

# NEWSBEAT



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NEWSLETTER FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST

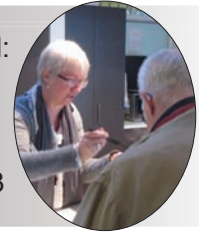


A stitch in time -  
Anzac quilt to be  
presented and  
heads off on tour.  
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Spirituality survey  
request. See page 10

Mission accomplished:  
Prahran Faith  
Community pays  
Armadale a visit. Read  
all about it on page 3



## Mandala message

**NEW ideas are bubbling across the presbytery to reveal to passers-by that their view of church may actually be very different than the reality.**

This was the thinking by St Martins UCA when they began to use a window on the street for some imagery to signal that there is life within and things change and evolve.

“Come,” says the window, “be curious, have a wondering about this church and its people.”

Says Tricia Graham: “I had recently attended the Sacred Edge Festival at Queenscliffe and came back invigorated and inspired. Our Mandala Project was a direct lift from this festival and I wanted to give it a go. There was enthusiasm for it within the congregation. I was hoping that if we set it up in the window there would be an interest from without in watching it grow. I also hoped that as well as our congregation participating, that other users of the buildings, like the calisthenics group and the mother’s group, would take an active part.”

During the collection of the materials, Tricia visited a local Indian shop to purchase lentils and grains of different colours to use on the mandala.

“I spoke to him of what we were doing and he immediately gave me a free packet of lentils and a blessing from his Hindu tradition to the people of our church for our project,” Tricia adds.

“The day came to set up the basic outline and the invitation to people to create the Mandala. As we were finishing a small boy who was riding a bike



with his mother stopped outside the window and looked curiously inside obviously asking his mum what we were doing. Come inside and have a look, I encouraged and went to the door to greet them. He ran in to have a look and excitedly asked if he could add something. “We would be delighted for you to be the first person to start the design,” I told him. With immense care he created the centre using a geometric design with beads and seeds of different sizes and colours. It was intricate and we professed amazement at his skill for his age (7 years).

Over the weeks we learned that the calisthenics girls spent time at the table. One in particular had almost reduced her teacher to tears with her attention to the detail of her work. Every Sunday was a delight to see the Mandala take shape with input from those within the worshipping congregation and those from the community. It was a joint effort to create something beautiful and sacred.

When it was complete, we carried it to the church and gave a time in the service to bless it and those for whom it had been a blessing during its creation. We staged a brief conversation between three people about the origins of the Mandala as a universal sacred image of geometric beauty and design and its place in our Christian tradition. Our Mandala remains in church and our window offers something new and fresh. Come see.

*Write Your Own Icon  
praying with a paint brush*

Paint an icon in the tradition of Eastern Orthodox Churches under instruction from an experienced iconographer. No previous painting or drawing experience required.

15 – 19 February 2016, 9.00 to 5.00

Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville

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OR 9434 4742

More information: [writeyourownicon.wordpress.com](http://writeyourownicon.wordpress.com)

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## VIP guests to arrive from Korea

AN invitation to a special **presbytery forum** with the Korean delegates

has been set for Sunday, September 6 at 3pm.

The Uniting Church presbyteries of Port Phillip East, Port Phillip West and Yarra Yarra will be hosting a visit to Melbourne by representatives of three Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK) presbyteries from Busan, South East Korea.

They will participate in a variety of activities over the following days including:

- Visits to places which have an historical connection.
- Visiting the CTM, Wesley Church and Wesley mission and Narana Creations to learn something of the Uniting Church in Melbourne.
- Sharing in worship in congregations in each of the three presbyteries on Sunday morning.
- Gathering on Sunday September 6th at the Korean Church of Melbourne for a forum on the similarities and differences in our churches and ministries, discussing mission in a post-colonial context and the ongoing relationship of our presbyteries. Experiencing a little of the life and culture of Melbourne.

Join us for one or more of the above events. Details: 0409 473 081.

