achieve this, often in more complex and comprehensive ways than in the past. In doing so, UnitingCare has sought to inform and challenge the Church to support UnitingCare's need for agility and innovation in engaging with those most in need in the community. Our response to those who need support, as always, is informed by the Church's call in exercising its mission.

During the year the Board, together with the Executive Leadership team, engaged in a comprehensive strategic process which resulted in setting five core objectives in the new strategic plan of:

- being a leading organisation in person-centred care
- being a preferred organisation for staff and volunteers
- forming constructive partnerships in our sectors
- maintaining and enhancing our leadership role in advancing practice, social policy and social justice outcomes
- being financially sustainable and environmentally responsible

These objectives reflect not only the work we do but the organisation's culture and identity we strive for as the Church in the community.

I commit the Board to continue to seek the best way forward for the Church as it exercises its call and mission to the community through UnitingCare Queensland.



**Heather Watson**  
Board Chair

## Financial Performance

Our revenue is derived from the activities undertaken by each of the three agencies in UnitingCare Queensland. Their contributions to total turnover were as follows:

**UnitingCare Health**     \$500.4 million (majority derived from private health funds and supplemented by a range of allied health related activities undertaken by the hospitals)

**Blue Care**     \$515.2 million (residential aged care revenue derived from both the Commonwealth Government and residents; retirement living revenue derived from our residents and the community service activities funded by both Commonwealth and State Governments with supplementation from clients we serve.)

**UnitingCare Community**     \$148.9 million (largely funded by state and federal government; donations of clothing, furniture and other household items are converted into cash through over 100 Lifeline retail stores located throughout the state.)

During the year, UnitingCare Queensland was privileged to have been the recipient of a range of bequests from past residents, patients and other members of the community. In total \$13.8 million was received which was generally directed to improving the infrastructure of our services, in accordance with the wishes of the donors. Bequests add to the fundraising activities across the group and are essential to the overall service delivery of the organisation.

It is essential that all of our facilities meet the standards required of the people we serve and also the standards required by regulation. This is a major challenge for a non profit organisation operating from 400 locations across the state of Queensland. UnitingCare Queensland has been undertaking a significant capital expenditure program and the focus during the past three years has been on our hospitals. During the last twelve months the Blue Care program started with the commencement of the Azure Blue Redcliffe integrated community project (\$75.2 million) and redevelopment of the residential aged care facilities at Gracemere (\$10.6 million) and Mareeba (\$10.3 million).

Total Capital Expenditure during the year across UnitingCare Queensland amounted to \$94.8 million. This takes the investment in capital expenditure over the past three years to \$345 million.

# THE WORK WE'VE DONE

### Speaking out for fairness and justice

This year has presented many opportunities for UnitingCare Queensland to enact its mission to improve the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. Our commitment to influence and develop social and public policy which creates a "better life" for vulnerable and marginalised people has continued with some significant pieces of work. Some of the advocacy and other work we have been involved in include:

- Responding to the draft Productivity Commission reports Disability Care and Support and Caring for Older Australians. These reports have appropriately responded to the input provided by the community sector, providing bold and significant reforms for older Australians and for people with disabilities
- In response to the *Scan of Disadvantage in Queensland 2010* developing a toolkit to support staff and partner organisations in implementing place-based responses to disadvantage and undertaking a six-month study to assess and prioritise likely locations for projects in the Wide-Bay Burnett area
- Conducting 'CEO conversations' with large cross-state organisations to explore how we can work together to address disadvantage
- Working towards developing a Reconciliation Action Plan to provide a framework for developing culturally appropriate and inclusive service delivery strategies as well as identifying employment opportunities and leadership development for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the organisation
- Playing a critical part in the launch of Luke 14, a project and process designed to assist and encourage churches to include people with a disability in their congregational life
- Developing position papers to address and contribute to collective action on critical public policy issues affecting aged people, people with a disability, asylum seekers and people experiencing financial stress
- Working with people who are experiencing discrimination and require our services and advocacy within the community; including hosting the Criminal Justice Network (CJN) which exists to link individuals and groups committed to pursuing the rights of people marginalised by the criminal justice system

We are actively engaged in discussion and reform across all aspects of our work – health, aged care, disability, children and families, criminal justice, financial wellbeing and sustainability of services to vulnerable Australians.

