

PLACEMENT PROFILE

SECTION 1 – BASIC INFORMATION

Placement Name(s): SOUTHERN MORNINGTON PENINSULA UNITING CHURCH [SMPUC]

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1.2 Please list congregations/agencies names below

- ROSEBUD
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1.3 Profile approved by Church Council/Governing Body 17 / 5 / 2019

1.4 Primary purpose of placement:

REPLACEMENT – MINISTER OF THE WORD following retirement of previous minister.
To continue faith development in the congregation, provide pastoral care and support
missional activities and outreach in the wider community.

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

1.6 Time fraction: _____ 100% _____ %

1.7 Term:

Undefined up to 10 years (See Reg 2.7.3(a)) YES
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 world where God is not a point of conflict between faiths, but a reflection of the love between all humans as we understand the teachings of Jesus Christ; a world where this love exists and is reflected in the care and compassion by all people for all people.

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2.2 Date adopted 17 / 03 / 2019

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

“We are an inclusive people together seeking meaning and purpose in life, growing in understanding of the Christian faith and participating in caring community-based mission and service.

An ageing congregation with a lot of energy. There are no young families in the membership but we conduct four Play Groups which provide contact with the younger generation.

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

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Following union of the five Southern Mornington Peninsula congregations there has been a consolidation of energy and attendances, a marked sense of co-operation, a great ‘buzz’. The congregation has become focussed on external mission and service to the wider community.

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2.6 What are the congregation(s)/placement’s goals?

To provide a sustainable UCA presence and missional impact on the Southern Peninsula.

To continue to grow the faith in the congregation through progressive theology and missional direction.

To support our ageing congregation as their lives and needs change.

To continue the Friday Lunches program over the winter period.

To maintain and increase missional outreach into the community through the attractively presented.

Op Shop and its close contact with the community. The Op Shop income supports the church mission and a number of local community groups [e.g. CFA; Sailing for the Disabled; Southern Peninsula. Community Support & Information Centre Emergency relief, and Food for All]

To provide pastoral and social support for the residents of Murray- Anderson Place following its completion and registration by NDIS in July 2019. This project has been developed to provide

quality accommodation for intellectually disabled adults, primarily the children of ageing parents. The congregation has not wavered in its support for this project in spite of many difficulties. The intention is to develop a Friends Group with the various stake holders and to provide a representative to this group. Funding for this project came from State and Federal governments, Bendigo Bank and several other donors.

SMPUC, with funds from BOMAR, has employed a part-time Carer Support Worker [CSOW] to assist and counsel applicants and their families in the NDIS process, during the transition period to permanent independent accommodation, and thereon as the needs become apparent. CSOW is also available to the wider community, including the aged, and is already working with some folk who have heard about the service.

Funds are being sought to increase the CSOW days – currently 2 days part-time – to three days part time as the role is developing in some unexpected and necessary directions. We would hope to find resources to eventually make this a full time position.

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

An intensive review of church property for missional activity and financial sustainability has been undertaken. A refurbishment of the Rosebud Church was completed in 2018.

Recognising that our ageing congregation will diminish over time we need to make urgent decisions on the redevelopment of our church properties, both at Rosebud where we have rental properties, and the Dromana church now used as the Welcome Centre for Play Groups, Friday Lunches, and rented space for other community groups.

Re-development would aim at providing a sustainable income for a continuing UCA presence on the Southern Mornington Peninsula on a missional and outreach basis.

We are undergoing a reconstruction of church management, both administratively and pastorally, to maximise efficient use of human resources, individual skills/talents and energy in an ageing congregation.

We would like to pursue financing secretarial assistance through an income stream from Mission Motivated Development of our properties, part of the Property for Mission process we have completed.

The CSOW steering committee will pursue the formation of a Friends Group to support management and residents in the Murray-Anderson Place venture.

To pursue funding opportunities to maintain and increase the employment days of the CSOW.