## Proposed itinerary for the Korean visit...

Date	Day	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM
3-Sep	Thursday	12:45pm ARRIVAL (Melbourne Airport) Qantas Domestic Flight from Sydney					Arrive at Accommodation			Meet and greet			Dinner (Korean Central Church Kew)	
4-Sep	Friday	CTM (Melb Uni), then Wesley Mission				Lunch (Wesley Mission)		Narana (Geelong)						Dinner (WEST)
5-Sep	Saturday	Botanical Gardens, War Memorial?, Museum?				Lunch (Yarra Yarra)		Cemetery (Mackenzie Grave Site) Visit, then Deepdene Church					Dinner (Deepdene)	
6-Sep	Sunday	Each Presbytery to pickup and host (Korean group split into three) for events, meals and transportation.				Lunch (Presbyteries)			Future discussion and planning session (at KCM)			Dinner (EAST - KCM)		
7-Sep	Monday	Trip to Ballarat (Sovereign Hill)						4:45pm DEPARTURE (Melbourne Airport)						

### Presbytery in Council in focus...

**A full Presbytery meeting happened on July 4th as the third of our five planned meetings for the year, writes Rev John Mann, Presbytery Secretary.**

Our hosts were the Congregation at Noble Park (St. Columba's) again, as the proposed venue at Cornish College wasn't available. As many would know the Presbytery Office is at Noble Park and this has been a developing relationship. An education centre has been established in the St. Stephen's Room where most regular Presbytery Committee meetings are held. Code of Ethics sessions for ministers and many single events are regularly planned at this venue, which is quite centrally located in the Presbytery. A modern kitchen and sealed car park, funded by the congregation, are welcome additions to the complex.

Main issues from the Presbytery meeting:

- (1) The endorsement of Heather Hon as a candidate for Minister of the Word. Heather's application now goes onto the Synod Candidate Selection Committee. Our best wishes and prayers go with her.
- (2) BOMAR Grant applications that were received and either endorsed or provisionally endorsed
  - Frankston Congregation for Student Chaplaincy
  - Caulfield Indonesian Congregation for Student Outreach
  - Officer Pakenham Mission Area Council for a Sudanese Support Worker
  - Springvale Congregation for their Mission Plan
  - Mornington Congregation for a Children's and Families Worker/Pastor
  - Korean Church of Melbourne- English ministry
  - Southern Mornington Peninsula Congregation for the Community Hub Keysborough Congregation for building works.
- (3) Deferral of the election of new Presbytery Chair
- (4) Discussion on bullying behaviour happening in our congregations.
- (5) Recognition of the Tamil Congregation leaving the Balkara Parish and moving to the Serrell St Malvern East property.
- (6) The need to find new convenors for the Community Services Task Group and the Ecumenical Task Group

2015 Presbytery of Port Philip East

# Celebrating 30 years of being a Multicultural Church

-Looking Back & looking Forward-

"The Body of Christ in Diversity"  
(1 Corinthians 12:27)

Sat. 5:30 pm  
10th Oct 2015  
at Dandenong UCA  
(32 Scott Street)





# Mission in action

**THE Prahran Mission Faith Community, under the leadership of Rev Dr Ian Savage, holds regular meetings each Thursday.**

These are usually held at the Mission in Chapel Street but occasionally they're held at local churches.



Armadale Uniting Church was privileged to host the gathering on Thursday, August 20, and provided lunch afterwards.

Ian led the community in prayer, the singing of hymns and a Bible reading. The singing, in particular, was uplifting and the fellowship over lunch led to some interesting discussions.

**by Graeme Harris  
Armadale Uniting Church**

Rev Fiona Winn, current supply minister at Armadale, is pictured on the front cover assisting in serving lunch with other volunteer participants.

If you would like to know more about the vital work of



Prahran Mission and potentially host one of their Thursday meetings visit: [www.prahranmission.org.au/ourservices](http://www.prahranmission.org.au/ourservices) or call 9692 9500

or pop in/write to: 211 Chapel Street Prahran, VIC, 3181.



*Clockwise from top left: Rev Dr Ian Savage, Chaplain for Prahran Mission, and guests breaking bread together courtesy of Armadale Uniting Church and the Prahran Mission Faith Community.*

# Brass Supreme Hawthorn Brass with the Lot



featuring  
**Rozzi Bazzani**  
(Guitar/Vocal)

**Fletcher Mitchell**  
(Euphonium)

Fundraising  
concert  
for Red Frogs

Cabaret style evening of fine music and pizza seated at tables

*Barista made coffee, cakes and other goodies available from 5pm*

**Date: 6th September 2015**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

**Venue: Koornang Uniting Church  
117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena**

**Cost: \$15/ Conc./Kids \$12 (includes pizza\*)**

**Bookings: David 0439610960**

**[info@hawthornband.org.au](mailto:info@hawthornband.org.au)**

**Choice of: Supreme, Vego, Hawaiian and Meat lovers**

*(\*Pre-sale suggested to guarantee pizza)*

## Family life

THE Child, Mission and Education Symposium is on Friday, September 11 and is an opportunity for ministers, pastors, chaplains and Christian teachers to develop theological understanding and practice of ministry engagement with children and families. Visit [ucavt.goregister.com.au/symposium2015](http://ucavt.goregister.com.au/symposium2015) for details/bookings.