### Informing our practice through research

Research in UnitingCare Queensland is undertaken with the support of the University of Queensland (UQ), through our Chair of Social Policy and Research position, our research centres and institutes and the growing capacity of our specialist research staff working across all our agencies. Our research centres include: The Wesley Research Institute, St Andrew's Medical Institute and UQ Blue Care Research and Practice Development Centre. Over the past year we have further refined our practice-based research framework and agenda to better support the development of more innovative and client focused services. This includes:

- Transitioning the Blue Care Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) to the UnitingCare Queensland HREC to provide a robust and standardised governance structure across all agencies
- Partnering with the School of Social Work and Human Services at UQ to appoint Dr Kathy Ellem for two years to complete her post doctoral research in developing more appropriate responses to people with disabilities
- Holding an inaugural research conference with papers presented by staff. This opportunity to present to peers and the research training given at the conference were valuable methods of developing research activity. The 2010 Research Report can be viewed at [www.ucareqld.com.au](http://www.ucareqld.com.au)
- UnitingCare Community appointing its first Manager of Research and the UQ Blue Care Research and Practice Development Centre attracted additional research funding and staff
- Continuing to focus on the assessment of research priorities in the context of the strategic values of UnitingCare Queensland in order to advance practice, social policy and social justice outcomes



## UnitingCare Community (previously Lifeline Community Care Queensland)

After many years of planning, considering the impacts on all our stakeholders and most importantly the impacts on our clients and our services, Lifeline Community Care Queensland has changed its name to UnitingCare Community. Continuing as Lifeline Community Care Queensland stopped being an option for a number of reasons including the fact that Lifeline Australia has signalled its intention to concentrate its brand identity under suicide prevention and is therefore not encouraging or investing in any other service or program development outside of suicide prevention.

Lifeline Community Care has been in a unique position for some time, developing and delivering programs and services as part of the Lifeline Australia network and under the Lifeline Community Care Queensland brand, yet many of the services have very little to do with what sits within the suite of national Lifeline services.

Lifeline Community Care is two and a half times larger than it was in 2002 when it was first formed. There is much less resonance with what a Lifeline Centre used to do then, with what it does now. It is a very different organisation in 2011. Hence we have changed the name, but we still offer the same services, with the same staff, to the same people. We continue to provide Lifeline services, such as telephone counselling, shops, suicide prevention and support programs and community recovery as a service of UnitingCare Community. We also continue our partnership with Lifeline Australia, as a member of the national Lifeline network.

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# Responding to the call

By Tara Burton

ON MONDAY 17 October Playgroup Queensland staff visited the Indooroopilly Uniting Church Playgroup to help celebrate their win of the 2011 Playgroup Excellence Award (Community Playgroup) for their two groups.

A fun filled morning was had by all and volunteers, Gaylynn Bailey, Erica Henley, Jill and Terry Mudie, Jann and Rex Niven and the parents were thrilled to receive a certificate and playgroup equipment to the value of \$250.

One of the playgroup co-ordinators, Erica Henley, said the groups offered both a social and a spiritual element in a safe and caring Christian environment.

"The award recognises the volunteers' achievements in fulfilling a call to minister to the community," she said.

"It could not have been

achieved without the openness, love and passion of the volunteers to minister to the needs of others by building relationships with families from within the church and the wider community."

In just eight short months the playgroups have been so successful they have now reached maximum capacity.

The playgroup currently has 20 families registered for each of the sessions with another 12 families on the waiting list.

Ms Henley said that the increasing numbers are due to both the commitment from the volunteers and a vast range of activities which includes arts and craft, dramatic play, story time segments, cooking, music and movement.

"Our playgroup is a ministry that goes beyond simply supplying a social or physical activity," she said. "It is one of the only areas in our community



Volunteer, Gaylynn Bailey, with Sasha, Lillian, and Kitty Kendall at playgroup. Photo by Osker Lau

where parents, small babies and children experience the fellowship and friendship of a Christian community.

"As volunteers, we feel called to offer this ministry to those both within our church community and wider.

"For some children and their parents the spiritual element at playgroup may be their only experience of Christian education."

Being close to The University

of Queensland, many parents from overseas in post graduate student courses attend and have welcomed support, sharing of information and experiences and ideas from other families.

