

**GROWING HEALTHY
CHURCHES**



RURAL MINISTRY FIELD DAYS

DUBBO | 26-29 AUGUST 2017



The Rural Field Days are a chance to get together, network, share resources and stories, as well as engage with the bigger picture across the Uniting Church.

Growing Healthy Churches is designed to assist rural churches, small or large, with a broad range of information, tools and resources to maintain and improve their health.

Hosted by the Rural Ministry Unit in partnership with UME, the Field Days seek to support the active ministry of rural faith communities and congregations.

The Field Days meet continuing education requirements for people serving as Minister, Deacon, Ministry of Pastor, Lay Pastor, Lay Preacher and other Ministry Agents.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Lisa Wells is the Press Go Catalyst with the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. Lisa will present four sessions on the nurture of healthy congregations.



Mark Faulkner begins as the Director of Rural and Remote Ministry Initiatives for the NSW/ACT Synod in August. Mark will be speaking on a vision for encouraging scattered communities.



Christine Sorensen is the Dean of Formation for the NSW/ACT Synod, based at the Centre for Ministry. Christine will speak on ways we continually respond to the challenges we face as disciples of Christ.

WORKSHOPS

Workshop topics include healthy church governance for church councils, Presbyteries and committees, health checks for congregations, working with sales proceeds, social media, taking the pulse on our work with children, youth and families, growing a healthy church in a healthy environment, music in worship, hospitality with refugees and migrant workers.

PROGRAM

SATURDAY AUGUST 26

10.30am	Arrivals, Cuppa, Registration
11am	Opening Worship
12.30	Lunch in local cafes
2pm	Setting the healthy church scene - <i>Lisa Wells</i>
4pm	Workshops
6.30pm	Pizza
7.30pm	Trivia Games Night

SUNDAY AUGUST 27

9am	Worship at Dubbo Uniting Church <i>Induction of Mark Faulkner as Director of Rural & Remote Ministries Initiatives</i>
11.30am	Choosing our future - <i>Lisa Wells</i>
1pm	Lunch in local cafes
2pm	Workshops
4pm	Workshops
5.30pm	Evening Free

MONDAY AUGUST 28

9am	Culture Change - <i>Lisa Wells</i>
11am	Discipleship as responding to adaptive challenges - <i>Christine Sorensen</i>
12.30	Lunch in local cafes
2pm	Workshops
4pm	Workshops
6.30pm	Dinner at the Commercial Hotel, with speaker <i>Mark Faulkner</i>

TUESDAY AUGUST 29

9am	Healthy Church - Putting it all together - <i>Lisa Wells</i>
11am	Local Ministry presentations - <i>Phill, David, RMY, Mark Karyn Burchell-Thomas</i>
12.30	Lunch in local cafes
1.30	Music in Worship
3.30pm	Wrapping up
	Finish

DETAILS



VENUE

Dubbo Uniting Church
64 Church St, Dubbo



ACCOMMODATION

Congregations, presbyteries and individuals can arrange accommodation at any of the local hotels, motels and tourist parks.



CATERING

Dubbo Uniting Church members will provide morning and afternoon tea. Lunches and Sunday night dinner are not provided. With plenty of cafes close by, it's a great opportunity to stretch the legs and get some fresh air. Anyone with mobility issues can be assisted.



REGISTRATION COSTS

Whole event (includes Pizza/Trivia night and Dinner/Keynote)

\$180

Cost Per Day

\$45

Pizza & Trivia Night Saturday

\$15

Dinner & Keynote Speaker Monday night at Commercial Hotel

\$30



REGISTER ONLINE

ume.nswact.uca.org.au/course-registrations

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