## Animal blessings

SEAFORD Uniting Church in Railway Parade, Seaford is having a **Blessing of the Animals** service on Sunday, October 11, 2015 starting 9.30am. All welcome.

## One community in Christ

*Intercultural Conference October 16 & 17*

*Theme: 'On becoming an Intercultural Church'*

**The UCA is becoming increasingly multi-cultural.**

While celebrating the cultural diversity the Church needs to be intentionally intercultural. Being an intercultural Church means a church with "mutually respectful diversity and full and equitable participation of our indigenous (first peoples), and second peoples (the Anglo Celtic ethnic majority and other ethnic minorities) in the total life, mission and the practices of the whole church".

While we are good at appreciating the diverse cultures within the life of the Church there is much that needs to be done towards equitable participation of the minority cultures within the Church. This calls for a leadership that is equipped to be culturally sensitive to the diverse needs, piety, cultural expressions of faith and gifts that all people bring to the life of the Church in order to build the Body of Christ in a culturally competent way where all are enabled to grow and express their faith in the way of Jesus. At this conference Dr. Rosemary Dewerse will help participants to explore and to build on their intercultural skills. To enhance these important intercultural developments we encourage people to attend the Intercultural Conference featured right.

# Sharing connects our community

**THERE are more and more congregations developing their own websites and Facebook pages - which is great to see and hear about.**

The Presbytery Office and Communications team are keen to capitalise on these wonderful initiatives and invite people to Share their Facebook pages and postings with the Port Phillip East Presbytery page. Also Invite your Friends on FB to Like your page - even the non-churchgoers, perhaps. To learn more about how to do these things on Facebook please e-mail Rev Jay Robinson - our Facebook expert - on [jay@robinsonfamily.id.au](mailto:jay@robinsonfamily.id.au)

Our webmaster, Jason Wakeley would also like to hear from churches that have a website presence so he can associate them with the PPEP website.

We are also hoping to add a church locator (kind of like a store locator) feature on the PPEP website for visitors to be able to find all the churches in the presbytery.



What we need: your website, Facebook and church addresses (church name, street and number.) Please e-mail this information to [newsbeat@ucappep.org](mailto:newsbeat@ucappep.org)



## Deepening our understanding of interculturalism



**Friday, 16th October :**  
**7.30 pm - 9.00 pm**

**Saturday, 17th October:**  
**9.00 am - 4.00 pm**

**VENUE:**  
**Koornang Uniting Church**  
**117 Murrumbeena Road,**  
**Murrumbeena**

**COST:**  
**\$85.00 (including lunch)**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

Dr Rosemary Dewerse is the Mission Educator at St John's College in Auckland.

She is a Kiwi wife and mother. She has worked at the Adelaide College of Divinity and Flinders University as Director of Mission and coordinator of the postgraduate pathway where the emphasis was on training missional leaders for the Australasian context.

Dr Dewerse holds bachelor's degrees in arts and music, is a trained schoolteacher, and completed a Master's degree at the London School of Theology and a PhD at Auckland University.

She lived and worked in Central Asia developing leaders for the church there, and for a number of years was part of a Pasifika congregation in Christchurch.

She is the author of *Breaking Calabashes: Becoming an Intercultural Community*, which offers four practices for creating communities that welcome and empower all people.

**WHO IS IT FOR?**

It is hoped that many Ministers and those in leadership in the Church in the Synod will take the opportunity to come and explore and learn how we could minister effectively and meaningfully in a multi-cultural Church that is seeking to be intercultural.

**CONTACT & REGISTER:**

Dev Anandarajan on 03 9251 5486 or [Devanandan.Anandarajan@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:Devanandan.Anandarajan@victas.uca.org.au).

**COME AND JOIN US!**



# Sisters weren't doing it for themselves

**TWO of Port Phillip East Presbytery's favourite daughters reached a milestone last week.**

Amelia 'Millie' Howden and Margaret Burrows joined others in celebrating 50 years since the Australian Inland Mission's (AIM) Andamooka Hospital opened - where these two dauntless ladies took up nursing posts.

Friday 28th August commemorated a golden anniversary in the South Australian opal mining town of Andamooka. For this was the date Andamooka Hospital was opened and it continues to this day under AIM's successor, Frontier Services.

