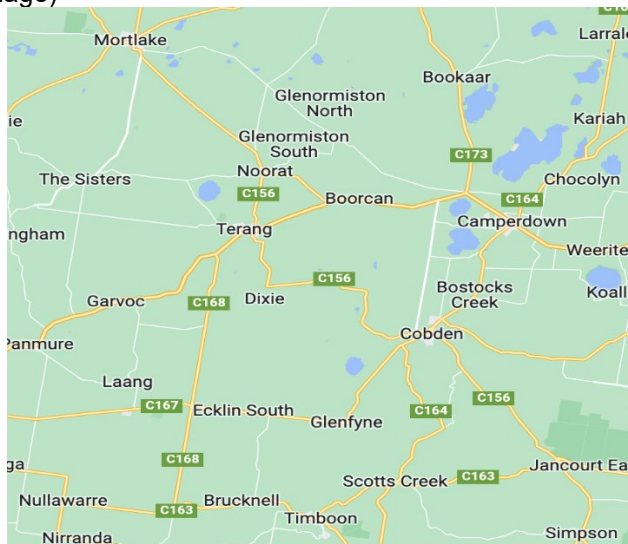




A Placement Profile

A1 Presbytery	Western Victoria Presbytery		
A2 Name of Placement	Corangamite Parish		
A3 Placement city/suburb/town	Camperdown – Cobden – Terang - Timboon		
A4 Church/Office location(s)	Camperdown - Cobden		
A5 Congregations and agencies associated with this placement	Camperdown, Cobden, Terang and Timboon		
A6 Ministry leadership being sought	Specific ministry role:	Preaching, Pastoral Care	
	Minister of the Word ☒ Ordinand ☒ Deacon ☒ Pastor ☒		
A7 Specific details	Additional placement ☐ Replacement placement ☒		
	Full Time ☒ Part Time ☐ Time fraction	1.0	
	Earliest Start Date:	Immediate ☐ OR ASAP	
A8 Placement term	Undefined ☒ Up to 10 years (see Reg 2.7.3(a))		
	Fixed Term ☐ Required for non-congregational placements (see Reg 2.7.3(b)):	Years	
A9 To be completed by Presbytery, with reasons given on page 16:			
	Is permission sought to advertise?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
	Is a Priority Placement recommended?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
A10 Website			
A11 Social Media	Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/CamperdownUnitingChurch https://www.facebook.com/cobdenucopshop		
A12 Google map link	https://goo.gl/maps/WgSmFKV4hwa94F7z6		
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.

The Corangamite Parish is set in a picturesque area in Southwest Victoria centred in small townships, including farming and small industrial enterprises surrounding these centres. Over the years the congregations have worked closely together as part of the Corangamite Otway Region.

Each of the congregations has active lay preachers and/or worship leaders willing and qualified to take services, conduct funerals, etc. Each congregation has a dedicated leadership team and a small, regular attendance.

The Corangamite Parish is seeking a minister to guide, re-invigorate us and to suggest ideas to help us grow our membership and continue to maintain and revitalise our worship services and church life.

Our priorities are worshipping, witnessing, and serving the Lord, with our main focus being leadership in worship and proclamation of the Gospel, nurturing people of all ages in their faith, spiritual development and capacity to share faith with others, fostering ecumenical understanding and practice, pastoral care and visitation, working with older people, and fostering mission and service in our local communities. We are open to change, and willing to be guided by our new minister.

The make-up and number of worship services and other activities undertaken by the Minister at each congregation will be negotiated with the placement in conjunction with lay people leading the remaining services.

Each of the congregations have traditional Sunday church services at present but are willing to try other worship styles to grow our membership.

Congregations

Camperdown

The Strategic Plan points out the Congregations values and Mission Statement.

Vision:

"Living like Jesus, Growing our Faith, Journeying Together, Reaching Out"

Mission Statement:

"As the people of God at Camperdown Uniting Church we will listen for God's word, live like Jesus, grow our faith, journey together and reach out to others."

