



# Morialta Vision

LOVE IS COMMUNITY

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### Chairperson writes

They can be on-line or geographic. They can be small or large. They can be based on sporting allegiance or ethnicity. They can even be based on service, mission or belief structure. Some of them are even biologically based.

Whatever our experience of Community, I am sure that many of us associate with a number of them outside the one we call Morialta. In reflecting on the communities that I identify with there are: family, church, service club, sport, blindness and the list goes on.

Significant research is available to support the premise that the Sense of Community is diminishing in many Western Countries. Measures such as Social Capital point towards a dis-engagement by individuals. Decreased rates of involvement in Church and Service Organisations are used as indicators to this trend. Some researchers say that the increasing influence of 'Social Media' acts as a catalyst for this process. After all how can anyone have over 5000 friends?

And then there is Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. Many of the most important, and sought 'needs' come through an individual's involvement in Community. To be fully human we need Community. Without relationship and engagement there we are incomplete.

Even Jesus needed the Community that was his band of Disciples. Through the relationships described in the pages of the New Testament we get a picture of the developing community that would provide

support when Jesus was no longer physically present.

Through our Worship we enter a special relationship and may experience deep Community.

As I have reflected previously, Community and Communion share the same root. Through the Eucharist we share in that first great 'virtual' Community that is called Christianity.

Within the Morialta Community we value Hospitality and Mission among other things. We define Mission as anything we do in Jesus' Name. We are continuing to develop a Community Centre and have long provided part of our weekly Worship to people through the podcasts we publish to the web.

'Beyond Our Walls' is a logical extension of the Tape Ministry and the podcasts, that will provide connection with individuals. It is a response to a need that has been identified as a challenge for small Christian communities that no longer have the resources to provide regular Worship.

Whether or not 'Beyond Our Walls' results in an increase in Social Capital, it will provide opportunity for small groups and individuals to experience some of the Community that we do as members of Morialta.



**Bruce Ind**



## Reflection from Church Council

### Change

Recently I came across a book – “The Cattle King” by Ian Idriess – which had been donated to the church library. This brought back childhood memories as it was a book that I had read when I was about 12 years of age. In fact I became quite a fan of Ian Idriess as an author around that time. So I decided to read it again - a book on the life of Sir Sidney Kidman.

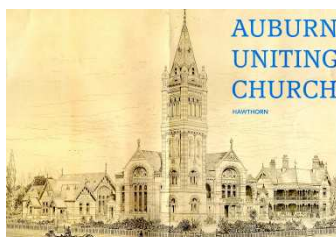
What struck me as I read it recently was the verbiage used that is no longer politically correct in our society, like *black fellow* and *black boy*. It was not written in a disparaging way, rather, matter of fact. Also there were words that I haven't heard for many years such as *lubra*, *gin* and *piccaninny*. While the book remains unchanged, our use of the English language regarding Aboriginal people in particular has changed.

In our personal lives we encounter change, sometimes small and insignificant, other times large and momentous. One of the sizeable changes that many of us undertake is that of single life to married life – and in some cases back to single life again. With married life in many instances there follows the birth of our children, and what a change in our lifestyle that involves! Another is change from employment to retirement. Many people who have had long careers struggle with the change to a less orderly life – a life that no longer requires deadlines to be met and may include relaxation which is foreign to them. Some people are able to make these changes with little or no apparent anxiety. Others suffer greatly from these changes.

Change is not always for the better and some of it should be resisted. When working in Hutt Street I constantly saw people who frequented the Hutt Street Centre. Many were wracked by the physical and mental destruction caused from alcoholism and now relied on hand-

outs and the provision of a bed for the night. But were they always like this? What change occurred in their lives to cause this loss of self-esteem and pride in their own well-being?

To not change can lead to stagnation. Earlier this year I visited Auburn Uniting Church, formerly Methodist, in Melbourne for the launch of a book on the life of Dr Harold Wood the former headmaster of MLC in Melbourne. This is a remarkable building and is part of a complex consisting of church, church hall, parsonage, caretaker's cottage, stables and infant school. It is unusual as it remains a complete, intact and little altered set of church buildings built simultaneously to one design. The entire complex took less than two years to construct and was completed in 1890.



