

# NEWSBEAT



July 2013

PRESBYTERY OF  
PORT PHILLIP EAST

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worship in  
Melbourne -  
KCM plans big  
celebrations. See  
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## Roof crisis leads to Christ's work in the community

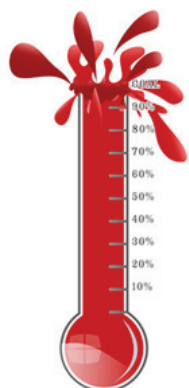
**THE congregation at Hampton is celebrating the outstanding achievement of reaching the target figure of their Roof Appeal - a whopping \$50,000!**

Rapid deterioration of the terracotta tiles had opened a significant hole in the roof of the sanctuary in 2009, and subsequent investigations revealed that the entire roof had to be replaced for a cost of \$50,000.

"The congregation was shocked and rather dismayed at the time, says church council chair, Ian Menzies, "but have rallied magnificently to the challenge of funding the replacement."

"We have had many significant donations, and our fundraising activities have been very well supported. In fact, rising to meet this challenge has had then unexpected and positive outcome of generating a good deal of community spirit."

The congregation is now turning to a new project as it is planning to build two new manses on a disused tennis court. It seems the fundraising committee won't be retiring anytime soon!



*Nothing but blue skies.... work get's under way to replace the roof at Hampton UC after a huge fundraising effort*



## Somers goes Back to Basics

**ONCE again Somers Camp proved to be an enormous success and week-long round of fun and activities for the young people of the Presbytery.**

The weather held out for most of the week - which is oft-quoted as 'the coldest week of the year' - but this year sunshine and blue skies accompanied the antics.

Worship and singing, outdoor activities, fun and games all served up with lashings of good, healthy food.

This year's theme was *Back to Basics* and we have more pictures of the happy campers on page 2.

If you would like to submit a news item for the Presbytery's monthly Newsbeat newsletter please send all articles and images to [newsbeat@ucappep.org](mailto:newsbeat@ucappep.org)





37th  
anniversary  
service shows  
solidarity of  
nations and  
cross-cultural  
strength of  
PPEP



## Birthday honours for UCA

**IT was a service of thanksgiving, celebration and unity at Monash Uniting Church to mark the 37th birthday of the UCA.**

The choirs of Monash and North Dandenong led the singing, Rev Hoon You led the service and Rev Dev Anandarajan, of Koornang (Murrumbidgee) congregation delivered a highly relevant sermon reflecting on Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman in Matthew 15. It was her retort of: 'Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table' that changed and expanded Jesus' ministry on earth and he would eventually die on the cross for all nations. Dev explained that the Uniting Church reflects this ministry through its multi-culturalism and its mission.

"This was a wonderful service with a very cross-cultural flavour," says Rev John Mann. "In the Prayers for the People representatives from at least 12 different cultures and nations lit candles and this was interspersed with words from the song Jesus Remember Me When You come Into Your Kingdom. It was very poignant and reflective."



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Somers is a Uniting Church camp run for children in years 3 - 9 for five days in the July school holidays. If you're children haven't experienced this magical week before then check out [www.somerscamp.com.au](http://www.somerscamp.com.au) and set a reminder in your

calendar for next year...



Camp mum -  
Claire Dawe



Pictures by Rev Paul Chalson





## Scholarships and service to commemorate 40 years for Korean Church of Melbourne

**THE Korean Church of Melbourne celebrates four decades of worship in Victoria's state capital this month - but intends to continue its celebrations throughout the year, and beyond, towards its Golden Anniversary.**

KCM, the first Korean Church to be established in Australia, celebrates its 40th birthday on July 8, 2013. Even though it has the longest history, this church is demographically the youngest. More than 100 primary students gather at the Sunday School every week and the numbers who attend education programs such as kindergarten, primary, secondary and tertiary Christian education number more than 400.

It is also a leading missional church initiating many projects. For example, Elders, deaconesses and deacons are serving Mongolia, China and North Korea as missionaries.

KCM had its inaugural service at Burwood Presbyterian church on July 8, 1973 with Rev. Alan Stuart, who had served as a missionary in south Korea, and six other Korean families.

"The Korean Church of Melbourne was inclusive from the beginning," says Rev. Alan Stuart.