Andamooka Hospital was one of many built by AIM as a means of bringing basic services to isolated Australians.

Its first superintendent was Rev Dr John 'of the Inland' Flynn, who brought 'Safety' to the people of the Inland. This took many forms; pastoral counselling, medical care, an outback radio network, pen pals and literature, as well as the world's first Flying Doctor service.

Members of High Street UC, Frankston, Margaret and Amelia, pictured at the hospital several decades ago were the first full-time staff at Andamooka.

Together, they had travelled from Hobart to Adelaide where they stayed for three weeks preparing for the journey.

## Shopping list

"Their shopping list included 'furniture, linen, crockery, medical equipment, hospital drugs and supplies, kitchen utensils, groceries, brooms, and a hundred other necessities to set up the hospital."

Once in Andamooka there were hectic days completing the fit-out before the doors opened for business.

The Sisters were much appreciated by the locals and trade was brisk, as they described: "Patients have been coming and going and there are so many exciting episodes of these early weeks that we cannot find words to relate them." they wrote in letters "brim full of adventures which one day will surely make another pioneering best-seller."

## Road drama

Of particular note is this entry from 1965: "We had a very sick baby in and the Doctor wanted to have special drugs which we did not have. We knew Colonel Honeysett was to be here at 11am, so we told Doctor and he radioed the police in Woomera who chased after the Colonel's car with the drugs. So, there was great drama on the Woomera/ Andamooka road! The baby, which was almost dead on arrival, was revived and was later flown to Port Augusta where recovery was complete."

For the full story on the 50th anniversary click on <http://www.frontierservices.org/news/item/721-golden-anniversary-for-andamooka> We also hope to have a current photo of these pioneering ladies in the next issue of Newsbeat.





# CONCHORD

THE CHOIR

## In Concert

*Sri Lankan voices unite with others to spread harmony and music*

<p><b>Melbourne Concert</b> Saturday 12th September 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm</p> <p>Haileybury College, 855 Springvale Road, Keysborough VIC 3173</p>	<p><b>Sydney Concert</b> Saturday 19th September 6.00pm - 8.30pm</p> <p>Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Facility, Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook 2126</p>
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Broadway and pop to classical \* Sinhala and Tamil to Welsh  
Novices to professional singers \* Winners of the Serendib  
Gold Award in 2014  
Conducted by Rushan Hewawasam

**Donation of \$20 each or \$40 for family of 3**

Info : <b>Rushan Hewawasam</b> rushandh@gmail.com T: 0432 020 784	<b>Maheshini Perera</b> mheshini@optusnet.com.au T: 03 9801 4349
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### Quote

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.\**

**John 3:16**

\*listed as number one in the top 100 most-read Bible verses on BibleGateway.com

**of the month...**

## Volunteer opportunity Lead a phone worship service

Telelink is a social support program providing group activities via teleconference. *Church At Home* is a non-denominational Telelink service for people who can't travel easily but wish to be part of a worship service. We need a minister or lay person to lead this service for a small group on the phone one Sunday afternoon each month. If you can help, please call us on (03) 8706 1700.



## Readings and Conversation

A new, monthly daytime group for those wanting to explore faith and modern life through discussion of books, poems and writings

7 SEPTEMBER 2015

### In the Eye of the Storm

Presented by Val Jemmeson

In his autobiography *In the Eye of the Storm*, renowned physicist and Nobel Prize winner Sir John Houghton discusses his Christian faith and why he believes in God.

6 OCTOBER 2015

### Metaphors of the spirit

Presented by Malcolm Adams

Exploring David Tacey's *Beyond Literal Belief*

2 NOVEMBER 2015

### A life given to prayer, and prayer given to life

Presented by Tim Angus

Sarah's experience of prayer in *The Anchoress*, a novel by Robyn Cadwallader.

COMING UP IN 2016...

### At one with nature and its creatures

Presented by Kath Linforth

From *Dolphin's Leap, Hind's Feet*, by Hedley Beare

Please join us on the first Monday of the month,  
4:30 till 6:00 pm in the Parish Centre,  
Hampton Uniting Church, 17 Service Street

A gold coin donation would be appreciated  
Enquiries: Tim Angus 0400 383 628

Preliminary reading material is available  
Email: [dayspringcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:dayspringcontact@hotmail.com)

### Urgent Appeal!

20 young delegates from within our Synod's congregations, including nine from our Presbytery are travelling to China this month (September) as part of a contextual learning experience organised by UCA. On their return they share their experiences with the church, including our Presbytery.

