

## COVID-Safe Usher: Responsibilities

**Overall Goals:** Remembering that not everyone reads everything provided to them, or retains everything they hear, this role aims to show love and understanding while also being firmly committed to the importance of the guidelines Council has provided. It is to be a friendly assistant to people entering and exiting, and encourage with love compliance with Morialta's COVID-Safe Plan, particularly the guidelines about physical distancing in the worship space, through reminders and prompts. You will work in collaboration with the COVID Marshal in these tasks.

### Principles:

- People entering the worship space from the church foyer are asked to follow the usher's advice and take the next available seat, counting from the piano end, that fits with their family size – individual, couple or larger group.
- The primary reason for this request is to limit the need for people coming after them to pass within 1.5m of them when taking their own seat. The aisles are not wide enough to permit physical distancing for people walking past an already seated person in an aisle seat.

### Duties:

- Please arrive by soon after 9:00am and sanitise your hands.
- Promote and encourage compliance with Morialta's COVID-Safe Plans before, during and after worship.
- Arrange with the Marshal for the day that one of you sits at the rear of the church and the other in the E transept, to help latecomers and all as they exit.
- Points to emphasise are physical distancing of 1.5m from people not in the same family, filling the church for worship from the piano end, and allowing time for the back-of-church cameras to be moved out of the way at the end of the service before exiting through the rear glass doors, and exiting the worship space promptly, rather than lingering.
- People do not need to sign out when they leave, even though a sheet is provided at the Eastern transept door – it is only there for anyone entering that way who has not passed the person ticking the roll.
- Points to use in encouraging people to follow guidelines are these:
  - Others may feel more vulnerable than you do in the COVID pandemic situation, and leaving space for them to fill without needing to pass close to others is an act of love
  - We have many members not yet comfortable to return to the building, who may be watching online to see how well we all follow the guidelines as they make their decisions for the future.
- If appropriate, you may wish to refer questions or comments from worshippers to the Marshal, who can record them for later discussion with the wider Project Management Group.

Many thanks for taking on this role! Please be in touch if you have comments, questions or suggestions for improvement!