About Camperdown Uniting: Camperdown is a warm, informal congregation that draws people from a range of denominational and theological backgrounds, united by a shared commitment to worship, service, and mutual care.

Many members are actively involved in the worship and mission life of the church, contributing according to their gifts and capacities.

Mission and Community Engagement: The existing congregation for many years has instigated and continues to inspire and support significant community ministry and mission.

Some current examples being:

- A weekly community meal and food distribution, serving between 35 and 50 people each week.
- Kids Cooking program in conjunction with Camperdown College
- A close working relationship with the other denominations in Camperdown

Cobden

A small congregation with an Opportunity Shop as the main mission. The shop is thriving and offers a hospitality table that is well used. The shop also gives congregation members the opportunity to interact with community members and is a major contributor to the congregational finances.



Terang

A small, devoted congregation that would like to have a minister lead it into a new chapter of its life. We have an active choir, mission activities include an Art Show, Pancake night, Ecumenical Services and Stations of the Cross.

Timboon

A small, dedicated congregation. The congregation participates in ecumenical activities and services. We worship fortnightly.

Why do we need a minister?

- To be one with us in developing our faith through leading worship, supporting pastoral care, prayer and practical activities.
- We are seeking a minister who would be willing and able to value and nurture links with the wider community
- Building leadership
- Working with aging congregations whilst also fostering the faith of younger families through intergenerational activities.
- To deliver the sacraments, and meet ministry needs such as preparation and counselling for baptism, confirmation, weddings, funerals etc

How do we hope this placement will be exciting, challenging and attractive? As well as our values and beliefs

- We are active followers of Jesus as we explore the possibilities of a renewed vision.
- We have a weekly newsletter that is distributed to 75 families/homes via email and letterbox drop.
- Each of the congregations have well maintained buildings, which are suitable for many uses within the various communities.

Worship Life:

Worship is currently offered at various times each Sunday throughout the Parish.

There is a Parish service on each 5th Sunday of the month alternating between the various congregations.

One of the missional priorities identified is establishing an expression of worship that will attract and nourish a younger demographic.

A minister with creative gifts and a collaborative spirit would find congregations ready to explore and grow.

Each of the congregations is generous in its support of wider church and community causes..

Pastoral Care:

While the majority of the local congregations are over 60, there is a strong culture of congregationally provided pastoral care for one another, though the oversight and momentum for such care relies at least in part on the presence and energies of the Minister in Placement.

Leadership:

Leadership is well-established and collegial. Each congregation has members sharing responsibility for various areas of church life and reporting on a regular basis.

In Summary

We believe that the Parish has congregations ready to welcome a minister who enjoys pastoral presence, collaborative leadership, and creative worship, stimulated by the challenge of finding and releasing a new generation of leaders and volunteers, as together we serve our ministry within the community of faith and our mission to those beyond.

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

Camperdown - The Strategic Plan recently reviewed sets out the objectives under the 3 Mission & Vision Groups:

- Building and Maintenance
- Worship and Pastoral Care
- Mission

Other key priorities

- Increase in the number of members, particularly the newly retired and younger age groups.
- Identifying and developing potential leaders
- Development of additional missional activities making better use of the suite of buildings on the property.

Cobden – to explore a new direction the Holy Spirit is guiding us with our church. To continue providing welfare and reaching out into the community through the op shop.

Terang's need for ecumenical development with other churches in town and district. Continue to be viable.

Timboon – with a slowly increasing population, Timboon is exploring the use of our property with the community and seeking to grow our small congregation.

B3 Does this placement relate to more than one congregation?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If so, provide details on page 13.

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

Largely Anglo-European but increasingly seeing visitors and members from Pacific Islands.
Timboon has one Australian/Filipino family.

B5 What languages are spoken in the life of your:

Congregation, by		Community, by	
Individuals	English	Individuals	English
Groups	English	Groups	English, Filipino

B6 What languages are spoken by the congregation in worship?

English

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

Acknowledgement of Country is regularly offered at the beginning of services.

