



# our parish profile

**Applecross Anglican Church**  
**Saint David's & Saint George's**  
June 2026

# Our Mission Prayer

*We pray...*

Eternal and everlasting God,  
may we learn, before it is too late to respect  
the uniqueness, fragility, and beauty of your creation.

As your disciples we say yes to you, and all you have in mind for us,  
and for your church.

We pray for the mission of the church universal and for this Diocese.  
May our actions and lifestyle bear our belief  
that all people everywhere are our sisters and brothers,  
whatever their country, their suburb, their tribe, whatever their education  
or their culture, or orientation,  
whatever their circumstance, religion, or colour.

You wound hearts hardened to division and indifference:  
deepen our yearning for unity and enrich our love for diversity  
so the whole creation may share in your communion.  
Empower us to be imaginative in our proclamation, impatient with injustice,  
and engaged in the mission of your call. Amen.

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# intro





## About

The Parish is situated in a leafy suburb on the southern bank of the Swan River, located close to major arterial roads between the cities of Perth and Fremantle. Applecross and Ardross are quiet suburbs with excellent access to the river foreshore and parks. Applecross in particular is noted for the flowering jacarandas which line the local streets.

The rectory is located near St David's Church, some 400m to Shirley Strickland Oval and a 2 minute walk to the restaurant and small bar area of Riseley Street, including the much frequented [Quarter Acre](#) pub. Thai, Indian, Himalayan, Italian, German and Chinese restaurants complement the range of cafes and small bars, and gourmet burgers are on offer. In addition, there is a small supermarket, butcher, bakery and fish monger along with boutiques, hairdressers, drycleaners etc. within easy walking distance.

The major regional shopping centre of [Westfield Booragoon](#) is a 4-minute drive.

## A Brief History

The Parish of Applecross originally comprised two churches – the original parish church, St George's, which was built in Applecross itself in 1935 and a second church, St David's, which was built in the neighbouring suburb of Ardross in 1957. The Parish was formally established in 1951, having previously been included in the Parish of South Perth. The hall built in Mount Pleasant, and its congregation, was split off to form the Parish of Mount Pleasant in 1961. The parish's "Community Hub" was built and opened in 1990 at St David's along with a remodelled parish office.

In 2025 the decision to close St George's and merge the two congregations was made. The final service at St George's was held on Sunday 9 November 2025. The property has now been sold. The altar and sanctuary artwork were relocated to the rear of St David's in December 2025 to create a new St George's Chapel, located in the former baptistry of St David's.





## Worship

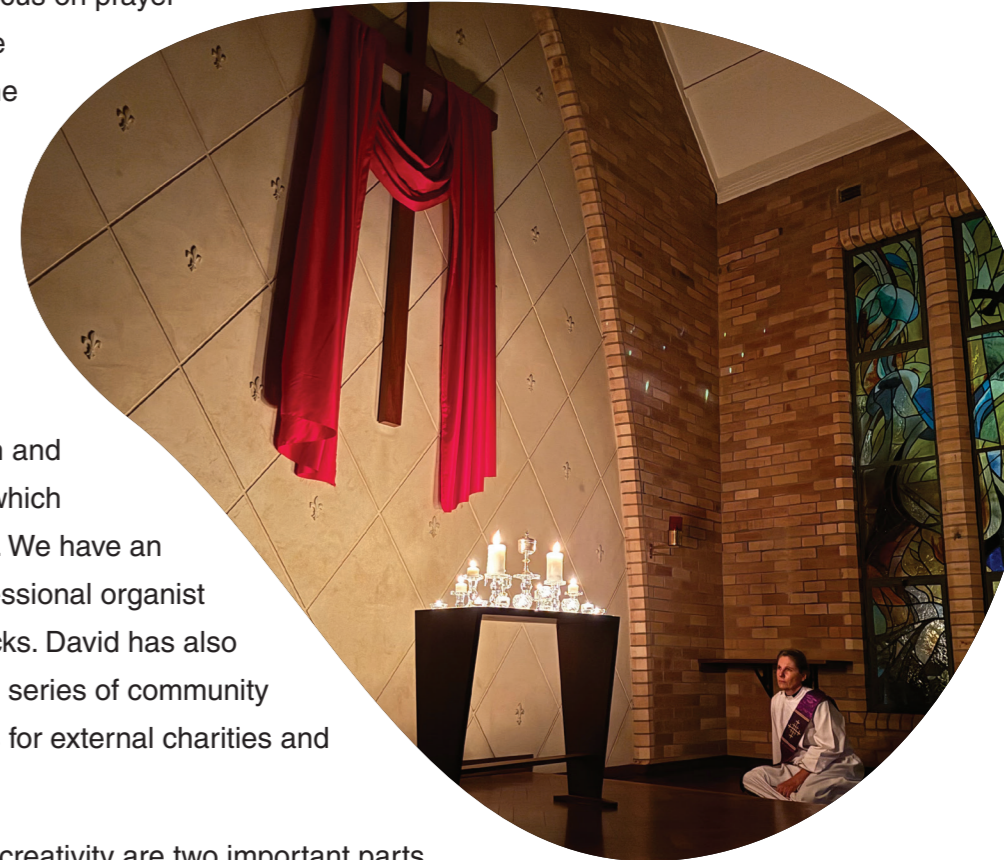
For several decades Applecross Parish has embraced people with a wide variety of churchmanship, and its clergy have come from different backgrounds. The unifying link through this period has been a liberal and open theology. It is therefore no surprise that the parish embraced one of the Diocese's first female parish priests and saw her elevation to be the Diocese's first female and current [Archbishop](#).

