

# Guidance notes for this PowerPoint



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- Hymns:
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- Bible Readings: The service contains three suggested Bible Readings:
  - Leviticus 25: 3-5 (**Slides 26-29**)
  - Romans 8: 22-23 (**Slides 30-32**)
  - Luke 8: 22-25 (**Slides 33-38**)
- Reflections from the Bible Readings (**Slides 40-62**)
- Roma Reflection (**Slides 88-94**)

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**Frontier Services**  
Standing with people in the bush



*Standing with people  
in the bush through the  
storms of life*



# Acknowledgement of Country



**We acknowledge the  
sovereign First Peoples  
of these lands and  
waters where we meet.**

# Acknowledgement of Country



**We pay our respects to  
their elders past and  
present and to all  
descendants of  
this/these nations who  
have cared for this place  
since creation.**



# Acknowledgement of Country



**We also honour all other  
Aboriginal and Torres  
Strait Islander Peoples  
here today.**



*Call to Worship*

***Psalm 96: 11-12***

**Let the heavens rejoice and  
earth be glad!**

***Let the sea thunder, and all it  
holds!***





*Call to Worship*

Let the countryside exalt and  
all that is in it

***Let all the trees of the forest  
cry out for joy***

***Amen***

# *Opening Hymn*







*Prayer of Praise  
and Thanksgiving*



**Gracious and loving God,  
Creator of all things,  
Creator of this vast and  
beautiful country we call  
Australia.**





***For rocky outcrops,  
plains stretching out to the  
horizon,***



***For the many different,  
intricate creatures,  
signs of your delight in  
creation,***

***We praise you, Lord.***





You have created humankind,  
to live in harmony  
with the earth,  
delighting in your creation,  
working to grow, to harvest  
and to distribute the food  
and resources  
we need to survive.



***For life in community,***

***For the ability to share in the  
produce of the earth,***





***we give you thanks and  
praise,***

***Lord God.***

***Amen***

# *Prayer of Confession*

Lord, when we see the beauty and intricacy of your creation we acknowledge humanity's misuse and abuse.





We confess Lord that we have  
been careless and sometimes  
willful in our actions.

*Forgive us Lord for our  
carelessness and disregard.*



In this world, filled with  
creatures and ecosystems that  
are delicate and vulnerable,

*Forgive us Lord for the times we  
have plundered and exploited.*





In this world where water  
can seem so abundant  
and yet so precious to the  
survival of all life,

***Forgive us Lord for our wasting  
and our polluting.***



In this world where there is  
food and resources enough for  
all to live with dignity,

*Forgive us Lord for our  
selfishness and greed.*





***In all we do, may we be  
people of compassion,  
caring for your creation,  
for each other and for  
all people across this country and  
across your world.***



***We bring these prayers to you in  
Jesus name.***

***Amen***





*Pass the Peace of Christ*

A serene landscape featuring a calm body of water in the middle ground, surrounded by lush green trees and foliage. In the foreground, there are tall, thin, brownish plants and green grasses. A bird is captured in flight over the water on the left side. The sky is a soft, overcast blue. The text "Pass the Peace of Christ" is written in a white, cursive font across the upper portion of the image.





*The peace of the Lord  
be with you.*

***And also with you.***

Please pass the peace to the  
people around you.



*Hymn*





*Bible Reading*

**Leviticus 25: 3-5**





# *Bible Reading*



**Six years you shall  
sow your field,**

**and six years you shall  
prune your vineyard and  
gather in their yield,**

A long, straight dirt road stretches into the distance under a clear blue sky. The road is flanked by dry, scrubby vegetation and a few small trees. The horizon is visible in the far distance.

# *Bible Reading*

but in the seventh year  
there shall be a Sabbath  
of complete rest  
for the land,

a Sabbath for the Lord:

you shall not sow your field  
or prune your vineyard.



# *Bible Reading*

A long, straight dirt road stretches into the distance under a clear blue sky. The road is flanked by dry, scrubby vegetation and a few small trees. The horizon is visible in the far distance.

**You shall not reap the  
aftergrowth of your harvest  
or gather the grapes  
of your unpruned vine:**

**it shall be a year of  
complete rest for the land.**



*Bible Reading*

**Romans 8: 22-23**





# *Bible Reading*

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation,



# *Bible Reading*



**but we ourselves,  
who have the first fruits  
of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly while we  
wait for adoption,  
the redemption of our bodies.**



# *Bible Reading*

**Luke 8: 22-25**





# *Bible Reading*



One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them,

“Let us go across to the other side of the lake.”



# *Bible Reading*



So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep.

A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.

