



**ILLAWARRA PRESBYTERY NEWS #8**  
**23 April 2018**



***Focused on God's Mission – Providing Leadership – Growing Discipleship***

The Standing Committee is keen for the best possible communications within the life of the Illawarra Presbytery. To that end, the following notices are issued for your information and consideration. We especially want congregations to be aware of significant events and dates. Please circulate this newsheet as widely as possible and do not hesitate to contact me if you require further details. Sharon Hoogland, Secretary ([illawarrauca@bigpond.com](mailto:illawarrauca@bigpond.com))

## **1. NOTICE OF PRESBYTERY MEETING**

The next meeting of the Illawarra Presbytery will be held on **Thursday 26 April 2018** at the Northern Illawarra UCA commencing at 4.00pm.

Reports and Agenda Items may be lodged with the Presbytery Secretary at [illawarrauca@bigpond.com](mailto:illawarrauca@bigpond.com).

**Guest speaker** will be Ms Nicole Rose, Manager of a new office in Synod, responsible for Risk Management. This will be an important presentation for all Congregations.

## **2. POSITION VACANT**

Bowral Uniting Church  
in the beautiful Southern Highlands of NSW and  
the UCA Illawarra Presbytery  
is seeking to fill the new position of **Family Ministry Worker**.

In a large and growing congregation, our ministry to families now needs to have its own focus with the potential to expand our ministry and range of activities.  
We are seeking a worker with a heart for an intergenerational congregation.  
You will have a vision for vibrant and dynamic family participation in the life and witness of our committed congregation.

You will have a passion to build on to our existing child & family ministries.

You will be encouraged and supported by the leadership team and members of our church.

**For further information and a detailed job description  
please contact the Bowral UCA Secretary at [hooglandsj46@gmail.com](mailto:hooglandsj46@gmail.com)**

**Applications addressing essential criteria, to above email, should be received by  
Friday 4 May 2018**

### 3. COMING EVENTS – PLEASE SAVE THE DATES

#### **\*\*\* UCA Adult Fellowship Rally...**

...will be held at the Bowral Uniting Church on Thursday 24 May 2018.  
The Moderator, Rev Simon Hansford will be in attendance.  
More details re Guest Speakers to follow. Please put this date into your diary!!!

#### **\*\*\* UCA Microsites Training**

##### **Illawarra Presbytery Microsite Project Bootcamp**

**Wednesday 23 May 2018  
Wollongong Mission Auditorium  
9.30am – approx. 3.45pm**

**EACH CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO ATTEND**

**Rev Geoff Flynn will provide further information at the Presbytery meeting on  
Thursday 26 April 2018.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MINISTER OR PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE  
COLLECTS THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

#### **From Adrian Drayton:**

“For Congregations and Presbyteries participating in the Microsites project, you will be given training and assistance to get your website set up. Our goal is to equip you in a single day so that you walk in without a website and walk out with a fully functioning site.

Participants in the training will need an existing basic understanding of computers and the internet. If you can send an email and write a word document, you’ll be able to participate. Participants will also need to provide their own laptop.

In case you have not already seen it, we have a sample site available here:  
<http://microsites.uca.org.au/>

Training runs from 9:30am until 3:30pm. Professional training is provided by myself, and additional support is available on the day from one of my team members.

There is no cost to Congregations or Presbyteries for the training. Synod is sponsoring the event and covering the cost.”

## 4. FREE TO A GOOD HOME...!

### \*\*\* Puppets

We have 2 muppet-style puppets, Rastus (male) and Sweet Pea (female) with changes of clothes and accessories. We also have numerous plays, written for specific places, and occasions but they could be adapted or ideas used. We also have some books on puppets to give away as well. Unfortunately we do not have a theatre. In Bomaderry we improvised with stands or pulpit.

Contact Pam James, Bomaderry Uniting Church, (02) 423 5571,  
[vpjames@southernphone.com.au](mailto:vpjames@southernphone.com.au)

## 5. TRAINING DATES 2018

### Ethical Ministry Training

14 May 2018	9.30am – 12.30pm	@	Albion Park UC
31 May 2018	9.30am - 12.30pm	@	Bowral UC
18 June 2018	9.30am – 12.30pm	@	Nowra UC
10 Sept 2018	9.30am - 12.30pm	@	Albion Park UC
17 Sept 2018	9.30am – 12.30m	@	Nowra UC
25 Oct 2018	9.30am – 12.30pm	@	Bowral UC

### Safe Church Workshops for 2018:

**Note: There are no refresher courses this year due to additional content in the one day program.**

Saturday	5 May	Bowral UC
Saturday	28 July	Albion Park UC

### Youth Leadership Training

#### **EMPOWERING LEADERS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW**

**Illawarra Presbytery, Uniting Church of Australia**

18th - 21st May 2018

CHITTICK LODGE, \$75 inc food & bed

21 Bridges Rd, Gerringong NSW

*The second Leadership Training Camp for*

*"Equipping young people for ministry in the church and the wider Kingdom of God".*

Contact Kim Jones on: [kimjones444@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kimjones444@yahoo.com.au)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 27TH APRIL 2018

## **Living Our Values**

18/19 August 2018 @ Bowral Uniting Church

## **Lay Preachers – New Testament module**

26 May, 2 June, 16 June, 23 June.

**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS NEWSLETTER AS WIDELY  
AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

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