While a variety of services and styles have been offered over the years, these have always firmly centred on the Eucharist. Prior to its closure last year, the style of worship at St George's used a prayer book service (A Prayer Book for Australia). Worship at St David's has been influenced by the work of Richard Giles ([Re-Pitching the Tent](#)) and uses a seasonal service booklet plus a weekly supplementary sheet. Broadly speaking the style might be described as 'modern catholic' devoid of the frills, embracing both the traditional and the contemporary. Vestments are worn and the sacrament is reserved in the church. There is a strong focus on prayer and creating space for a reflective spirituality. The parish is part of the [Inclusive Church](#) global network.

Music is a significant part of our tradition, with a rich history from RSCM to musicals, unique compositions to contemporary instrumentation and Taizé. St David's has a baroque pipe organ and electronic piano / organ, both of which are used during Sunday services. We have an Occasional Choir led by our professional organist and Principal Musician, David Hicks. David has also been instrumental in organising a series of community concerts which have raised funds for external charities and community initiatives.

Congregational participation and creativity are two important parts of our liturgical expression in worship. We have a commitment to exploring faith through the visual arts and music, through discussion, investigation and practice.

Our worship on Sundays commences at St David's Church at 9am and is a sung eucharist. This is followed by fellowship and refreshments in the Community Hub Café afterwards.



# ministry

## our identity

A liturgical, time-honoured church.  
A beacon of God's love — advocating inclusiveness,  
and upholding social justice for all.

## our purpose

Our purpose reflects  
the 5 Marks of Mission (Anglican Communion) —  
to Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure.

And expounds our 5 practices of

- Radical Hospitality
- Creative Worship
- Intentional Faith Development
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service
- Extravagant Generosity

## Ministry

### AGED CARE MINISTRY

Lay Pastoral Ministers visit two aged care homes each month and provide communion to residents and other people at home. Currently the parish is ministering to Opal [Applecross Shore](#) and [Alfred Cove](#) Care Communities.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation occurs every week on a Thursday evening in St David's at 5pm.

### LADIES' BREAKFASTS

Ladies' Breakfasts are held monthly at [Nic & Kolo](#) restaurant in the Applecross Village. A time of fellowship and connection.

### LAY MINISTRY AND FAITH FORMATION

There is a strong tradition of lay ministry in Applecross with members of the congregations licensed as Lay Pastoral Ministers and acting as intercessors, readers, welcomers, sacristans, and servers. Historically the parish has put a significant focus on faith formation and has organically produced multiple formation candidates, many of whom have gone on to be ordained. It has also taken a supporting role in forming curates through placement and wider support of candidates across the diocese. Multiple parish members have been Examining Chaplains and the Hugh Bird Memorial Trust funds ongoing spiritual development of lay and ordained people.

### MOTHERS UNION

A dedicated group of parishioners belong to a branch of the Mothers Union; they provide support both to the Parish and the causes they adopt themselves. A celebration and service marking 150 years since the founding of Mothers Union will be held in the parish in June.

### SEASONAL STUDY GROUPS

Advent and Lenten Studies are held in the parish each year. For the past few years, we have been privileged to have The Reverend Dr Sue Boorer conduct our studies, with attendees from surrounding parishes.

