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## Supporting congregations and ministries in transition



From the Bishop  
Robert Bartholomaeus

When I was a small boy and went to church services, I can remember men and boys sitting on one side of the church and women and girls on the other. Men wore suits and women wore dresses. Both usually had some head covering like hats. In those days no matter where you went in the Lutheran Church of Australia, all church services followed exactly the same pattern of liturgy. We all used the one common hymn book for singing.

Today things have changed. Congregants sit in family groups or with friends, most people do not wear hats and you can hardly find two churches using exactly the same order of service, and most sing hymns or songs from various different sources and they are usually displayed on a screen.

Things we do in church, change or transition overtime.

**A transition is a change where something ends and something else begins.** As human beings, we transition from one thing to another all of our lives. From the home to early learning, from school to high school, from study to work and so on. This is life. Transitions are happening all around us in the creation too. Winter is becoming spring, small trees are becom-

ing big trees and flowers are becoming seeds. Transition is part of the creation.

Likewise, human society or culture is never static. Things keep changing. Not always for the better unfortunately. Many of us who are older, reckon the changes are not going in a good direction. While younger people will see most changes as positive.

There have been many social transitions in the last 30 years. Much of it caused by technology. First came personal computers, then the internet, followed by cell phones and now electric cars. Even in the last twelve months, because of Covid 19 we have seen transitions. People now meet frequently over the internet using Zoom and Teams.

Australian society is also becoming increasingly secular, multicultural, and post

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### LCA NSW and ACT District is *Walking together* IN MISSION by:



- Supporting congregations and ministries in mission and ministry
- Supporting congregations in transition
- Developing and supporting alternative models for ministry
- Planting and renewing congregations
- Developing and supporting networking and connections between congregations and ministries
- Developing and supporting leadership – through the Bishop leading leadership teams

# DISTRICT NEWS

## For your prayer and care

### Calls

- Pastor Kees Sturm (Henty) has accepted the call to Townsville Qld, his final service at Henty will be on 5 September.
- Pastor Paul Hannola (Tuggeranong ACT) has the call to Horsham Vic.

### Installation

- Pastor David Schuppan was installed (online) at LifeWay Illawarra on 22 August.

### Deaths

- Pastor Ray Schmidt died on 2 August, 2021. Pastor Ray served at Wagga Wagga from 1969-1975.
- Carol Wilksch, wife of Pastor John Wilksch (who passed away 11 Dec 2020) died on 26 May 2021.

Christian. The church and its leadership are not respected as they were in the past. The number who tick no religion in the census now number nearly 30% of our society.

As society keeps on changing, we as a church need to make transitions so we engage with people both in and outside the church. **The fundamentals of our faith do not change. However, we do need to make transitions and adaptations so people both inside and outside the church can relate to the message we proclaim.** We want to relate to those people who speak and think differently than we do. Of course deciding what needs to change is often up for debate!

Jesus engaged in change for the sake of proclaiming the kingdom of God to people. The account of Jesus talking with a woman at the well in John 5 is groundbreaking. Here was a man talking with a woman about spiritual topics like where should we worship, and he was doing this alone! This was breaking at least three customs of the time. In those days, women were not considered worthy of theological debate or learning, secondly you did not speak to a woman alone, unless you thought there might be some poten-

“ We as a church need to make transitions... but the fundamentals of our faith do not change. ”

tial for marriage, and everyone said there should be only one geographical place to worship. Yet Jesus goes against the norms of that day and starts a transition in society, which is still continuing today. For Jesus, women are just as valuable in the kingdom of God as men, and worship of God is not focused on one geographical place, but on him.

So what transitions does your congregation need to make to address and engage with the society around you? There can be no one answer to this question. You need to talk about it as a congregation and discern where God is leading you to change. It will become clearer as you focus first on Jesus and then on the people outside of your church. Thus attempting to engage them in the wonderful Good News of Jesus that the Spirit has shown to you. It will soon become apparent what needs to change or transition. The aim is that more and more ‘orphans of God’ are introduced to the Savior of the world, Jesus.

Pastor Robert Bartholomaeus  
Bishop, LCA NSW and ACT District

God's love comes to life through care ministries every single day in our Lutheran congregations, aged-care and community services.

## CHRISTIAN CARE Sunday

This year, the LCA NZ invites your congregation to celebrate this Christian care by setting aside one Sunday (or worshipping time) in your gathered community to acknowledge, bless and honour those people and organisations engaged in care work.

Whether this is visiting those isolated in their homes, providing meals for people in crisis, playgroups, kids clubs and youth groups for community interaction and a place to belong for children and care givers, right up to the running of residential care facilities, independent living villages and social work services – everyday people are providing care 365 days of the year.

The Christian Care Sunday project provides resources for congregations to celebrate the care roles and work, both formal and informal, of Lutheran church members and our employees in Lutheran aged-care and community services. You can get started today, by heading to the LCA website [www.lca.org.au/ccs](http://www.lca.org.au/ccs) to download the free resources and start planning your Christian Care Sunday celebration.

There are a range of free resources to support you, including intergenerational resources provided by Grow Ministries. Ready-to-Go worship services (on PowerPoint and as printable documents) are available for download, together with a Worship Planning Page liturgical resource with suggestions for songs, drama, visual arts, bible readings, prayers and spoken responses.

We hope this opportunity to reflect on, plan for and celebrate Christian care in your community reminds you of our inspiration and energy for all these neighbourly good deeds – it is because God loves us that we care.

If you would like any help planning your Christian Care Sunday celebration, you can be assisted by the Project Officer, Anna Kroehn email [anna.kroehn@lca.org.au](mailto:anna.kroehn@lca.org.au).



## Walking together IN MISSION a Bible Study series



Join with members of the LCA NSW and ACT District in an online Bible Study led by Bishop

Robert Bartholomaeus  
**Wednesday 15 September,**  
**7.30pm on Zoom**

To register, please email [kaye.simpfendorfer@lca.org.au](mailto:kaye.simpfendorfer@lca.org.au)

# Online Installation of David Schuppan for Illawarra

Pastor David Schuppan was installed for LifeWay Illawarra by Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus on August 22. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions on public worship, the installation took place online during the livestream worship, with Bishop Robert speaking from LifeWay Epping, and Pastor David and Barbara in temporary accommodation and lockdown in Newcastle, en route to Illawarra.