Rev. Paul D Goh, the current and eighth executive minister, adds: "We should thank our Lord who has led us during the last 40 years after establishing the first Korean church in Australia."

"We should remember the ceaseless work of faith, labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father." (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

"We should take this first step with an attitude of a pioneer mind towards the 50th year Jubilee ceremony in 2023 and the 130th year celebration for missionary relationship between Australia and Korea in 2019." KCM has a plan to grant a prize to a missionary each year

to succeed the spirit of Australian missionaries who devoted their lives in Korea. The church also has plans to establish a scholarship committee to support second generation theological students and future leaders.

One of the newest programs, known as the 'Alan Stuart Scholarship,' will be granted to students with a missionary vision in Busan Presbyterian University, where Alan was

a principal. Another program is I Tae Kim Scholarship, which would be granted to seminary students with

a vision for diaspora mission at the Presbyterian theological college and seminary.

Rev Goh adds: "Church education for the next generation is the most important mission."

To celebrate the 40th anniversary, the Korean church of Melbourne will invite well-known Korean pastor Jin Hong Kim (Pastor of Doorae Community) for a revival assembly and also invite leaders of the

Victorian-Tasmanian Synod for a service to appoint new elders, deaconesses and church council members. Currently the Korean church of Melbourne is renovating its building for the purpose of education and Koinonia and has plans to hold a dedication service later this year.

The celebration service will be held on July 7, 2013 at the Korean Church of Melbourne, 23-27 Glendearg Grove, Malvern from 3pm. Special guests at this occasion will include Rev. Dr. Paul Chalson, Chair of our Presbytery, and Mr. Dan Wootton, the newly inducted moderator of the Victorian Tasmanian Synod.



**Grab  
your  
partners  
by the  
hand...**

Bush Dance 20 July 2013  
Mt Martha Uniting Church  
Hall – 109 Bay Road, Mount  
Martha  
7pm – 9.30pm.  
Admission: Free  
Supper included.

Dress up – optional country  
dress.  
Includes live band (including  
some members from  
Konnnect), singing, good  
tucker, friendship and loads of  
fun!





# Do the best and live the rest...

Ministers' combine in fellowship, study and worship - and reveal the many talents they possess beyond their mission



*Clockwise from above: Guest speaker Monica Melanchthon and Charles Bakhtar join together in song with Dev Anandarajan, Lauleti Tu'inauvai plays the Conch shell, Barry Porch shows his skills on the guitar, Paul Chalson and Peter Batten keep the beat with a guitar and bodhran, Wendy Snook delights in Dev having a go on the autoharp and Rob McCutcheon dons his train driver livery to talk about his passion for steam railways.*







### Minister's Gatherings seem to improve year on year, and 2013 proved to be no exception.

This year's event at Palotti College was edifying, not simply from the thought-provoking subject matter *Walking the Edges of God's Mission*, but also by the startling wealth of talent and creativity displayed by PPE ministers.

From stirring recitals of Banjo Patterson poems to the playing of musical instruments - modern, historic; human and organic. Another revelation involved steam train driving - Puffin Billy no less, and a guest appearance on an ABC show featuring steam trains that delighted the assembled audience. "The talent time had a real 'wow factor' this year," says Rev John Mann, "and it also provoked some interesting theological reflections." Another contemporary twist was a ministerial version of the TV show Q&A, complete with panel and a live, on screen Twitter feed... "We learnt a lot about our colleagues at the Gathering and the speakers stimulated some fascinating discussions," adds John.

### With whom do you identify ...

- Adam or Eve or Serpene?
- Sarah or Hagar?
- Leah or Rachel?
- Aaron or Miriam?
- Pharaoh's daughter or the Hebrew midwives?
- Samson or Delilah?
- Ruth or Naomi?
- Elijah or Jezebel?

... of taking sides:



*From the top: discussion and reflection, Monica Melanchthon, Old Testament Professor, CTM, discusses the Bible and its impact on marginalised communities, a potent and beautiful spiritual symbol, Lauleti Tu'inauval and Liz McMillan lead Communion.*



Photos by Rev You Hoon and Rev Peter Beale



## Bagoes shows 'warmth and commitment' as he binds to Youth Ministry

IT was a day of joy and discovery when the Uniting Church welcomed Rev Ignatius Seta into the fold last month.

