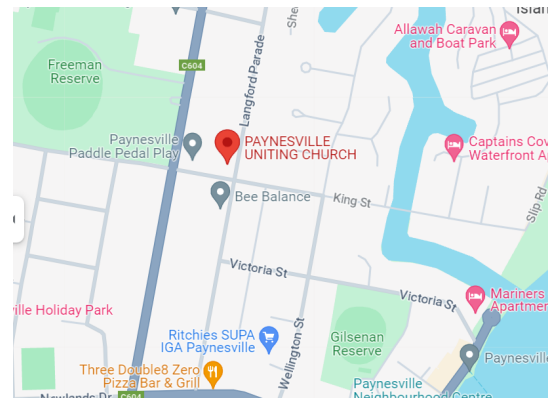
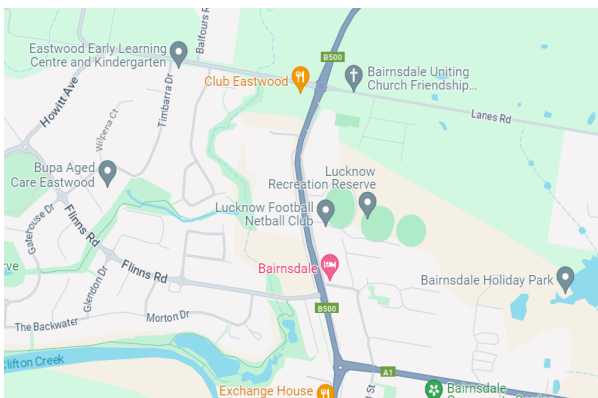




## A Placement Profile

<b>A1 Presbytery</b>	Gippsland Presbytery		
<b>A2 Name of Placement</b>	Bairnsdale UC		
<b>A3 Placement city/suburb/town</b>	Bairnsdale		
<b>A4 Church/Office location(s)</b>	9 Lanes Road, Lucknow. 3875		
<b>A5 Congregations and agencies associated with this placement</b>	Bairnsdale UC Congregation (BUC) and Paynesville UC Faith Community (PFC)		
<b>A6 Ministry leadership being sought</b>	Specific ministry role:	<input type="text"/>	
	Minister of the Word <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deacon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ministry of Pastor <input type="checkbox"/>
	Ordinand <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>A7 Specific details</b>	Additional placement <input type="checkbox"/>	Replacement placement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Full Time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part Time <input type="checkbox"/>	Time fraction <input type="text"/>
	Earliest Start Date:	1/08/2024	
<b>A8 Placement term</b>	Undefined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Up to 10 years (see Reg 2.7.3(a))	
	Fixed Term	Required for non-congregational placements (see Reg 2.7.3(b))	Years <input type="text"/>
<b>A9 To be completed by Presbytery, with reasons given on page 9:</b>	Is permission sought to advertise? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Is a Priority Placement recommended? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>A10 Website</b>	<a href="https://bairnsdaleunitingchurch.weebly.com">https://bairnsdaleunitingchurch.weebly.com</a>		
<b>A11 Social Media</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/bairnsdaleunitingchurch">www.facebook.com/groups/bairnsdaleunitingchurch</a> OP Shop <a href="http://www.facebook.com/bairnsdaleOpShop">www.facebook.com/bairnsdaleOpShop</a> .		
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## B The Congregation

**B1 Tell a potential minister about this placement and yourselves, in your own words and pictures, in no more than one page. Share something of your congregation's values, beliefs and ways in which you live out and share the gospel message.**

**Include comment about why you need a new minister. How will this placement be exciting, challenging, and attractive to a minister? How can God be served in new ways here? What do you want the Minister to do with you and for you?**

**This is your chance to 'be creative' and catch the attention of someone who is thinking of sharing their call, their gifts, their life with you.**

Bairnsdale is the main commercial centre/largest town in East Gippsland Shire, approximately four hours east of Melbourne. It is just over half an hour from the beach at Lakes Entrance, and about 2.5 hours from the snow at Mount Hotham in winter. It's a service centre for the surrounding region including farming and vegetable growing, food and manufacturing industries. The area is known for tourism, education, music and theatre.

The area serviced by the Bairnsdale Uniting Congregation takes in Bairnsdale and surrounding suburbs including: Wy Yung, Eastwood, Lindenow, Eagle Point, Paynesville, Fernbank, Lucknow and Clifton Creek. It's a major growth centre enticing families and retirees to live here.

Paynesville is located on Lake King with the nearby areas of Raymond Island, Eagle Point, Newlands Arm and Forge Creek. Boating, sailing and fishing are very popular. There is an influx of tourists at holiday times. Similarly to Bairnsdale there is increased housing development in the area.

Bairnsdale Uniting Church is a relaxed, supportive and friendly rural church community and works hard on its existing mission activities. For many years there has been a strong commitment to engage with young families and community. The majority of the congregation is post-retirement age active and dedicated, but we have a number of young families connected with the church mainly through the Messy Church program. This includes some families who have no other previous church connection.

Our congregations are keen to focus on new ways to connect with the community and to build new relationships refreshing the message of Christ and encouraging congregants to actively spread the gospel message.

