

Emerald/Blackwater Queensland



VACANT MINISTRY POSITION

The Anglican Diocese of Central Queensland and Bush Church Aid seek an ordained Anglican minister for a fully stipended position which includes accommodation.

Emerald is a mining and agricultural town 270 kms west of Rockhampton with a population of around 14,000. Blackwater is known as the coal capital of Queensland and is 195km from Rockhampton.

Why consider **Emerald/Blackwater**?

- Over the last three years there has been both numerical growth and increased maturity within the Emerald parish. A minister-in-charge will enable the continuation and expansion of ministries which proclaim Christ and strengthen the community in a variety of ways.
- In Blackwater, the minister-in-charge will provide a regular presence in the community, proclaiming Christ in a way that people can access, connect with and respond to.
- Strong evangelical ministry in Emerald/Blackwater means more mature believers transferring to key parishes in the Diocese, and the transient nature of the mining sector also means that benefits will be felt beyond Diocesan borders.
- St Luke's Emerald features the main building, a church office, a multi-purpose hall and kitchen as well as an on-site Op Shop which provides regular contact with the community. There is also a yard appropriate for youth and family activities. Blackwater comprises a worship space, meeting room and kitchen.
- A four-bedroom, two-bathroom rectory is located on the church property in Emerald and a fully maintained vehicle is provided.
- Pastoral care will be provided by the Bishop and Archdeacon and the BCA Regional Officer for QLD/NNSW; support for Professional Supervision will be provided by the Diocese.



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About **Emerald & Blackwater**

- Emerald is the regional centre of the Central Highlands and the gateway to the Central Western district. Local facilities include a domestic airport, hospital, university campus, TAFE campus and a selection of public and private schools.
- As the regional hub, Emerald enjoys a range of local sporting opportunities, parks, gardens and leisure activities, as well as excellent medical, dental and legal services. Emerald is also the regional shopping hub with a variety of shops and restaurants as well as a movie theatre. The aquatic centre features a 50-metre pool, heated 25-metre pool, three waterslides, a children's splash pad area and barbecue facilities.
- Emerald is home to the world's biggest Vincent van Gogh Sunflower painting. Emerald Botanic Gardens are located on the banks of the Nogoa River. The 42 hectares of gardens include a rose garden, maze, bush chapel, sculptures, rainforest and playground. Six kilometres of walking and bike tracks lead to different plant communities of the Central Highlands.
- Blackwater is known as the coal capital of Queensland and at last census had a population of approximately 5000.
- Blackwater International Coal Centre (BICC) is home to the Australian Coal Mining Museum, mine tours, Japanese Gardens, Eliza's Cottage store, cafe, cinema and Visitor Information Centre.

