

# Uniting



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## KUCA Camp Out



**20 — 21 Oct 2018**  
**Scotch Oakburn College Valley Campus**

**Information to share and registration information  
has been sent to congregations**

# Opportunities

## Safe Church

Saturday 22 September  
9.30am-12.30pm

Penguin Uniting Church, Main Road  
Lead by Rev Brian Cole



**Safe Church Training is** for anyone who has not yet attended a Safe Church session or one since June 2017. **All leaders and those with Working with Children Checks** are required to attend.



**Uniting Women** is a biennial conference hosted by the Uniting Church in Australia with Christian women coming together in God's name, finding acceptance, encouragement and inspiration.

Apply via the Tasmanian Office for one of our grants to assist you to attend.

Register here: <https://cre8itevents.eventsair.com/unitingwomen-2018/registration/Site/Register>

## KUCA CAMP OUT

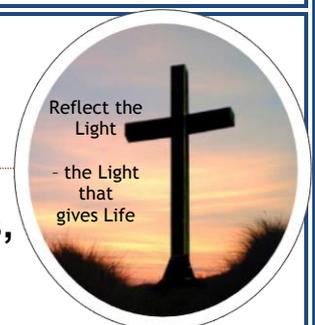
Reflect the Light - the Light that gives Life

20 — 21 Oct 2018 Scotch Oakburn College Valley Campus,  
a 16.5 hectare property in the Fingal Valley

**who can come?** children in grades 3 – 6

**what happens?** great fun and activities, games, craft, singing, stilt

**more information & registration:** <https://ucatas.org.au/event/kuca-campout/>



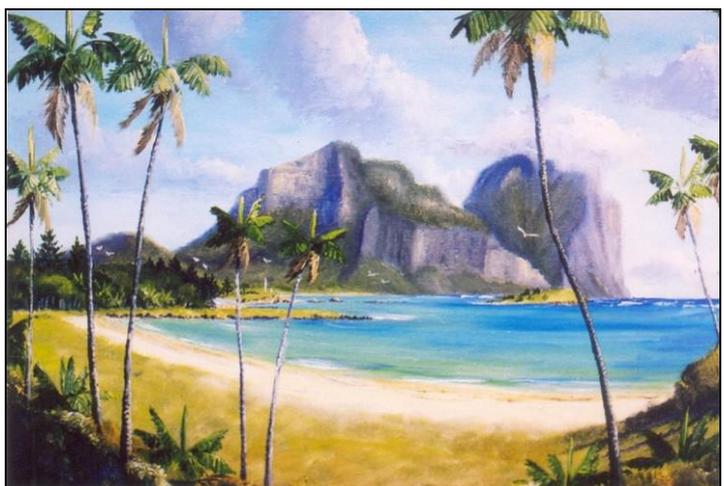
## Reflection

I recently had the opportunity to go walking on Lord Howe Island. One morning I decided to go it alone. After walking up hundreds of steps and then walking down even more, I ended up on a deserted beach with a mountain looming ahead of me. As I climbed the ridge of this mountain, the path became more narrow, the wind more ferocious and the view more spectacular.

When I reached the top of what ended up being a rock scramble to the top, I was very aware of how alone I really was. I had not seen any person all morning. There is no mobile coverage on the entire island and I was out of internet range. When I thought about it, I could not remember the last time I really was alone. For even if I were home and felt I was alone, I only need go out my front door to find someone. Alternatively, I could pick up the phone and I would soon be talking to somebody.

But here, in this moment, on top of a mountain with the wind howling around me, I truly felt alone – alone with myself – and alone with my God. And it felt good. To have some time to take in God's creation. To listen to the noises around me knowing the only distraction was myself. I knew it was a moment in time that I may not have again for a long time. It made me realise how much in my normal life I look for distractions to meet my needs instead of turning to God. I realised how God is here with me, if I only take the time to listen and then enjoy His presence around me.

