



## Presbytery in a Nutshell: February 2025

Chairperson: Pr Andrew Shearer-Cox

Secretary: Helen Wilson

Interim Treasurer: Bronwyn Ballesty

Presbytery Minister [PLE]: Rev Trevor Bassett

Presbytery Minister Administration [PMA] Pr Scott Harrison

To be confirmed: Presbytery Finance and Administration Manager. Bronwyn Ballesty to be appointed to this new position, pending an exemption being granted from Assembly.

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Next Meeting of Presbytery in Council: May 17 Venue to be advised.

UC. It was a busy meeting as it included the AGM.

Spiritual Preparation and Acknowledgement of Country: Rev Carlyne Nunn, (Moyn-Warrnambool) led us in an extended meditation for connection with self and God. It included singing *Be still and know that I am God*. She acknowledged the Peek Warrong people of the Maar Nation as the traditional custodians of the land.

Safe Church: Morag Logan and Josh Tuhipa-Turner from the Synod Culture of Safety Unit attended and introduced us to the Policy based on 5 pillars: Strong and Committed Leadership, Suitable and Capable People, Safe and Inclusive Environments, Genuine Engagement and Child focused and friendly processes. Further information at [Media policy – staff, volunteers and congregations.](#)

Elections: Helen Wilson's appointment as Secretary was extended until a decision is made on our application to the Assembly for an exemption for Bronwyn Ballesty to act as Secretary within the newly formed position of Presbytery Finance and Administration Manager.

Lyn Burns was appointed to the PLE committee.

Chairperson Elect: There are currently no nominations for this position.

Korean Outreach to Warrnambool: Sarah, a member of the SoMang Faith community of the South/Port, St Kilda Uniting Church spoke of their 12-year outreach to Warrnambool. On a monthly basis, and in co-operation with Warrnambool UC, they offer lunch to working holiday makers in Warrnambool and a worship service to those who wish to attend. Sarah estimated that they have met 3000 young people in the 12 years. Over the years, they have received welcome feedback of people becoming Christians, because of their mission

The SoMang congregation provided lunch for members.

Reports

Presbytery in Council was a gathering of 49 people, including 5 visitors, held at Warrnambool



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Thanks

and it was referred to Standing Committee

A Post-Ordained Future

Pr Marjorie Crothers was thanked for her long service to Presbytery and wished well in her retirement.

Presbytery Happenings

Trevor reported that by the end of 2025, it is expected that there will be only 4 Ordained Ministers in Placement in PWV, with little chance of others joining them.

Trevor and Bronwyn are conducting governance seminars across PWV in March. Look out for a seminar near you.

Invoices re Essential Safety Checks are being resent. Please pay if you did not do so, the first time.

PWV is budgeting for a surplus this year. The team of Andrew Shearer-Cox, Harvey and Bronwyn welcome your ideas on how to grow our Mission using these funds.

Joys, challenges and resources

- Stawell UC: brought Norval memorabilia to share
- Pomonal UC and Wimmera congregations, especially Dimboola, Goroke and surrounds have all faced fires.
- Horsham: No Messy Church Camp this Easter.
- Philip Liebelt: *Hearing Luke's Gospel Afresh* @ \$20. Available from Philip
- David Coad received a commendation from the Country Fire Authority.
- MacArthur UC is celebrating its 150th
- Moyne- Warrnambool are pooling their financial and other resources
- Colac: Rev Susan Malthouse-Law is now on leave. Rev. Chris Ambrose is providing part-time supply. Upgrade to building has recommenced.
- Nhill: recorded their thanks to Pr Russell Dunlop for 3 years of service, and growth within the Church

Worship

The meeting concluded with a Worship service which included remembrance of all affected by the recent and current fires and communion

As the meeting coincided with the AGM, there was only one report. Agreement on accepting the report from the PLP for the Beaufort Cluster was not reached



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