

*As you prepare for the Special Congregational Meeting*

A strong sense of unity and resolve to proceed with the task of calling a new Minister of the Word for the Oxley-Darra Congregations prevailed at the meeting of the Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) last Thursday evening. Work continued on the task of updating the Congregational Profile, and the three task groups charged with producing scoping statements looking to a future in implementing the three priorities determined by the Visioning Day on 16 March, are now in place. When they complete their work, their statements will form the final entries for the Profile to be complete.

In the meantime, the Presbytery and Synod Placements Committee have approved the formation of a Joint Nominating Committee. It will be chaired by the Chairman of the Presbytery, Dr. John Roulston AM, and the other Presbytery member will be Rev. Dr Robert Brennan, Minister of the Graceville Uniting Church. The Oxley-Darra Congregations can appoint up to six members. It is about this action which we now report.

The Special Congregational Meeting to take place at 2 pm on Sunday, 4 May 2014, will need to elect these members. CLT recommends that we do elect six members, and that the criteria for choosing be

- Two from each worshipping group
- Gender balance
- A spread of age

CLT believed that these criteria ensured fairness in representation and in the election process. CLT also supported continued usage of the gifts of our three members who represented us on the Consultation Team in March, as they had in-depth awareness of the range of views that had been expressed in the interviews and survey forms from Congregational members

With these criteria in mind, CLT was unanimous in recommending to the Congregational Meeting that the following people be elected to the Joint Nominating Committee :

7.45 am service: Pam Tupe and Cathy Gibson

9.45 am service: Brian Robinson and David Greer

6.30 pm service: Kelly Holcroft and John Gunders

CLT therefore commends these names for your support in the election.

Of course, congregational members may be nominated in this election, and nomination forms are available from 27 April to 4 May. These should be completed and handed to Harry Thompson no later than 12 pm, 4 May 2014.

Harry Thompson, Congregational Meeting Secretary