The challenge leaving the mountain was whether I was willing to take the lessons learnt on top of the mountain into my everyday life. Coincidentally, I returned to this very beach and mountain the following day with my dad only to find *Gardening Australia* filming with some twenty odd locals and crew. I knew the instance I saw them, the moment I had the previous day was truly a day that could not be recreated. In this moment, I was thankful for yesterday, but also in this moment ready to listen and be with God in new ways and new opportunities.



*Karen Woolford...from Connecting Faith Newsletter of UCA Hobart North, Scots-Memorial and Hobart Wesley*

## Interview with Lisa Williams



Lisa sits at her computer in the small bright office at the heart of the Newpin Centre in Ravenswood, Launceston. This is the quiet space for the Family Support Workers in the middle of the coming and goings of the day.



**Newpin**

*Courage to change together*

Having worked at Newpin for four years in the role of Family Support Worker with a Child Focus, doing transport and general hands on, Lisa began her own journey with Newpin as a client a long time ago. This has given her a lived experience of the value of the Newpin model. Now with a Cert. IV in Community Services and about to undertake a Diploma of Community Services, Lisa is a worker, a student and a mum. With a specific set of skills and empathy for the clients, she holds a unique position of insight into the process of emotional and practical support given to mothers and children through the programme.

Newpin in Launceston is run as a centre-based and outreach service where mothers and children under the age of five who have been identified as at risk and requiring support and education in how to parent. A lot of what happens here within the centre is around fostering healthy attachment and bonding between mother and child. Forming a safe and comfortable environment in which to encourage safe comfortable relationships. This is done throughout the day at the centre by introducing normalisation of emotional extremes and self-regulation of behaviour in a supportive and neutral environment.

Lisa is often the first staff member to see the clients on any given day as one of her jobs is to pick up the clients and children, to greet and transport them to the Newpin Centre. The transport run to the Centre begins at nine in the morning and returns the clients home beginning at two in the afternoon, so Lisa is the first and last face of Newpin for the clients in the day.

When asked what the most difficult aspects of her job Lisa replies that it's when you are called to have those tough conversations with parents who are emotional, and tempers are in play. Emotional control is a big thing with clients!

What do you love about your job? Lisa's face lights up and she recalls the changes in children and mothers, not just to each other, but to staff and other clients as well. One of the often overlooked issues she points out, is that traumatised children still have normal stages and that not everything that is

happening to them is because of trauma. The mothers too suffer from normal stages of life and to separate what is a result of trauma, environment, education, health and maturity can be instrumental in helping women and children grow to live better lives. Lisa knows that this is a fruitful programme as she has seen it work for others and herself.

In her own time Lisa is as hands on and productive as she is at work. With a list of crafts and skills from “doing up cars”, to crochet, cross stitch and gardening. “I like to be busy.” She also has a love of op-shopping and bargain hunting and the skills and energy to upskill all manner of old household items.

The routine of the Newpin service is also seen by Lisa as one of its great gifts to the clients. In worlds of chaos and few rules she knows how important it is when clients understand the value of routines that are encouraged and gently enforced in the running of the program.

Boundaries too, are an important factor in understanding the integrity of the self and the sovereignty of others, as expressed in the main goals of Newpin. Stated through using the acronym SEERS, Newpin teaches its core values of Support, Equality, Empathy, Respect and Safety. These are the values that change the world, one life at a time. The same values that create homes to be loving environments, and have encouraged Lisa to smile and say “I’m home where’s m’ coffee!”

*Annetia Goldsmith*

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## **PASTORAL SUPERVISION MASTERCLASS**

with the Rev Dr Michael Paterson



Are you a member of the Clergy, a Minister, Pastor, Elder, Pastoral Care Team leader. Coordinator or Pastoral Care Worker? Are you involved in ‘one to one’ supervising, mentoring or coaching? This 2 hour masterclass on supervision for ministry workers who supervise or oversee others is for you!

Our guest speaker, The Rev Dr Michael Paterson will be focussing on those in church and faith community based ministry hosted by TASPE Inc. and the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania.

