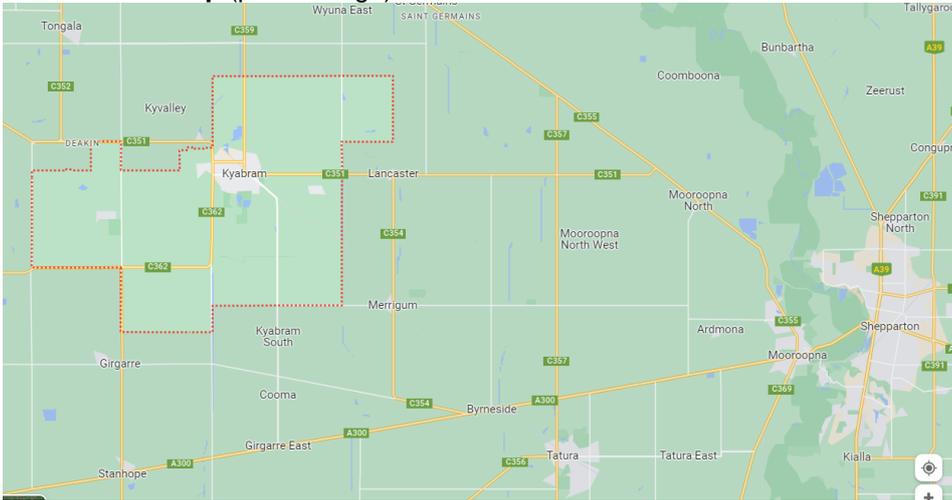




A Placement Profile

A1 Presbytery	North East Victoria Presbytery		
A2 Name of Placement	Kyabram Evangelical Uniting Church		
A3 Placement city/suburb/town	Kyabram		
A4 Church/Office location(s)	11 Unitt Street Kyabram 3620		
A5 Congregations and agencies associated with this placement	Kyabram		
A6 Ministry leadership being sought	Specific ministry role:	<input type="text"/>	
	Minister of the Word <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deacon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ministry of Pastor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Ordinand <input type="checkbox"/>		
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:	1/09/2023	
A8 Placement term	Undefined <input type="checkbox"/>	Up to 10 years (see Reg 2.7.3(a))	
	Fixed Term	Required for non-congregational placements (see Reg 2.7.3(b))	Years <input type="text" value="5"/>
A9 To be completed by Presbytery, with reasons given on page 12:	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	http://kyabram.victas.org.au		
A11 Social Media	<input type="text"/>		
A12 Google map link	<input type="text"/>		
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.



Kyabram Evangelical Uniting Church

North East Victoria Presbytery

'To know Christ and make Him known'



Creative Cafe

Monthly Men's Breakfast

Missions

Jesus Prayer

Serving Holy Spirit

Craft Group

Property Committee

Bible Study

Church Council

Fellowship

Good News



Sunday worship is valued as a time to be built up in strength and wisdom, giving the foundation to take Christ into the world.

A harmonious working group with a high proportion of members who are deeply involved in ministries to which they feel strongly and personally called.

This church needs -

- A leader to direct, inspire, oversee, challenge and grow this group of Christians by providing Bible-based preaching and teaching.
- An encourager to walk alongside people through all facets of life.

Monthly Messy Church

Worship Lord God

Music Praising

EFG (Evening Friendship Group)

Supporting Chaplaincy In Schools

Elders




Combined Churches Christmas Carols

Churched and unchurched women at weekly Faith Fit

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

We have developed several ministries in the past 4 years - Messy Church, Creative Café, Men's Breakfast, and Faithfit, are examples. We want to continue to focus on the development of these ministries, particularly in the way that they help us to connect with people in the community.
With the number of "Baby Boomers" moving in to the area to retire, we see an opportunity to make connections with this generation.
We have been livestreaming our services for the past 12 months, and have noted some interesting growth in the number of people "tuning in". This is another area for us to explore.
We also note the huge time pressures on the traditional Sunday morning time slot, and would like to explore ways we might grow connections with families for whom "weekend time" is really precious.

B3 Does this placement relate to more than one congregation?

Yes

No

If so, provide details on page 8.

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

Anglo

B5 What languages are spoken in the life of your:

Congregation, by		Community, by	
Individuals	English	Individuals	
Groups		Groups	

B6 What languages are spoken by the congregation in worship?

English

B7 Describe any involvement your congregation has in covenanting activities.

None at this time

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

Nearest Uniting VicTas agency is at Shepparton and relates to the Shepparton congregation.

C Mission

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

Messy Church
Men's Breakfast
Faithfit - music based exercise classes with faith sharing.

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

As above. These are developing missional activities which the congregation has embraced in the past 4 years.

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

Covid has affected all of us. Some have not returned to worship and regular activities. We now livestream most services. The Cooma church was closed in April 2022, and members from there are now attending at Kyabram. Overall, the numbers attending worship at Kyabram has remained stable, as new folk have also begun to attend.

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

As with all aging populations, we would expect frailty and mortality will reduce our numbers somewhat.

D The Community

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

Kyabram is a community of around 8,000, situated in a rural landscape where dairy production, orchards, and market gardens flourish. All the processing occurs in the Goulburn Valley area. New housing estates are now accommodating people (mainly retirees) from Melbourne seeking a more affordable retirement. Kyabram is in good proximity to a number of larger rural cities (Shepparton 35 minutes, Echuca 35 minutes, Bendigo 75 minutes). Kyabram is 2.5 hours from Melbourne by road, with good rail connections from Bendigo and Shepparton.

D2 What makes this an enjoyable place to live?

Kyabram is big enough, and yet small enough to be comfortable in most areas. We have a good shopping precinct, excellent aged care facilities, with good regional hospitals within 35 minutes. Our climate is very congenial, with all 4 seasons being experienced each year, without the extremes. We have excellent sporting facilities with golf, bowls, etc. The local public schools have a good reputation, with a Catholic school in town, and other church schools within commutable distance.

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

Homelessness
Disengaged youth – substance abuse, some vandalism
Accommodation – lack of availability as Rochester recovers from the flooding event of 2022.
Family breakdowns
Domestic violence
Shortage of staff for all areas - schools, farming etc. ie. skilled and unskilled
Higher education possibilities TAFE, apprenticeships have moved to Shepparton
Ageing population – retirement destination – places pressure on medical services

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

Just looking at worship attendance, we are skewed towards the older age groups. However, we connect with a much wider age group over all of our activities. Kyabram is predominantly Anglo, and so is our congregation.



D5 What community facilities are present in the local area?

Hospital - A and E, some surgery with visiting specialists, day procedures.

Library

Community Centre - with social support, Centrelink, DHHS, Child Care, and facilities that can be hired.

Fauna Park

2 recreation reserves - football, cricket, soccer, netball

Indoor stadium - basketball, badminton, table tennis, indoor bowls, dance classes

Swimming pool

Plaza Theatre

Town hall - art exhibitions

7 main churches - all with halls with kitchens.