For the presiding minister, Rev Ineke Gyles, made a quip in her native Dutch tongue which raised an involuntary chuckle from many of the Indonesian congregation - a fascinating throwback to their heritage within the Dutch East Indies.

Rev Ignatius 'Bagoes' Seta's induction as Youth Minister at the Mulgrave Uniting Indonesian Congregation was held at the Mulgrave Church in Wanda Street.

The young and enthusiastic congregation gave a warm welcome to Ignatius - who prefers to be known by the name 'Bagoes -' on the rather cold evening of Tuesday, June 11.

Rev Ineke Gyles, Deputy Chair of the Presbytery, pictured right, led Bagoes' induction, who comes to us from the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. Rev Graeme Nicholson from the PCV represented the Presbytery of East Melbourne at the induction, he is pictured right foreground laying hands on Bagoes.

"Bagoes comes as a youth worker of high credentials, born in Indonesia, but ordained in Australia," says Rev John Mann.

"He is a warm, friendly and highly committed person who we strongly believe will do very well ministering to our youth in the Indonesian and broader community."

Bagoes said in one of his written messages:

"Thank you for the welcome and introduction to the Uniting Church and its busy ministry. I'm looking forward to contributing more."



### TO JOIN IN THIS FUN ADVENTURE...

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Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Most Likely to leave from: ☐ Western Melb  
☐ Eastern Melb  
☐ Shepparton

Choose Your Own Adventure- Most interested in...

- ☐ Home via Canberra
- ☐ Home via Illawarra
- ☐ Home via Coast and Gippsland

(These plans will be adapted if there is overwhelming interest in particular ones)

To help us with numbers and interest, we'd love to have forms back by **the 1st of AUGUST**.

Please send them to: Susan Malthouse,  
 44 Cameron Avenue, Altona Meadows 3028;  
 or email [singinsuse@dodo.com.au](mailto:singinsuse@dodo.com.au)

This will help us make the trip as awesome as we possibly can!

**CAN'T WAIT TO HEAD TO NCYC 2014**



## The Bus Trip!



**From Victoria to NCYC  
and back again...**

NCYC Yurora is on in January, 2014 and promises to be better than ever - with some fun trips thrown in. Costs will be \$250 for under 26's, Adult Volunteers \$200. We hope people will choose the Church Hall Camping Accommodation at NCYC for \$60 (inc. breakfast.) Money will be required for dinners. Total cost adds up to \$625. We aim to keep costs low, and encourage congregations to fundraise for their young people to attend NCYC.

**For full details of Adventures and NCYC 'Like' the PPEP Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ucappep.org](http://www.facebook.com/ucappep.org)**

**Visit the Presbytery website at [www.ucappep.org](http://www.ucappep.org) for news & events, leadership education and more....**

# Reflections on Faith

**“THINK about the Biblical concept of Covenant. This Biblical word is frequently dismissed because we are no longer a covenant culture, but a contract based culture.**

A covenant is a binding, relationally based agreement that is intended to be unbroken. So we would say a Biblical covenant would describe our relationship with God, our marriages, our commitment to the church and our relationship to others....it's all about the relationship. A contract is a legal agreement that is only binding based on how good your lawyer is; a declaration that relationships can't be trusted. At the end of the day a covenant is about what we have trusted and a contract is about a back up plan for our dis-trust. The Christian community often co-mingles these two to the detriment of our understanding of a covenant relationship.

Always remember that Communion is a symbol of the New Covenant consummated by Christ's sacrifice.”

*Reflections by Pastor Corky Calhoun, FL*

## Quote

*I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.*

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

**of the month...**

## Ten ways to love

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

## Tamil congregation in tune with fundraising

**THE Tamil Congregation of the Balkara Parish is having a Musical and Drama concert on Saturday, August 17, 2013.**

The service will contain some Tamil but about 40% of items will be in English.

