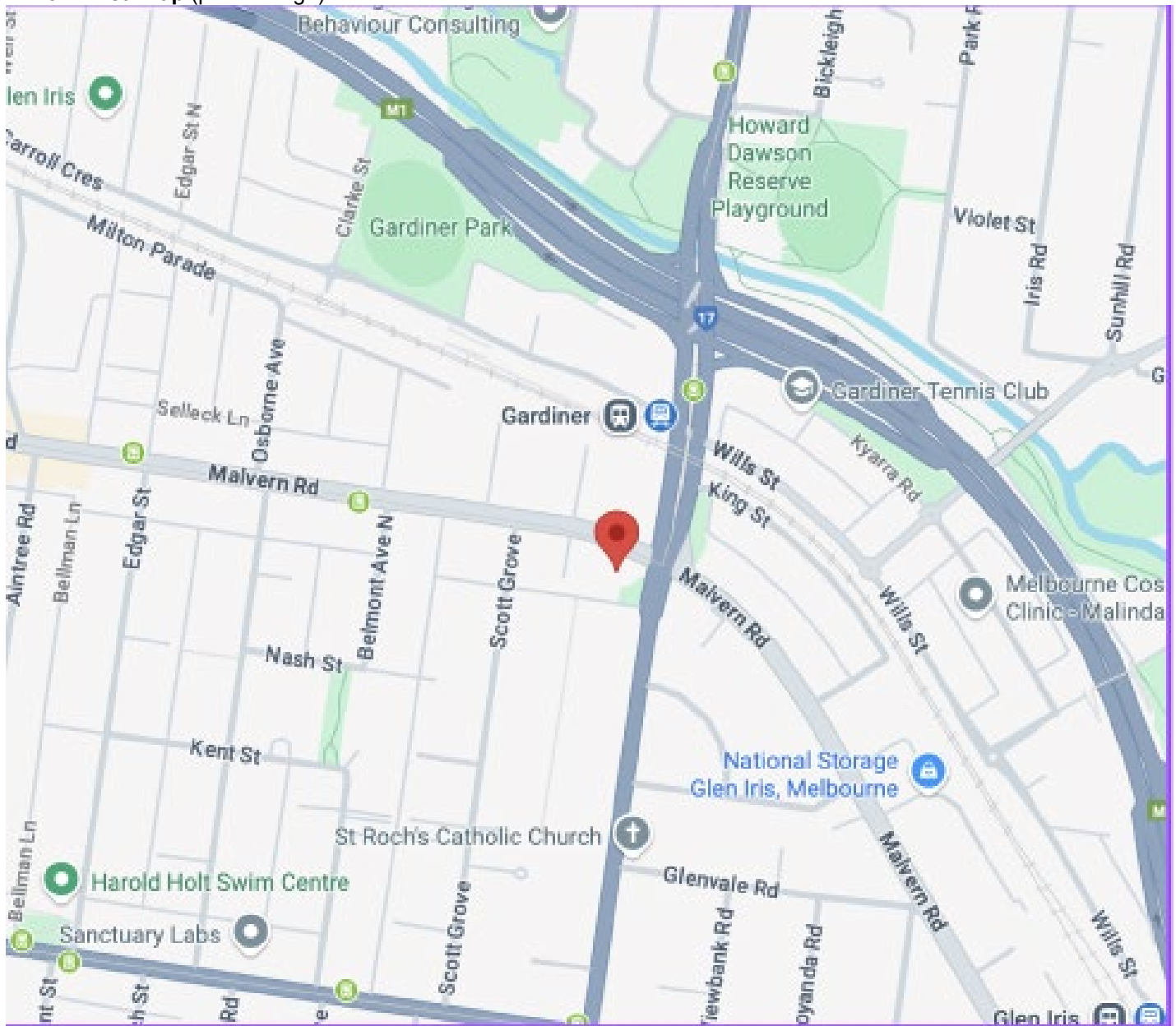




A Placement Profile

A1 Presbytery	Port Phillip East		
A2 Name of Placement	St Andrew's Gardiner Uniting Church		
A3 Placement city/suburb/town	Glen Iris		
A4 Church/Office location(s)	1560 Malvern Road, Glen Iris 3146		
A5 Congregations and agencies associated with this placement	St Andrew's Gardiner Uniting Church		
A6 Ministry leadership being sought	Specific ministry role:	Minister of the Word	
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A7 Specific details	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:	Immediate <input type="checkbox"/>	OR 01 April 2029
A8 Placement term	Undefined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Up to 10 years (see Reg 2.7.3(a))	
	Fixed Term <input type="checkbox"/>	Required for non-congregational placements (see Reg 2.7.3(b)):	Years <input type="text"/>
A9 To be completed by Presbytery, with reasons given on page :	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"/>		
A10 Website	https://saguc.org.au		
A11 Social Media	SAGUC Congregation WhatsApp group		
A12 Gogle map link	https://google.com/maps/place/St+Andrew's+Gardiner+Uniting+Church/@-37.8543911,145.0525323,18.75z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x6ad641f8fb3e955f:0x29aa1f2f9e14784a!8m2!3d-37.8547123!4d145.0516854!16s%2Fg%2F1q5hrp3p0?authuser=0&entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MTlwOS4wIKXMDSOASAFQAw%3D%3D		

A13 Area map (paste image)



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.