7:00pm – 9:00 pm **THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

Merino Room, Old Woolstore Hotel, 1 Macquarie Street, Hobart

Cost: FREE

For more information or to RSVP please contact:

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# Uniting Church Assembly Reporting Back Sessions

Three regional sessions held in Tasmania in July/August outlined key features of the July Assembly meeting held in Melbourne. These sessions were resourced by Rohan Pryor, Allan Thompson, Rod Peppiatt and Ann Perrin. Each session was well attended and generated positive discussion.”



These sessions included background to the Assembly, how time was structured, and a survey of the issues presented that placed the issue of marriage and same-gender relationships in perspective. Other issues reported on were Affirmed Membership, Sovereignty, Voluntary Assisted Dying, For the Whole Creation and Climate Change, Domestic and Family Violence, Royal Commission and Redress and Circles of Interest.

If you have questions on these and any other Assembly issues feel free to contact the Tasmanian Office or the Assembly website at <https://uniting.church>





## Leadership Formation

“See things differently”. The words on the side of the building in a different place and time from my own normal reality, reminded me strongly of the need to be open. As leaders within our communities and congregations, and wider church life, there is always the need to be open to what’s new, what’s next, what we might need to pick up and what we might need to let go of.

The context of being disciples today means that we need to be flexible in who we are as God’s people. Our world is a different world to what it was 5 years ago, even more so than 20 years ago. Who do we need to be as God’s people now? What are the needs in our community, and how can and do or might we respond to them appropriately? How can and where do we share the stories of faith within our families, as we gather with other disciples and followers of Christ? It will be different in different places.

We might need to let go of something from our past first in order to embrace the new challenges of following Christ. I have had to let go of being afraid to talk with people. It has taken a lot of hard work. But when we are called, when we are gifted, God invites us to take on the new challenges, and see things differently.

What have you had to let go of as you grow in your faith journey and respond to God’s call? Be challenged to share that journey with another and invite them to share their story. You might be surprised about how God has worked in their life. It might be, that you will each see something differently as a result.



If you would like Denise to visit your congregation, to listen and share around leadership formation, contact us via the Presbytery Office 6331 9784 or Denise 0427 647 395 or [denise.savage@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:denise.savage@victas.uca.org.au)



## ***Godly Play Core Training in Hobart***

**Godly Play** is a Montessori method of telling Bible stories used extensively with adults and children in many settings, from schools to hospitals, churches to aged care facilities. Godly Play can be a way of preparing children

to join the worship life of their congregations as they experience sacred stories, symbols and rites and encounter the religious language associated with worship within the context of our faith tradition.

The Presbytery will be offering Godly Play Core Training from 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October, running from 9am until 5pm each day at the Kingston UCA in Hobart. This is a three-day course in which participants are immersed in Godly Play practice and learn and tell a story for evaluation if they would like. Working with two accredited trainers participants will experience the three genres of storytelling, Parable, Sacred Story (OT), and Liturgical. There will be discussions about the theology and spirituality of childhood and forming of safe communities of practice and as well as use in all age settings.

Godly Play Core Training introduces participants to new story telling techniques that enhance engagement with biblical stories and liturgical practices of the church and develops a culture of wondering and curiosity. I believe engaging in Godly Play encourages confidence in leadership for members of congregations and in particular language and storytelling offers fresh ways of connecting to communities unfamiliar with our sacred stories and practice. Also, confidence with the use of "wondering" language, encourages our curiosity about the actions of God we read about in scripture and how they connect with our curiosity about what God might be doing in our world today.

The cost of the Training is \$200 for members of the UCA and \$350 for those in UCA specified ministry. These costs are subsidised by the Presbytery to enable more people to attend."

The presbytery would like to thank Kingston UCA and their commitment to radical hospitality. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided by members of the congregation at no cost to participants.