### TASTE AND SEE STUDY GROUP

A small group meet to further their faith development through reading and reflecting on a particular book together, which often includes supporting workbooks. Recent examples include Margaret Silf's [Taste and See](#), Christine Valters Paintner's [The Artist's Rule](#) and Richard Rohr's [Falling Upwards](#).

# mission

## our mission

- The want for a continued Anglican presence
- The need for a new way, a different way to be that presence
- The hope to continue to offer sacred space, service, and time for all

## our emerging themes

from our mission envisioning are:

- Local Community Connectedness
- Intergenerational Ministry
- New Sacred Spaces
- Alternative Income Sources
- Communal Worship
- Interconnectedness
- Environmental Care and Sustainability

## Mission

Exploring and understanding the Mission of the Church has been a key part of journey over the last few decades. Applecross has historically had strong connections with mission agencies such as ABM, with multiple parish members having undertaken missionary work.

More recently a contemporary understanding of the Mission of the Church has been explored with substantive Mission Action Plans developed in 2010 (Review 2012), 2016, 2021 and 2024, influenced by Mission-Shaped Church and Missional Church movements.

## Recent Mission Initiatives

### AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS

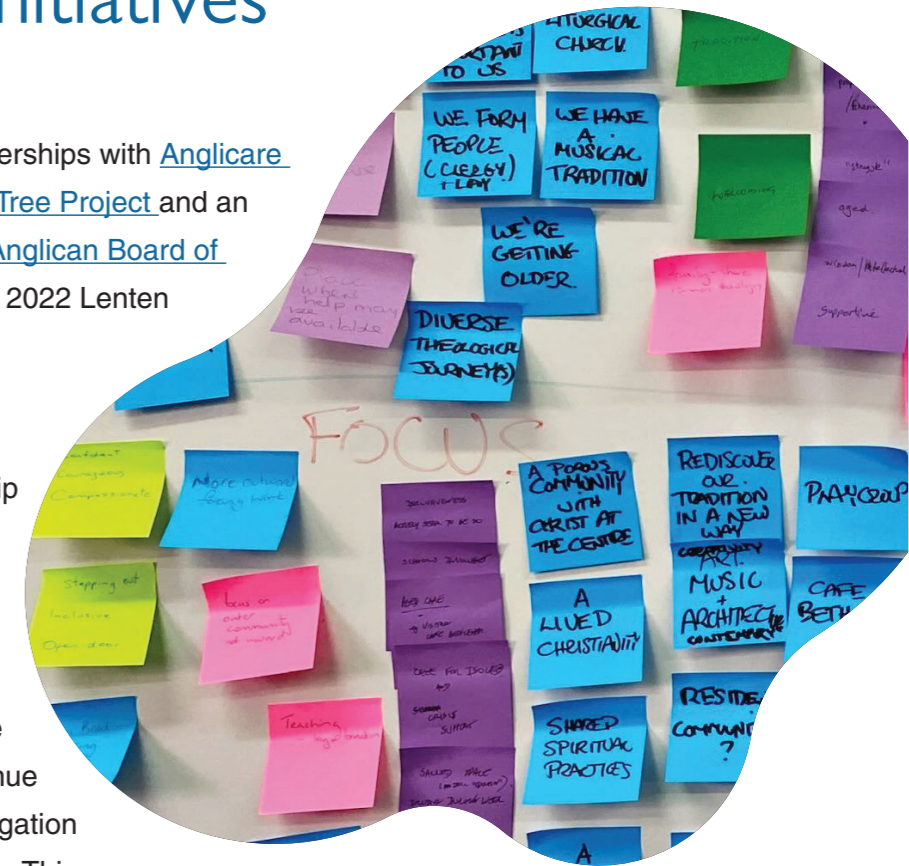
The parish has active and ongoing partnerships with [Anglicare WA](#), [St Barts](#), [Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Project](#) and an historical and deep connection with the [Anglican Board of Mission](#). The parish recently used ABM's 2022 Lenten Study - [Repairing the Breach](#).

### CAFÉ BETHLEHEM

Café Bethlehem was initially a partnership between the parish and [Melville Cares](#) to provide and monthly community lunch for seniors to combat isolation and loneliness for older people still living at home. A change in CEO saw the partnership change and the parish continue the initiative on its own, with both congregation and wider community members attending. This initiative is currently paused during the interregnum.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The parish has had a strong tradition of children and youth ministry and outreach into the community. For many years it ran a community playgroup with a paid facilitator, an initiative which is currently being reworked. The parish has in the past hosted Godly Play training and still has good facilities for activities with children and young people. We are currently exploring new initiatives and partners so that we can create space for children and young people.



## COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

The Community Book Club was a community book club started by a number of parishioners and former parishioners, meeting in their own homes. When the parish was approached to see if they could hire our facilities for the club, we incorporated it, as a parish event, into our Community Hub and Café initiative.

## COMMUNITY CAROLS

In 2024 the parish applied for and was awarded a \$7000 City of [Melville My Community Grant](#) to hold Community Carols outside St David's. The initiative put into practice some of our theoretical learning, looking out to the community. We engaged with our existing hall hirers, [RumbaFit](#) and [Prime Movers](#), and incorporated them into a concert style event with our occasional carol singers. We contracted free face painting, popcorn, balloon animals and a bouncy castle. A photobooth style nativity dress up was located in the church. [TNT All Stars Cheerleading](#) sold burgers and performed to raise money for their overseas tour. We had over 400 people attend, with people bringing along picnics and joining in.

## COMMUNITY HUB & CAFÉ

This initiative has been made possible through three Anglicare Community Grants of \$1000 each year. The project started off as a pop-up café in the community. It then morphed into rebranding our hall to a Community Hub and setting up a permanent café in our foyer. The café also acts as an information hub for community programs, campaigns and services. It provides hospitality to those who use the community space and to clients of The Sanctuary Tree.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS — THE SANCTUARY TREE

The parish is increasingly looking to partner with other organisations to meet the needs of those in the local community. The Sanctuary Tree, a community-based psychology practice that is located in the parish offices, offers both individual and community-based services, including art therapy. We are currently exploring ways in which collaboration can occur between the parish and this important community partner.

## DIOCESAN INITIATIVES

Where appropriate, the parish looks to engage with Diocesan initiatives that build on the local priorities. We recently engaged with the Diocesan Domestic Violence Working Group and its [Purple Bench Project](#), installing a purple pew outside our Community Hub entrance to raise awareness of Family and Domestic Violence.

We have members of our parish as members of Examining Chaplains, Anglican Social Responsibilities and Anglican EcoCare.



## FOOD BANK (WILLAGEE PARISH)

The parish collects food weekly from the congregation to support Willagee Parish in its work of providing emergency relief services to its community. Willagee is an area of high need, and it allows our community to contribute directly to this meaningful work.

## JACARANDA FESTIVAL

The [Jacaranda Festival](#) is a significant local community event run by Rotary. The parish regularly has a stall at this festival, engaging with the community and providing children's activities.

## YOUTHCARE

For decades the parish has hosted the ecumenical dinner to raise funds for [YouthCare](#) Chaplaincy in local schools. The parish has strong links with YouthCare, with a former Associate Priest of the parish being its initial Executive Officer, and a current YouthCare Chaplain being one of our parishioners.

# A Key Initiative

The City of Melville released a [Structure Plan for the Riseley Centre](#) in 2015 which has provided the impetus for much of the development that is taking place in the local area. Its goal is “to create a vibrant and sustainable centre that will be a great place to live, work, socialise and shop”. The Ardross site lies at the outer limit of the area covered by the Structure Plan and not far from the many new developments that are also taking place around Canning Bridge.

In addition to St David’s Church and the Rectory, the Ardross site also comprises a sizeable Community Hub (hall), used by a variety of community groups, and includes a reception area, 5 offices, a meeting room and a seminar room. Two of the offices are currently rented to The Sanctuary Tree, a community-based psychology practice. The Curate’s house is also currently rented on a longer-term basis.