Each delegate is contributing \$500 towards fares and each delegate's congregation has been encouraged to fundraise/donate \$1,000 per delegate, but some have more than one delegate.

Organisers have heard that some congregations want to support delegates. Another \$1,000 per delegate still needs to be raised and many congregations have been holding their own fundraising events.

Our Presbytery Standing Committee is inviting all of our congregations, to consider some donation towards costs for our young people. I urgently ask you to consider sponsoring one or more of our young people. For further information please contact:

Ms Faye Sanderson [faye.sanderson@bigpond.com](mailto:faye.sanderson@bigpond.com)  
Rev Hoon You [hoonyou@gmail.com](mailto:hoonyou@gmail.com)  
Rev Dev Anandarajan [gunam58@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gunam58@optusnet.com.au)



## On the double...

After much toing and froing with the Google support, and lots of tests, the problem of the duplicated e-mails some people are receiving from the Presbytery has been determined to be at Optusnet not at Google, writes Jeff Gardner.

Other mail systems, such as Google/Yahoo etc. identify that the message ID of the multiple messages is the same and only delivers one of them. Unfortunately Optusnet does not do this! I will now need to develop a process whereby the global groups are regularly merged and duplicates removed, so that the e-mails are sent only once to each recipient. In the meantime I will do this merge manually.



# Reflections on Faith

## For the King

Stories of wonderful Australians who make a real contribution to improve lives, health and well-being inspire... Fred Hollows is one.

An ophthalmologist, who spent his life restoring sight to thousands of people in developing countries and especially to indigenous Australians in remote communities. Four out of five people need not be blind. Inexpensive medication and simple surgery can restore sight where there is cataract blindness. Fred was ably assisted in his work by his wife Gabi, who carries on his work today through the Fred Hollows Foundation. At first Fred refused honours

by  
**Bill Pugh**

and awards but later accepted some, believing the publicity would help their work. Each day in the outback they treated many patients with the same love, care and kindness from first to last. A recent ad publicising his work is remarkable. Fred is operating on a young indigenous boy and remarks, "You give each patient the same care as if you are operating on the King." Gifts of 25 dollars to the Foundation can restore the sight to one such boy. Reflection: Fred's life was serving and giving. His reward was each blind person receiving sight and his work continues. Paul in his letter to the Colossians 3 put it thus: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for men. Remember that the Lord will give you as a reward what he has kept for his people. For Christ is the real Master you serve."



## Forming Disciples in Mission

### Colloquium

Wednesday  
18 November  
4.00–9.30 pm

Melbourne Korean Church, Malvern

Photo: National Young Adults Leaders Conference members exposure visit to the Wayside Chapel in Sydney

The Colloquium is an opportunity for the sharing of research, innovation and reflection around the connections between formation, discipleship and mission in relation to the Uniting Church. The purposes of the Colloquium are to encourage critical thinking, foster dialogue, and provide encouragement and inspiration both in terms of thinking and practice within Australia.

The Assembly Formation, Education and Discipleship Working Group seeks to help the church be intentional and effective in forming and educating life-long disciples for the sake of the mission of God. The Assembly Mission and Evangelism network seeks to encourage, stimulate and celebrate mission, with a particular interest in 'local' mission and evangelism. We hope that the Colloquium will provide an interdisciplinary space for conversation.

The program will include a plenary presentation on the theme followed by three rounds of concurrent presentations (50 minutes each – presentation plus discussion.)

Proposals for papers are sought from those engaged in practice and research, including tertiary students, ministers, researchers, lay leaders, other church workers.

### Proposals

Proposals should be no more than 250 words. They should be submitted by Friday 31 July to

Colloquium  
c/- Mr Craig Mitchell  
PO Box 1585  
Mount Barker SA 5251

Presenters will be notified by Friday 21 August.

The Assembly is providing five subsidies of up to \$200 each to assist presenters who are students or on limited income to travel to the event. If you wish to seek such a subsidy, please indicate when you submit your proposal giving indication of your reasons for applying. Subsidy recipients will be notified by 21 August.

Online registration for attendance will be open from 24 August 2015. There will be a small fee for attendance to cover venue and catering costs.