# *Bible Reading*

A long, straight, gravel road stretches into the distance under a clear blue sky. The road is flanked by dry, scrubby vegetation and a few utility poles. The horizon is visible in the far distance.

**They went to him and  
woke him up, shouting,**

**“Master, Master, we are  
perishing!”**



# *Bible Reading*



**And waking up, he rebuked  
the wind and the  
raging waves;**

**they ceased,  
and there was a calm.**

# *Bible Reading*



Then he said to them,

**“Where is your faith?”**

**They were terrified  
and amazed and said  
to one another,**



# *Bible Reading*



**“Who then is this,  
that he commands  
even the winds and the  
water and they obey him?”**



# *Reflection*





*This reflection comes from  
Rev Dona Spencer who recently  
concluded her time as a  
Bush Chaplain serving in the  
Bottle Tree Remote Area,  
Queensland.*



During my time as a  
Bush Chaplain, I have been  
deeply touched by the  
respect and understanding  
that the graziers and farmers  
have for the land.





One grazier spoke of their relationship being not one of ownership but of guardianship.



Just as our First Nations People  
cared for the lands,  
she too was  
“maintaining the property in  
order to hand it over to their  
sons or future owners”.





I am deeply appreciative of  
their intimate knowledge  
of the local wildlife,  
and their fondness for  
little wallabies of various sizes  
and colours even though  
they could be a pest!



The Leviticus passage speaks of the ancient understanding of this need for rest and rejuvenation, and the awareness of the cyclical nature of land guardianship.





I often hear about the plans that farmers have for rejuvenation, and for rest in order to protect the land from overuse.



Cycles of rest, planting, growth and harvesting are evident throughout the farming communities of Australia.





So too are cycles of drought  
and flood, bushfires and  
regrowth.



In Romans we read how together  
with all creation  
we wait, we groan,  
and hope to one day  
celebrate and rejoice.





This connectedness with people and the land is paramount to success and wholeness in the outback.



There is a placard heading west on the Warrego highway which commands our attention with the words: "it's the people that matter".

This is so true for those living in the outback.





The small towns,  
whilst shrinking, are rich in  
community life where  
people come together to  
support when times are tough,  
and to grieve their losses,  
and to celebrate their successes.



As one grazier said  
*“our community is a  
sense of place,  
but it is also our neighbours,  
people you can rely on in  
times of need.”*





*They are people with whom  
we can also genuinely celebrate  
life's good moments.*

*It's about coming together.*



*Whether it's bushfires, accidents,  
picking up a parcel in town  
or a chat about the weather".*





The Luke 8 reading describes  
the disciples huddled in a  
boat in a storm.

They cried out, together.

Afterwards, they experienced  
the calm, together.



Frontier Services has  
Bush Chaplains on the ground  
in remote areas so that they can  
'stand with people in the bush'  
during the storms of life,  
and celebrate with them  
when the storms die down.





We are grateful that through  
all the seasons of life,

God is with us.



We share with them that  
they are not alone...

God cares, and there are  
people out there who do also.





Our Outback Links program  
is a practical expression  
of this love and care.



As volunteers roll up  
their sleeves, have a yarn, and  
share meals, relationships are  
formed, spirits are lifted and  
hearts are encouraged.

And, good memories linger on  
long after the volunteers leave.





*Hymn*





# *Offering*

Lord God, we bring  
our offerings to you this day  
out of gratitude for your  
blessings to us and  
for all we have received.





# *Offering*

We pray that they might  
be used so that all people,  
especially those in  
remote corners of this country,  
may know your love,  
your comfort and your peace.

***Amen***





# *Prayers of Intercession*

We pray for our world,  
and in particular this day,  
we lift up to you  
the people who live across  
rural and remote parts  
of our country.





**We pray for First Nations  
people across this land.**

**May we all walk together,  
creating meaningful  
connections and a  
brighter road ahead.**



Lord hear us,

*Lord, hear our prayers.*





**We pray for farmers  
and those living and working  
in rural and remote Australia.**



**People working hard to  
provide the food and  
resources we need to  
sustain our lives.**





**May God grant them  
comfort and rest  
through the challenges  
and hardships that they face.**



**We pray particularly  
for people impacted by  
and recovering from  
the effects of severe weather  
events and natural disasters.**





Lord hear us,

*Lord, hear our prayers.*



**We pray for children  
and families  
living in the bush.**





**May they be sustained  
through the work of  
Frontier Services and  
other agencies so that they  
might feel a sense of  
connection and hope  
for their future.**



Lord hear us,

*Lord, hear our prayers.*





**We pray for Frontier Services  
Bush Chaplains, that they  
might bring care and  
compassion to the  
most vulnerable and isolated  
people across this vast land.**



**We pray for  
Outback Links volunteers,  
that they might bring  
much needed friendship  
and practical support to  
our brothers and sisters  
in the bush.**





Lord hear us,

***Lord, hear our prayers.***



**We pray for people  
and concerns  
in our own community ...**

**(Your congregation  
might pray for  
other global and local  
concerns)**





Lord hear us,

*Lord, hear our prayers.*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
help us to follow you,  
willing to help people in need,  
wherever they are,  
in our community and beyond.