Lorraine was particularly interested in visiting the church as she was a member there in her teen-age years and was a member of the choir. It was the church in which she was confirmed. As we entered the building her immediate comment was that nothing had changed. To me there was certainly a feeling of going back in time. I looked at the hymn books in the pews, half expecting to see Methodist Hymn Books, but no, they were Australian Hymn Books, not the latest Together in Song that we use. This large church complex is struggling to survive – the congregation is small, they are without a permanent minister at the moment. It is all very well for the building to remain virtually unchanged, however it appears that the congregation have

continued for too long without thought for change. I wondered whether there had been security and contentment in having a wonderful old building which reflected the glory of times past, without plans for the future?

Our thoughts are in a constant state of evolution as new information becomes available. By opening ourselves to experience, we grow in awareness and understanding every day. In fact we are in a constant state of change throughout life, and much of it positive, even essential. This does not mean that every change is to be accepted without question, that we should be ready, slavishly, to follow each new fashion.

Change is about making decisions. As you approach a decision, what kind of space do you choose to be in? Are you prepared to wait? To listen? To be open? How prepared are you to notice the opposing movements within you – and to let each movement “speak” to you?

Here at Morialta we are changing, sometimes without noticing, sometimes happily, other times with regret, but changing we are. Change is at the heart of our faith. Social Justice is about change. World peace will only come about with change. How do you deal with change?

John Powers

*God help us to change,  
To change ourselves and to change  
the world,  
To know the need for it,  
to deal with the pain of it.  
To feel the joy of it.  
To understand the Journey  
without understanding the destination.  
The art of gentle revolution.  
Amen*

Michael Leunig.

### Musing

Left to their own devices, these little flowers found a way to not only survive, but flourish. The fence is rusty and neglected. The plants climbed, seeking the sunlight, and life. I couldn't help but notice, not only how beautiful they are, but how they contrasted with the rusty old cyclone fence. The fence itself, represented to me a barrier. It was put up to keep people and, presumably animals out. I'm not even sure what was being protected, as this fence bordered a Nature Reserve. The fence was there, and the little flowers didn't know that they shouldn't be climbing it. How wonderful, their innocence.



In Gateways, we have been reading “Naked Spirituality”, by Brian D. McLaren. Early in the book he describes an experience of nature that brought about changes in his Spiritual journey. Later he speaks of gratitude. I'm not really sure what I learned from my encounter with these little flowers on a rusty old fence, but I am indeed, grateful for stumbling across them.

David Purling

## POLITICS - WHO CARES?

We all live in a state of 'being' on the one hand, and 'doing' on the other. Each is equally important. Love the Lord your God; love your neighbour.

Our 'being' has much to do with our inside selves: our innermost thoughts that we alone know, our feelings that chop and churn, our hearts that cherish our connectedness, our personal understanding that reflects our uniqueness. Importantly our 'being' also exists in a spiritual space and relationship. We each seek God in our own way. The pathways into a thin place, a space where we know God's presence, are as varied as the people seeking them, but all individually valid.

Our 'doing' then becomes largely the practical expression of all that we feel and have come to understand within our spiritually connected selves. The Gospel is a complete expression of this dichotomy. Repeatedly Jesus withdraws into the heart of God. And repeatedly he emerges into activity, constantly finding ways to express God's love. His actions speak a story of compassion for the sick, of justice for the marginalised, of love for the unloved and of confrontation where greed and exploitation are rife. Jesus found unique and challenging ways to lead by example, just as we too, in a rather more humble and bumbling way, each try to live out our interpretation of God's love.

Contrary to a commonly held stance, I personally am not a 'polite basher.' I believe the great majority of politicians in Australia, at least those who occupy the middle ground to the left and right, are involved because they want to contribute to the building of a secure, strong, compassionate and vibrant society. Though from contrasting life experiences, they all broadly want a country that best expresses something very similar to what we understand as Christian values in action. The divergence comes as the means to such expression are formulated into policy. If there was a simple, straight line that could be drawn from utopian ambition to governmental philosophy and implementation, then we'd all be living in Nirvana-land. A quick look about suggests that we don't! Approximately half of us support governance that lies a little to the left, and half of us have sympathies a little to the right. For practising Christians, is left or right more, or less, informed by reflection on Gospel values? The same set of guiding principles can translate into a variety of action strategies, each authentically grounded.