The Tamil congregation encourages the Uniting Church Family around Melbourne to come and enjoy and support the event as it is a Christian Concert and fundraiser. It will start at 5pm and is being held at Chandler Secondary College, Isaac Road Keysborough. All are welcome to come and enjoy some culture from the only Tamil Congregation in the UCA. For more information call: 03 9628 6609




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**prem07@optusnet.com.au**  
 adult \$15 & child \$10

**Chandler Community Centre,**  
 28 Isaac Rd, Keysborough VIC 3173,  
 Date: **17<sup>th</sup> August** 2013, from **5pm** onwards

*Come let us sing for joy to the Lord*  
 ~ Psalm 95



# Amazed in Taiwan

LED by the seasoned Taiwan visitor, Rev Arthur Poole, a group of seven spent 10 days in Taiwan recently with the main aim of visiting the Bunun Cultural and Educational Foundation (BCEF) plus the chance to visit some tourist attractions.

Patti Scully explains:

"We were met by Buno, eldest son of Pastor Bai of the Bunun Aborigine Community. Over the next 10 days Buno spent many hours driving us around, finding places to eat, extolling the virtues of Taiwan, and making sure we caught the trains on time. We now know how you can drive and send texts on your mobile at the same time."

Buno graduates from University in June after studying 'Indigenous Studies.' His sister Ringwood is also at university. Pastor Bai Kwang Sheng and his wife Lishwee were guests of Ringwood UC 22 years ago; hence the daughter's name... Arthur, above far right, has visited Taiwan several times since then.

The BCEF was started with the aim of providing an income for the Bunun tribe and a good education for the young indigenous people. "We saw a performance of indigenous songs and dances," Patti, pictured below, adds, "and were tempted to buy from their extensive range of locally hand-made items, toured the farm and a bamboo products factory. They have their own fish supply, beef, chicken and goats (called sheep by the Bununs!) The farm produces pineapples, many vegetables and fruits which are sold to wider markets in the cities.

"The people of Taiwan are polite, respectful of older people and we never once felt threatened. We were so well looked after with many of our expenses met so at the end of the trip we voted to donate the funds left over to help pay the expenses of the young Bunun people coming to Australia in September. Grateful thanks to Arthur for organising this trip."



Australia's best known family psychologist Steve Biddulph has given talks worldwide to over 130,000 people. Steve has agreed to come and share time at High St UC, Frankston, a place he knows well, having grown up here...

Why is he Here?

**ON RAISING BOYS (Aug 12th)...**

Everyone who has boys or teaches boys is concerned for them. We all want our boys to grow up to be happy, positive, caring and motivated. Come and hear how this can be done – in simple practical ways that will make sense:

**ON RAISING GIRLS (Aug 13) – Raising Girls to be wise, warm and strong ...**

What's happening to our girls? At all ages, they need our help to believe in themselves. They are growing up too fast, stressed and unhappy. Yet girlhood is meant to be an adventure and a joy. Come and hear what we have to do to raise our daughters well.

Tickets are \$35 per night or \$60 for both nights. Entry includes a light supper.

**Why are we doing it?**

LEGS – the Ladies Evening Group has chosen this year to look at issues confronting youth, children & families:

- In church - we have the Rock Solid holiday program and Family & Children's worker
- In our local community – Kids Hope - supporting children at risk in a local primary school ;
- Further afield – projects supporting schools in Cambodia, East Timor, work & education of women in Timor Leste, and Tom Sutherland, working with the poorest of the poor in India.

Further information available from: Marg Scarlett: 0419 805362 pcs@cogroup.com.au or Chris Johnson: 0418 175373 chris-robert@bigpond.com

**Tickets can also be purchased directly via the fantastic HSUC website <http://www.frankstonuniting.org.au>**





## Engage with Bruce Reyes-Chow in July at High Street UC, Frankston:

**July 7th - At all 3 services: 9am, 10.40am and 7pm**  
**July 9th - 1pm and 7pm: Social Media and the Church**  
**July 16th - 1pm: Advanced Social Media**

## Talking Cross Purposes

Invitations are being issued to subscribe to 'Cross Purposes', a Uniting Church journal of theology and ministry edited by Martin Wright, Craig Thompson and Garry Deverell. The journal has been published for about 10 years, and has a combined readership of around 500. Cross Purposes seeks to discuss Uniting Church issues in theology, ministry and polity. If you'd like to find out more - and to download a subscription form - please visit the website at: <http://cp.unitingchurch.org.au>.



## WFMUC South Pacific Seminar to be held in Brisbane in 2014

**AUSTRALIA has the honour of hosting the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women South Pacific Area Seminar next year.**

Why not join other women from Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga from 8-12 July, 2014 at Emmanuel College (pictured above) University of Queensland, St Lucia, Brisbane?