*Amen*





*Hymn*





# *Words of Mission and Sending Out*

Like the sun rises on coastland,  
mountain areas or inland,  
May the warmth  
of your love fire up our hearts,  
That we may be  
and bear your blessing to all.







*Blessing*

Take heart.

You do not travel through this  
world alone.



The timeless God travels  
with you in all you do,  
wherever you go,  
through all your joys  
and sorrows.





Now may the love of  
God the Father,  
the compassion of  
Jesus Christ the Son,  
and the guidance of the  
Holy Spirit,  
Be with you, now and always,  
*Amen*



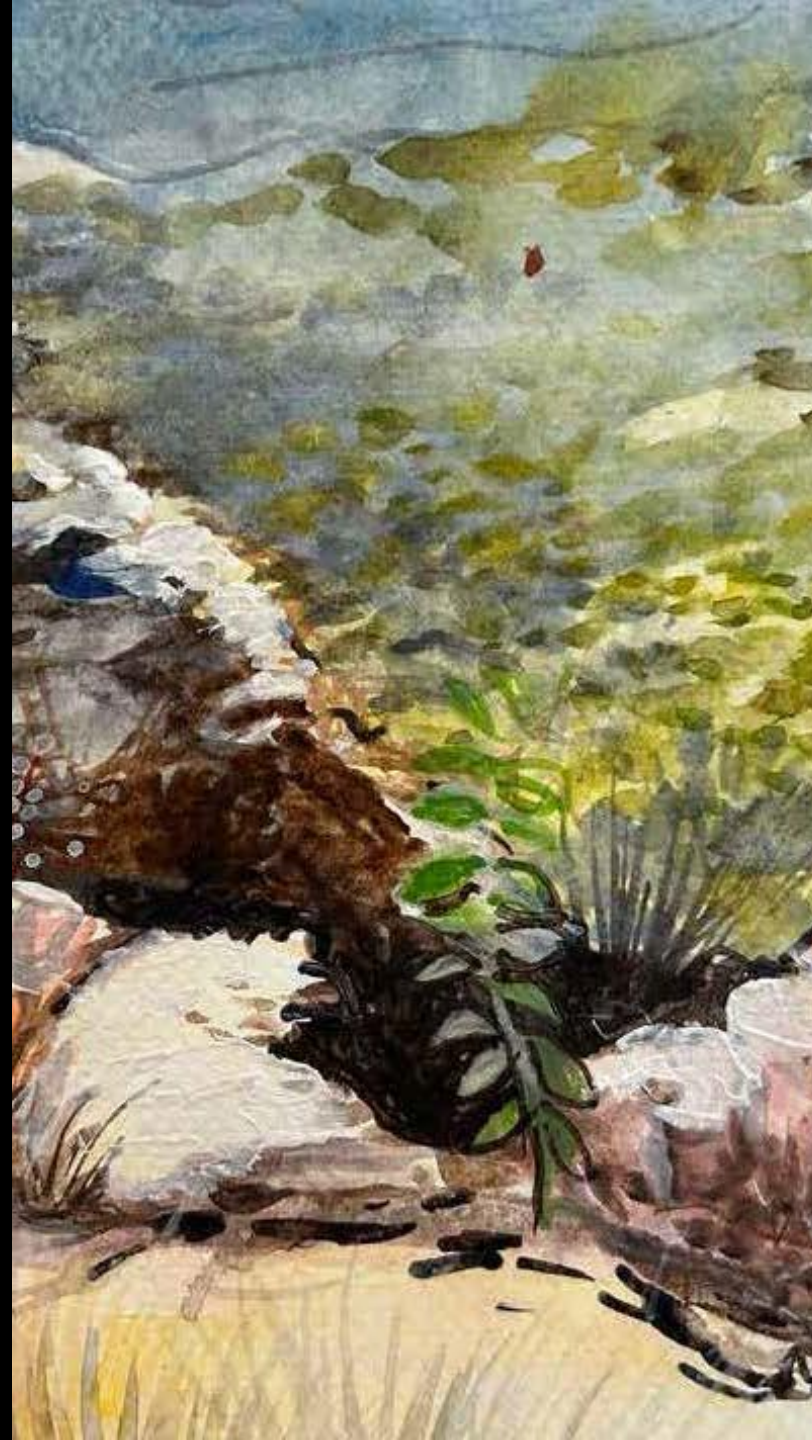
*Roma reflection:  
The gateway to  
the outback*