Pastor David introduces himself:

It's Tuesday August 3rd. Barb and I are sitting in an empty manse in Queensland. Our belongings left for storage in Wollongong this morning and we are camped out, in all these empty rooms while we wait to enter NSW on Friday and into fourteen days of quarantine at Newcastle. Not quite Wollongong yet. However, we are delighted to be able to lend a hand at Lifeway Newcastle and get to know Pastor Mat and Elise and their children, until a manse is available.

Barb and I celebrate our forty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 6th. We were married by Haydn Blaess in Whyalla, South Australia and he'll be glad to know that it seems to have taken! We have three adult sons and three grandchildren.

Now, some things you should know. Barb, my wife, has a different surname. She reverted to her maiden name some years ago – nothing I did, she assures me. She is Barbara Niczynski (*Ni-shin-ski*). Barb is first generation Australian, from a German mother and a Polish dad.



*Pastor David Schuppan and his wife Barbara*

I was born to a Wendish father whose ancestor arrived in 1858 and to a mother who descends from five convicts and a thirteen-year-old ship's engineer. The first convict being James Squire, who arrived on January 26<sup>th</sup> 1788. You know that story.



*Bishop Robert installed Pastor David Schuppan online*

We've worked in and out of the ministry. I had two trades, we've owned a small business, worked for big business, a national wholesaler, and a short course adult education NGO. In the Ministry we have served in McKay, North Queensland; Renmark, South Australia; Victor Harbor, South Australia; Living Faith, Murrumba Downs, SE Queensland and very soon, LifeWay, Illawarra.

I was surprised that I would be considered for a call at 65 but we are so excited to be coming to Illawarra to help revitalise the Lutheran Church there. For the last seven years I have overseen Church Planter and New and Renewing team member, Chris Podlich as he planted Beyond Church with his team. It has been exciting to watch. I began by mentoring Chris but for the last few years it has been a peer-mentoring relationship. I find the promise of pioneering with the people of Wollongong and Illawarra to be exhilarating, and am keen to be there.

The things I know for sure are that Jesus is the Lord of his church, he wants it to grow, expand and succeed. Why? The church, his body and presence in the world, is the gateway to His Kingdom and he wants all people to be saved.

Pr David Schuppan

## Reflections on lockdown in Sydney

Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus

***What I am about to share is my experience through this lockdown. I am not making a judgement on anyone else's response, especially those who are doing it tough. The following are my experiences and maybe they will help someone else to cope a little better.***

Currently we are coming to the end of the ninth week of lockdown in Sydney. People ask me how I am coping? Well, the first weeks of lockdown were trying, but in about the third week, I woke up one morning and thought to myself, "I think I am getting used to this". The longings for it to all be over, or to change had gone.

Now that we are in the ninth week, people who are outside the lockdown are feeling sorrier for me, than I actually feel for myself. For myself I am actually feeling quite happy and content. In Philippians 4:12 Paul says,

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in*

*plenty or in want. I can do all things through him who gives me strength.*

With St Paul I can honestly say I think I have learnt the secret of feeling content and happy in this experience of lockdown. So how has this happened?

I realized early on, one of the keys is to stop focusing on what you can't do, and focus on what you can do. This was confirmed when I heard this story:

*A study was done on flight attendants who were smokers. It's said that the addiction from these substances creates chemical hooks in your brain. In the case of smoking, it's nicotine. And over time as the brain metabolizes these substances, our cravings increase. So the longer you go without your fix the stronger the cravings and frustration. Turns out that's not exactly how it works. The study showed something else.*

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They took two groups of flight attendants, both leaving from Tel Aviv, Israel. One group of flight attendants flew to London, which is a three hour flight. The other group of smoker flight attendants took a trip to New York, a six hour flight. And they asked the flight attendants to rate their level of cravings every 30 minutes. You would expect if the hypothesis of a chemical hook causing these cravings was true, then the same amount of time should elapse between their last smoke and their cravings. So, whether it is, an hour and a half, two hours, three hours, both groups should equally crave the substance that they're addicted to. However, that's not what happened.

What the study found was that the level of desire of craving for the cigarettes in both groups was not how much time had elapsed, but how much time was left until they could smoke. So while the flight attendants who were in London were lighting up and had reported a very high craving 30 minutes before landing, the flight attendants who were over the Atlantic Ocean on their way to New York reported very few cravings three hours into their flight.<sup>1</sup>

This study shows us that our desires, our cravings, our feelings are influenced largely by our expectations, by what we are looking forward to. This means how we react to lockdown is influenced by what we expect. What we are expecting from life. If we can alter our expectations then we will cope pretty well in this situation. But how can you change your expectations?

Well doesn't God through his salvation for us change our expectations of what life is about? He changes how we think about things, what we expect in life, how we go about life, how life is to be lived, what we are to do in life. He changes us from being self centred to other centred.

So now, as I focus on what I can do and what blessings I have rather than on what I cannot do and what I don't have, I find contentment. (1 Thessalonians 5:18: Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus).

When life is normal, we live immersed in abundance and we expect abundance. We have abundant experiences, abundant opportunities to purchase whatever our heart sets itself on, we gobble up whatever sweet thing is in front of us. Our constant expectation is to experience more and more, and to be totally free to do so.

But a lockdown takes all of our opportunities away and shuts them in a cupboard out of reach. So now what do I do? Do I constantly long for the time when they will all return and endlessly bemoan my loss? Or might I consider a world where all these opportunities have been locked away for a very long time. **Maybe never to return!** Could we actually be happy without our old experiences? Can we be fulfilled with God alone and live happily without all the freedoms we normally enjoy?

St Paul was under house arrest for the last days of his life as he wrote these words from Philippians and he mentions confidently again three times in Philemon, "I, Paul a prisoner of the Lord...". St Paul found joy in the midst of his imprisonment. Why should I not also be able to do the same in mine? It is being a disciple of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that changes my expectations.



We have a new purpose in life, to serve him in whatever way possible. Lockdowns can't take Jesus away from my heart. I have been baptized into him. And I still have the opportunity to serve others.

But the number of times I go on an overseas trip, or to the beach or the number of times I see my children or grandchildren no longer determines the joy in my life.