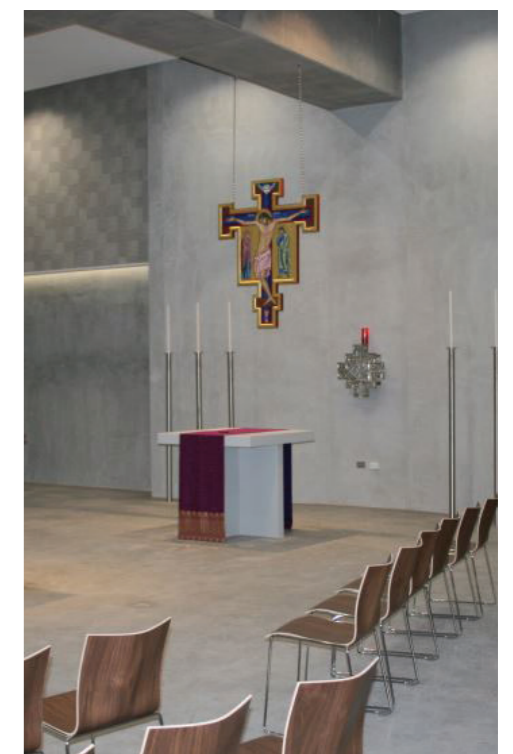
Between October 2022 and March 2025, the parish council undertook a series of site visits to different Anglican and non-Anglican churches, as well as several community facilities to better understand the way in which a redeveloped or new building had impacted on the mission of the local church and community.

Parish Council visits included [Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre](#), [Grace Anglican Church](#), [St Peter’s Anglican Church](#), [Church of the Resurrection](#), [Mount Pleasant Baptist Church](#), [Faith Community Church](#), [Nations Church](#), [St Michael & All Angels](#), [Foyer Oxford Youth Housing](#) and the [Belmont Hub](#). A number of parishioners have also visited our former rector, The Reverend Andrew Williams, while he was the inaugural Priest Missioner at St Francis and [The Engine Room](#), Tottenham Hale UK.

Where possible the visits included a discussion with local leadership to understand the mission, history, activities and context of the church or organisation that developed that church or community facility. Investigation into overseas and national examples of community facing church redevelopments was also undertaken.

At our 2024 Annual Meeting of Parishioners, a motion was passed to explore the possible redevelopment opportunities that exist for the parish at both the Ardross and Applecross sites. In 2025 the decision to sell the Applecross site was made.

A motion by the Parish Council in January 2026 to engage [TRCB Architects](#), [WT Partnership](#) and [Infrakey](#) to produce a feasibility study into the redevelopment options for the 5598 m2 Ardross site was passed, once funds were raised. It is expected that these funds will have been raised by the third quarter of 2026. The purpose of the study is to create a financial model for a financially sustainable hyper-local church over the long term, as social demographics of church attendance change, and provide fit-for-purpose buildings that facilitate our mission and engagement with the local community.



# our next priest

We believe our parish is looking for someone who has:

- a demonstrated interest in missiology and the shape of the church in contemporary society;
- a demonstrated ability to lead (mixed clergy and lay) ministry teams using collaborative techniques;
- a track record of community-focused ministry that is inclusive and has concern for social justice;
- an ability to think strategically and reflectively;
- a liturgical practice that is spiritual rather than religious and has a contemplative element, with a contemporary aesthetic;
- strong preaching and communication skills that enable engagement with an educated congregation and the wider Applecross community; and
- energy for developing something new, but the wisdom to discern what will be lasting.

## expressions of interest

If you have a sense that God may be calling you to Applecross Anglican Church, expressions of interest and enquiries should be directed to The Right Reverend David Bassett.

Email: [bpkundaam@perth.anglican.org](mailto:bpkundaam@perth.anglican.org)

Telephone: 08 9425 7221





additional  
information

## Rectory

A well-maintained Rectory, four-bedroom, two-bathroom plus study, on a sizeable block is located close to St David's Church but is on a separate street and is separated from the church by a second smaller house, formerly the Curate's house. The Rectory is currently rented out on a monthly periodic lease until a new priest is appointed. Details can be seen at <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/2-mitchell-st-ardross-wa-6153>.

## Schools and Education

Ardross primary school and Applecross primary school have connections to the parish as does Applecross High School. [All Saints College](#), a co-education K-13 Anglican School, is 10 minutes away in the Parish of Bull Creek which shares the College chapel. Wesley College for boys and Penrhos College for girls are located 15 minutes away in South Perth.

The parish is well positioned for access to the universities. [Murdoch University](#) is 10 minutes south of the parish while [Curtin University](#) is 15 minutes east, and [The University of Western Australia](#) is 20 minutes north on the other side of the river with good access from the freeway. The [Catholic University of Notre Dame](#) is located 20 minutes west in Fremantle.