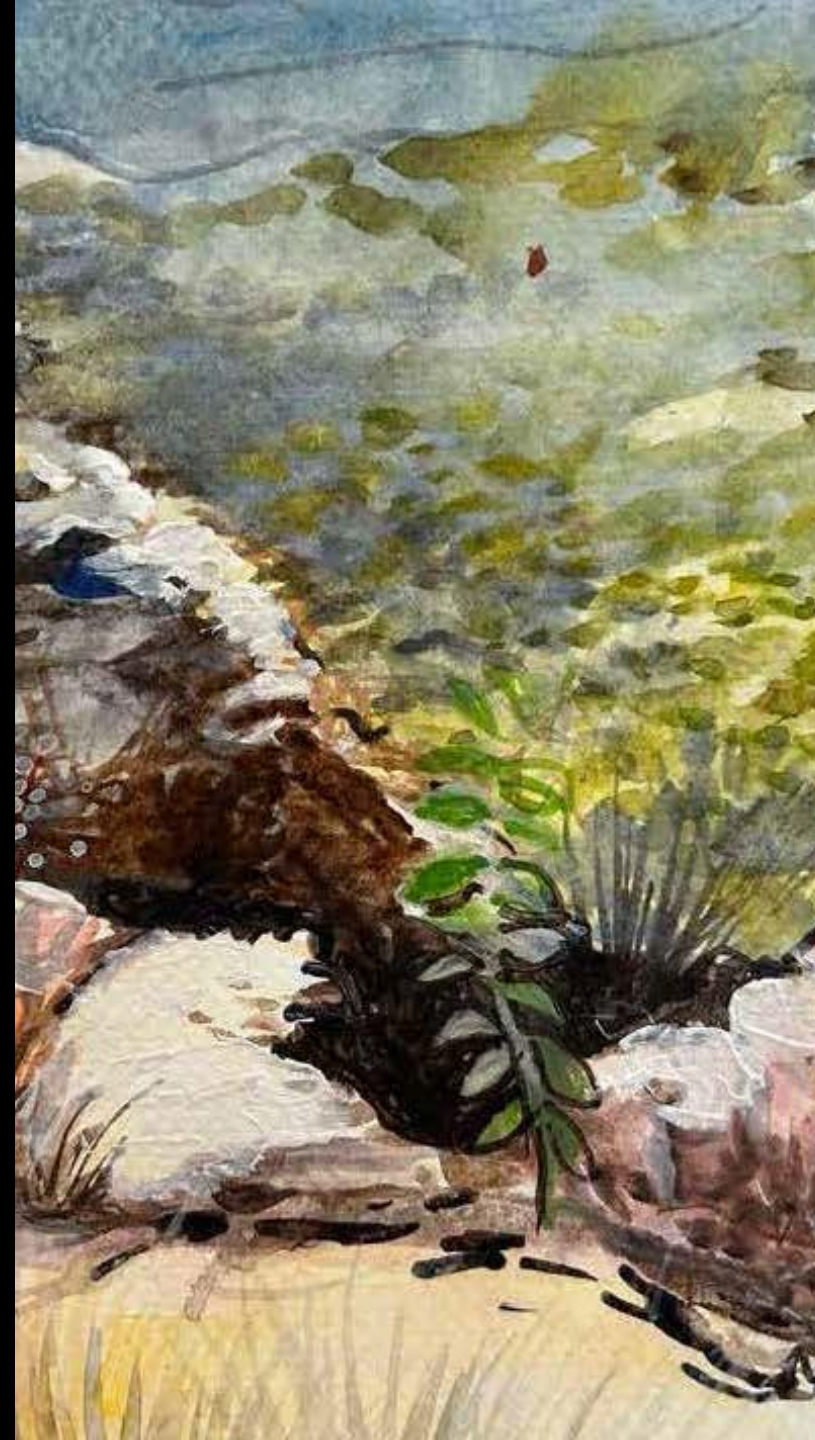


**“The country with a  
beating heart.**

**A land of undulating  
desert forms - always changing  
in the shimmering light  
from ferocious red,  
to sap green and gentle ochres.**

