



## **ILLAWARRA PRESBYTERY NEWS #6**

**4 May 2019**

***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. INFORMATION FOR CONGREGATIONS**

## **Illawarra Presbytery Meeting**

Wednesday 8 May 2019 commencing at 4.00pm

(On – arrival tea/coffee at 3.30pm)

@ Dapto Uniting Church

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## **ANNUAL ADULT FELLOWSHIP DAY**

Albion Park Uniting Church cnr. Terry & Russell Streets

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**

10am Morning Tea

Morning Session 10:30am

### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

*Cath Taylor – UnitingWorld*

Lunch BYO 12noon (tea, coffee provided)

Afternoon Session 1pm

LOCAL SPEAKER: David Lester

*Theme: 'Highlights of the Triple Care Farm including the new detoxification unit'.*

Finish: 2pm

Donations of saleable items for Trading Table appreciated

## **INVITATION TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS**

**Saturday 25 May 10.00am  
@ Berry Uniting Church**

**The NSW UCA Synod Leadership Team  
will be in the Illawarra Presbytery  
for a one day workshop**

UCA General Secretary Rev Jane Fry, Albert Olley (Uniting Resources),  
Glen Powell (UME) and Doug Taylor (Uniting)  
will all present material relevant to their areas of responsibility.

**The Team is very happy to answer your questions –  
please come prepared!**

**For example:**

### **GENERAL SECRETARY**

- What does Synod do, where is it working in the wider church, how is it supporting congregations?
- Is Synod aware of the disruption to Presbyteries and congregations with the continued restructuring of Synod? Changing personnel, lack of knowledge/awareness of new personnel, loss of corporate memory as staff depart, lack of ability to form meaningful working relationships. What reassurance do we have that this will not continue?

### **Uniting Resources**

- What is the future of grants for Presbyteries and congregations?
- Navigation around the Synod website is not user friendly and often difficult to access information– how can this be improved?

### **Uniting Mission & Education**

- What can UME offer Presbyteries and congregations?

### **UNITING**

- How can we build better relationships between the Presbytery and congregations
- Communication !!

**Please register for this event by RSVP to  
[illawarrauca@bigpond.com](mailto:illawarrauca@bigpond.com)**

**Morning Tea will be provided  
Please make your own arrangements for lunch.**



**The Synod Pulse Team** would like to Plug out an awesome event!

For leaders in families and children's ministry, whether you are working amongst

Children and Families in a church or through a parachurch ministry context this is a conference not to be missed!

### **Leaders to Go Conference**

**Tuesday 11th- 14th June 2019**

A children's and families ministry leadership conference for paid or voluntary leaders-of-leaders of church, school & community based ministries with pre-school & primary children and families.

**Featuring:** Four keynotes (Leadership, Advocacy, Empowerment, Discipleship – LEAD);

Market place & expo, live-in community, prayer & individual retreat, workshops & small groups, worship & reflection, sharing & networking.

**Venue:** The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops, NSW

**Cost:** \$425 Early bird (registered and paid before April 26th) ... \$460 Normal Rego ... \$495 Late Rego (after May 24th)

<https://leaderstogo.goregister.com.au/conference-2019/registration/>

**Times:** 2.30pm Tuesday – 1.30pm Friday

Details: [www.leaderstogo.org.au](http://www.leaderstogo.org.au)

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## **PRESBYTERY DIARY DATES 2019**

### **Presbytery Meetings**

Wednesday 8 May	4.00pm	Dapto Uniting Church
Wednesday 14 August	4.00pm	venue tbc
Saturday 16 November	10.00am	Corrimal Region UC (Annual General Meeting)

## **PRESBYTERY EDUCATION/TRAINING COURSES**

### **Ethical Ministry Training**

#### **Round 1**

Nowra Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm  
Keiraview Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am  
Bowral Thursday June 27 at 9.30 am

#### **Round 2**

Nowra Thursday Sept 12 at 1.30pm  
Keiraview Monday Sept 16 at 9.30am  
Bowral Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am

### **Safe Church Workshops for 2018:**

June 15 Berry UCA  
August 17 Keiraview UC  
November 23 Bowral UC

### **Living Our Values**

Keiraview July 27 and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 9.30pm – 4.30pm

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

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