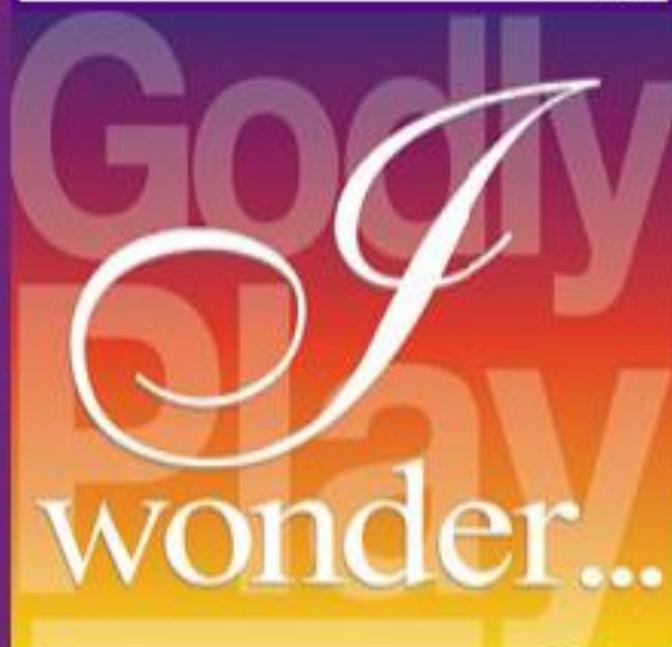
For more information please contact Ann Perrin [rev.ann55@gmail.com](mailto:rev.ann55@gmail.com)  
<http://godlyplay.org.au>



9.00am–5.00pm daily  
Thursday 11 October to  
Saturday 13th October

Kingston Uniting Church,  
2/40 Jindabyne Road

*Morning and afternoon tea and  
lunch is being kindly provided  
by Kingston Uniting Church*



# Godly Play

## Cost:

\$200 UCA Members

\$350 UCA Specified Ministry Agents

## Registration:

[https://www.emailmeform.com/  
builder/form/NRFKy6pf771](https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/NRFKy6pf771)

RSVP: Friday 5 October

## Also:

- Godly Play Intro Session  
2.00 – 4.30pm Sat 22 Sept  
Bellerive UC, 2 York Street
- Advent Plaque Making Day  
2.00–4.30pm Sat 17 November  
Bellerive UC, 2 York Street

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## Further information:

Ann Perrin 0458 816 661

# Praying for the Presbytery

**This month please remember  
in your prayers:**

- For Fee Morrison, Brian Cole and the people of Cradle Coast as they work together in mission
- For Uniting, Newpin and other ways we bring love into the community
- For those who do the bits and pieces of organising events
- For those in a neighbouring congregation or agency

## Induction of Rev Fiona (Fee) Morrison



The Uniting Churches of the Cradle Coast gathered for the induction of Rev Fiona (Fee) Morrison on Friday 27 July. A large assembly from across the Presbytery gathered at Burnie Uniting Church to welcome Fee as Presbytery Chairperson. Rev Ann Perrin inducted her into this regional placement in team ministry with Rev Brian Cole. Rev Allan Thompson preached, local church members presented symbols of ministry and mission, and Fee

also briefly wore a penguin-shaped head-torch, a gift from her previous placement in the Western Port Parish in Victoria (only a penguin's swim across Bass Strait). Fee and her faithful chocolate Labrador Milly have already enjoyed exploring the northern coastlines from their home base in Penguin. Fee was commissioned as a Youth Worker in the Uniting Church in 2000, ordained as a Minister of the Word in 2008, and has served in presbytery, parish and youth ministry roles as well as on presbytery and Synod committees and task groups. Fee loves leading worship and helping people to engage with their faith and move it beyond the walls of Sunday worship, and encouraging and nurturing people to utilise their gifts and skills to share the love and grace of God in all sorts of ways. We warmly welcome Fee to the Presbytery of Tasmania and look forward to her ministry alongside the teams of the Cradle Coast Uniting Church and beyond.