SECTION 3 - CONTEXT

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

Mornington Peninsula Shire data indicates UCA as 3.8% of this community of 57,142 residents. The beautiful coastal environment with its wonderful beaches attracts a huge tourist population in the summer. The Peninsula is not just a holiday resort with surf beaches and Bay beaches; all forms of artistic, cultural and sporting activities are available. Great walking trails and many historical places of interest, eg Collins first Settlement and Point Nepean National Park and Quarantine Station.

There is a wide range of socio-economic status including pockets of severe disadvantage, and extreme wealth. There is a high homeless rate and almost no emergency or social housing available. Rents are high.

Very low ethnic diversity

This is a significant retirement area, but school data and our Play Groups' attendances indicates a considerable number of young families.

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

SMPUC congregation reflects the retiree population [100% retirees] but not the young families.

Very low ethnic diversity, not culturally or linguistically diverse.

A high level of community volunteering characterises this congregation and the equivalent local population.

Loneliness in our community is being addressed through our work and could be the subject of research and action.

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

Loneliness is an issue which is being addressed through our work in the Op Shop and Friday Lunches.

Homelessness issues; very limited social housing or emergency accommodation. Rents are very high. Redevelopment of SMPUC assets could offer some mission driven possibilities in this area.

Mental Health issues and employment limitations lead to high demands for emergency relief and a range of support services.

Increasing ageing population requiring more local support services and accommodation.

The plight of ageing carers of disabled adults facing issues of future out-of-home appropriate permanent accommodation. Our current Mission Project encompasses accommodation for Intellectually disabled adults and provides a CSOW to support their carers/families. We plan to extend this role.

Greater Contact with Play Group families could provide opportunities to develop beneficial

relationships with young families.

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

- Opportunity Shop – 5 and ½ days per week;

Hands on Health program – SMPUC provides large areas of work space rent –free at Rosebud and Dromana. This is pro bono alternative health services community program is for low income people. This includes chiropractic, naturopathy, haircuts, massage.

Food for All; weekly collection and special effort at Christmas for community hampers. This has a Congregation representative.

Friday Lunches; Soup and chatter for the community during the winter at Dromana Welcome Centre.

UCAF monthly meetings

Choirs: SMPUC; Harmony Singers; Larking About providing music for worship and entertainment for various community groups e.g. Aged Care facilities.

4 Play Groups; 3 at Dromana Welcome Centre and 1 at Rosebud. The congregation members provide volunteer “grandparent” support.

School chaplaincy; committee and financial support at Rosebud Secondary College. Financial support for Welfare worker at Dromana Primary School.

Knitting club at Rosebud Primary School

SUFM beach mission use of Rosebud premises in January.

Breakfast Club – 2 days per week at Rosebud Secondary College
- Murray-Anderson Place; newly constructed accommodation for intellectually disabled adults – opening soon.
Carer Support Worker – supporting carers through the NDIS process and preparation for transition.
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- Hall hire or free availability – for community organisations. E.g. U3A; Hands on Health; Narcotics Anon; Drink Drivers program, Probus groups; Sammy Stamp; Breast Cancer Comfort Cushion Makers; God’s Heartbeat; Karate; Zumba etc
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What schools/agencies/institutions are in your local communities?

CAMPS

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Lord Somers Camp;
Somers School Camp
Portsea Camp
Merricks Lodge
Briars Outdoor Ed Camp
Camp Australia Mt. Martha
Don Bosco Camp Mt. Martha
YMCA Manyung
Ace Hi Ranch
Fusion

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Boneo
Dromana
Eastbourne
Rosebud
Rye
Red Hill consolidated
Tootgarook
Sorrento

Our Lady of Fatima – Rosebud
St. Josephs - Sorrento

SECONDARY COLLEGES

Benton Secondary College
Dromana Secondary College
Rosebud Secondary college
Chisholm Institute [TAFE]

PRE SCHOOLS – at least 12 as separate from Private Day Care

PRIVATE

Balcombe Grammar
Woodleigh School/Penbank Campus
Padua College Rosebud and Mornington
Flinders Christian college, Tyabb
Peninsula Grammar – Mount Eliza
Toorak College – Mount Eliza

SPECIALIST SCHOOLS

Mornington Specialist Developmental
Peninsula Specialist College – Dromana