"At Indooroopilly Uniting Church we are able to offer English conversation classes to these families as most speak a language at home other than English" said Ms Henley.

One of the positive outcomes has been the numerous baptisms

celebrated this year and three or four playgroup families who are now part of the worshipping community at Indooroopilly.

"This ministry is totally reliant on our valuable volunteers. So my prayer is that members of our congregation will feel the call to become involved in this wonderful ministry.

"Indooroopilly Uniting Church Playgroups have become an important stepping stone into the life of the church."

## Atherton lives out parable of the talents

By Bruce Peden

ATHERTON UNITING Church congregation, in North Queensland, recently challenged its members to use their various talents to raise funds for the work of God on the Atherton Tablelands.

Participating members were each offered \$30 with which to work, and many have taken up the challenge to grow this over the next two months.

Age has been no barrier, from a nine-year-old bagging and selling horse poo, to members well into their eighties employing their considerable skills.

The range of talents has produced, among other things, potted garden plants, cakes and slices, lamingtons, exotic cheesecakes (the white chocolate and raspberry is to die for), handyman services, Russian caramel (huge demand), spring rolls, dim sims and prepacked Chinese meals, limited edition prints on canvas of one of our members' original paintings, embroidered cushions, and, of course, the horse poo.

Those members not actually offering goods and services have also supported the measure by enthusiastically buying whatever is on offer. And a street stall is

planned to further boost sales.

Some members with building expertise are using their time and talents to save on the cost of erecting a shed on the church property.

Everyone is having fun and enjoying the whole experience, and hopefully, with the possible exception of the garden plant sellers, no-one has buried the \$30!

Right: Nine-year-old Michala (centre) with her contribution to the program. Friends Jessica and Talia assist.

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**November 12, 9am-2pm. Market Day and Land is Life Exhibition** at Trinity Wilston Uniting Church. Contact Susan Pickering on 3352 6082 or [trinitywilstonuca@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywilstonuca@gmail.com).

**November 13, 8-9am. Worship Service** for Adult Survivors of Child Abuse. Indooroopilly Uniting Church. Contact Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan on 3878 9535 or [enolan1@bigpond.com](mailto:enolan1@bigpond.com).

**November 15, 9.30am-12.30pm. UnitingWorld Synod Support Group Qld. Annual General Meeting** at Wesley House, 140 Ann Street, Brisbane City. Contact Judith Finau on 3711 4622 or [ljinfaun@gmail.com](mailto:ljinfaun@gmail.com).

**November 18, 7-10pm. Christmas Bazaar.** Broadwater Road Uniting Church. Contact Karen Stehbins on 3219 7819 or [stehbos@bigpond.com](mailto:stehbos@bigpond.com).

**November 18-19, 8am-1pm. Garage Sale** at Wheller Gardens, Uhl Hall, 930 Gympie Rd Chermiside. Contact Barbara Wood on 3359 7010 or [trevorjwood@bigpond.com](mailto:trevorjwood@bigpond.com).

**November 19, 7am-12.30pm. Atherton Uniting Church Christmas Market.** Morning tea available. Contact Bruce Peden on 4095 3735 or [bruce.peden@bigpond.com](mailto:bruce.peden@bigpond.com).

**November 19, 9.30am-3pm. Christian Meditation Community Day** at Holy Spirit School Hall, New Farm. Fr. Bill O'Shea presents two talks. Contact Gabby Nelson on 3711 4227 or [toga@bigpond.net.au](mailto:toga@bigpond.net.au).

**November 20, 2.30-4.30pm. All Ye Who Music Love concert** at Grace Lutheran College. Tickets \$20/\$10 available at the door. Contact Peter Choy on 3863 0730 or 0419 268 318 or [bush\\_dance@yahoo.com](mailto:bush_dance@yahoo.com) or visit [www.counterpointredcliffe.com](http://www.counterpointredcliffe.com).

**November 25- December 4.** Want to be part of a flash mob in Brisbane City? Contact Rosemary Hiley on 3031 3030 or [r.hiley@wmb.org.au](mailto:r.hiley@wmb.org.au).

**November 26, 6.30am-12.30pm. Central Downs Millmerran Flea Market** at ANZAC Park, Millmerran. Contact Graham O'Sullivan on 4695 4175 or [grahnette@bordnet.com.au](mailto:grahnette@bordnet.com.au).