If my basic needs are being met, money to buy food and money to buy clothing and I have housing, (which thankfully because of our government and the supply of the church I have all of those things),

1 Timothy 6:8 says "But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."

Now I am able to be happy in the Lord, no matter how long it takes for normality to return.

I can do the work of service in my role as bishop, from here in the 'little prison' of my house, via telephone, email and Zoom. I am allowed to go and buy food. I have a wife to love me and I her. I have neighbours to greet and to show small acts of kindness. I can still take them a cake or a meal, and deliver it to them (from a safe distance of course).

I have Gospel messages to feed me via live stream church. (Thanks to all of you who continue to put your services on line.)

So I don't think much about the freedom I have lost anymore. Rather I think about the things I can do and thank God for them every day. God is good! Even in lockdown!

Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus

<sup>1</sup> <https://freedom.to/blog/nir-eyal-how-to-become-indistractable/>

## District Church Council news

### Supporting Congregations and Ministries in Mission and ministry

#### Wagga Wagga Lutheran Church Constitution

The Wagga Wagga Lutheran Church have taken the opportunity to update their constitution which was approved by the District Church Council at their May meeting.

#### Planting and Renewing Congregations

#### Tuggeranong Lutheran Church Community Development Coordinator

The District Church Council was able to visit the Tuggeranong congregation during their February meeting this year, and hear about the exciting developments around a new worshipping community at Greenway Views. The Tuggeranong congregation, after dialogue with the LCA Local Mission's New and Renewing Churches Department, submitted an application for a Community Development Coordinator Role to oversee all aspects of activities between the two worshipping communities - being the Chisholm Church plant and Greenway Views. The DCC was quite excited about this opportunity and agreed to fund the position for a period of up to 3 years at a total cost of up to \$201,176.

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# LWNSW Convention at Woden - 'Building on the Rock'

The 54<sup>th</sup> LWNSW Convention was held at Immanuel, Woden Valley on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021, more than two years after the last Convention due to COVID-19 restrictions. Around 50 members and guests thanked God for the opportunity to gather together again. It was a miracle of timing, as both NSW and ACT were soon to be back in lockdown again.

The theme for the day, "Building on the Rock" was based on Matthew 7:24 "Anyone who listens to my teaching, and follows it, is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock."

Pastor Tim Muller, now serving at Immanuel after 16 years in the USA, based his opening devotion on various "rock" themes in scripture. People are searching for a suitable foundation to build their lives on – something solid and reliable. They choose man made things and earthly passions – but these are not solid. Jesus is there for all, solid and dependable, The Cornerstone. Wise people build their lives



**Bishop Robert (far right) installed the new executive, (l-r) Charmain Lieschke, Heather Habermann, Helen Gabriel, Anne McVay, Cheryl Turek, Sabine Sloan, Tanna Mackenzie, Meryl Packer.**

around Jesus, "The Rock". This is the good news we need to make known to those around us.

LWA President, Wendy Habel from Victoria was pleased to present her report in person, as a number of State Conventions have been cancelled due to other COVID-19 travel restrictions.

There were a number of guest speakers, most of whom had travelled some distance to be with us

Vicki Gollasch from ALWS spoke enthusiastically of the work being done for disadvantaged people overseas – in eleven countries now, involving over 200,000 people. From small beginnings 70 years ago in Albury, NSW, working with post war refugees from Europe. The big needs of the under-privileged in our world are overwhelming but we should at least do *something* when we see a need. ALWS works on our behalf with the big projects.

Nevin Nitschke of LCA Mission International (MI) spoke about our partnerships with Church bodies in other countries, learning from them as we walk beside them in Mission. Nevin stressed that the long term LWA project of providing Birth Kits to PNG is still much needed. These basic kits help women to deliver their babies safely in more hygienic circumstances, and save lives. Proclaiming the Gospel is the purpose of Mission and is foremost in every partnership. MI sponsors personnel walking 'hand-in-hand' with locals to spread the Gospel.

Pastor Mark Simpfendorfer, spoke about his work with ACR, and encouraged us to use their resources in our congregations, to support the business by purchasing

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## District Leadership through the Bishop leading leadership teams

### District Investments

The Finance Advisory Committee in overseeing the District Investments continually reviews the District's investment mix. The FAC was aware that we needed some investments that were not dependent on the large tech stocks and so requested the DCC add the Vanguard Global Value Equity Fund to the list of approved investments. This was approved by the DCC and, in order to better balance the investment mix, \$2M was invested in the Vanguard Global Value Equity Fund.

### Governance of Specific Ministries

The District Church Council at their meeting in May heard updates from the many different Ministries in NSW including Lutheran Education Victoria NSW and Tasmania, Warrambui Retreat and Conference Centre, Lutheran Aged Care Albury and St Paul's College.

Julian Denholm, director of LEVNT shared on the challenges and opportunities that sit in front of the 4 Lutheran Schools in our District. Each has very different ministries to different communities that provide a range of opportunities and challenges as the communities in which they serve grow and evolve with the changing community needs.

Neil Mason, chair of Warrambui Board shared with excitement the mission statement developed at their planning

weekend "Warrambui aims to be a sustainable, vibrant and growing mission driven centre led by spiritual and economic entrepreneurs". He updated the DCC on the ongoing challenges with the Dome redevelopment which is now in full swing, and the challenges that it is causing for staff.

Wendy Rocks, Albury Aged care Managing Director updated the DCC on the progress of the developments at Albury Aged Care. She also shared on the challenges and opportunities from the Federal Government's latest budget support announcements.

Don Walkley, principal of St Paul's College updated the DCC on the many opportunities sitting in front of St Paul's College, including the latest capital works completed, the Riverina Lutheran Schools working together, and the increased student numbers and the ensuing challenges that come with that.

### St Paul's College Board nominations

The District Church Council endorsed the nomination of Cameron Turner to the St Paul's College board. The application was supported by both the SPC board and Lutheran Education Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania (LEVNT). The Church Council gives thanks for Cameron's willingness to serve in this way.

Russell Veerhuis, for DCC



## The Ordination discussion - Part 2

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Holy Cross Lutheran Church Belconnen ACT, hosted Pastor Tim Muller as a guest speaker. This event is one of several steps our congregation is taking to promote the ordination of women in the LCANZ. Our first was to listen to someone who believes that only men should be ordained. (A report of this was published in the last Contact edition, June 2021). This time we listened to someone who has experience working alongside women pastors in overseas Lutheran churches.