We are a congregation growing together to be more like Christ. Across generations, we worship, serve, and learn side by side, building relationships and a strong sense of belonging in Him.

We are a bilingual church with Indonesian culture and members from many backgrounds. We worship and gather in both Indonesian and English, and we often welcome visitors from Indonesia who help us stay connected to the wider church.

We believe our diversity is a gift from God, and we want to show His love by being a warm and welcoming church community. At the centre of our life together is a desire to have a close relationship with Jesus and follow Him in our daily lives. We value worship that focuses on Christ, teaching that helps us grow in faith, and care that supports people through all stages of life. We aim to live out the gospel through love, service, and hospitality.

As we prepare for the conclusion of our current minister's term, we are seeking a minister who will become part of our church family and journey with us toward our mission and vision. We are looking for someone called to serve in a cross-cultural and intergenerational context, and who will join us in discerning how God is shaping our future generations. We hope to welcome a minister who will support our growth in faith, strengthen unity across cultures and age groups, and bring openness to new ideas and fresh expressions of ministry.

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

The key priority identified for the next 2 to 5 years is to grow the faith of the young generation, especially teenagers and young adults. We recognise the importance of strengthening discipleship, building supportive intergenerational relationships, and creating meaningful opportunities for young people to explore and deepen their faith.

Alongside this, we aim to continue nurturing a welcoming community, supporting families, and responding to the emerging needs of our wider neighbourhood.

**B3 Does this placement relate to more than one congregation?
If so, provide details on page .**


Yes No

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

Indonesian and English (second generation)
Indonesian - 65%
English - 35%

B5 What languages are spoken in the life of your:

Congregation, by		Community, by	
Individuals	Indonesian / English	Individuals	Indonesian / English
Groups	Indonesian / English	Groups	Indonesian / English



B6 What languages are spoken by the congregation in worship?

Indonesian and English.

B7 Describe any involvement your congregation has in covenanting with first nations people.

None

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

None



C Mission

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

1. Nurturing faith and spiritual growth within the congregation

Providing Bible study programs that support faith development, deepen understanding of God's Word, and encourage ongoing spiritual growth across the congregation.

2. Strengthening fellowship and community

Providing strong fellowship and supportive relationships within the congregation, welcoming newcomers, and nurturing a sense of belonging and connection to the wider mission of the church.

3. Supporting Christian education and leadership development

Providing financial support to PESAT (Pelayanan Desa Terpadu), supplying Christian education resources for teachers in Kepulauan Talaud and Minahasa Tenggara, supporting a scholarship for a future Christian education teacher, and making regular contributions to teachers at Krista Gracia School, Klaten, as a commitment to nurturing faith and leadership for future generations.

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

1. Discipleship initiatives that nurture faith and encourage spiritual growth among young people.

2. Community-engagement programs that build connections with the local community, creating welcoming spaces to encounter God's Word and explore life within the church.

3. Missional initiatives that actively bear witness to the gospel and share God's love with the wider community.

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

There has been a gradual shift towards engaging the local community through outreach programs such as Tai Chi and the Crochet Group, with additional initiatives planned for the near future. It is hoped that these programs will lead to stronger fellowship and provide opportunities to share the gospel within the community.

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

To build up the English-speaking congregation, reaching beyond the second generation to engage young people and English-speaking individuals from the wider community.

D The Community

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

The wider community is a well-established, residential area with a mix of modern and historic buildings. It includes a mix of young families and older adults who value the safety, stability, and friendly feel of the neighbourhood.


D2 What makes this an enjoyable place to live?

The church offers the warmth, hospitality and care of its congregation, creating a sense of belonging. Additionally, it offers a calm and peaceful environment with a sense of safety and convenience. The area has excellent public transport, with both a nearby train station and tram lines providing easy access to the city and surrounding suburbs. Local parks, cafés, and shops add to the relaxed atmosphere, making it a comfortable and well-connected community.

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

Many residents are experiencing financial pressure due to rising living costs and ongoing concerns about housing and development. There is also a growing sense of loneliness and social isolation, particularly among older adults and those living alone. In addition, some community members feel the strain of rapid neighbourhood changes, increased traffic, and uncertainty around future development.

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



Our congregation doesn't closely reflect the demographics of the local area, as only a small number of members actually live nearby. Instead, many members travelled from different parts of Melbourne to be part of the church community. The presence of young people and families adds energy and life to the congregation. We also have a clear cultural identity, as one of the few Indonesian congregations in Melbourne, which shapes our worship and community life.

D5 What community facilities are present in the local area?

- Community meeting room (Tooronga Village Community Room)
- Public swimming & fitness centre (Harold Holt Swim Centre)
- Retirement community (Gardiner Retirement Lodge)
- Assisted living / community housing (Mecwacare Glen Iris Community Housing)