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■ **Share Sunday 2018** celebrates the amazing array of community services being undertaken by our agencies, parish missions and congregations. These community services are an expression of our call as disciples of Jesus Christ to serve those at the margins and to love our neighbour. Share is now part of Uniting, the community services organisation of the Church in Victoria and Tasmania, continuing the legacy of Share and Share Sunday.

This year's focus of "Faith in Action" might be the time to have a shared-lunch, invite some of the local Uniting staff or volunteers or a Uniting board member along to present in worship or afterwards. The Share Sunday 2018 resources offer a full worship service including a sample service outline, including a liturgy, sermon and suggested hymns, a PowerPoint presentation, and stories of people supported by the church's faithful generosity. You are encouraged to adapt the material to suit your context and congregation(s). The materials follow the lectionary readings of 9<sup>th</sup> September, but may be used at any time. To request a copy of the Share Sunday resources, contact Deborah Loh: P: (03) 9192 8101 or E: [Deborah.Loh@vt.uniting.org](mailto:Deborah.Loh@vt.uniting.org)

- The Tasmanian Office has copies of **Building Emotional Health and Wellbeing – A Pastoral Handbook for Ministry with Children and their Families** available at no cost.
- **ACC National Conference** & Annual General Meeting, 17-19 September 2018 at Wesley Church, Pitt St, Sydney. More information from <http://www.confessingcongregations.com/news-views/item/acc-national-conference-2018/>
- The Tasmanian Office has a large **Data Projector Screen** available to a good home as well as a bracket for hanging a data projector from the ceiling. For more information contact the UCA Tasmanian office.
- **Bible Society** are running a presentation in Hobart at 7.00pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at Southern Christian College entitled The Good Book Talks and a Masterclass designed for students at 9-12 level on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September with registration through [www.masterclass.org.au](http://www.masterclass.org.au) These events are free.

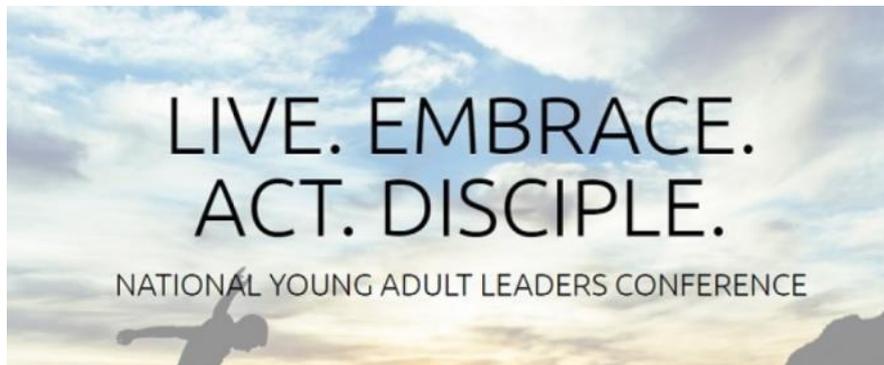
## what's on

### September

Thur 20	10.00am	Standing Committee, Launceston
Sat 22	9.30am	Safe Church, Penguin
Mon 24		Resource and Development Committee
Tue 25	9.30am	Pastoral Relations Committee, Launceston

### October

Thur 18	10.00am	Presbytery Standing Committee, Launceston
Sat/Sun	20/21	KUCA Campout



**Take the lead in our uniquely Australian Church.**

**Young adults in the Uniting Church in Australia** - you're invited to the 2019 National Young Adults Leaders Conference (NYALC).

Come to LEAD and explore what it means to be capable and confident leaders in a world embracing diversity and difference.

Take the LEAD in areas that are important to YOU.

Come as you are and share your stories, hopes and dreams for the Uniting Church with our special guest, President Dr Deidre Palmer.

*NYALC is for young adult leaders in the Uniting Church aged 18 years and over.* More information at <https://nyalc.org.au/>

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