The theme will be: **"A Challenge to Live with Risk, Compassion and Celebration"**

The Seminar also features bible study leader Rev Dr Elizabeth Nolan, with guest speakers Rev Amel Manyon (Dinka Faith Community, Elizabeth, S.A.) and Rosemary Young (National Director, Frontier Services). Other speakers and lots of music will also be included.

Many of you will also know PPEP's Ann Connan - of Mission Liaison Group, UCAF and other mission work fame - is the current President of the WFMUC.

The cost of the seminar is \$600 (includes single room accommodation, meals, linen, activities, a half-day river trip and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner).

Register before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 for one of the 30 available places available to the Australian Unit.

Contact David Wang Phone: 9251 5255 or Email: [david.wang@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:david.wang@victas.uca.org.au) for a registration form and information brochure.



### BRUCE REYES-CHOW

father | husband | talker | blogger |  
urbanite | technohack | christ  
follower | dog walker | author



### OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED IN SOCIAL MEDIA

Bruce Reyes-Chow will spend time looking at social media, how to use it and why the church should have a presence in this space.

**Date:** Tuesday 9th July 2013

**Time:** 1pm to 5pm

**Venue:** High Street Uniting Church 16-18 High Street Frankston

**Cost:** \$40 per person

Bruce is an ordained Presbyterian minister, he was the founding pastor of Mission Bay Community Church and in 2008, he was elected the Moderator of the 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) at the age of 40. He now earns his keep as a writer, speaker and consultant/coach with the Center for Progressive Renewal. His books include "The Definitive-ish Guide for using Social Media in the Church", a comprehensive guide on social media. You can also find him at [www.reyes-chow.com](http://www.reyes-chow.com) for more information.

Please reply for numbers:

[frankstonuc@gmail.com](mailto:frankstonuc@gmail.com) or 9783 3400

## HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR

This year marks 60 years from the end of the Korean War,  
40 years from the Australian withdrawal from Vietnam, and  
10 years from the beginning of the war in Iraq

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**SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2013**  
**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**10:30 AM**

Remembering the 14 Battalion and the 98th anniversary  
of the death at Gallipoli of their Chaplain, REV. ANDREW GILLISON

### GUEST SPEAKER

SGT. Guy Price  
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6 Health Support Company  
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**THEME: "War and Hope"**

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Candle-lighting for remembrance

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### LUNCH

Hosted by 2/10 Light Battery, 5/6 The Royal Victoria Regiment and  
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Lunch \$10:00. RSVP 9692 9426 if attending lunch

Lunch bookings: **RSVP by 14 August by phoning 03 9692 9426**  
or [admin@cmn.unitingcare.org.au](mailto:admin@cmn.unitingcare.org.au)

All other inquiries: Rev. Angela Tampiyappa 03 9731 0604

Battalion  
flags and  
banners to be  
marched into the  
Church.  
Medals to be  
worn.



# The 'Apple' doesn't fall far from the tree at Glen Waverley

by John Hurst

IT was a fond farewell for the Rev Greg Fry last month as he had been minister, pastor and friend to the people of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church congregation for nearly seven and a half years. Many people found Greg's departure on Sunday, June 30, 2013, particularly poignant, coming as it did within six months of Rev Rosemary Carter's farewell. The moving service of farewell started with a very poignant *Old Irish Blessing* sung by the combined choirs of Glen Waverley - with Greg positioned at the centre of a large semi-circle of choristers - and ended with a 'cutting of the ties' ceremony led by the Rev Liz McMillan. Greg was always a keen user of technology in his services, and was well known for sermons in which he would wander around the front of the church with his iPad, wirelessly connected to the data projector, so that he could show video clips, photos, texts and Leunig cartoons to illustrate his points. Greg's final service was no exception. He used both his iPhone, iPad and Nikon camera to show the children how God's spirit can work from afar by taking photos of the congregation without touching the camera. Unfortunately,