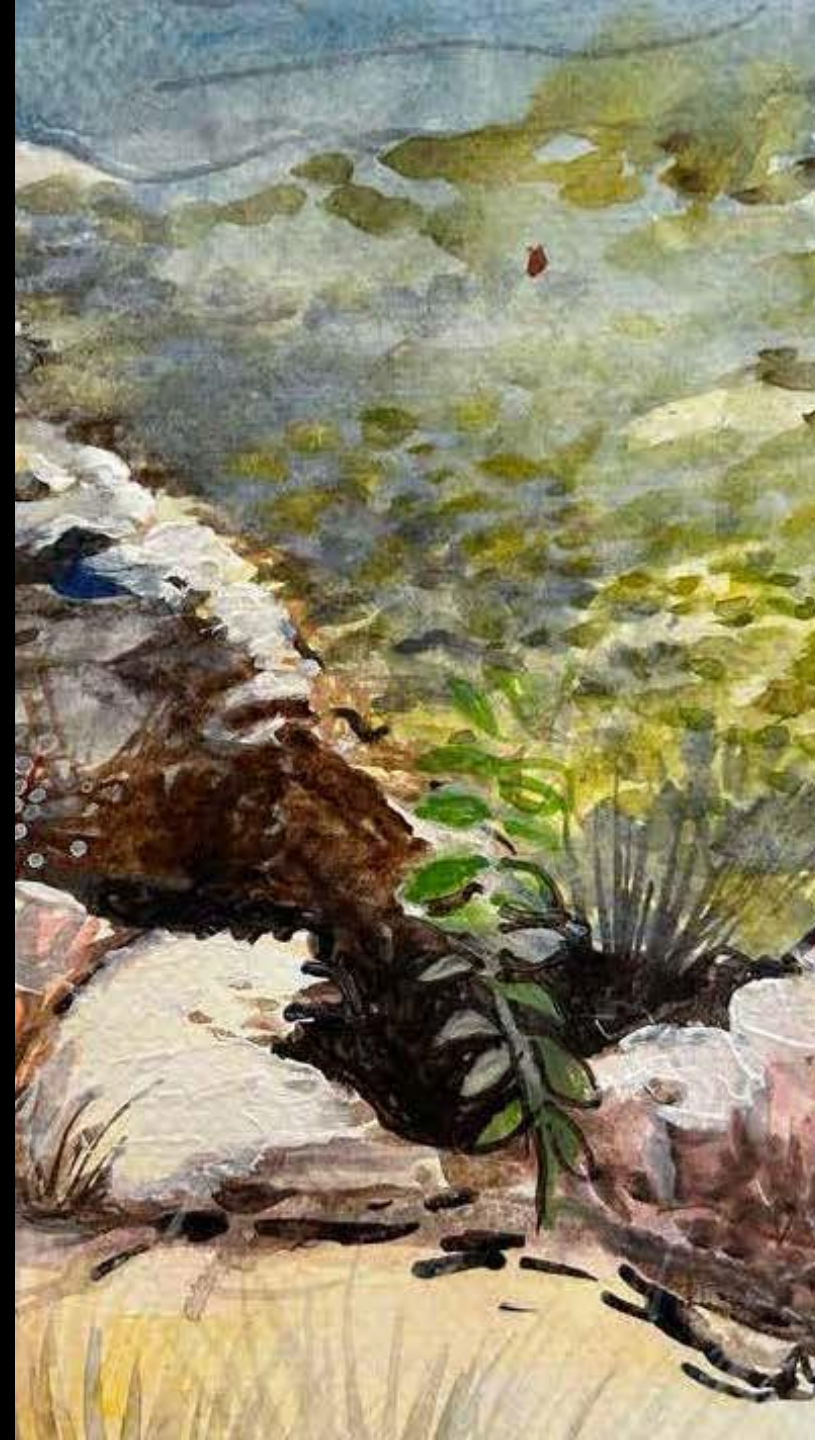


An inland where one learns  
to wait – watching the sky,  
listening along with the leaves,  
the birds, and the animals.