Pastor Tim Muller grew up in the Riverina region of NSW. He completed his undergraduate seminary studies in Australia but has spent a significant proportion of his working life serving as a pastor overseas. He recently moved to Canberra after a long stint working as part of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America). We invited Pastor Tim to share his experiences of women pastors in the ELCA.

Pastor Tim's first experience within the ELCA was in 1984 when he commenced studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus. By this point, the ELCA had already been ordaining women for 14 years, and approximately one-quarter of seminary students were female. This was a challenging time for women pastors who were often held to a higher standard than their male colleagues and lacked female role models during vicarage training.

Over time, the number of women serving as pastors in the ELCA has increased, including in leadership positions. In fact, as of June this year, females make up half of the bishops in the ELCA (33 out of 66 positions). Another significant milestone was reached in June 2021, with the first female General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation.



One of the most powerful and encouraging aspects of Pastor Tim's presentation was to see photo after

**In June this year the Lutheran World Federation Council elected Estonian theologian Rev. Anne Burghardt as the next General Secretary of the global communion of Lutheran churches. Photo: Erik Peinar**

photo of the female colleagues that he has worked with, mentored, and been led by. Accompanying these photos were inspirational stories of women pastors who are gifted preachers, trusted counsellors and those who share the Gospel beyond the pulpit in hospitals and prisons. Pastor Tim also shared many Scriptural references that he has found helpful for understanding the issue of women's ordination.



**Pastor Tim and his most recent vicar, Kimberly, now ordained as a pastor in New Jersey, USA**

We also heard from Tim's wife, Mary, in response to the question 'Was it hard to leave the ELCA and come back to the LCANZ?' Mary shared her grief at leaving the ELCA, especially the freedom that women experience in the ELCA, and her grief for her Australian sisters-in-Christ with callings that they cannot fully embrace. She also noted that the LCANZ discussions about women's ordination seem to be at the same point as when she left Australia 16 years ago. Mary encouraged us to 'be bold'!

One of the key questions asked was 'How can women's ordination become a reality in the LCANZ?' Pastor Tim proposed that a combination of Scripture and experience might be the key. He reminded us that Scripture is the living Word of God, always active, and that we must wrestle with how it is at work in our context.

Thank-you to Pastor Tim for sharing his experiences and Bishop Robert for convening the evening.

What do you think? If experience is a key to change, then how can more people within the LCANZ encounter women pastors? Could we visit another denomination and experience a female pastor in action? Would watching an online service of a female pastor give us confidence to consider this is also within the will of God? What ideas do you have?

Renée Simpfendorfer,  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Belconnen ACT

### LWNSW Convention - continued from previous page

wafers, candles etc as well as books. Gary Watson reported on Warrambui.

Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus praised the women of the Church – stating that the women's organisations are a great powerhouse, always at work, faithful and helpful. Times have changed and we are all walking together in mission. Today only 52% of Australians claim to be Christians and many claim to have no religion. We are living in a different world and we must think differently. We must do things differently.

We are living in a different world, a mission field and we must think differently. Leadership in congregations is not just for Pastors. We must be ready to meet new people, to adopt new ideas and methods. There is a Mission Facilitator/Co-ordinator at District Office who will visit, give advice and encourage congregations.

Charmain delivered her LWNSW President's report, thanking her Executive for their support through difficult times

and Jenny Schneider who is retiring due to ill health. She announced her own decision to step down from her president's position and, hopefully, remain on the Executive as an extra member. Sabine Sloan, Treasurer, presented her report, thanking the guilds/fellowships for their generous donations to National and State projects whether or not they were meeting. Also thanking all those present for their generous donations on the day for Lutheran Media.

Bishop Robert then conducted the elections and a full new Executive was duly elected, with Tanna Mackenzie from Immanuel, Woden Valley, as President.

Pastor Mark, spiritual advisor to the LWNSW, presented the closing devotion based on Psalm 62.

It was a wonderful day of Christian fellowship, great singing, uplifting messages of hope, faith and confidence. To God be the glory!

Meryl Packer



# WARRAMBUI NEWS

September 2021

## Prayer Points

- For protection and blessing of the Warrambui community
- That God would provide great interns for next year
- God's provision, timing and blessing for the Dome Refurbishment Project
- For God to continue to call the right people to work at Warrambui

## Praise Points

- For the groups that have been able to come to Warrambui this year
- For Bron and Caleb, and the impact they have had at Warrambui
- For Aidan and the opportunity he now has to pursue work in his field of study
- The wonderful volunteers that serve Warrambui so faithfully

## Operations Manager Update

### Camping in a Pandemic

Just as we were getting some good 2021 momentum in hosting both new and returning groups, the Greater Sydney lockdowns and subsequent COVID restrictions through NSW have greatly impacted Warrambui's ability to host groups over the last months.

It has been a trying time for both staff and our school, church and community groups as we come to terms with ever changing COVID allowances and restrictions. In light of extended lockdowns in Greater Sydney, and following the recent ACT and NSW lockdowns, Warrambui has made the difficult decision to close for groups until early October.

Although this is normally a busy time of year, only two confirmed groups remained booked in August and September and, given the COVID situation, were unlikely to be able to come to Warrambui regardless.

We ask for your prayers as we continue to navigate through this difficult season. There are still many groups hoping to come to Warrambui in October and November and we will require wisdom, tact and peace as we continue to negotiate with these groups and do as much as we can to prepare to host them.

### Staff Farewells

It is with a mix of sadness and love that we say farewell to three of our wonderful staff.

In the kitchen, Aidan has been with us for 3 years and has proven himself to be a capable and reliable team member. Now that he has finished his studies, we wish him all the best as he pursues a career in software development.

Bron came to Warrambui as an intern in 2019 and has pursued her love of the culinary arts by being our apprentice cook for the past 18 months. Thank you Bron for your contributions to the Warrambui team over the past 2½ years.

Caleb came to Warrambui as an intern during one of our most challenging and interrupted seasons last year. He has faithfully grown his skills to include assisting in grounds maintenance, coordinating guest services and a myriad of other tasks throughout the Warrambui site. We wish Caleb all the best as he pursues an apprenticeship in his chosen trade.

