



ILLAWARRA PRESBYTERY NEWS #15
15 October 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)

1. IMPORTANT DATES

**The Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery will be held on
Saturday 3 November 2018 at Kiama Uniting Church,
commencing at 10.00am.**

An Information package has been emailed to all congregations and Presbytery members. Opportunity to serve on Presbytery Committees is available to all UCA church members.

**ALL POSITIONS ARE VACANT,
including Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer & Secretary.**

Please consider prayerfully if God is calling you to minister in any way.

1.1 Presbytery Investment Strategy

The Standing Committee are working closely with Synod to identify a suitable investment property which will allow us to fund at least two fulltime positions (Tertiary Minister and Presbytery Minister).

We are very hopeful that we will have some further news to announce at the Presbytery AGM!

ILLAWARRA PRESBYTERY RETREAT

Our Annual Presbytery Retreat for Ministers and Lay Ministry Workers will be held at the beautiful Hartzler Park Centre in Bowral on Monday 12 November through to Wednesday 14 November inclusive.

Our Retreat Leader is Dr Deirdre Palmer, President of the Uniting Church in Australia. Deirdre will also speak on the many issues which were included on the UCA 2018 Assembly Agenda.



Please register your attendance with the Presbytery Secretary – contact details below.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
a Service of Closure for the Tertiary Minister
Rev Phil Newton
on Saturday 1 December 2018
at 2.00pm in the Wollongong Mission, Church on the Mall
followed by Afternoon Tea in the Hall.**

Please RSVP to the Presbytery Secretary by Friday 23 November 2018.

**ANNUAL PRESBYTERY LUNCHEON FOR RETIRED MINISTERS
will be held on Friday 23 November 2018
at Corrimal Regional Uniting Church.
Invitations will be issued shortly.**

Save the date for Synod 2019!

The Synod will meet on the 4-7th July 2019 at Knox Grammar Wahroonga.

**More details on what to expect as well as keynote speakers, will be
announced soon, so keep an eye on our social channels.**



ARTS and CRAFT EXPO
25th, 26th and 27th October 2018
10.00 am until 4.00 pm
ALL LOCAL ARTISANS
** ALL CRAFT FOR SALE **
Contact: Ann Gallagher, Phone 42293051
Anne Valentine, Phone 42715350
DEVONSHIRE TEAS AND COFFEE
"WESLEY ON THE MALL"

AUSTRALIAN FRANKLIN GRAHAM TOUR

Sixty years ago, Billy Graham toured Australia to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Franklin Graham will follow in his father's footsteps and spread the Gospel in six Australian cities in February 2019.

Before the evangelistic events begin in February 2019, we would like to invite you to:

PASTOR'S RECEPTION 13 October 2018

Hillsong Church - Hills Campus

1/9 Solent Circuit, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

Reception: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

RSVP by 10 October

STATE-WIDE PRAYER MEETING following the Reception

7.00 – 8:30 PM all invited (no RSVP needed for Prayer meeting)

If you and your Church would like to be involved or to receive updates about the Graham Tour and events please register at <https://grahamtour.billygraham.org/register-your-church/>.

For more information about:

- **Graham Tour Events and Locations:** <https://grahamtour.billygraham.org/events/>
- **Prayer Meetings:** <https://grahamtour.billygraham.org/communitywide-prayer-meetings/>
- **Christian Life and Witness Course:** <https://grahamtour.billygraham.org/christian-life-witness-course/>
- To receive updates about the Graham Tour or if you and your church would like to be involved, please register online at grahamtour.com.au > TAKE ACTION tab, where you can also register to attend a Christian Life and Witness Class or become a Volunteer.

In His Service,

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2. PRESBYTERY & CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE

*****PRIVACY POLICY**

Congregations are required to adopt a Privacy Policy and to appoint one of their members as a Privacy Officer. The Standing Committee recommends that Congregations adopt the Presbytery Privacy Policy.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Would you please email to the Presbytery Secretary at illawarrauca@bigpond.com, the Name, email address and contact phone number of your congregation's appointed Privacy Officer

*****SAFE CHURCH**

It is recommended that a Safe Church Person be appointed for each congregation. The Illawarra Presbytery Standing Committee has resolved to maintain a list of congregational Safe Church Persons. To that end:

ACTION REQUIRED:

Would you please email to the Presbytery Secretary at illawarrauca@bigpond.com, the Name, email address and contact phone number of your congregation's appointed Safe Church Person.

3. TRAINING DATES 2018

ETHICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

25 Oct 2018 9.30am – 12.30pm @ Bowral UC

Training dates for 2019 should be available at the Presbytery AGM on 3 November 2018!

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

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