**November 26, 2-4pm. A Star is Born at Christmas.** An afternoon of inspirational floral designs and music at Kairos Uniting Church, Geebung Church. Stalls and afternoon tea. \$12 at the door. Contact Kairos Church Office on 3266 9211 or [kairosuc@bigpond.com](mailto:kairosuc@bigpond.com).

**November 26, 7-10am. Car Boot and Garage Sale** at Coolum Beach Uniting Church. \$15 per site. Contact Margaret Hall on 5446 1493 or [mlchall@bigpond.com](mailto:mlchall@bigpond.com).

**November 26, 7.30-9.30pm. All Ye Who Music Love concert** at Wellers Hill Tarragindi Uniting Church. Tickets \$20/\$10 available at the door. Contact Peter Choy on 3863 0730 or 0419 268 318 or [bush\\_dance@yahoo.com](mailto:bush_dance@yahoo.com) or visit [www.counterpointredcliffe.com](http://www.counterpointredcliffe.com).

**November 27, 9-11.15am. Nambour Uniting Church rededication** of windows and annual memorial service. Contact Rev Dr Noel Park on 5479 5785 or [parksplace@westnet.com.au](mailto:parksplace@westnet.com.au).

**November 27, 11am-3pm. Closure of the Caves Uniting Church.** The service will be followed by a lunch. Contact Rev Stanley Tuilovoni on 3733 4199 or [sc\\_tui@hotmail.com](mailto:sc_tui@hotmail.com).

**November 27, 5.30- 8pm. Christmas Carols in Car Park** at Kangaroo Point Uniting Church. Share a free Christmas Meal. Contact Glenys Mullan on 0419 027 484 or [kpchurch48@gmail.com](mailto:kpchurch48@gmail.com).

**December 2-3. The Gap Uniting Church Christmas Craft Bazaar.** Open 2-8pm on 2 December and 9am-2pm on 3 December. Contact Vanessa Marlow on 0418 454 945 or [office@thegapuca.org.au](mailto:office@thegapuca.org.au).

Upload your 'What's On' entries at [www.journeyonline.com.au](http://www.journeyonline.com.au). Items may be shortened due to space limitations.

## Car boot giveaway

THANKS TO our friends at *Car Park Parables* we have a huge prize pack to give away to help author, Paul Clark, celebrate the launch of his new DVD, *Car Park Christmas*.

To win this complete set of *Car Park Parables* books, DVDs and the puzzle email [journey@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:journey@ucaqld.com.au) and tell us who wrote the review of the first DVD, *Old Mr T and Friends*, for *Journey* in 2009.

## Eco travel mugs launched

THE UNITING Green KeepCups were a popular edition to the Synod this year.

The environmentally friendly travel mugs are for sale for \$15 each (and make great Christmas gifts) from Café Manna (at the UC Centre) in Auchenflower.

KeepCups retail at the same price but these cups have the Uniting Church logo debossed onto the band.

The cups are raising funds and awareness of Uniting Green (formerly Green Church) projects around the Synod.

For more information email [journey@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:journey@ucaqld.com.au)



## The big questions

This year *Journey* explores questions from the pews, namely from a (fictitious) person exploring faith and the Uniting Church. This month Nova B Lever asks:

### Why do we pray like that?

SOMETIMES I wish I'd stayed with the Anglicans. There, my secret is out! It's got nothing to do with theology or the ordination of women (I'm all for that), and it's not sudden nostalgia in the wake of Her Majesty's visit.

The other week in an old Anglican place of worship, I was edging into my pew when I tripped over the kneeling rail attached to the pew in front.

We place a big emphasis on worship as a living sacrifice but there's a reason why we

call what we do on Sundays a worship service, not a theology lecture.

Psalm 143 was written long before the charismatic revival of the 1970s. "I lift my hands to you in prayer" (when I'm up the back where people won't stare).

Paul tells the congregation at Ephesus, "I kneel before the Father." We have a concrete floor under cheap carpet, that is never going to happen.

We sing songs about lifting God's name on high, and

how every (one else's) knee shall bow, while we sit in padded seats and nod at whatever the preacher says. We read words off a screen in a monotone that defies even grammatical pauses.

It seems the only thing we're more afraid of than heartfelt expression of our response to God is silence! I doubt you've ever experienced more than forty seconds of quiet time after the worship leader suggests we now take "a few minutes of silence" to bring our confessions before God.