We are also glad to announce that two of our leaving staff, Bron and Caleb, were recently engaged to be married. We wish both Bron and Caleb God's rich blessings in their future together.

A man's heart plans his way,  
But the Lord determines his steps.  
Proverbs 16:9

## Dome Refurbishment Delays

Considerable progress has been made at the Dome in the last few months, however there have been significant and ongoing delays to the Dome Refurbishment Project.

Although there have been many contributing factors, some of the more impactful have been related to a particularly wet winter which delayed

laying of the extension concrete slab. Supply shortages for timber have also required some re-design work and use of alternate materials where possible.

We now expect the project to be completed by end of September, assuming that the recent ACT and NSW lockdowns are not prolonged. Although these delays have been a significant frustration to both staff and

contractors working on the Dome, the negative impact on guests has been significantly reduced due to the ongoing COVID situation.

## A Warrambui Tractor

Although many parts of our work at Warrambui have been significantly impacted by the ongoing Covid situation, the need to maintain and develop the Warrambui grounds has remained unchanged.

We praise God for a generous donation from our supporters towards a tractor to assist our maintenance team in their day-to-day operations.

This tractor will save us a significant amount of time and allow us to complete a greater amount of work without external contractors.

We are seeking further donations to cover the tractor's complete cost. Please be in contact with us if you feel led to contribute towards this incredibly helpful equipment for Warrambui.

Yours Faithfully,

Stephen Devenish

Operations Manager



Photo of the Dome centrum, taken mid-July. A new ceiling and skylights keep the same bright feel and help to provide extra insulation for guests. Since this photo was taken, new mechanical ducts have been installed and walls painted.

There has been talk of installing a disco ball in the centre...

## Financial Information

Warrambui Income & Expenditure Statement, 1 January - 30 June 2021			
	Budget	Pro Rata Budget	Actual to 30 June
<b>Total Bookings - Total</b>	142	71	37
Total Occupied Bed Nights	15,769	7885	3521
Operating Income	\$ 1,360,011	\$ 680,005	\$ 350,311
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,202,335	\$ 568,618	\$ 503,894
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	\$ 157,676	\$ 111,387	<b>-\$ 153,583</b>

The operating loss for June year to date is \$153,583.

This has resulted from lost bookings due to COVID-19 and delays in the Dome Refurbishment Project. At the time of budgeting, completion of the Project was anticipated to be by the end of March and Dome bookings were budgeted to recommence.

Together with COVID-19, this delay has caused the actual bookings and

occupied bed nights to be low. We continue to monitor and respond to the current financial situation. We remain optimistic that bookings will increase from early October. We also believe that a refurbished and greatly improved Dome will be a desirable venue for new and returning clients with a refreshed look and feel, and better suited to their needs.

## Ministry Update

Hey Hey, my name is Lyzzi and I'm the newish Ministry Development Manager and Program Coordinator here at Warrambui. I'm previously from Penrith and I am the youngest of three daughters.

I have a few subjects left to finish for my Master of Divinity degree from Sydney Missionary and Bible College, which is an evangelical, interdenominational Bible college. I've worked in camping ministry for about 8 years with Crusaders and Youthworks in Sydney and have been volunteering in this space for over 13 years. After university, I was a trainee at Cru for 2 years, completing my Certificate II and III in Outdoor Recreation, before working with Youthworks for another 2 years as a Christian Outdoor Educator. In 2017 I started at Bible College part time while I worked casually at Youthworks, Cru, and other Outdoor Recreation facilities, as well as being the part-time Youth Minister at my church in Sutherland.

I have a great passion for youth ministry and have been volunteering in different roles for over 13 years.

One of my favourite ministries that I'm still heavily involved in is Cru Camp (Cru Holiday Camp) called Crütech, which runs in the Summer and Winter holidays for high school students. I have lovingly nicknamed it my 'nerd camp' because that's what it is. I am one of the main directors for the camp, but also occasionally step into other roles like preaching. In the last few years, I've also been convinced by a good friend to come on her dirt bike camp that runs in the Autumn



holidays as a leader and speaker. I love any opportunity to tell young people about Jesus, and on camp we get to share Jesus every day, for 5 to 7 days, not just in talks or discussion groups, but with our whole lives as well.

God has grown in me a great passion for camping ministry, I love the unique opportunities camping ministry creates as we seek to bring young people to know and love God. I'm so excited to see what God has planned for me here at Warrambui. Honestly, nine years ago if you'd told me I would be working in camping ministry, taking kids on bushwalks and doing archery, I would have said you were

dreaming, because I HATED the outdoors. But that's where God wanted me, and I have learnt to love the outdoors, God's creation, and I've always loved the Gospel opportunities that Christian camping presented. I feel privileged that I can lead campers from a different perspective, when they are nervous about hiking or low ropes, I can honestly tell them that I know how they feel.

Camping ministry contains all of my favourite things: the joy of seeing young people grow, spending time with lots of different people, and helping train the next generation of ministry leaders. One of the things that really appealed to me about this role is the internship program, and how I can help train, guide, and mentor young Christians as we do ministry together here at Warrambui. I would love to hear from you and if you want to talk to me about camping ministry, Warrambui, the Internship Program, or anything else, please give me a call at the office or send an email to [ministry@warrambui.com.au](mailto:ministry@warrambui.com.au).

God Bless, Lyzzi

## WARRAMBUI VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP 2022



# ARISE

Let your roots grow down into him...  
then your faith will grow strong in the truth. (Col 2:7)



ARISE is a program designed for young adults to experience practical ministry and undertake ministry and theology studies as they learn to serve Jesus and each other while assisting in the operations of Lutheran Retreat and Conference Centre.

Arise focuses on building a faith foundation that is grown by living and serving in Christian Community. Whilst volunteering interns will build their character, further discover their identity in Christ, and explore questions of faith in a supportive Christian environment that will give them a solid foundation for whatever lies ahead.

**APPLICATIONS OPEN! APPLY NOW!**



SO, if you are (or know) someone who is interested and want to know more about this exciting opportunity please contact Lyzzi Donnelly-Coode (Ministry Development Manager) for an information pack:

Phone: (02) 6220 1000



WARRAMBUI  
A Project of the LCA NSW District



Faith filled events,  
growing disciples  
of Jesus Christ.

