



PLACEMENT PROFILE

SECTION 1 – BASIC INFORMATION

- 1.1 Placement Name(s): North East Tasmania Uniting Church
- 1.2 Please list congregations/agencies names below
- Scottsdale
 - Bridport
 - _____
 - _____
- 1.3 Profile approved by Church Council/Governing Body 7 / 03 / 2021
- 1.4 Primary purpose of placement:
Oversight and sharing in the ministry with a focus on: nurturing people in faith, worship and continue to build working relationships with other churches.
- 1.5 Suitable for (bold all that apply): **Minister of the Word / Deacon / Ordinand/ Pastor** ✓
- 1.6 Time fraction: 50 %
- 1.7 Term:
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| Undefined up to 10 years (See Reg 2.7.3(a)) | <u>✓</u> |
| Fixed Term: | <u>Years</u> |
| Initial Term reviewed in: | <u>3-5 Years</u> |

This profile should be prepared by the Congregation(s)/agency in consultation with Presbytery. It is specifically designed to assist in the placement process but it can also be used as a record of mission planning.

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Section 9: Presbytery – to be completed by Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee.

Section 10: Terms of Placement

ENCLOSURES

Please mark all the documents attached to the profile:

- Floor plan of residence
- Financial information including a copy of last year's Financial Statement and financial projections
- Position descriptions of relevant ministers
- Others

SECTION 2 – MISSION DIRECTION

2.1 What is the Vision statement and or Mission priorities of the placement (or of the individual congregations)

Growing in Christ and sharing Christ's love

- Encourage and facilitate prayer
- Build each other up as disciples of Christ
- Nurture people in faith and knowledge of the bible
- Provide compassionate pastoral care
- Celebrate Jesus in meaningful worship
- Engage with community in love and witness

2.2 Date adopted / /

2.3 Provide a short description of the placement/congregation(s)

Both congregations are in the Dorset Municipality, a rural area whose industries are mainly agriculture and tourism. Scottsdale is the regional centre. Bridport is a seaside town, port and holiday destination and 20 kilometres from Scottsdale. There are seven other denominations in Scottsdale and two other in Bridport. Scottsdale's average attendance is 25-30 of a congregation of 40. Bridport's average attendance is 10-11 of a congregation of 16. During summer and school holidays, Bridport's attendance increases.

2.4 How has the placement/congregation(s) changed over the last 5 years?

Numbers have declined because of deaths or transfers out.
New missional opportunities have arisen such as men's mob and space for grace.

2.5 What are the congregation(s)/placement's goals?

Both Scottsdale and Bridport seek to grow in Christ and to share Christ's love.

2.6 What are the next Strategic Steps to achieving those goals?

- To equip and encourage those current ministries as well as new ministries
- Nurture people in faith
- Encourage and build new relationships

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SECTION 3 - CONTEXT

3.1 Describe the communities in which this placement is located (Mission context).

The Municipality of Dorset is a regional community, about an hour from the city of Launceston and has a number of established families. Many professionals travel into the area for work but reside elsewhere.

At last census (2016), Dorset's population was 6,617, Scottsdale 2373 and Bridport 1568. Scottsdale is the regional centre.

As the population remains stable the average age of the municipality increases.

Scottsdale has a strong caring and community spirit.

Bridport has a number of residences which are the owner's second home. There is a strong retired and transient community.

3.2 How does your congregation reflect or vary from the age, and ethnic mix of your local community?

Congregations reflect the ethnic mix of the municipality.

Congregations are much more elderly than Dorset's median age of 36 (2016 census).

3.3 What are the opportunities and points of stress and pain in the wider community?

- Employment opportunities are seasonal - tourism and agricultural.
- A large number of professionals live outside the area forgoing the opportunity for the municipality to enjoy their community involvement and families.
- Most younger people leave the area to further their education and employment opportunities
- In the last 5 years there have been a number of viable and successful tourism ventures

3.4 List ways in which you connect with, serve, or partner with people in your wider community?

- Many members are involved with community groups
- Scottsdale - provides facilities for many community groups such as exercise, horticulture, choir, speech pathologist.
- Bridport provides facilities for a regional art exhibition
- Scottsdale UCA has operated Messy Church (4 pa) and a successful monthly men's group.
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3.5 What schools/agencies/institutions are in your local communities?

- Schools: Primary at Bridport, Scottsdale and Ringarooma. District High at Winnaleah. Scottsdale High provides for grade 7-12 student as well as a Trades Training centre.
- Dedicated post offices and libraries (at Bridport & Scottsdale), Service Tasmania, Community House, play centres, two banks
- Health services: Scottsdale Hospital, Aminya nursing Home, doctors surgeries, dentist. Visiting health practitioners.
- Northbourne aged residential community. Various sporting and service clubs.