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

Camperdown has a long history of working with the Camperdown P-12 College.
Currently run a "Cooking with Kids" program twice a term for 8 primary school children.

The schools in Camperdown are involved in the Community Meal with each school involved once each term in the program. (Camperdown College Senior Campus, St Pat's and Mercy Regional College.

Cobden has good and ongoing relations with the three schools, Cobden Technical School, Hampden P-12 School and Cobden Primary School.



C Mission

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

Camperdown:

Community meal. Our community meal (two courses) is held each Wednesday lunch time during school terms and regularly feeds between 35 to 50.

Most people are served in the hall, but some meals are delivered to homes.

The meal has attracted a good number of volunteers from the community to support the church members in cooking, serving and cleaning up.

Cooking with kids. Twice a term there is a program with 8 primary school children where they cook a meal and share together over lunch. They learn about all aspects in the kitchen: preparation, cooking, enjoying the food, cleaning up.

Various fundraising activities to support various mission activities which have included supporting a Mission family through CMS and other funds through the recycling of cans and bottles directed to people in need in the community.

Cobden:

Church Op-Shop as community mission, outreach and welfare to the community.

Terang:

Hosts Pancake Day meal yearly. Annual Christmas Carol service is hosted by Terang UC and Terang Anglican Church on a rotational basis. Participates in World Day of Prayer and hosts when required.

Timboon:

Timboon UC participates/hosts World Day of Prayer and Ecumenical Christmas services and luncheon as part of the Timboon Combined Churches rotational roster.

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

Camperdown:

- Sustainable intergenerational activities.
- Making better use of the various buildings for groups within the community.
- Expanding on existing programs and continuing the positive relationship with Camperdown College.

Cobden:

Increased partnerships with many community organisations using our buildings.

Terang:

Continue to be visible and work within the community.

Timboon:

Better utilise our building for the wider community.

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

Following COVID, the numbers attending worship at each congregation decreased.

Numbers attending worship are now holding but each congregation is aging, with a percentage each year moving into aged care or passing away.

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

Camperdown:

Generational change of leadership due to aging.

Realistically each congregation expects to lose some key people with many who are no longer able to contribute to the life of the congregation as people age, but there is hope for congregation growth of newly retired people and younger families.

Cobden:

Guidance to our mission call and what can be done with our infrastructure for God's purpose.

Terang:

Continue to develop mission activities in the wider community, e.g. Hospital Auxiliary, Community Choir and service clubs.

Timboon:

With an aging congregation, we are anticipating changes within our congregation.

We need to consider the use of our property for some purposes other than Sunday Services. We have a multipurpose building with a large hall, kitchen and meeting area with a chapel.

The sale of the Timboon Manse process has begun – overseen by Synod.

D The Community

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

Camperdown:

Located 2 ½ hours south-west of Melbourne on the Princes Highway and surrounded by Mounts Leura and Sugarloaf and Lakes Bullen Merri and Purrumbete, Camperdown is the 'capital' of Corangamite Shire. It has the largest residential population and is home to many of the area's services, including the municipal offices, hospital, two aged care facilities, schools and train station.

Camperdown has developed as the largest town in Corangamite Shire. The population has been relatively stable since the mid 1990 (approx.3,000) a result of little change in dwelling stock and a decline in the average number of persons living in each dwelling. Much of the rural area is used for dairy farming and sheep grazing.

Major Features:

Mount Leura, Mount Sugarloaf, Botanic Gardens, Historic Clocktower, Lake Purrumbete, Lake Bullen Merri, Lake Gnotuk, Camperdown-Timboon Rail Trail, Theatre Royal, Heritage Centre, Benedictine Abbey, Wombeech Puyuun Reconciliation Park, Camperdown outdoor swimming pool, golf course, Historic Courthouse, Finlay Avenue.

Activities:

Fishing, recreational boating, cycling, golf, equestrian, swimming, movies and live performances at the Theatre Royal.