Perhaps it's time we used our bodies, not just our heads, as we worship.





Speaking Christian

By Marcus J Borg, Harper One, 2011, RRP \$36.99

Reviewed by Karyl Davison.

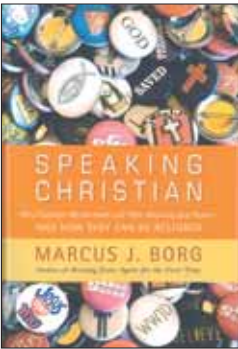
AT A TIME when a huge percentage of people in our society know very little about the gospel story or our Christian faith, we need to be able to tell our story in language that people understand. But do we really understand what key concepts in the Christian faith, such as salvation, sin and repentance mean?

Most of us think we know what they mean, but do we? In *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power – And How They Can Be Restored*, New Testament scholar Marcus Borg argues that many of these key concepts in the Christian faith have been distorted to such an extent that they no longer

reflect their biblical or historical meanings.

He begins by critiquing two common understandings in Christian language – a “heaven and hell framework” and a literal treatment of language – both of which have become a stumbling block for many. Each subsequent chapter contains discussion and reflection upon a term important to the Christian faith including God, Jesus, Easter, the creeds and the Trinity, and the Lord’s Supper.

The reader is reminded that salvation in scripture involves much more than fire insurance, for example, and sin is much more than an individual problem. In this very readable volume, Mr Borg sets out how to read, hear and digest our Christian language in its original context and without preconceived or common usage understandings



getting in the way. It is also a timely reminder that if we are to share our faith with the people around us, and one of the critical modes is through language, we need to restore the Christian language we use, thus restoring its power to transform us and our world. This is an important book for all Christians to read – it could start a revolution!

All that is Bitter & Sweet

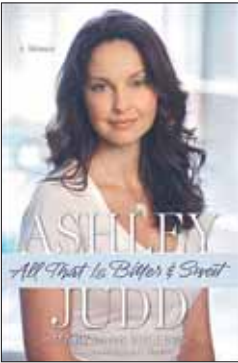
By Ashley Judd, Ballantine Books, NY 2011 (read as an e-book), RRP unknown

Reviewed by Marian Zaunbrecher.

NOT TOO many of us would not have heard of Ashley Judd, star of *Double Jeopardy* and many other successful films. I reluctantly decided to read her autobiography, not terribly excited to read about the successful life of yet another Hollywood star. I was extremely surprised by what I read.

Far from the opulent and sheltered life of the middle class American, this is a feisty autobiography of a feisty Christian feminist. Her own childhood was traumatised by neglect, poverty, abuse, loneliness and isolation; her acting ability grew out of the fantasy life she had led as a child to escape the abuse. It is more about her fight to help overcome the violence caused by poverty in developing countries.

As the global ambassador of Population Services International (PSI) she travels to Kenya, Cambodia, Central America, India, Rwanda and the Congo to agitate for improved medical services for women and children, visiting slums, camps, governments and brothels world wide to advocate for condoms, birth control and education. She listens a lot. While highly tempted to “rescue” abused women and children she realises the future lies in improved conditions, medical access and education. At every stage of her journey she returns to her own painful experiences and the faith that sustains and motivates her. While she had initially contemplated becoming a missionary, then a member of the US Peace Corps, by being a successful actress she was able to promote her message that the



enmeshment between poverty, illness, and gender inequality leads to sex and labour slavery, and that we are all children of God. *All that is Bitter & Sweet* is a well written, inspirational story; human, honest, and confronting my own experiences and prejudices. Her joy in life lifted me from the sordidness and injustice I was seeing to believe that one person can make a difference.

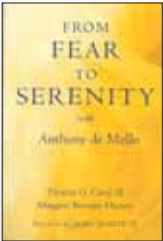
From Fear to Serenity with Anthony de Mello

By Thomas G Casey, SJ and Margaret Brennan Hassett, HiddenSpring, 2011, RRP \$17.95

Reviewed by Rev Brian Lee.

A FEW years ago on a visit to India I was introduced to Anthony de Mello’s *Prayers of the Frog*, a delightful, stimulating and challenging series of very short stories and sayings gathered from centuries of Central Asian and Middle Eastern story tellers, a few Christian, most not. He is described as an Indian Jesuit priest (1931-1987) and “one of the great spiritual masters of our time whose influence transcended religious boundaries by the end of his life”.

