

Gungahlin Uniting Church Behavioural Covenant

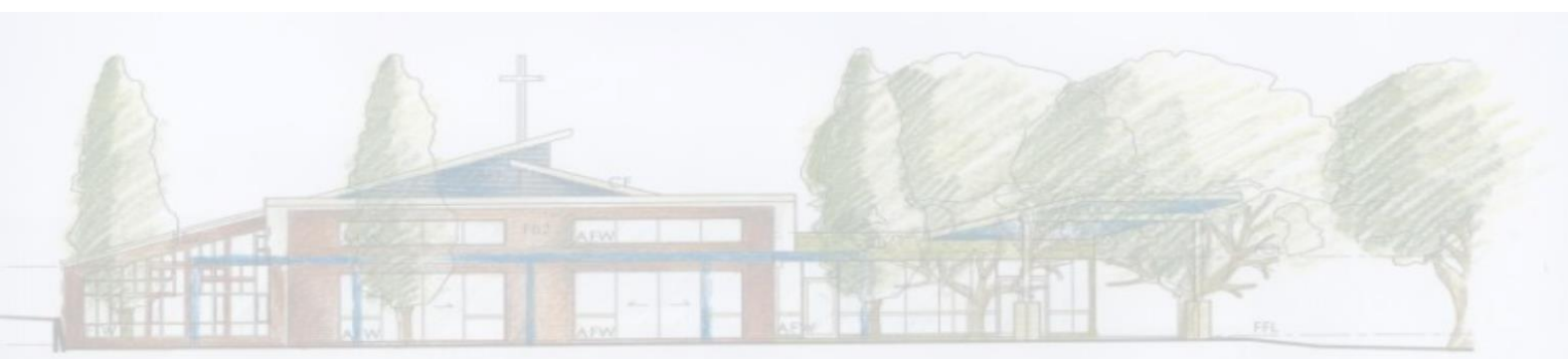
We value the ongoing health and vitality of our church community, and we desire to be a community that is internally strong and cohesive.

At Gungahlin Uniting Church:

- we will listen to and value others, treating others as equals regardless of age, background, or status.
- we are open to hearing different views and be prepared to move position in the light of new information.
- we are accountable for our own conduct, and where necessary, do our best to resolve conflict early.
- we act honestly, openly, and fairly, and ensure that everyone feels safe within our community.
- we treat others with respect, including agreeing to disagree where necessary, and recognise that a difference of opinion does not imply a lack of respect.
- we support and encourage others and show appreciation for their contributions.
- we deal with interpersonal conflict with humility, kindness, courage, and forgiveness. We do not tolerate bullying or being dismissive of others, and we avoid gossip.
- we respect differences including age, cultural background, sex, language, disability, religion, gender identity, or any other status.
- our environment is free from fear, harassment, racism, or exploitation.

As a Church community, this Behavioural Covenant will be lived within the overarching principle of

Matthew 7:12
Treat others as you want them to treat you.



Gungahlin Uniting Church Volunteer and Safe Church Statement

The Uniting Church affirms that every member of the Church is a welcome part of confessing faith in Christ crucified, and in being his faithful servant.

We acknowledge that the members of the church have a diversity of gifts. Some serve and contribute through their faithful presence, prayer, support, and interactions with others. Others contribute practically to the logistics of a gathering or activity or use their abilities for leadership, organisation, encouragement, teaching, or other ways of serving. All gifts play a part in the work of the church, and all ministry activities have a part in the ministry of Christ.

Gungahlin Uniting Church places trust in our volunteers as they work, recognising our responsibility for the health, safety, and welfare of volunteers.

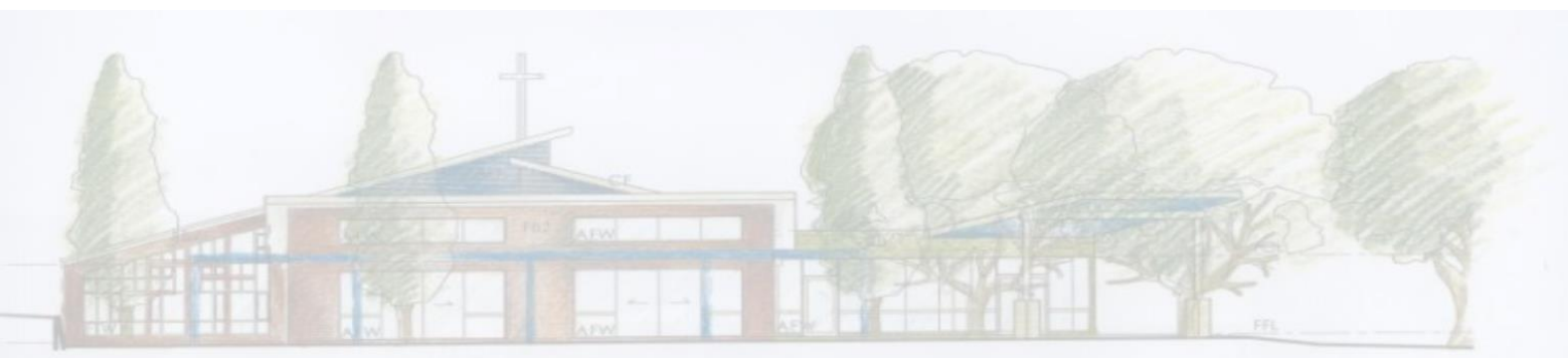
We acknowledge our responsibility to support volunteers to fulfill their roles as we work together for the protection of everyone and for the Gospel.

We believe that all people are made in the image of God.

As a community of faith, we are committed to providing safe environments for all people, including children and vulnerable adults, so that they may live life in all its fullness.

We commit to implementing the Child Safe Principles (as outlined in the UCA National Child Safe Framework).

Please refer to the Gungahlin Uniting Church Volunteer and Safe Church Policy on our website



Gungahlin Uniting Church – Who we are

Gungahlin Uniting Church (GUC) is a family that cares about the spiritual, physical, social, emotional, and mental wellbeing of its members and the community.

At Gungahlin Uniting Church you will:

- see our inclusive and diverse community represented in all aspects of the life of the church, including our leadership, services, mission, social gatherings, and other activities.
- participate in worship that is vibrant and relaxed with an engaging atmosphere that challenges you to respond to Jesus' teachings.
- see children's joy embraced within our service; involved through music and an all-age message; with an area within the worship space to be together and interact.
- witness members encouraging and supporting each other; building and affirming our minister and other leaders and acting with respect and grace.
- be part of a community that welcomes the stranger; people who have come from different Christian traditions, other faiths, or who are new to faith.
- see church life invigorated by a wide range of volunteers breathing vitality and energy into our community.
- be invited to belong to a Home Group, where you will have the opportunity to build relationships and support each other through prayer, hospitality, and fun.
- be invited to be part of the Pastoral Care structure by giving and receiving care through a network of people.
- be invited to be part of our mission programs - our Mustard Seed Food Pantry, our Boys' and Girls' Brigades, and playgroup.
- be invited to be part of Oasis or Billabong which encourages school-aged children to participate in the church community.

