

## PLACEMENT PROFILE

### SECTION 1 – BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 Placement Name(s): St Mark's Uniting Church, Mornington

1.2 Please list congregations/agencies names below

- Mornington
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

1.3 Profile approved by Church Council/Governing Body 20 / 05 / 2019

1.4 Primary purpose of placement:

- Transition ministry, to develop new vision for mission.
- Worshipping life, mindful of existing congregation, and challenging in new direction.
- Socially and pastorally present to the congregation.
- Community connections and social justice development and partnerships.

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

1.6 Time fraction: Full Time

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)

Please see our Primary Purpose Statement above.

We seek someone to work with us to discern *together* a new vision and mission.

### 2.2 Date adopted N/A /

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

A Christ centred, traditionally worshipping community, consisting largely of older members, responding to God's grace with thanksgiving, and love for God, others and God's creation.

A church community that has extended itself to work with young families and the socially challenged through playgroups and community food program.

Seeking to build each other up in faith and love as we travel the faith journey together in different groups.

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

The numbers in the congregation have remained stable.

Increase in the social activities, small groups and fundraising.

Support of Second Bite, providing morning tea and conversation.

Shared in ministry with a children and family worker.

Anzac Day morning tea.

Opening our buildings for use by the community.

Evening Friendship group includes men and women.

Emerging alternative worship community exploring contemplative practices.

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

Worshipping life, mindful of existing congregation, but challenging in new direction.

Pastorally care for our congregation, whether able to attend church or not.

Fellowship, discipleship, growth and learning through various groups.

Outward looking, connecting with others, willing to try new ideas for the mission of the church.

Utilise and revitalise building space.

To be an intergenerational community.

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

Church members are already active in each of these 6 areas

We hope to work with a minister to develop each of these 6 areas as together we discern our ongoing vision and mission.

We need a minister to work with and develop the established leadership of the congregation, encourage new leaders and draw out the gifts and passions of people.

## SECTION 3 - CONTEXT

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

Mornington is a busy, vibrant town, active night life, sports, healthcare, shopping, café culture, galleries – the hub of the Peninsula, with beautiful beaches and water activities.

Socio economic diversity, with pockets of housing with higher and lower socio-economic circumstances.

5 primary schools feeding into 6 local and regional secondary schools.

The Peninsula is a very popular winery and leisure area.

Population 24,000, median age 47. 6478 families. 2.3 people per household.

Female 53.5%, Male 46.5%

High depressive symptoms in young people on the Mornington Peninsula.

Excellent economic growth on the Peninsula, with lower commuter numbers than the state average.

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

Older than the general population.

Cultural make up of the church mirrors the community.

More people in the church on fixed incomes.

Not as great socio-economic diversity in the church as in the community.

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

Stresses/Pain: Homelessness; fast growth of licensed venues; very diverse socio-economic issues; high proportion of 1 parent families; higher level of loneliness in all age groups; domestic violence, suicide.

Opportunities: Retirement area, and large retirement villages being built; large school communities; people often work locally; housing growth; sporting, beach, outdoor culture, lots of churches.

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

- Mornington Primary and Secondary School, mentoring program and Christmas service.
- Second Bite Morning Tea
- Individuals connecting with groups like Probus, Zonta, Willum Warrain and Fusion Mornington Peninsula
- Support of local and overseas charities – Los Palos Clinic in Timor Leste, Banyan Tree in Kerala, India, St Jude's School, Flying Doctor Service, Dandenong Refugee Support Centre and Mornington Community Information and Support Centre.

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

5 Primary Schools; 1 special developmental school, Mornington Secondary School

Padua College, Balcombe College, Flinders College, Peninsula School, Bayside College, Toorak College

Monash University Frankston / Chisholm TAFE

Mornington Community Information and Support Centre; Fusion Mornington Peninsula

The Bays & Beleura Hospitals.