*From Fear to Serenity with Anthony de Mello* aims to help us find our way on the journey into ourselves and to God by using techniques of prayer inspired by Mr de Mello’s words, teaching and example. The book leads from a short introduction to a chapter



explaining why the authors used Mr de Mello and one on preparation for praying. Then follow eight chapters on prayer. Each includes a story or two, key phrases and practical exercises. Those seriously wanting to develop their personal prayer life will find many helpful ways in this book. One of my favourite Anthony de Mellow stories is quoted on page nine: A known sinner was excommunicated and banned from entering the church. In desperation, he turned to God. “Lord, they won’t let me in because I’m a sinner.” God replied, “What are you moaning about, they won’t let me in either!”

Books available from ...

Many of the titles reviewed in *Journey* are available from St Paul’s Bookstore in Brisbane city or Christian Supplies in Milton. Books can usually be ordered from Vision Books at Broadwater Road Uniting Church, Mansfield, or may be available from [www.mosaicresources.com.au](http://www.mosaicresources.com.au) or <http://rainbowbooks.com.au>.

Living the Christian Year: Time to Inhabit the Story of God

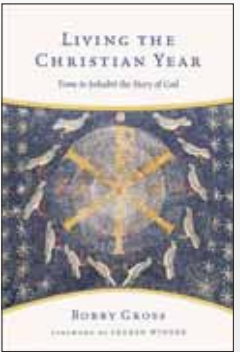
By Bobby Goss, IVP Books, 2009, RRP \$28.95

Reviewed by Karyl Davison.

AS MEMBERS of Western society, most of us live under the influence of a number of seasons: the end of the financial year, school terms, tourist high seasons and let’s not forget the natural seasons. Most major religions are marked by seasons. For Jews think Passover, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. For Muslims there are Ramadan and the Hajj.

Like many Protestant Christians I grew up unaware of the Christian church’s seasons. Thanks largely to the Reformation, many Protestant churches had discarded the observance of the liturgical calendar so central to Orthodox and Roman Catholic traditions.

Much has changed and most Uniting Churches now follow the Revised Common Lectionary based around the Christian calendar. *Living the Christian Year* will guide you through the seasons of the Christian calendar connecting you more, not only with Jesus’ life, but also with faithful Christians across the ages. The first chapter gives an outline of the calendar under

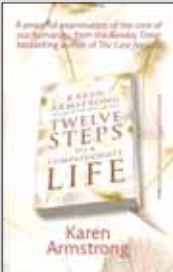


two main cycles: the Cycle of Light and the Cycle of Life. Each subsequent chapter includes devotional material appropriate to each season – in all there are 59 units of material. In each the theme for the week is introduced, followed by opening prayers. A selection of readings is followed by a brief commentary and a question or two for reflection, and a practical way to respond. Finally a closing prayer is provided. *Living the Christian Year* is a good resource to focus one’s prayer life around the liturgical calendar, and to apply the teachings and readings from the liturgical calendar and scripture to our daily lives. It would also be a great resource for small groups.

More reviews online at [www.journeyonline.com.au](http://www.journeyonline.com.au) including:

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life

By Karen Armstrong, The Bodley Head, Random House, 2011, RRP \$29.95



Gundanoo’s Christmas

Written by Glee J Sellin, illustrated by Mary A Tolputt, Black Ink Press, 2009, RRP \$17.00



Reaching Out in a Networked World: Expressing Your Congregation’s Heart and Soul

By Lynne M. Baab, The Alban Institute, 2008, RRP \$33.95



# Nebine community bats for Frontier Services

By Rebecca Beisler

EIGHTY PEOPLE came together in the heart of outback Queensland for the Nebine Community Centre Fundraising Cricket Match on 24 September.

The Centre, located 190km west of Mitchell in southwest Queensland, is a vital social hub for people living in remote and often isolated locations across the region.

The annual cricket match was held to raise funds for Frontier Services, which provides critical support to people living in remote Australia.

Amanda Bowen, who helped organise the event, said they decided to raise money for Frontier Services because the organisation had touched so many people in the region.