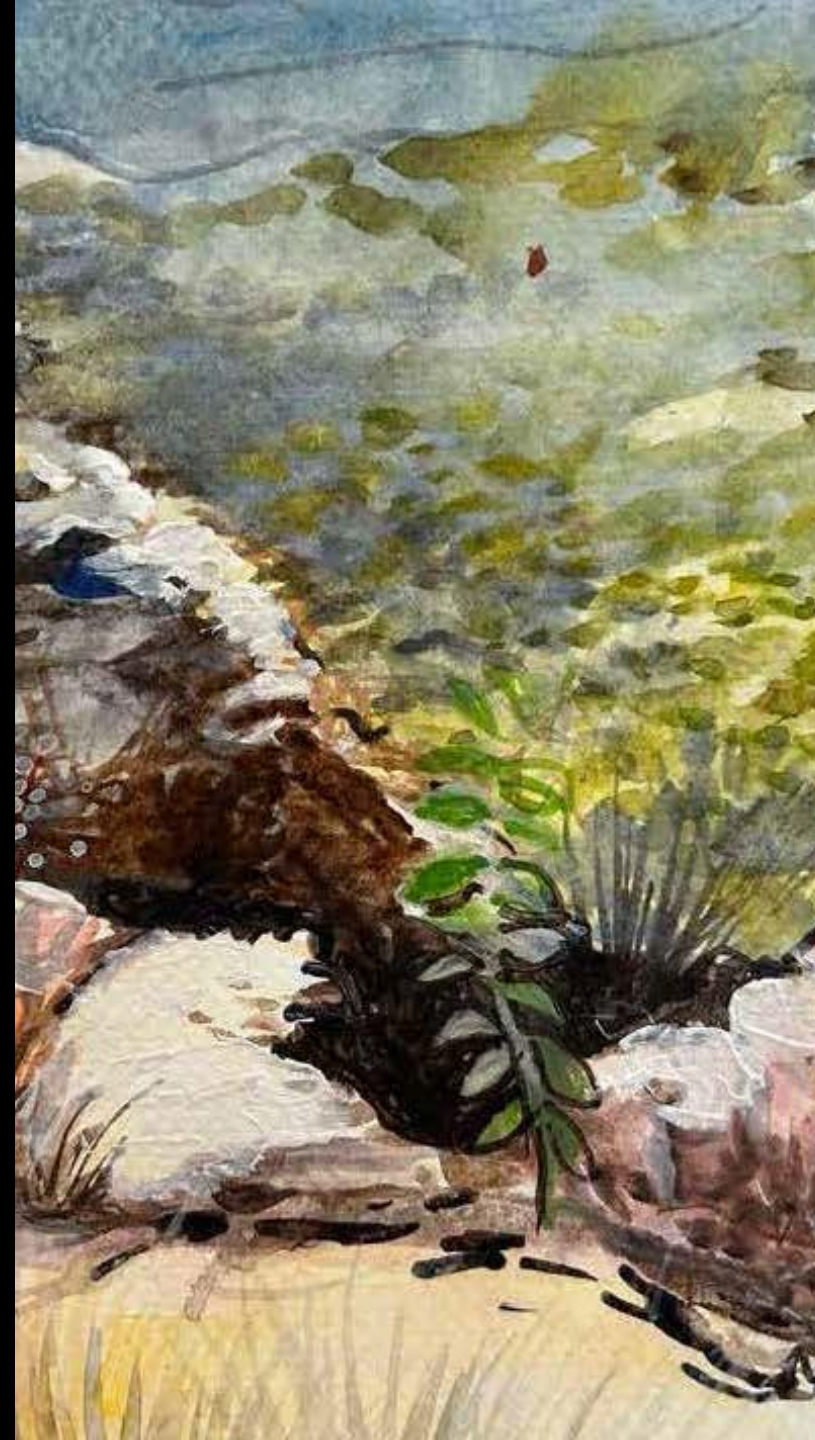




We contemplate the  
coming of the sun,  
feel its scorching heat,  
then watch it slowly ebb  
and withdraw,  
leaving shadows moving  
with the night.



With the eagle, we are called  
to roam across the sky,  
to travel with the breeze,  
breath deep and long.

