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Synod of Victoria and Tasmania

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A Placement Profile

A1	**Presbytery**	Tasmania Presbytery
A2	**Name of Placement**	Clarence Uniting Church
A3	**Placement city/suburb/town**	Bellerive Hobart Tasmania
A4	**Church/Office location(s)**	2 York St, BELLERIVE TAS 7018
A5	**Congregations and agencies associated with this placement**	Clarence Uniting Church
A6	**Ministry leadership being sought**	Specific ministry role: Minister of the Word ☒ Ordinand ☒ Deacon ☒ Pastor ☒
A7	**Specific details**	Additional placement ☐ Replacement placement ☒ Full Time ☒ Part Time ☐ Time fraction Earliest Start Date: Immediate ☒ OR Click here to enter a date.
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 5

A9 ***To be completed by Presbytery, with reasons given on page*** *Error! Bookmark not defined.:*

Is permission sought to advertise?	Yes ☒	No ☐
Is a Priority Placement recommended?	Yes ☐	No ☒

A10	**Website**	https://church.victas.uca.org.au/church/clarence/
A11	**Social Media**	https://www.facebook.com/ClarenceUCA
A12	**Google map link**	https://maps.app.goo.gl/ydSk4jp9BZKyUCKz9

A13 **Area map** (paste image)

Tasman Bridge
Chemist Warehouse Rosny
dusk Rosny Park
Retravision Rosny Park
Queens Domain
Rosny Hill Lookout
Rosny
Bellerive Beach
Clarence Uniting Church
Cabbages Flower Shop
Clarence St
Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre
Hobart Convict Penitentiary
Ninja Stadium
Hobart Cenotaph
Bellerive Beach Park
Bravo Taiwanese Noodle & Grill Restaurant
Ebenezer Chapel
The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel
Kangaroo Bluff Historic Site
Hobart
Ottimo Ristorante Italiano, Traditional...
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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.

Clarence Uniting Church understands itself as part of God's mission on Hobart's Eastern Shore and seeks to embody the Faithful Futures vision of *following Christ, walking together as First and Second Peoples, and seeking community, compassion and justice for all creation*. As the only Uniting Church congregation within a rapidly growing municipality, we are committed to cultivating relationships, developing coordinated ministry across the region, nurturing all-age discipleship, establishing new communities of faith, deepening our Covenant relationship with First Peoples, and welcoming the increasing diversity of our community. We see the demographic growth of Clarence not simply as a challenge or opportunity for church growth, but as an invitation to participate more fully in God's renewing mission among our neighbours and communities.

Clarence City is a growing municipality of almost 64,000 people and is projected to exceed 70,000 residents by 2038. The community includes significant numbers of young families, working-age adults and older residents, making it one of Tasmania's most diverse demographic contexts. As the only Uniting Church congregation on the Eastern Shore, Clarence UC is well placed to participate in God's mission by cultivating relationships, developing missional communities, supporting community wellbeing and creating opportunities for people of all ages to find belonging, purpose and faith in Christ. The congregation sees particular opportunities among new residents, younger families, older adults and those seeking meaningful community connection in a rapidly growing region.
Our congregation seeks leadership that can move us forward collaboratively as together we explore and prioritise mission to Eastern Shore Communities.

Our worship of God is at the core of who we are. We value our sense of family and seek to welcome, include and care for people of all ages and backgrounds. We follow the way of Jesus as we seek to serve, care and work for justice in the wider community.
Clarence UC recently successfully completed its transition from being 1 congregation meeting in 2 venues, to worshipping as 1 congregation together at the Bellerive Worship Centre.
We are a very strong, resilient group. We have experienced a variety of worship styles led by Supply Ministers and visiting worship leaders since our last ministerial placement ended in early 2020. The congregation has embraced each style warmly – we welcome learning and growing in our faith and understanding through these rich experiences.
In November 2025 the Lindisfarne church building was sold to members of the Hobart Muslim community, and the congregation was pleased that the building would continue as a place of worship.
Currently worship attendance numbers are between 30-35 per week.
The congregation has 3 missional community programs –

1. Connections Craft and Conversations meeting Wednesday mornings providing support and nurture for its 10-15 members. This group provides emotional support and social contact for members of the Clarence congregation, as well as members of the local community who attend. The group also provides some emergency financial support for the local primary school, as well as making unique warm blankets from recycled jeans which are distributed to the homeless of Hobart.

2. Clarence UC also runs the Unicorn Opportunity Shop situated in Lindisfarne village which operates 5.5 days a week building capacity into the most vulnerable. We have made a strategic decision to use 50 percent of the net returns to assist with the funding of the full-time placement.
3. Contact with 3 community groups through our hall hire availability.