"Sometimes living out here, it can feel like there is no one that really cares about you but when you get a visit from Frontier

Services it just brightens up your day," Ms Bowen said.

The Nebine region experienced drought for 10 years until 2009 and then last year was struck by flooding.

"Frontier Services provided a lot of support during the drought and the flood.

"They were there to support people through the emotional damage as well. It was having someone to talk to, not always about what happened, just about other things. You actually felt like there was someone who cared."

On the day, members of the Morven, Mitchell and Injune Cricket Clubs battled it out on the cricket pitch with two games played.

Outstanding play came from Sam Moore and Ned Whip from Morven with 36 not out and Brad Cameron from Injune/Nebine with 44 runs. Best bowler was Mick Jukes from Morven with three wickets for six runs.

About 40 children took part in a host of fun educational activities coordinated by the Frontier Services Remote Area Families Service (RAFS), based out of Charleville, with some bright and very artistic face painting.

Two local musicians Maggie Burey and Nathan Moody entertained the crowd well into the night and there was a jumping castle for the children.

The Nebine Community Centre is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers. It has three tennis courts, a cricket pitch, library and playground.

"The centre is the social and recreational hub for many local rural families," said Ms Bowen.

"You can become so wrapped up in what's happening at your place that you forget about what else is happening. It is a good opportunity to find out what else is going on."

Ms Bowen also thanked the numerous sponsors.



Maggie Caskey enjoys the face painting.  
Photo by Kirsty Cox, Paisley Passion Photography

"Hopefully we will see you all again next year," she said.

Frontier Services provides a number of services to people living in the Nebine region

including RAFS, Remote Family Care Service, the Burke and Wills Patrol Ministry, In Home Care, the Bollon Bush Nursing Centre and Outback Links.

## Guides parade at Wavell Heights

By Sandra Williams

ON SUNDAY 28 August Brisbane North Region Guides ran their annual service and parade, this year at Wavell Heights Uniting Church with Pastor Terry Stanyer in attendance.

Mr Stanyer said it was a wonderful afternoon. "I felt the community spirit with

the girls, their families and friends ... displaying how the Church outreaches to all the community," he said.

The theme of the service was "Duty to God", which is in the first line of the Guide Promise. With the recent disasters the theme was appropriate and those present were reminded not

to judge others but accept; not walk away but assist; don't feel different - we are all the same on the inside; and don't be afraid to lean on someone. With a reminder of this, Guides, Ranger Guides, Leaders and Trefoil Guild members renewed their Promise led by Region Leader, Peggy Campbell.



Liz Meredith (left), Rebecca Meredith and Charlotte Taylor (right) at the service. Photo by Rhonda Carter

## Maryborough Girls' Brigade raises \$4250 for cancer research

THE 2011 annual Relay For Life was held on 2-3 September this year and, as usual, the Maryborough community rallied around the event.

The 2nd Maryborough Girls' Brigade Company, which meets at Maryborough Uniting Church, has entered a team in the Relay for the past three years and this year raised \$4250 for the Queensland Cancer Council.

Wide Bay Divisional Commissioner - The Girls' Brigade Qld Inc., Nalda Brett,

said the Company found it a great way to promote Girls' Brigade in the local community and to financially assist those who have been diagnosed with cancer.

The Company entered a team of Cadets and Juniors in the Mini-Marathon held on Friday 2 September and the girls joined in all the events.

The Girls' Brigade Relay for Life Team consisted of four Seniors, six Pioneers and eight Leaders who carried the Company Girls' Brigade mascot, Chloe Bear, as

their relay baton for the 18 hour relay.

The relay finished at 7am the next morning with breakfast and the 2nd Maryborough Team was elated to hear that they had won the cup for the highest fundraisers for 2011.

Leader, Helen Pelling, was the highest individual fundraiser, raising \$1800.

Tanika Nystrom (a Pioneer) raised \$472 which was the most money raised by a girl in the Company.



The Cadets and Juniors in the Primary School Mini Marathon.  
Photo courtesy of Nalda Brett



## WHY GAY MARRIAGE IS NOT GOOD FOR AUSTRALIA

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**Brisbane:** The Chapel at the Synod Offices, Bayliss Street, Auchenflower

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**Gold Coast:** Elanora Uniting Church, 17 Applecross Way, Elanora

Friday 25th November 2011 at 7:30pm

Saturday 26th November 2011 at 3:00pm

Sunday 27th November at 3:00pm

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## Nova wrong on councils

THE UNITING Church in Australia is a conciliar church.