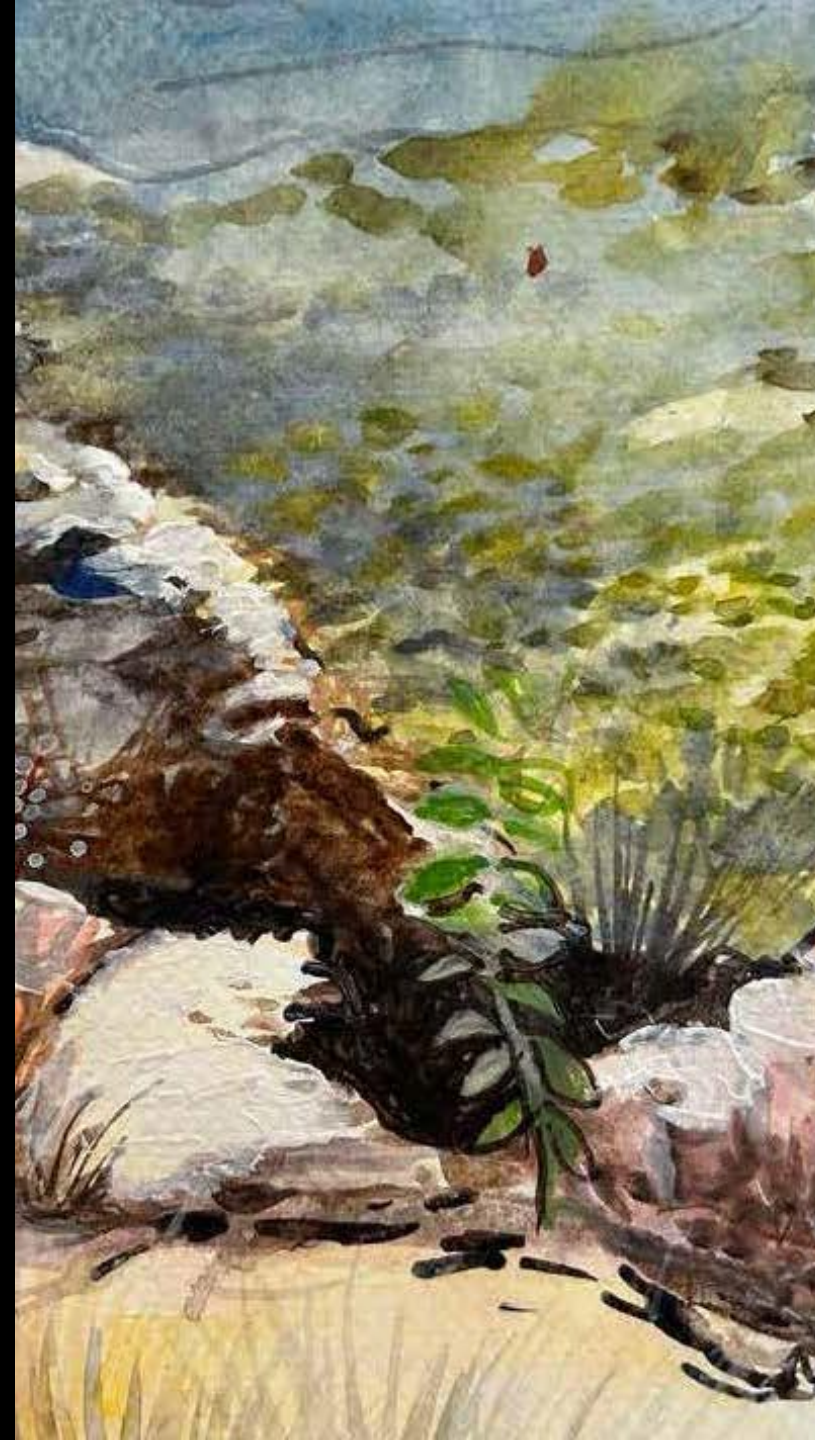




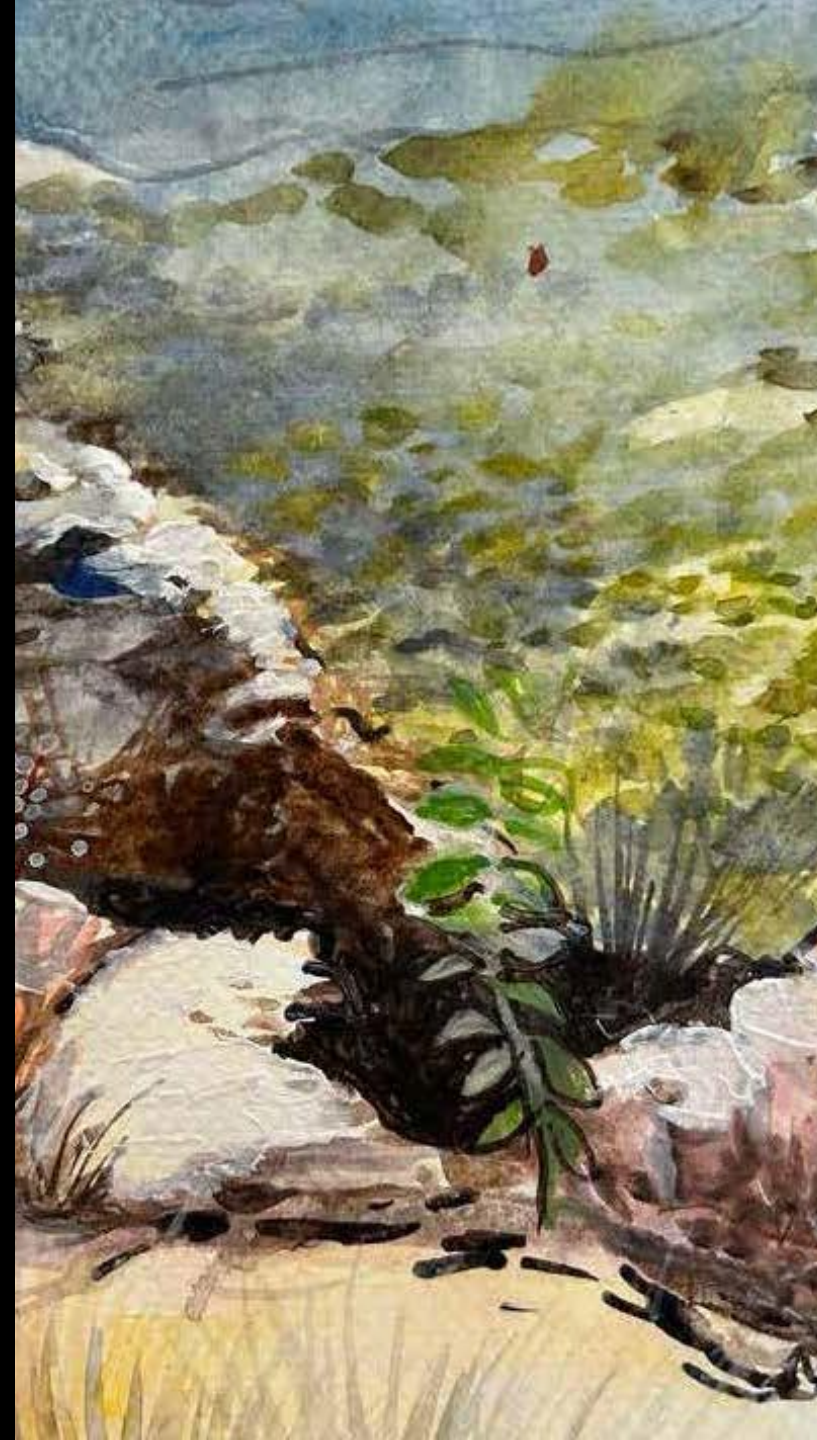
To watch and hear the silence.