## Turning Point Ministries

### Leadership Camp

26 - 28 November  
Ages 16+

Leadership Camp is compulsory for anyone interested in leading on TPM camps. We are looking forward to welcoming many new leaders who have missed out last year and this year!

### History Makers

18 - 24 January  
Grades 7 to 12

History Makers is our annual summer camp and in 2022 will be for high schoolers as we are introducing a Summer JYC! Come along for heaps of fun and face-to-face community!

### Summer Junior Youth

22 - 24 January  
Grades 4 to 6

INTRODUCING Summer Junior Youth Camp! We are looking forward to seeing lots of new faces. We know that SO many of this age group have missed out and we can't wait to meet you and spend the weekend together!

## CAMPING UPDATE



We're so disappointed that Back2Base and Junior Youth Camp in July were cancelled. We have had to make the difficult decision to cancel Young Adults Retreat in October as well. We are still keen to try Laurel Hill at Tumbarumba though, and hope to host a YAR there next year.



If our camps run in January like planned, it will be 12 months since our last camps. It's been strange planning camps just to cancel them, but we trust in God's bigger purpose and plan. We are missing meeting with you all face-to-face and are praying for our campers and leaders; stay strong, stay safe and in the Word.



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ST PAUL'S  
COLLEGE

Walla Walla NSW

# The College of **St. Paul's**

Whoever **you** are, whatever **your** story, **you're** welcome here with us.

## News highlights

We congratulate our College Captains for 2022.

College Captains:	<b>Makayla Quinn and Jack Kotzur</b>
College Vice Captains:	<b>Skye Bakic and Timothy Lowe</b>
Sports Captains:	<b>Chelsea Wettren and Nikita Clancy</b>
SRC President:	<b>Vidhushe Sarangadasa</b>

Staff members Courtney Brogden, Simone Crossley & Joel Bartholomaeus performed in *We will Rock You* and *Phantom of the Opera* at the Albury Entertainment Centre. With the assistance of this talented group of staff members, we will begin planning for our 2022 School Production. We are extremely fortunate to have their talents and skills to guide and lead our students through a marvellous theatrical experience.

## Service to Community : **Colour Run**

Colour was welcomed on a gloomy day in Walla as our Student Representative Council (SRC) organised an amazing Colour Run, raising money for Lutheran World Service. As you can see from the photo—everyone got involved and had a wonderful time!



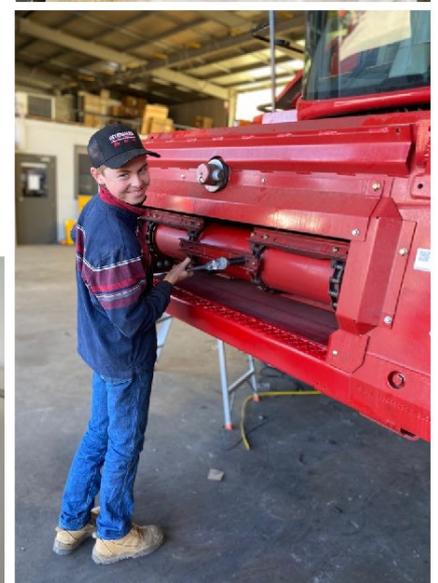
## Extra Curriculum : **Careers Expo and Work Experience**

So much has been happening in this space at St Paul's—our students have been richly blessed by the opportunities available. During National Careers Week our students participated in the biggest virtual event held in the country, the Year 13 Virtual Careers Expo. Students visited a virtual marketplace and heard from guest speakers sharing from top industry groups. In addition, students have been engaged with Wodonga and NSW TAFES running several on-site courses, not to mention our Year 10 cohort out on Work Experience. The positive feedback received from employers and local businesses on how our students conducted themselves was outstanding. Well done to everyone involved!



## Activities : **Leather Art**

Students at St Paul's are engaged in a fortnightly Activities program, where they can choose to learn a new skill, such as leather making. Thanks to Science Teacher, Mrs Heather McLeod, students are able to learn this art, producing leather belts & dog collars.



**ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2022, Round 2 interviews still open**

## Service to School : Honours Awards for School Spirit

We acknowledged in our Semester 1 Honours Awards for School Spirit, a student from each year level, selected by staff, having clearly demonstrated our College ethos and spirit. Parents attended our Assembly as a surprise to their child, which was warmly received. Congratulations are extended to (student group photo from top left) -

Year 10 Hayley Brunskill

Year 8 James Black

Year 9 Lucas Scholz

Year 7 Regan Nugent

Year 11 Grace Armstrong

Year 12 Madeline McRae



## Our Community : Why We Love St Paul's

We are a large family who values St Paul's. Starting in 2015, we have been apart of the school community for 6 years. In that time we have had 3 children come through and 4 more to come!

As a parent, we are aware that each of our children have individual talents and we have found St Paul's strives to cater for all our children's interests and abilities. When our children went into their senior years, the College assisted with future endeavours, careers advice: including school based apprenticeships, subject selections and university options. We would highly recommend St Paul's for any family wishing to engage their child in a balanced, individually focused and structured education. We are honoured to be a part of the school community. Danelle & Glenn Liddell, Holbrook



## Boarding Well-Being Program

We are very grateful for the wonderful services of the **Womn-Kind** program that are boarding staff are delivering weekly to all our girl residents. The girls are loving the program that is all female-led from a youth **mental health** organisation on a mission to close the gap in effective mental health. Their goal is to **empower** and **uplift** female leaders and ensure the have access to effective **support** at the right time.



## BUILDING FOR SUCCESS IN INDIVIDUAL GROWTH

St Paul's offers diverse and flexible subject choices that lead to positive and productive post-school pathways. Small class sizes are responsive to your child and their needs.

Day school alongside weekly, casual, or full-time boarding opportunities

Enquiries please call (02) 6029 2200 or visit [www.stpaulscollege.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stpaulscollege.nsw.edu.au)



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE  
WALLA WALLA, NSW

# Professional Standards

As I write this, you have been experiencing a time in lockdown in both NSW and the ACT, something that as someone living on the south side of the Murray River I've done numerous times. We sometimes think that we'd have so much more free time, not driving to work and back, not delivering and picking up children to and from school, their sport, and other activities, and I don't know about you, but there have still been many tasks that just don't make the list of 'achieved'.