For more information, contact  
Anna Catliffe [annac@nat.uca.org.au](mailto:annac@nat.uca.org.au)  
Craig Mitchell [craigm@nat.uca.org.au](mailto:craigm@nat.uca.org.au)  
National Director – Formation, Education & Discipleship

Hosted by



Father,  
Your love is  
as wide as the oceans



As deep as the sea  
And as tall as the heavens.  
May your spirit rise like a wave  
and restore those who are ill.  
You are the water of life,  
You are a fresh spring,  
You are healing rain  
To all those who are in need.  
Amen

# A frosty subject leaves listeners with a warm message

**CHURCHES in Mornington, Mount Eliza and Mount Martha are working with local leaders and agencies to stage events on critical issues affecting our communities.**

The group is called Peninsula Voice and it is a superb example of the church returning to the heart of community life. I attended this month's forum on the perils of the drug Ice, aka crystal meth (short for methamphetamine) which is damaging users and their families in our state and across the country. It's been in the national headlines as Senator Jacqui Lambie went public over her son's addiction to the drug.

The evening was most enlightening with Victorian Police Assistant Commissioner Stephen Fontana opening the presentations. He outlined how the use of illicit drugs is on the increase in Australia and the rural population is far from immune. The stats made for worrying listening.

The forum did put things in perspective, however. Revealing alcohol-related incidents (a legal substance) are much higher than drug-related. Other speakers talked about the need to make our



communities 'rat parks' (this stems from research that showed that rats chose not to drink from water bottles containing drugs when they lived in an environment with interesting and engaging lifestyle choices; opting for the fresh water bottles instead.)

My most pleasing take-home from the event, to which I took my teenage sons as a pre-emptive strike, was that one of the other speakers, Julie Rae from the Australian Drug Foundation, cited protective factors that usually prevent children from turning to drugs. They are:

1. Positive relationship with parents, providing structure and boundaries.
2. A positive school environment.
3. Having spiritual beliefs.

She referenced 'going to church' in point three. Encouraging to hear spiritual nourishment is central to family and societal harmony. Worth promoting.

*Above: Speakers and co-ordinators at the Ice Forum: From left, Drew Morgan, Vic. Police Acting Superintendent, Assistant Police Commissioner, Stephen Fontana, Mayor Bev Colom, Kerrie Knight, local mother of an Ice addict, Mornington Shire CEO Carl Cowie and Peter Orton*

***The Victorian Chapter***  
of the  
**Australian Church Library Association**

**is meeting on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**  
from 10.00am to 3.00pm.  
In Warragul

**Firstly, at Warragul Community Church,**  
cnr. King and Wells Sts. Warragul, **and**  
**after lunch at Warragul Salvation Army,**  
120 Burke St. Warragul

The program will include

- looking at the libraries at both churches;
- a speaker, Rosemary Abbey, who has worked voluntarily in a library in a Christian school in India for a few months each year for many years;
- a sharing time - please bring a book (or books) you would like to tell others about;
- our Biennial General Meeting;
- a swap table - bring along books, videos, cassettes, CDs and other resources that you no longer need;

*Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch*

For more information please ring Rachel -  
phone: 9850 4828 or email: [alanrachelh1@bigpond.com](mailto:alanrachelh1@bigpond.com)

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

The Australian Church Library Association is an interdenominational organisation that seeks to promote the Christian faith through the establishment and development of church libraries. It was formed in Adelaide about twenty-five years ago, and has members in most states. The Victorian Chapter was launched twenty years ago, in July 1995. Two meetings are held each year. The second meeting for 2015 will be held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, at two churches in Warragul.

A quarterly newsletter, entitled *Off the Shelf*, is distributed to members, and contains useful articles on running a church library, details of activities being held in the various states, and reviews of new materials.

**We regard any collection of books and other resources at a church, no matter how small, as a church library, and the person in charge as a church librarian, regardless of qualifications, and all are most welcome to join our organisation.**

Further information can be obtained from the website [www.acla.asn.au](http://www.acla.asn.au), or from Rachel Hardie, email: [alanrachelh1@bigpond.com](mailto:alanrachelh1@bigpond.com) or phone (03) 9850 4828.

**by**  
**Helen**  
**Beeby**





## "1915 Gallipoli 2015"

Presentation of this ANZAC Centenary quilt triptych

Cranbourne RSL ,  
South Gippsland  
Hwy, Cranbourne

27th September 2pm

All Welcome RSVP  
Cranbourne RSL

PicCOLLAGE

## Stiching sensation sees presentation prior to tour

**THE day of the presentation of the now famous Anzac Centenary Quilt, created by a group out of Cranbourne Uniting Church, is finally here.**

This astonishing triptych '1915 Gallipoli 2015' will be unveiled at a special ceremony to the Cranbourne RSL at 2pm on Sunday, September 27 at 2pm.