Bairnsdale Congregation seek a minister who will lead, motivate and encourage the development of Christian life, who will encourage what is already in place, and who will help us find and resource new ways to engage and deepen community connections.

The Paynesville Faith Community also seek a minister who will encourage, motivate and support the worship and sacramental life of our community and have some involvement other activities such as after-church lunches, and the outreach activities centred around the foodbank centre and their friendship shed.

**B2 List and explain any particular priorities which the congregation has identified and which it will address in the next two to five years?**

Both communities of faith have a priority to expand the age range of their communities. In a recent study, the BUC congregation highlighted the need to support Youth and Families Ministries.

Developing a strong pastoral care ministry, particularly for our aging congregational members and our growing community, is a significant priority.

There is also a strong desire to strengthen the connection with our aged care facilities and communities, and to build relationships which allows us to extend pastoral care.

PFC particularly want to further develop its relationship with the Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre community, and through them the wider community. The PFC leadership also seek to cultivate relationships with other local faith leaders to discuss opportunities within the local community area for ecumenical service and activities.

Both communities of faith also seek support to positively explore ministry and mission leadership succession planning due to the aging demographic of both active communities.

**B3 Does this placement relate to more than one congregation?**

**If so, provide details on page 7.**

Yes

No



**B4 What ethnic and language groups are represented in the congregation?  
What proportion of the congregation does each represent?**

The main proportion of the ethnicity is Caucasian with seasonal workers from the South Pacific.

**B5 What languages are spoken in the life of your:**

<b>Congregation, by</b>		<b>Community, by</b>	
Individuals	English	Individuals	English, Hindi, Turkish, Bislama (Vanuatu), Chinese, Thai
Groups	English	Groups	English, Hindi, Turkish, Bislama (Vanuatu), Chinese, Thai

**B6 What languages are spoken by the congregation in worship?**

English  
In worship there are times that we have singing in Bislama or Pidgin English.

**B7 Describe any involvement your congregation has in covenanting activities.**

Some small initiatives, we are currently reaching out to GEGAC (Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative) in order to build a better connection between the congregation and local people.

**B8 List any UCA Schools and/or agencies (Uniting VicTas, Uniting AgeWell) with which the congregation has an existing relationship.**

Uniting Care, Frontier Services, Lake Tyers Camp and Caravan Park



## C Mission

### C1 List three of your missional activities that your congregation does best?

Community Outreach through the Op Shop and the Community Friendship Shed.  
Supporting overseas mission through Days for Girls and Birthing Kits.  
Frontier Services supported by awareness, financial support and volunteers in their projects.

### C2 What are three missional activities your congregation would like to develop?

Focus on engaging Youth and Families, including further development and extension of our Messy Church Program.  
Further develop and support the outreach in our communities including the work of the foodbank in Paynesville.  
Develop further the pastoral care and worship services in aged care settings.

### C3 How has the congregation changed in the past two years?

There has been significant development in the styles and times of worship and gathering opportunities which go along with and beyond the traditional model of congregational worship, including a growing and changing Messy Church community, and Church @ 5. There have also been new specific purpose gatherings such as Men's Ministry, and a service for the people of Ukraine.

### C4 What changes and developments are anticipated in the next three to five years?

Developing a growing family presence within our Church.  
Appointing an Outreach Youth and Family Facilitator to encourage youth and young families.  
Increased participation in bible studies, prayer groups, leadership and succession planning.  
Develop stronger working relationships between our two communities of faith.  
Maintain and build on ecumenical relationships within our communities.

## D The Community

### D1 Describe the wider community in which your ministry is located.

We live in a major growth area enticing families and retirees to live here with many people choosing to live in outlying rural areas.  
There is a significant First Nations population within the wider community and a transient population of seasonal workers that work on outlying farms. Our population is changing to include people from multi-cultural backgrounds.

### D2 What makes this an enjoyable place to live?

Bairnsdale is a growing regional centre, and offers residents the opportunity to explore so many different parts of our natural environment, From the ocean waters to the inland lakes and rivers, through rich farmlands to the forests of the spectacular Victorian High Country - it's all within easy reach of the Bairnsdale resident. The town is also blessed with many health and education services as well as a full range of commercial, retail, and entertainment options.

### D3 What are the points of stress and pain in the wider community?

Natural disasters do significantly impact on our wider community.  
Some members of our community are impacted by homelessness, alcohol and drug abuse, and domestic violence, and the availability of adequate support services.  
Distance from comprehensive health services and tertiary and further education opportunities.

### D4 How closely does your congregation reflect the demographics of your local area?

In general, our congregations reflect a narrow band of the demographics of our local area.



**D5 What community facilities are present in the local area?**

CFA, SES, Police, Ambulance

Neighbourhood House

Hospital and Health Care Providers

Aged Care facilities

Schools and early years services - both private and public

TAFE and University courses., including U3A

Art/Performing Centre and Cinema

Shops

Recreational Facilities

Rail, bus, taxi services

Parks and Rail Trail

Cubs, Scouts and Guides

A variety of sporting groups and facilities - including indoor aquatic centre

A number of Service Clubs.