We have a monthly Fellowship group, a monthly sustainability group (Something in Common), a monthly fellowship lunch, a very committed Culture of Safety Officer, and a very active Church Council.
Clarence congregation is a church that respects all views and is prepared to continue and grow our current direction as well as exploring new initiatives.

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

- As the only Uniting Church on the Eastern shore, Clarence UC is uniquely positioned plant new expressions of Church, through discipleship, mission and community engagement.
- Positioning Clarence UC as a mission hub serving the wider municipality.
- Building partnerships with Schools, community organisations and local government.
- Our congregation seeks leadership that can move us forward and develop us in our mission to the local community and its activities.

B3 Does this placement relate to more than one congregation?
If so, provide details on page Error! Bookmark not defined**..**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

We are not blessed with any other ethnic and language groups within our congregation, although we have interacted with East Timorese seasonal workers from local farms, when they were in the area.

B5 What languages are spoken in the life of your:

Congregation, by		**Community, by**	
Individuals	English	Individuals	English
Groups	English	Groups	English

B6 What languages are spoken by the congregation in worship?

English

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

We support Leprena UAICC Tasmania, are strongly committed to the vision of Faithful Futures, and have participated and are committed to Presbytery Charter process where we are committed to *"Weave together learnings of first people's stories, knowledge and wisdom."*

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

https://www.unitingagewell.org/location/community-hub-rosny-park/
https://www.unitingagewell.org/location/mornington-community-lillian-martin/
https://www.unitingagewell.org/location/sorell-community-ningana/

C Mission

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

- Pastoral care and congregational support – as mentioned above
- Community support and interaction via the Unicorn Op Shop and Connections Craft and Conversation – as detailed above
- Something in Common – sustainability group – as detailed above

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

- Fostering closer relationships with strategic communities on the Eastern Shore through developing our current missional activities.
- Exploration and Discernment of Strategic Church Plant on the Eastern Shore
- Inter-faith relationships: The congregation has agreed to become involved with the Greater Hobart interfaith, interdenominational and intercultural group. It would be helpful if an incoming Minister in placement could assist in guiding the congregation to grow in this endeavour.

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

- We have combined 2 worshipping communities into one worshipping together weekly.
- Through a monthly fellowship lunch together, we have drawn closer to and understand each other on more personal levels.
- The congregation is more supportive of each other – taking on roles and responsibilities and volunteering when needed.
- We are strategically focused to explore utilizing our strengths in mission, discipleship and strategic leadership to collaboratively work with a Minister over the next 5 to 10 years.

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

It is hoped with a minister in placement, we will grow our vision and be inspired towards more opportunities in which our church can become actively involved within our community, as well as assist us to be able to widen our scope of appeal across the generations.

D The Community

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

Clarence UCA is situated as a gateway and missional hub for mission to the Eastern Shore. The church is in the heart of Bellerive, which is a residential, riverside community. There are many suburbs around Bellerive with shopping centres, small businesses, doctors, gyms, health hubs, sporting facilities, restaurants, retirement villages, nursing homes, including 2 Uniting Age Well communities with independent living units, public and private/religious primary, secondary schools and 1 senior college. There is an extensive bus service as well as a weekday ferry service to Hobart. (see Photo above)

D2 What makes this an enjoyable place to live?

The beautiful environment, the clean air, excellent produce and community markets, the friendly community spirit, beaches, mountain hiking trails, BMX trails, walking tracks, the cold weather wine regions, ferry links to Hobart, the many historical sites - everything is very close. It's the doorway to both the east and southeast coast. It's a great place to live.

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

Growing homelessness, cost of living, loneliness, increasing need for community connection, in the midst of mortgage stress, family separations and conflicts, and political disfunction that can fail to appreciate the gift of what is and will be an increasingly multicultural community on the Eastern Shore.

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

We have an aging but actively involved congregation – active both within the church and the community, there are younger retirees, employed members and occasional grandchildren. The Church does not reflect the teenage, young couples, and young families' groupings that do exist within the local area.

D5 What community facilities are present in the local area?

Wellness groups, swim centres, various sporting groups, libraries, roadside libraries, community organisations, Men's Sheds, Op Shops, Neighbourhood Centres, walking groups, aged care facilities, childcare centres, birth to senior secondary facilities, U3A.

Across the river: Royal Hobart Hospital and 2 private hospitals, University of Tasmania, a variety of choral groups, theatres, Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.