



Position:

Minister/Lead Pastor

About Us:

Lyons Church of Christ was founded in 1967 with a mission to share the gospel with our local community thereby creating a Christ-centred worshipping community. Our building has been a centre of community activity for all of its history and our location is central to the Woden town centre. We are a small congregation of 40-50 regular participants with a diverse age range. Over the past 18 months we have been working through a season of transition and renewal resulting in some exciting new developments that have prepared us well for a new Minister/Pastor.

We describe our church culture, vision and goals in our Purpose Statement which is included as part of the application materials for this role. As a church we are ready to explore what God has in store for us. We have a heart for reaching our community which is expressed in ministries like Food Corner, and we share our building with other congregations who need the kind of facilities we have been blessed with.

Who We Are Looking For:

A Minister/Pastor who can develop the gifts and skills of the participants in our church community, inspire and encourage us into mission and who can live out their role with integrity, transparency, and honesty.

Position Status:

This is a permanent part time position (up to four days per week), with the potential to grow to full time, beginning 31 January 2023 with an initial contract available of 3-5 years.

To find out more please email: jasonp@lyons.org.au.

Lyons Church of Christ Purpose Statement (Who Are We?)

All churches are tasked with sharing the gospel with everyone they are privileged to encounter, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And discipling followers of Jesus in their faith and walk with God, so they are released effectively into His service wherever He leads them. Discipleship occurs most effectively when His people are engaged in Mission. We are continuing to become a church filled with passionate believers who put God's calling and the transformational work of the Holy Spirit at the centre of our lives and are prepared to sacrifice our comforts for God's Kingdom. A group of Christ-followers who love the community in which we are planted. We demonstrate this by taking the love of Jesus to where they are.

To do this, we desire to be:

- A church that recognises every person as made in the image of God and respects them accordingly. That is able to see the individual beyond their behaviour and life circumstances and seeks to view them as God does, a precious and unique individual created by Him.
- A church that is filled with passion for Jesus and a desire to worship Him, who is open to the transformational work of the Holy Spirit in everyday life and who puts God in first place in their own lives.
- A church where every person is able to receive the love and care of Jesus through the work the church does with the local community, where each person is able to learn and grow to a point where they fall in love with Jesus, are baptised and then embark on the adventure of being His disciple, and are also sent out from the church to lead and contribute to the Kingdom of God wherever they may be called.
- A church that is shaped by the people God calls to it, that is permission giving, allowing people to explore God's calling on their lives and equipping them to do it.
- A church that utilises the key opportunities in our culture to reach the lost. We seek to communicate in culturally appropriate ways while never compromising the truth of the gospel, even when that leads to counter-cultural beliefs and practices that challenge our society's status quo.
- A church that looks out for, who loves deeply, and who pastorally cares for each other in both the good times and the bad.
- A church that is biblically and theologically literate. This foundation leads to disciples and leaders who are able to engage in life-changing conversations with anyone because they have grown in their own faith journey and have the confidence of knowing God loves them no matter what. People who can lead by example in word and deed.
- A church that is passionate about reaching every age group. A church that reaches and teaches children and young people in their faith, that helps families grow their young people in spiritual and emotional maturity and a church that honours, respects and invests in its long-term faithful servants.