The question that occupies my mind is this: "How does the Church interact with politics in a way that promotes Christian principles, without alienating the half of its membership whose conscientiously held views differ from the particular stance, be it left or right, advocated by its leadership?" As ever, because nothing is ever black or white (or perhaps in this context red or blue), there is no easy answer. We all care, of that I am sure.

*Alison Lockett*



### Midwives of Change: Progressives Shaping Religious Communities

In the September of Canberra's centenary year 400 people gathered at the Australian National University over a period of four days to review the evolution of progressive Christian thought in the context of modern Biblical scholarship and historical knowledge - a movement introduced to our congregation by the Reverend Nairn Kerr more than 10 years ago and since then carried forward by the 'Gateways' fellowship.

It was a global gathering attended by nine 'Gateways' members, a wide range of people from across Australia and from Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. Attracting worshipers from many denominations, the movement is so widespread in the Western World that some believe a new reformation is on the horizon.

After each day the contingent from Morialta met in one of the apartments to review what had been presented by the speakers and the comments and question from the audience. There was much to digest from the presentations of Marcus Borg, a leading theologian and author, Rabbi Aviva Kipen, the first Australian woman ordained in the Australian Rabbinate, Val Webb, an academic and author, and many other conference leaders.

What did we learn from the conference? Of course we from Morialta were individually impressed in many different ways but I think that we all agree with the reporter from the 'Canberra Times' whose prominent article simply declared that the conference was about understanding Jesus, the man with a mission to transform human society into a better world. His teachings when understood in the context of his Jewish culture spell out the personal characteristics we should seek to cultivate to reach that end.

*Foot note. The 'Gateway' members who attended 'Common Dreams' were, Ruth Carter, Anne and Bruce Ind, Jill Kerr, Carol Lyons, Christine and John Secombe and Lesley and Arthur Tideman. The Reverend Diane Bury was also present.*

*Arthur Tideman*



Reflection from Church Council

Where is the Sacred to be found?

There was once a competition that asked people to construct the largest possible sheep enclosure using a limited set of materials. Three people entered: a mathematician, an engineer and an old Irish farmer. Each of them was given basic tools, a pile of wooden planks and twenty-four hours to complete their pen.

When it came time for the judges to decide the winner they began by examining the mathematician's work. She had used her extensive knowledge of geometry to construct an impressive circular structure that maximized the utility of the materials. As a result nothing went to waste and a hundred sheep could easily be held.

Next they looked at the pen created by the engineer. His was more basic but twice the size of the mathematicians. Again he had used all of the material, but he had spent much of his time studying the strength of the wooden planks and worked out that if he could split them in two without compromising the security of the pen.

Lastly they came to the old farmer who, in contrast to the others, was surrounded by unused planks and bags of nails.

They watched in disbelief as the farmer stepped into the one foot square box he'd made.

"Is that your enclosure?" said one of the judges in disbelief.

"Of course not!" replied the farmer, "I'm on the outside. You're standing in it!"

The logic of this joke can help us glimpse the ultimate role of the church.

It is a place that people gesture toward, laugh and say, "Is this where the sacred dwells." To which the response must be, "Of course not! You're already standing there."

Simply put, God is not confined to the church. God is there and everywhere. Our task is to acknowledge and bear witness to the God who is outside the church and invites us to share in celebrating that everywhere presence of the living God.



Bruce Grindlay

RECOGNITION OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP OF ELVA AND JOHN PROSSER



On 15 September Elva and John Prosser were welcomed in Worship to the membership of Morialta Uniting Church after transfer from Newland Memorial UC, Victor Harbor. Newland Secretary said that they had been involved in many areas of church life and they were missed. Their decision to join Morialta has been a pleasure for all and brought renewal of earlier relationships with some Morialta folk.

The chosen picture for Vision does not tell the full story of the Recognition ritual! Bruce Grindlay involved them in a wearing of animal masks, presented for good reason, with children and adults in the Service. Elva and John more than passed any test of "going with the Morialta flow"!

