

The Revd Canon Aunty Phyllis Andy (L) and The Revd Kathy Dalton (R).

Ask either of them and they will say that Aboriginal Ministry is done differently. The Revd Canon Aunty Phyllis Andy and Revd Kathy Dalton are known right across Gippsland for their caring, accessible and gentle ministry.

"We do funerals, we do weddings, we do baptisms, we can do the Eucharist service, we do the Aged Care Services. We do everything that a priest does." says Revd Kathy Dalton.

Wherever they go Revd Phyllis Andy and Revd Kathy Dalton are making a difference.



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Culturallyresponsive, communitycentred.

Gippsland Anglicans supporting Aboriginal Ministry

> We are learning and we are on this journey of reconciliation and healing together."

The Revd Kathy Dalton

Our goal is \$100,000 annually

We enable Aboriginal Ministry in Gippsland.

We know that the work of Revd Canon Phyllis and Revd Kathy makes a difference in the wellbeing of people and families. At a time when Australians are being asked to take action on reconciliation, our support for Aboriginal Ministry is not in its infancy, but already established and growing. We'd like to keep it that way but we need your help. Your one-time donation or ongoing pledge makes a direct impact on Aboriginal communities in Gippsland.



3 ways to help

In Gippsland

Currently, two Aboriginal priests are serving the needs of approximately 5,000 Aboriginal people across an area of more than 41,000 km2.

"We...make [ministry] significant

in our cultural way."

The Revd Canon Aunty

Phyllis Andy

In 2016, The average age of Gippsland's Aboriginal community is 22 years (compared with 45 years for the whole population). SOURCES: back page.

Their work is vital.

- Working with Elders supporting social and cultural connections
- Working in the Koorie Court supporting young offenders to connect with their culture and make changes
- Working in Aboriginal family Services.
- Supporting families and communities in times of Sorry business or celebration.

Not just on Sundays. And not only in churches.

Both Revd Canon Phyllis and Revd Kathy will tell you that a trip to the supermarket usually includes some pastoral care in aisle 4 and prayer requests in the fresh fruit section. They will say that their ministry happens in homes, streets, shops and communities - wherever people feel comfortable to speak with them.

Significant, culturally-safe and accessible spiritual care for people and their communities

As their reputation for care and culturallyproud services grows, so too does the demand for their time and presence. It is common to travel across Victoria and interstate to be with families in times of need.

Please join us in our action to support reconciliation.

DONATE

Every one-time gift helps us to reach our annual fundraising goal. <u>Scan or click the QR code on the</u> back to read more and **donate online**. Alternatively, **direct deposits** can be made to BSB: 013 795 Acc Number: 497935951 Reference: *Aboriginal Ministry*

PLEDGE

Giving more than once provides certainty to Aboriginal Ministry in Gippsland. Just like any other kind of subscription, your regular donation weekly, monthly, or twice a year helps secure the ministry. <u>Scan or click the QR code</u> on the back to pledge today.

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