Services:

Camperdown P-12 College, Mercy Regional College, St Patricks Primary School, Southwest Healthcare (Camperdown Campus) including Leura Lodge Aged Care and Manifold Place, Sunnyside Aged Care, regular rail and bus service, Information Centre.

Cobden:

Is a small township in a farming area, with a number of industries serving the farming community.

Terang:

Is a community with aged and disability services, a hospital, excellent medical and educational facilities. Regular passenger rail services to Warrnambool and Melbourne. Viable retail centre. Excellent sporting facilities.

Timboon:

Is a small township in a farming area. It has a large P-12 School with over 600 students, a childcare and kindergarten, a Health Care Complex with 4 GP's and a wide variety of visiting specialists and a range of ancillary services.

Timboon is a tourist hub, with a variety of community and tourism-based retail businesses. It has trades businesses employing approximately 100 tradesmen, most primarily serving the farming community. Employment in the retail, health and trade sectors is readily available.

Recreation and tourism facilities such as the Rail Trail, and Twelve Apostles Trail for walking/cycling. An excellent recreation reserve and indoor Sporting Complex and golf course.

Timboon is situated approximately 15 minutes from Port Campbell, Great Ocean Road tourist sites and Surf Life Saving facilities and associated activities.

D2 What makes this an enjoyable place to live?

Each of the townships are friendly, welcoming communities, with shopping centres, and retail services, service clubs, medical facilities and easy access to the coast. Each has sports ovals, tennis and basketball courts, golf clubs and bowling clubs, and community facilities.

The Corangamite Region has beautiful surroundings, friendly local communities, community involvement, good State and private schools, interesting attractions and events, good aged care facilities, hospitals and libraries.

- Its geographic location.
- Housing is less expensive than other areas e.g. Melbourne and Geelong.
- Having access to V/Line railway services on the Warrnambool line. 4 trains to and from Camperdown and Terang to Melbourne daily.
- Princes Highway enables good road connections to other regions.
- Access to a medium-sized range of retail shopping.
- Well-established Christian Communities.
- Good sporting and recreational facilities, including parks and walking tracks.

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

Aging population.

Once young people finish their schooling, they often leave to attend University and future job prospects.

Cobden:

Employment, Housing and accommodation is difficult to obtain. Many with debts are in financial stress.

Terang:

Affordable accommodation and housing, lack of preferred employment for some professionals.

Timboon:

Availability of rental housing. Businesses are experiencing difficulty in getting staff and some retail businesses are closing..

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

The congregation is generally middle-aged - elderly with younger families under-represented. Predominantly Anglo-Saxon, apart from a few pacific islanders who attend worship.

Cobden:

The congregation is made up of older couples and singles

Terang:

Local area is multi age groups, congregation is mainly seniors.

Timboon:

The Church members are predominately senior or aging. The Community is spread across all age groups.

D5 What community facilities are present in the local area?

Each of the communities in the Parish have a range of facilities, including Community Hall, library, aged care centre, primary and secondary schools, outdoor swimming pool, IGA supermarket, numerous hospitality businesses catering to locals and tourists, Police station, football/netball ground and club, tennis courts and club, golf course and club, bowling club, senior citizens group, Op-Shops and service clubs.

Cobden has a Special School (Hampden P-12 School), also a Miniature Railway, Kart Club, Mini Golf, Pioneer Park, Historical Society and Restoration Group complex. There is also a paved airstrip and helipad used regularly by the air ambulance.

Camperdown and Terang have regular passenger rail service to Melbourne and Warrnambool; Cobden and Timboon have bus services connecting with the rail service.

Camperdown has excellent medical facilities - Southwest Healthcare (Camperdown Campus) including Leura Lodge Aged Care, Sunnyside Aged Care, 2 medical surgeries and a dentist.

The area surrounding the communities has rail trails for walking and cycling, areas of historic dry-stone walls, extinct volcanos and crater lakes, a thriving equine industry, trotting track and racecourse. It is close to the Great Ocean Road with its many attractions including the 12 Apostles.