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS



Playgroup

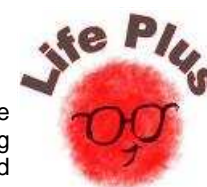
You will remember our pleas to fill gaps in the morning tea roster. We now have them filled after some creative and strategic thinking, and great good will. For a couple of weeks food is supplied but those who cook the food are not present to serve it. This has been an innovative way to ensure the luxury of home cooked food is maintained rather than resorting to a packet of bought biscuits. The connection of Playgroup parents with those who cook and serve is greatly enjoyed, but a little flexibility makes it all work. We have a wonderful group of children and their Mums!



Life Plus

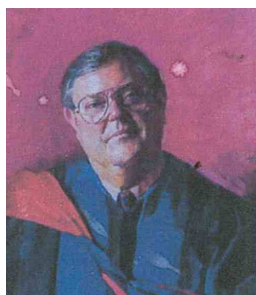
Sessions will be underway by the time Vision is published. The program is being approached with much anticipation and hope that people will come and enjoy it. *Life Plus*, a series over four weeks, brings interesting talks and performances.

It's a time to learn and laugh while enjoying community. The program is based upon a very successful program at St Andrews by the Sea in Glenelg, in their College for Seniors. It's very popular and, hopefully, our *Life Plus* will also prove popular. We need as much encouragement, word of mouth invitations, and willingness to come and see as possible.



Christine Ostle

## Rev Dr Geoffrey Donald Scott 1939 - 2013



### David Purling writes:

When my mate Geoff Scott died recently, his friends from our days in the Theological College, gathered, and remembered. Sue found the photo below (which as you can see is quite ancient!), and passed it on to me.

What can I remember about it? Are these the three Tenors? From left to right they are Yours Truly, Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Scott, and the Rev Lewis Kelsall Junior. Geoff was in College with us, but exited to his first appointment earlier than Lewis and I did. Lewis and I were ordained together, as was his father, Lewis Kelsall, Senior, at Kent Town Methodist Church, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1965.



Back to the photo...

This was before any of us were ordained, and shows our keen desire to become ministers! Our paths went in very different directions, but the group who went through Wesley College in those years, late 50's – early 60's, have a very close bond and meet up regularly.

It all started when the Methodist Conference was held in October, and we came down from the country for Conference. The wives or sweethearts got together while their 'men' were at conference and anxiously awaiting the outcome of the Methodist 'Stationing' of ministers to their appointments.



Then they would either rejoice or commiserate with one another about where they were being sent! Then what else would you expect, but to do all the waiting around over a meal.

This arrangement has continued, although not now linked to where and when ministers are appointed. We will soon celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> year of meeting

like this! We have much to be thankful for in our travelling ministers, and for our friend, and gifted colleague, Geoff Scott.

*Community has many forms and expressions in our lives – there are chapters, snapshots and milestones.*

*For David and colleagues the time of community at Wesley College was rich, and there were times of humour and "hamming it up", as you would expect (!)*

*Thank you David! You prompt us to recall our times of sharing fun and wonderful relationships in the communities of our lives.*

## The Reverend Charles Lane 1823 – 1910



In the eastern transept of Morialta Church is a marble memorial to the Reverend Charles Lane who died on 19 January 1910 at Magill, in his 87<sup>th</sup> year. Charles was born in Dorsetshire in 1823, arriving in South Australia from Ballarat in 1876 (according to official records he died on 8 January 1910).

In 1855, following an appeal from British Methodism for ministers for Australia, Charles and nine other young men responded, arriving in

Melbourne in 1856. At the following Methodist Conference he was received on trial and was appointed to Ballarat where he served with distinction.

In 1876 he was transferred to South Australia and in 1886 he was appointed President of the Conference. His ministerial appointments included Magill, Clare and Moonta.

Failing health led to him being made a supernumerary in 1889. However, he preached occasionally and he assisted in other areas. Sands and McDougall's SA Directory for 1910 states that the "Rev. Chas Lane (Meth) was living in Magill". He was one of the best known and widely loved ministers of the Methodist Church. He served for 50 years.

During his time in Victoria he married Victoria Caddy who was born in England in 1822 and who died on 9 May 1914. There is no official record of her death in South Australia, so it is possible that she returned to Victoria. It seems that they had no children.