Probably like me, many of you have spent many more hours in front of a computer screen or on a device of some sort, either for work, education or keeping in touch with those who are perhaps living alone and yes, for worship services. Whether you're in lockdown, adapting to restrictions or simply staying home more, this is a challenging time for parents and caregivers around the country.

It's timely that the eSafety Commissioner reminds us that as the pandemic rolls on, it's easy to feel overloaded with information. There are some simple, accessible COVID-19 ad-

vice for parents and carers on the eSafety website: [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

I want to acknowledge those of you who have 'achieved' getting through your Professional Standards SafeChurch training online. I appreciate your commitment to either doing your Level 1/ Refresher or Level 2 training. I realise that for some of you, it has been a challenge, however, it also shows your level of commitment to helping keep those who engage in the ministry programs that your congregations run, safe. Thank you.

My prayers are with all congregations in the NSW and ACT District as the year will no doubt continue to bring more challenges. Some we adapt to readily and others we find really test us. May God's peace be with you all.

Carolyn Kiss

LCANZ Professional Standards Officer  
[carolyn.kiss@lca.org.au](mailto:carolyn.kiss@lca.org.au) Ph: 0457 770 100

## Update from LCA Child Protection Project Officer

In recent months, you may have heard about the draft LCA Child Safety Standards for Congregations. These draft standards have been developed as a mechanism for implementing the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations within our congregations. The proposed LCA standards are heavily reflective of the National Principles in content and requirements but are tailored to the congregational context and have been written in straight forward and user-friendly language. They incorporate a simple self-assessment requirement, and a child safety planning process for church councils to oversee and implement.

It is important that our Church embraces the proposed standards within our congregations given that the child safety regulatory landscape in Australia is changing – most jurisdictions have either already implemented a new regulatory framework for child safety compliance or have indicated their intention to do so soon. This is new ground for churches and presents new challenges for our congregations in relation to child safety proactivity, compliance and reporting.

Of greater importance, implementation of the proposed standards within our congregations has the potential to yield great benefits – not only in terms of the safety and well-being of our children and young people, but also in relation to growing our congregations, in connecting with our children and their families, and in helping us to further strengthen our already well-established child safety commitments.

The LCA draft child safety standards were released for targeted consultation across LCA Districts in May 2021. Consultation sessions with various congregations have been held and thus far, the consultations have been well attended and very informative. They have produced some robust discussions and generated a wealth of constructive suggestions for improvement. A big thank you to all who have contributed to the consultations.

In South Australia, the proposed LCA child safety stand-

ards are currently being trialled in a small number of congregations.

This has involved the application of the proposed self-assessment process and will soon progress to the develop-

ment of congregational child safety plans. It is anticipated that the trial will help us to gain a realistic picture of the implementation process, in terms of practicalities, constraints, timeframes and workload. Participants in the trial have also been able to identify areas for improvement and have already provided us with many helpful suggestions for change. A big thank you also to those who are participating in the trial.

We plan to have completed the consultations and the trial by the end of August and to have collated and analysed all the data by mid-October. A finalised version of the standards incorporating learnings from the consultations and the trial will then be prepared and submitted to the General Church Board for consideration and approval in October.

Pending GCB approval, it is intended that implementation of the LCA Child Safety Standards for Congregations will commence in early 2022.

If you have any queries about the consultation or the proposed standards, please contact either the Professional Standards Officer in your district or me. We are very happy to answer any queries you might have, and our contact details are provided below.

Mary-Ann Carver, LCA Child Protection Project Officer  
[mary-ann.carver@lca.org.au](mailto:mary-ann.carver@lca.org.au)

Based in the LCA Churchwide Office  
197 Archer Street, North Adelaide 5006  
Ph: 08 8267 7300 or 0490 281 727



# Walking together IN MISSION

The following Bible study is the fifth in a series that focuses on each of the seven priorities of our District strategic plan 'Walking Together in Mission'. This study can be used by individuals or in a group.

Join the study online on Zoom led by Bishop Robert on Wednesday 15 September at 7.30pm. Email [kaye.simpfendorfer@lca.org.au](mailto:kaye.simpfendorfer@lca.org.au) to register.



## Study 5: Supporting Congregations and Ministries in Transition

### Transition

When the Covid 19 virus hit, we were all forced to make transitions. Churches were not allowed to meet in their buildings and so they went online or printed and distributed services. Collections could not be gathered physically, so we made our freewill offerings electronically via R.E.G. We could not hold meetings face to face so we learnt to have meetings via Zoom.

- What transitions did you have to make when the Coronavirus hit?

**A transition is a change where something ends and something else begins.** As human beings we transition from one thing to another throughout life. From the home to early learning, from primary school to high school, from study to work and so on. This is how life goes. Transitions are happening all around us in the creation too.

- Think of examples of transition in nature.

Should we expect anything different when it comes to life in the church? The church is a living organism and just as there are transitional times in the creation, so it will be in the life of the church. Things keep changing in the church and outside the church. Some things end while other things begin. We need to adapt and move through these times of transition. The fundamentals of the church don't change or transition, but things that are not at the core of our faith sometimes end and new things begin.

### Transitions in the church

- Can you recall transitions in the past that the church made?

### Bible Passages

Take a look at the bible passages below and after reading each one ask the following questions. (Do as many passages as you have time)

John 4:1-26. (especially v 24)

Acts 3:11-16

Romans 12: 1-2

2 Corinthians 3: 16-17

- What transition is happening in these passages? What ended? And what began?
- Is this text saying something to you about transitions?
- What does this text say to your congregation or your ministry?
- What are the practical implications of this text to the NSW and ACT District?

### Conclude in Prayer

*Here is a suggested prayer to get started.*

Father, Son and Holy Spirit you are the same yesterday, today and forever. Yet you have made a world which is ever changing. Help us by your Holy Spirit to differentiate between those things which can end and begin anew, and those things which must remain the same. Amen

# LCA General Synod

**Online:** 1-2 October 2021

**Face-to-Face:** 2022 (dates and venue to be announced)

**Theme:** **come.listen.live** Isaiah 55:3

Visit the General Synod website for full details.