It is governed by a series of inter-related councils, in contrast with an episcopal form of government as found in the Anglican Church for example, and in contrast with a congregational form of government as with the Baptist Church.

In the October *Journey*, Nova B Lever appropriately explains the role of the Synod.

However, Nova B Lever goes on to explain inappropriately

that "a synod is an ecclesiastical court above the presbyteries and subject to the Assembly".

In the Uniting Church, no one Council is above another or below another.

They simply have different functions with different sets of defined responsibilities.

Each council has its contribution to the functioning of the whole.

Rev Dr Neil Sims  
Trinity Theological College



## Trinity graduates head out

IN OCTOBER Trinity Theological College, in Auchenflower, congratulated seven candidates who have completed their studies this year.

Luke Smallwood (below left) and Suzy Sitton (absent) finished formal studies in Ministry of the Word midyear.

End of year graduates were

Monique Mawbey (front left, Ministry of Deacon) and Ministry of the Word candidates, Greg Rankin, Heather Allison, Rod Fisher and Melanie Wheeley (far right).

The whole Synod wishes these new graduates well in their ministry to our Church and the world.



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## On Sunday 13 November please pray for Kairos Uniting Church

KAIROS UNITING Church is a cluster of churches in the Moreton Rivers Presbytery including the Clayfield, Geebung, Earnshaw Road, Hamilton and Wavell Heights congregations as well as the Kairos Faith Community.

Please pray for the ministry team: Rev Peter Lockhart, Rev Sandra Jebb, Pastor Terry Stanyer and Pastor Gabriel Manuelli as they work together and seek to reach out into the communities for which they have responsibility.

Pray for the Kairos Church Council and Mission Leadership Teams which help

develop each congregation.

Pray that the renovation project at Earnshaw Road goes smoothly over the next nine months as we seek to optimise the use of our property for God's mission.

In particular pray for the:

- outreach work with the Australian Catholic University
- Christmas Celebration for Earnshaw State College students in the church
- outreach initiative in November "A Star is born"
- ongoing work and support of chaplaincy
- Breakfast DIY services at Hamilton

- planning of a Christmas Lunch outreach event at Clayfield

- upcoming book reading series on "God next Door"
- hosting of the LCD (Local Church Development) Networking Event

- Christmas planning to encourage community members to renew their faith and come into a deeper understanding of God.

Kairos is a busy network of small congregations and we encourage you to pray for our continued renewal and growth.

## On Sunday 27 November please pray for St Andrew's Uniting in Brisbane City

ST ANDREW'S is a Brisbane City congregation with membership drawn from many suburbs.

After Ray Herrmann's 10 year ministry the congregation is now eagerly awaiting the ministry of past Moderator, Rev Bruce Johnson, who begins at St Andrew's in mid-January.

Our main service is at 9.30am, while the 8am and Wednesday 1.15pm are weekly communion services.

Our worship is enriched by the Sanctuary Choir which each year sings over 100 introits and anthems.

There are two other choirs (Concert Choir and Vox Pacifica Choir at St Andrew's)

and the Symphony Orchestra, in addition to our fine organ. Our music organisations sponsor 20 concerts a year.

The church building is heritage listed and during the week is open for visitors who come to pray, for a quiet spot, to study the architecture, and to draw.

They come from all over Australia and all over the world. There are also visits by school and community groups and organisations.

Our Archives contain a large number of items of great historical interest, drawn from our antecedent denominations and buildings.

These are being carefully catalogued and are stored in secure and safe conditions.

The Vera Wade Gallery provides an attractive venue for artists wishing to exhibit in the city. During exhibitions the gallery is open weekdays from 11am until 2pm.

We have recently completed researching the service personnel whose names are on the Honour Boards, compiling an important collection of family and service records.

Please pray for Bruce and Heather Johnson and for the new page in the congregation's life, our ability to continue to provide financial assistance to the Mt Isa congregation and contribute to the ministry of Albert Street Uniting (also in Brisbane City), and to the homeless and needy.

Send your letters to [journey@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:journey@ucaqld.com.au) or *Journey* GPO Box 674, Brisbane QLD 4001.

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