like many such demonstrations of technology, it refused to work the first time! (I think that just reflects the fact that we should not be disheartened when God appears not to hear us the first time we ask Him for answers to prayers.) In a celebration now becoming quite traditional at Glen Waverley we said farewell to Greg with a number of 'fun' gifts, celebrating Greg's interests and hobbies. He arrived in a billy cart aka 'Austin A1' (did they ever make an A1?) - a reflection on Greg's passionate interest in Austin cars. He was also presented with several 'life savers' (edible and non-edible) for emergency use on his yacht. To remind him of both his passion for Apple computers and his Austin zealotry we presented him with a T-shirt inscribed with "iAustin" across the chest. But the congregation got to share in his passion in another way as well. Apples, of the edible variety were distributed to every member of the congregation, and the gifts of money donated by the congregation were presented to Greg in a realistic 'bellows' camera that was actually a money box! Farewell Greg. We shall remember your passionate leadership of the congregation, gentle pastoral touch and avuncular, watchful care of the children in your ministry. May God's blessing go with you and Judy in your new callings.



**OUR partner church, Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC) is holding its National Assembly at the Clayton Church in October 13 – 20.**

This is the first time that the CICC is holding its Assembly overseas so this is quite an honour for the UCA to be the hosting church.

CICC has a direct association with the Cook Islands Uniting Church, Clayton - the only Cook Islands congregation in the UCA - and we will be hosting about 200 delegates from the Cook Islands, New Zealand and Australia. There will also be workshops at Dandenong UC and a venue in Seaford.

In preparation for the event, the youths (mapu) are holding a competition to create a theme song for the Assembly - the big night to determine the winner is advertised on the flyer right. There are 7 entrants from Victoria and 4 from NSW. They plan to take a video on the night and produce a CD/DVD for later sale.

Faye Sanderson explains: "It could be an exciting opportunity for our younger people to experience some islander culture and music – it should 'rock'!"

## Cook Island honour

**RANA AKA**

GA 2013 THEME SONG  
COMPOSERS NIGHT

WHEN: SAT 13TH JULY

WHERE: CLAYTON CICC HALL  
(BETHEL) 14-16 BURTON  
AVE, CLAYTON

TIME: 5PM

ENTRY: ADULTS \$5 u12 GOLD COIN

\*All proceeds on the night will go towards the CICC Youth Council VIC in supporting the GA 2013 program, except for selling of plates of food goes to CICC Clayton youth the property holders of the event in aid of their youth ministry.



# Mt Martha UC joins in offering a 'life'line for the Kangra Hostels

Nestled in the Kangra Valley in the Indian Himalayas are two hostels maintained by our partner church, the Diocese of Amritsar, Church of North India.

These hostels (a boys' hostel and a girls' hostel) provide a home and a chance for education for a number of young people whose families are otherwise too large, poor and remote to adequately provide for them. Without the ministry of these hostels many of these young people were at risk of becoming homeless or a life of exploited subsistence. Many of the young people who grew up in these hostels have gone on to become leaders within the community and the church.

Through a series of short term exposure trips sponsored by UnitingWorld for the purpose of strengthening our relationship with the Diocese a number of Uniting Church members from around Australia have visited the hostels and become committed to facilitating their ongoing financial viability. To achieve this for the girls' hostel, a capital fund is being established with the interest generated contributing to the care and educational expenses of the hostel residents. It is hoped to eventually have enough capital to fund fifty places in perpetuity.

Paul Moore visited the girls' hostel earlier this year and is part of the group seeking to create the capital fund. He will be visiting **Mount Martha Uniting Church on the Sunday morning of August 4th to speak about the project briefly during the service and again at a morning tea gathering afterwards. Opportunity will be given to donate towards the capital fund and thus contribute in an ongoing manner towards this important ministry.**

**The service will be at 9:30AM and Paul's fuller presentation at 11:15AM**

For information about the hostels can be found at the UnitingWorld web site <http://www.unitingworld.org.au/programs/church-solidarity/hostel-project-amritsar-north-india/> through which you can also donate towards the hostel. To find out more about the capital fund project, please contact Paul Chalson via the details below.

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Phone: 03 5974 2500



Above: Dr Nilan Paul is in the back row, second left, and her husband Dr Paul Rajindra is in the white coat. They run the Maple Leaf Hospital and the Hostel. The wonderful Hostel Mum, Saleema Lal, is on the left, front row, wearing a pink and blue salwar kameez. There are 16 girls in the photo, 3 of whom had only been in the Hostel for a few weeks.



Left: this photo was sent in November 2012, when only 13 girls were in the Hostel...