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## Keep in touch

2021-22 Convention delegates (who are registered in LAMP), LCA pastors (active and emeriti), LCA lay workers and parish and congregation chairpersons automatically receive Synod eNews at their lca.org.au address.

Everyone else: if you want to keep informed about General Convention preparations, and then news during Convention itself, you need to subscribe to Synod eNews. Go to [www.lca.org.au/enews](http://www.lca.org.au/enews) and follow the prompts.

[www.generalsynod.lca.org.au](http://www.generalsynod.lca.org.au)

## District Prayer Calendar

[www.lcansw.org.au](http://www.lcansw.org.au)



I urge, then, **first of all**,  
that requests, **prayers**,  
intercession  
and **thanksgiving**  
be made **for everyone** —  
for kings  
and all those in authority,  
that we may live  
**peaceful** and quiet lives  
in all **godliness** and **holiness**.  
This is good and **pleases**  
**God** our Saviour,  
who wants all people  
**to be saved** and to come  
to knowledge of the truth.  
For there is **one God**  
and **one mediator**  
between God and people,  
the man **Christ Jesus**,  
who gave himself  
as **a ransom for all**  
— the testimony given  
in its proper time.

1 Timothy 2:1-6

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Pastor &amp; family</b>	<b>Congregation/s</b>
<b>September</b>	5 Warrambui Retreat and Conference Centre	<b>Dean Salzke</b> Centre Director (Anna, Noah, Joshua)	
	12 Albury	<b>Malcolm Hall</b> , Church Planter (Celia)	St Luke's Albury
	19 Albury Aged Care	<b>Pr Darryl Mattner</b> (Sonia)	
	26 Burrumbuttock	<b>Pr Christian Fandrich</b> (Sarah Joy, Enoch, Abigail, Andreas, Thomas, Sophia, Noah, Bethany)	Trinity Bethel Holy Cross Burrumbuttock St Peter's Gerogery Jindera - Bethlehem - St John's Chapel
<b>October</b>	3 Henty	<i>vacant</i>	St Stephen's Culcairn St Paul's Henty St John's Pleasant Hills
	10 Henty Lutheran School	<b>Kaylene McClure</b> Principal	St Paul's Lutheran School
	17 Jindera Lutheran School	<b>Brad Moss</b> Principal	St John's Lutheran School
	24 Lavington	<b>Pr Peter Fuhlbohm</b>	St Peter's Lavington
	31 Wagga Wagga	<i>vacant</i>	Bethlehem Wagga Wagga Bethlehem Milbrulong
	<b>November</b>	7 Wagga Wagga Lutheran School	<b>Janet Moeller</b> Principal
14 Walla Walla		<b>Pr Dan Mueller</b> (Jenny, Eli, Hannah, Zara)	Salem Alma Park Zion Walla Walla
21 St Paul's Lutheran College, Walla Walla		<b>Pr John Borchert</b> chaplain (Charmaine, Joanna) <b>Don Walkley</b> Principal	St Paul's College
28 Retired Pastors		<i>Contact District Office for details on retired pastors helping out in vacant parishes at this time</i>	
<b>December</b>	5 Military Chaplain	<b>Darren Jaensch</b> (Julie, Isaac, Lachlan)	Canberra
	12 District Committees	District Church Council, Lutheran Women NSW, all other district committees	
	19 NSW and ACT District Office	<b>Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus</b> (Jenny) Russell Veerhuis, Administrator Kaye Simpfendorfer, receptionist	

## Upcoming Events

September 15 'Walking Together' Bible Study  
Zoom online meeting

Oct 1 - 2 LCA General Synod online  
[www.generalsynod.lca.org.au](http://www.generalsynod.lca.org.au)

October 25 - 27 NSW and ACT Pastors and Church Workers Conference  
Warrambui (COVID-19 permitting)

October/November National Church Life Survey 2021  
in local congregations

November 19 DCC

November 26 - 28 Leadership Camp \*  
Warrambui, Ages 16+

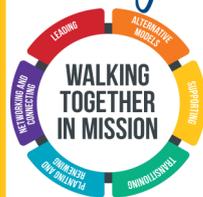
## 2022

January 18 - 24 History Makers \*  
Warrambui, Years 7-12

January 22 - 24 Summer Junior Youth \*  
Warrambui, Years 4-6

## Walking together IN MISSION

### a Bible Study series



Join with members of the LCA NSW and ACT District in an online Bible study led by Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus

Wednesday 15 September, 7.30pm  
on Zoom

To register, please email  
[kaye.simpfendorfer@lca.org.au](mailto:kaye.simpfendorfer@lca.org.au)  
(Turn to page 14 for the Bible Study notes)

\* These are proposed dates for camps,  
subject to COVID-19 restrictions.  
Please check [tpm.org.au](http://tpm.org.au) for any updates.

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## FOCUSED ON THE future

Your local church is invited to take part in the 2021 National Church Life Survey held in October and November.

This is your perfect opportunity to listen to all the voices and gain valuable insights to shape the health and vitality of your own church.

Join with thousands of local churches in 20+ denominations.

[www.2021ncls.org.au](http://www.2021ncls.org.au)

2021 National Church Life Survey 30 YEARS



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## LCA IT Online Shop

LCA agencies and congregations can now order computers and other IT equipment via the LCA IT Online Shop.

The products in the online shop have been sourced from reputable suppliers and are recommended by our IT team.

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→ The National Church Life Survey can also be completed online, so it can still go ahead if churches are not able to meet for worship due to COVID-19 restrictions.

## LCA COMPLAINTS

Many complaints can be resolved before lasting hurt is caused, by addressing them quickly in a non-threatening manner and by raising the issue directly with the relevant person or organization in a thoughtful and courteous manner.

If this is not applicable or possible in your situation, you may lodge a complaint with the Professional Standards Department in any of the following ways:

Phone the freecall number 1800 644 628

Email [complaints@lca.org.au](mailto:complaints@lca.org.au)

or write to

Confidential, PO Box 519,  
Marden SA 5070

## Assisting regional people coming to Sydney for hospital treatment



If you are coming to Sydney for hospitalization and require pastoral care, please let your pastor know.

You can also contact District Office and we will endeavor to put you in touch with a pastor who may be able to visit.  
District Office 02 8660 1200