

PLACEMENT PROFILE

SECTION 1 – BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 Placement Name(s): Endeavour Hills Uniting Church

1.2 Please list congregations/agencies names below

● Endeavour Hill Uniting Church

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1.3 Profile approved by Church Council/Governing Body / /

1.4 Primary purpose of placement:

To replace existing Minister of the Word who has taken up a position with Synod and sought early release (after only 2 years)

1.5 Suitable for (bold all that apply): **Minister of the Word** / Deacon / Ordinand/ Pastor

1.6 Time fraction: _____ 50%

1.7 Term:

Undefined up to 10 years (See Reg 2.7.3(a)) _____

Fixed Term: _____ Years

Initial Term reviewed in: _____ Years

SECTION 2 – MISSION DIRECTION

2.1 What is the Vision statement and or Mission priorities of the placement (or of the individual congregations)

A Worshipping, Nurturing, Learning Community...an Open Door, reaching out to show Christ's Face to All. "Together We Grow"

2.2 Date adopted 30/06/1991

2.3 Provide a short description of the placement/congregation(s)

Culturally diverse with a good mix of new and established members.

They have a good range of skills which enables a smooth running of the Church.

The congregation is inclusive, welcoming, and of an expansive age range

2.4 How has the placement/congregation(s) changed over the last 5 years?

Whilst numbers have been stable, the makeup of the congregation has changed, welcoming new members from different ethnic backgrounds.

We have transfers from surrounding areas due to church closure.

We have more younger families and our youth is growing.

2.5 What are the congregation(s)/placement's goals?

Focus on discipleship through worship, learning opportunities, pastoral and spiritual nature

Enhancing both individual and community prayer life

Exploring different styles and dates of worship

Establishing children's and Youth Ministry

Make stronger connections with our Play Group which will be helped by the fact that it is run by our own church members.

2.6 What are the next Strategic Steps to achieving those goals?

Securing a Minister who will build on the foundations already laid by the leaders and the congregation.

Creating Ministry through youth/children for multi-generational and culturally diverse forms of worship.

SECTION 3 - CONTEXT

3.1 Describe the communities in which this placement is located (Mission context).

Culturally diverse (see census report)

Socio economically diverse. Predominantly Middle Class (see census report)

Physically hilly as the name suggest

A pressing need for Youth needs

High mortgage area

Housing Commission houses

3.2 How does your congregation reflect or vary from the age, and ethnic mix of your local community?

Reflects it very well in all its diversity

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

Socio economic issues

Isolation issues due to language barriers

We work collaboratively with the Anglican Andrews Centre which provides emergency assistance (homes, food, counselling)

Neighbourhood Centre formally held in our church but now secular. Minister chairs committee and members of our congregation are on the committee and are involved in the provision of English classes

Op Shop operated jointly with Anglican Church

All of these lead to opportunities for Ministry, Mission, and Outreach

3.4 List ways in which you connect with, serve, or partner with people in your wider community?

- Andrews Centre – Donations of food and money
- Craigcare Nursing Home – Worship Monthly conducted by retired Minister and member of congregation.
- St Judes Nursing Home – Worship Monthly conducted by retired Minister and member of congregation.
- Dandenong Hospital - Group of congregational pastoral visitors attend fortnightly
- Mossgiel Park Primary School – Kids Hope (6 active mentors)
- Endeavour Hills Neighbourhood Centre – members of congregation actively involved in the running of the centre.

3.5 What schools/agencies/institutions are in your local communities?

Mossgiel Park Primary School – Kids Hope

Southern Cross Primary School

Thomas Mitchell Primary School

Gleneagles Secondary College

James Cook Primary School