All are welcome to attend and a good landmark is to look out for the Macchi Navy jet on the pole outside the venue on the South Gippsland Highway Cranbourne.

Rev Wendy Snook, the brainchild and co-ordinator of this 'impressionistic' style of quilting in the craft group says: "I have also been invited to take it to Canberra as part of the 75th Anniversary of the RAAF Chaplaincy celebrations August 31 to September 4. Where we hope to show it at Duntroon and at the RAAF Chaplaincy offices."

### Join the crowd for Lentara

**IF you haven't heard off it before, crowd-funding is a new and innovative way of online fundraising to encourage even small-size donations to generate larger sums.**

Lentara UnitingCare is calling for support for a crowd funding campaign recently launched by their Asylum Seeker Project.

The Asylum Seeker Project is one of the biggest asylum seeker housing programs in Victoria and currently houses 56 people across metropolitan Melbourne. Demand for housing from asylum seekers is high and supplying cost-free housing is not cheap - the costs of rent, utilities, repairs, appliances and basic living expenses such as groceries and household items add up. This is why they desperately need help to continue to support vulnerable people in the community, and provide accommodation to those seeking asylum. Visit <https://www.chuffed.org/project/asylumseekers-a-home-with-a-heart>

## Why not unite on a journey to Sri Lanka

*"The Sri Lankan people are remarkably friendly, food and faith-oriented, and I can only hope that you might enjoy the experience as much as I did."*

Dan Wootton  
Moderator of the Uniting Church of Australia,  
Synod Victoria and Tasmania

Join us on a Journey to Paradise!

Travel for thinking people

UNITING JOURNEYS

Find out more about our upcoming **two-week tour of Sri Lanka on October 14** at: [http://responsibletravel.org.au/tours\\_post/sri-lanka-a-journey-through-paradise/#ad-image-0](http://responsibletravel.org.au/tours_post/sri-lanka-a-journey-through-paradise/#ad-image-0)



**#REACH YOUTH - TERM 3**

- Friday 7 August - Xtreme Air @ 1 Fiveways Blvd Keysborough 6.30-8.30pm - \$16.50
- Friday 14 August - Small Groups - speak to your leader for location - \$5
- Friday 21 August - Invite Night - Survivor Challenge @ Church 7-9pm \$5
- Friday - 28 August - Darkzone @ 942 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill 7-9pm - \$15
- Friday 4 Sept - Small Groups - speak to your leader for location \$5
- Friday 11 Sept - Boys/Girls Small groups - speak to your leader for location \$5
- Friday 18 Sept Social Media Night @ Church 7-9pm \$5

St. David's Parkdale Uniting Church | Phone 9580 2889 | office@parkdaleuniting.com.au

## Support needed for shaping spirituality

CAN you help with an important national survey to develop National Guidelines for Spiritual Care in Aged Care.

This project commenced in March and is supported by Uniting AgeWell.

This is part of a partnership with SHV, PASCOP and NARI, and is funded by the Australian Government.

The next stage is to conduct a

survey to gather diverse views to ensure the Guidelines will be relevant. It is for anyone involved with receiving or

## Reaching out to young people

PARKDALE may be part way through their Youth Group term 3 but they are always happy to welcome new participants, so if you know of any young people in the area that would like to get involved call 9580 2889 or e-mail office@parkdaleuniting.com.au for details.



offering aged care and support at home or living in retirement or residential aged care including seniors themselves. This survey is important in understanding the views and perceptions of how to effectively support people spiritually as they age.

You can assist the project by completing the online survey at: <http://nationalguidelines.pascop.org.au/>. The survey takes about 5 minutes and closes on 4th September 2015. So please take part as soon as you read this....

## Come along for supper and a movie

THE Sudanese refugee issue will be in the spotlight at St John's Elsternwick on Friday September 11th as they are hosting an evening showing by the Bayside Refugee & Support Association (BRASA) of the film The Good Lie, see left for details.


Starring Reese Witherspoon, this film is about Sudanese refugees, and a couple of speakers who are familiar with the problems they face will speak. Supper will follow.

Rev Phillip Liebelt says: "Some of our Social Justice people have been to a BRASA event, and given our priority in this area, it is hoped that we can build an ongoing relationship with them."

*Bayside Refugee Advocacy & Support Association*

Invites you to a special screening of the movie

*Starring Reese Witherspoon*



*Unforgettably moving*

# THE GOOD LIE


An inspiring and powerful story of triumph, friendship and compassion.