## Local Community

The parish is located within the [City of Melville](#). The 2021 Census shows the combined population of Applecross and Ardross to be 11,725 with a median age of 43. 56% of people over the age of 15 were in a registered marriage and 57% have been educated to diploma level or above. English is the most common ancestry (35.1%), followed by Australian (24.4%) and Chinese (15.1%). 39% of the population have no religious affiliation, 21.8% affiliate with the Catholic church and 11.1% with the Anglican church. Links to more detailed information is provided later in the document.



# Anglican Diocese of Perth

The [Anglican Diocese of Perth](#) is one of three Dioceses in the Province of Western Australia. It comprises 104 parishes and one Cathedral, and extends from Perth on the west coast of Australia to Esperance in the south and Eucla in the east, on the border with South Australia – a distance of some 1,300 km. The Right Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO, was elected [Archbishop of Perth](#) in August 2017. Archbishop Kay is a former Rector of Applecross, and was the first woman ordained to the episcopate in Australia in May 2008. The leadership of the Diocese also comprises three Assistant Bishops and five Archdeacons.

Applecross Parish falls within the Wagyl Deanery (Melville) with eleven other parishes. The regional Assistant Bishop is The Right Reverend David Bassett, assisted by the (interim) regional Archdeacon, The Venerable Justine Coverdale.

## Perth and Western Australia

Perth is the capital of [Western Australia](#) with a population of just over 2.5 million. The metropolitan area is located on the Swan Coastal Plain, between the Indian Ocean and the Darling Scarp. Aboriginal people have inhabited the Perth area for at least 38,000 years, the Noongar people occupying the southwest corner of Western Australia where they lived as hunter-gatherers. Perth lies within the Whadjuk region which contains a range of significant Noongar sites.

Perth has everything that you would expect in a vibrant capital city – a large Central Business District, a newly refurbished museum quarter, art galleries and concert halls. A very special feature is Kings Park, home to the spectacular Western Australian Botanic Garden and protected bushland that provides a haven for native biological diversity in the heart of the city.

There is much to do and see in the city, and much to explore in the vastness of Western Australia that lies beyond. Western Australia's beaches are amongst the most beautiful in the world with 19 in Perth alone. Further afield, World Heritage Sites at Shark Bay and the Ningaloo Reef provide the opportunity to see nature in unparalleled abundance and beauty. The 60 National Parks in WA provide the opportunity to experience a tremendous range of natural attractions and diverse flora and fauna. Rottnest Island has been a regular holiday destination for parish families and previous Rectors.

Western Australia is one of the most biologically diverse regions, producing a profusion of fresh local food, and is home to nine different wine regions, including the Swan Valley on Perth's doorstep, and Margaret River, a three-hour drive to the south.



## Further Links

### [Anglican Parish of Applecross Map \(Google My Maps\)](#)

Including parish and LGA boundaries, Anglican and other churches, schools and aged care.

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1DtB4-25foUEC\\_stw3ndjre5ywwn5t0M&usp=sharing](https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1DtB4-25foUEC_stw3ndjre5ywwn5t0M&usp=sharing)

### [Full Ardross Site Plan - Feature Survey](#)

Feature survey showing St David's Church, Community Hub, Parish Office and two residences.

Download [here](#).

### [Applecross – Ardross - 2021 Census All persons QuickStats](#)

<https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/507041175>

### [City of Melville LGA - 2021 Census All persons QuickStats](#)

<https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA55320>

### [City of Melville Community Profile \(.id Profile\)](#)

<https://profile.id.com.au/melville>

### [City of Melville – About Our City](#)

<https://www.melvillecity.com.au/our-city/about-our-city>



# acknowledgement of country

***Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort  
keyen kaadak nidjar boodjar.***

*We respectfully acknowledge Noongar People  
as the original custodians of this land,  
and their ongoing relationship with it.  
We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.*

*We pray that our imprint on this earth  
may bear the marks of reverence for this fragile planet  
and for each other as we journey together  
on the path towards reconciliation.*

*The Diocese's Reconciliation Action Plan  
is available on their [website](#).*

*“The primary way to know  
what God is up to in our world...  
is by entering into the ordinary,  
everyday life of the neighborhoods  
and communities where we live....*

*If you want to discover and discern  
what God is up to in the world just now,  
stop trying to answer this question  
from within the walls of your churches.*

*Like strangers in need of hospitality  
who have left their baggage behind,  
enter the neighborhoods  
and communities where you live.*

*Sit at the table of the other,  
and there you may begin to hear  
what God is doing”*

**Alan Roxburgh**

Missional: Joining God in the Neighborhood

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