To see our neighbour.

To experience deep life -  
one with each other and  
with the earth.”



Like the sun rises on coastland,  
mountain areas or inland,  
May the warmth  
of your love fire up our hearts,  
That we may be  
and bear your blessing to all.





*Thank you*



The only reason we are able to go beyond the furthest fence to help people in rural Australia, is because of people like you.





**You can help bush communities today and into the future.**







# Donate today

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# Volunteer

Check out current volunteering opportunities in areas of most need.

[frontierservices.org/outback-links](https://frontierservices.org/outback-links)





*"My husband Fred and I left a gift in our Will so Frontier Services can continue into the future. We want to help keep Frontier Services running because it's so necessary," - Meron.*

# A Lasting Legacy

Continue Rev Flynn's vision for outback Australia - include a **Gift in your Will** to Frontier Services

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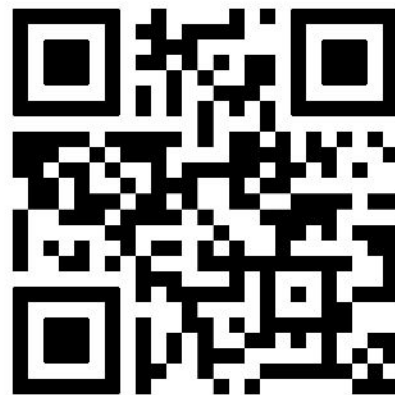




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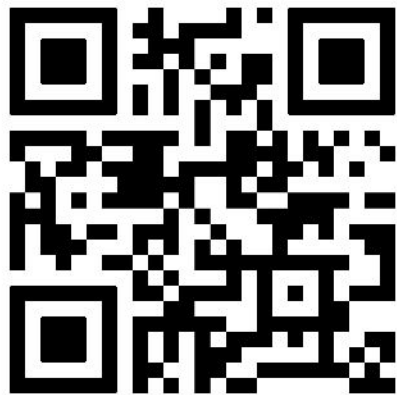




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# Hymn Lyric Slides



- Depending on your congregation's relevant CCLI license, you may like to:
  - Choose hymns or songs with which your community is familiar
  - Choose one of a number of hymns found in Together in Song which reflect some of the beauty and uniqueness of Australia.
- **Suggested possible hymns include:**
  - TiS 134 - Praise my soul the king of heaven
  - TiS 166 - Cosmic Praise (Sing a new song) – Richard Connolly
  - TiS 188 - Where wide sky rolls down and touched red sand – Elizabeth J. Smith

# Suggested Hymn Slides



- TiS 253 - O Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr – Aboriginal People of Arnhem Land and D’Arcy Wood
- TiS 672 - Lord of earth and all creation – Michael Rayner Thwaites and Honor Mary Thwaites
- TiS 610 - God you touch the earth with Beauty
- TiS 613 - God of all hopefulness
- TiS 629 - When I needed a neighbour
- TiS 650 - Brother sister let me serve you
- TiS 668 - Touch the earth lightly
- TiS 670 - Jesus put this song into our hearts
- TiS 675 - Shine Jesus Shine