Orphaned by the brutal Civil War in Sudan, Mamere, his sister Abital, and friends Jeremiah and Paul face a gruelling trip across Africa to a refugee camp. Much later, they are selected for re-settlement in the U.S.A. Carrie (Reese Witherspoon) is contracted to find them jobs, and she soon finds herself swept up in their struggle for a better life.

Followed by our guest speaker:

**Russell Broadbent M.H.R. [Lib. McMillan]**

Topic: Australia's refugee policy.



St John's Uniting Church  
567 Glenhuntly Road,  
Elsternwick. Melway Map 67J3  
Friday 11 September 2015  
6.30-9.30 p.m.

*Light supper provided*

*This is a free event. Donations welcome*

*We urge you to bring your friends to hear our acclaimed speaker*

★ RSVP email gm\_moore@bigpond.net.au ★  
Tel. 0408512522





## Dates for your diary

- Presbytery in Council: Wednesday, September 23, 7.15pm, Brighton St Leonards.
- Cross Cultural Celebration October 10, 6pm, Dandenong UC.
- Release of ties Rev Mata Makara, Cook Island Congregation, Clayton TBA
- Induction of Rev Ngatokorua Tairea at Cook Island Congregation Clayton. TBA
- John Flett at PPEP missiology seminar on Oct 17th at Noble Park. TBC
- Presbytery in Council: Wednesday, November 25 at 7.15pm at Pakenham.

## Happy Fathers' Day Sunday 6th September 2015

### Dad knows:

Aged 4: My Dad knows everything.

Aged 7: My Dad knows a lot.

Aged 9: My Dad knows some things.

Aged 13: Of course my Dad doesn't know that either.

Aged 16: My Dad knows nothing.

Aged 21: My Dad is out of date.

Aged 25: My Dad knows a little bit.

Aged 30: I'll find out what Dad thinks, he might know.

Aged 50: What would Dad have thought about that?

Aged 60: My Dad knew everything.

Aged 65+: I wish I could talk it over with Dad.

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SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS PRESENTS

# ABSOLUTELY EVERYBODY LOVES THE MOVIES

Spectacular concert of all your favourite songs from the silver screen... Starring...

Featuring Danielle Matthews, Dr Jonathon Welch AM, Footscray-Yarraville City Band, Choir of Hope & Inspiration, THECHOIR and the 300 voice Absolutely Everybody Massed Choir including the All Together Choir, Voices of Frankston, Western Health Choir, Voices of Brimbank, Latrobe Valley Community Choir, Voices Without Borders and The City of Casey Choir.

DATE: Saturday 12 September 2015  
TIME: 3pm  
VENUE: Deakin Edge, Federation Square  
TICKETS: Adult \$25 / Conc & U16 \$20 / Family of 4 \$75  
Group Booking of 10 or more \$20 pp  
Book online at [schoolofhardknocks.org.au](http://schoolofhardknocks.org.au)  
or at door from 2.30pm, if not sold out!  
ENQUIRES: [schoolofhardknocks.org.au](http://schoolofhardknocks.org.au) or 0419 337 283

**SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS**

**EMPOWERING THROUGH THE ARTS**

Danielle Matthews, Soprano

# Guess who's coming to dinner?

## Sunday 20 Sept 2015 | 1-6pm

### Being Equalness

#### UN International Peace Day | A Sunday Family Dinner

**Welcome: 1-2pm** Choir, Welcome and Keynote Presentation  
**Gathering: 2-4pm** Afternoon Tea, Workshops, Panel Discussion, Q&A  
**Dinner: 4-6pm** Sit-down to Dinner. Enjoy a delicious vegetarian meal.

**Cost:** Full/Part \$20/\$10 pp. Funds raised to charities. Seating limited.  
**Where:** St John's Uniting Church, 567 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick  
**Info:** [www.gleneirainterfaith.org](http://www.gleneirainterfaith.org)  
**Bookings:** caretaker carey@caro.com.au

ENJOY food, fellowship and pathways to peace exploration with the Glen Eira Interfaith Network on UN International Peace Day at St John's UC, Elsternwick. Further details can be obtained on the contacts above.

## Movie magic

VOICES of Frankston Choir - based at High St Uniting Church - will be singing in this sensational movie tunes extravaganza in Federation Square on September 12 so click on [schoolofhardknocks.org.au](http://schoolofhardknocks.org.au) to book your tickets while stocks last. Or try turning up on the day.

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