

Regional Partnership - Riverina



Date: 24/7/2024

Saltbush Regional Minister – Riverina

About the Role

The Riverina Region/Presbytery has entered into the Regional Partnership and has undergone a period of transition. A Mission Plan for the region has been developed and requires ministry gifts and skills to enact it. This role provides ministry, leadership, and oversight to the Riverina Presbytery/Region in partnership with the Saltbush Team, supporting and resourcing local congregations to worship, witness, and service.

Key Ministry Responsibilities

- Give theological vision, direction, and oversight to Presbytery/Region and the wider church as they support and resource local congregations in their worship, witness, and service.
- Participate in Regional Partnership meetings.
- Strengthening relationships between Presbyteries/Regions
- To work with other Saltbush Regional Ministers and Associate Secretary/Chairperson of Regional Partnership to oversee both the ongoing formation and responsibilities of the Regional Partnership.
- Lead the Presbytery/Region in the implementation of new strategies to manage governance and compliance more effectively.
- Provide pastoral support and wise counsel to Saltbush Regional Ministers and key lay leaders.
- Participate as an active team member as part of the wider Saltbush team, encouraging, contributing, and supporting the Saltbush ethos and approach as part of your ministry and working with congregations – noting this as a commitment to the shape of your ministry.
- Respond to the 21st century ministry context initially in Regions/Presbyteries and the wider Church as they shape and inspire Christian communities.
- Provide relational oversight, encouragement and pastoral support to Saltbush Regional Ministers, key presbytery/region and congregational leaders.
- Work in an open transparent and accountable way with colleagues, presbyteries, and congregations.
- Focusing structures and processes for congregations in the way they gather as followers of Jesus Christ and live out the Christian faith in the wider community.
- Working as part of Saltbush – Uniting the Scattered Community and the NSW/ACT Synod's response to shape rural, regional, and remote ministry within and beyond the existing structure of the church.

Riverina Specific:

- Support, Encourage and be a Catalyst to connect the 4 strategic congregations identified within the mission plan with the ways to develop into strong Christian community.
- Develop, resource, and support lay leaders in their ministry and missional plans for those congregations in their context who are small and lay led intentionally drawing on and connecting with the ministry and resources of Saltbush.
- Pastorally work with congregations that are closing.
- Deliver local gatherings to encourage Christian community to support discipleship and missional practice.
- Acting as a member of the Saltbush Team to implement the Riverina Mission Plan.
- Enable Saltbush Regional Gatherings to strengthen congregations and key leaders in responding to 21st century ministry context.
- Encourage new gatherings for colligate ministers' relationships together and with the wider church and the strengthening of ministry practice.
- To be pastorally aware of the needs of ministers in placement and key lay leaders across the presbytery/region.
- Upholding the presbytery/region in the work of the wider church.

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In addition to those outlined above, specific responsibilities also include:

- Reading and understanding the Basis of Union, and having a preparedness to work within the polity and ethos of the Uniting Church in Australia
- Having a genuine willingness to embrace challenges as they arise and to work flexibly in support of the overall key objectives
- A willingness to work a flexible schedule when required
- Follow policy and procedures in relation to workplace health and safety
- Participate in maintaining a safe working environment for both yourself and others in the workplace
- Undertaking additional duties as directed
- An ordained Uniting Church Minister.

Relationships

- Reports to: Chair of Regional Partnership: Rev Bronwyn Murphy
- Rev. Mark Faulkner
- Regional Partnership Committee
- Saltbush team
- Synod of NSW and ACT
- Riverina Presbytery

Criteria

- Ordained
- Must hold a current Working with Children Check number (NSW)/ Working with Vulnerable People Check number (ACT) and obtain any other required checks.
- Only people with a right to work in Australia can apply for this position.

To Apply

Please email your Leadership Profile/resume and covering letter to the Synod of NSW/ACT Placements Committee Secretary at applications@nswact.uca.org.au. Please ensure the Ministry title is included in the subject header.

For further information including remuneration, or to request a detailed Position Description/ Congregational Profile, please contact Rev. Bronwyn Murphy, associatesecretary@nswact.uca.org.au

Application Closing Date: 13th September 2024

Please note that closing date must be at least two weeks after ACOMP Full meeting.

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