



**Burnside City Uniting Church  
Profile and Role of an Elder / Church Councillor**

The Uniting Church Regulation 3.1.13(a) lists the duties and responsibilities of the church Council:

***“The Church Council shall give priority in its life to building up the congregation in faith and love, sustaining members in hope, and leading the congregation to fuller participation in Christ’s mission in the world. This priority shall be reflected in the agenda of its ordinary meetings.”***

**UNITING CHURCH CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELDERS/CHURCH COUNCILLORS**

The Uniting Church in Australia believes that all people are made in the image of God and as such we should accept every individual regardless of race, creed or genders.

As a Christian community we believe that God reaches out to us in love and acceptance and that our relationship with each other should express love and respect and not be abused.

As a community of faith, we are committed to providing a place in society where human beings can explore what it means to be made in the image of God.

BCUC Church Council recognises it’s responsibility to provide worshipping and pastoral activities that are free from abuse and that provides a safe environment for all people to explore and express their faith in the Gospel.

BCUC Elders/Church Councillors recognise Christian governance and leadership is:

- Appointed by God
- Focused on Christ
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit
- Centred on God’s word
- Dependent on prayer
- Requires being a good team player
- Involves people with different gifts, strengths and personalities
- Loves and serves those they lead and/or oversee
- Embraces change as God leads

## **PROFILE OF A BCUC ELDER/COUNCILLOR**

At BCUC our Elders / Church Councillors will lead by example. Key attributes include:

- Being a member of BCUC
- Actively participating in the life and ministry of the Church, regularly attending worship, small groups etc.
- Seeking to grow their spiritual gifts and personal strengths as Christian disciples by studying scriptures and praying regularly
- Sharing their faith
- Being a servant of the church giving time, talents and finances to the work of the Church as an expression of their gratitude to God
- Exercising authority with love
- Keeping confidential, sensitive issues shared at Church Council
- Committing to attending monthly Council meetings regularly with appropriate preparation