My concern that the memorial no longer served any useful purpose led to my research into the life of Charles.

*Bill Matheson.*

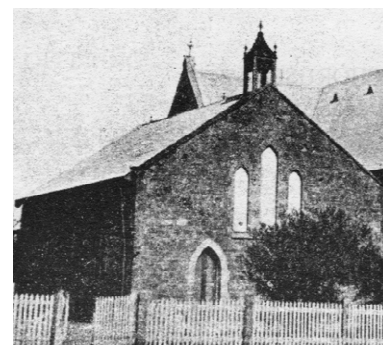
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# THE LAST HURRAH

**The Last Hurrah gave us another opportunity to share the life of our Morialta Family with friends who have each year eagerly looked forward to a professional and happy show.**

Congratulations to all concerned. We are privileged at Morialta.

So many wonderful people prepared to give of their time and God-given talent.

The Last Hurrah was Fabulous, Fantastic and Fun-filled.

The Last Hurrah was indeed a fitting farewell to many wonderful cabaret events over the last few years.

Delicious dinners and outstanding performances have been enjoyed by all. Thank you!

The Reverend looked surprisingly familiar! Perhaps it was the socks! The many faces of Chastity! And what legs!

The many children involved and the two Bruces' great roles!

A wonderfully intricate, true melodrama-style story – and with so many Morialta actors having opportunity to perform!

**MAYHEM**

An uproarious tale – hissing, aah-ing and sighing by the audience went into action with just a little encouragement from the comper. What a ball!

The Morialta/St Morry lines in the show's dialogue were very apt, clever and utterly hilarious!

Congratulations on the Direction by Pam and Chris! Having heard something of the rehearsals, coaching, directions, and management of moves, microphones, etc.....and they were actors as well!

It has been said that this was the best effort ever in working together by a band of people in Morialta's music and theatre history. Everyone worked faithfully with the organization, and with great good humour.

## Critics' Reviews



How did we ever get so many talented and well-cast people onto one stage for these performances! It was an outstanding line-up!

What about a curtain that closes in the projected image!!! How clever is that! We hear that Graham V had something to do with it!

We were highly impressed with the scenes projected to give context to the intricate plot. I was thrilled to be able to look again at the DVD and really appreciate them.

The stained glass windows were magnificent!

Thanks to John Secombe for the huge amount of work done on lighting for this "Hurrah". Without John's expertise and physical exploits and strength it couldn't happen!



An age range in the cast members of 9 years to 90 plus is almost unbelievable – and throughout they were superb. A wonderfully inclusive performance and with great opportunities to develop and showcase intergenerational talent!

Thanks, Carole, and everyone in the kitchen! The food was yummy! We were well fed and well served!

Watch out on dark nights for Armbuster and Sludge! Or you may be fortunate to meet The Marquis Shine-a-Lot! and be saved!!



**The Last Hurrah - Was it?**

**Report to Synod**

**COMMUNITY DAY EVENT - THE LAST HURRAH**

Morialta UC understands the importance of building its community through working together for shared purpose, strengthening relationships, enabling personal growth and having fun. It also recognizes the need for reaching and including people beyond the congregation, for sharing the church's life and identifying with others, and giving a clear message of hospitality.

In 2013, for the CommUnity Day Event, a program of entertainment and dining was used again, but with a difference. A new, locally created melodrama was premiered, involving 23 characters, plus a choir of 9, and being rehearsed over a six month period. The hilarious quality of the intricately scripted mystery, and the inclusion of Morialta members with ages ranging from 9 to 90 plus, was an outstanding vehicle for strengthening the relationships of community.

The number of cast, production crew, and kitchen staff totaled around 55. Eighty members of the congregation were in the audiences over two nights, and 117 people: families, friends, and community members, met the goals of wider community participation. The basic format of being entertained and dining together is a tried-and-true draw card and this was greatly enjoyed.

On this occasion there was much that was innovative in the production. Settings for the three acts and total of ten scenes were projected onto a central screen and two side panels; the main small stage was cleverly utilised with many subtle changes of chair covers, table-ware and other decorative items. Sound throughout accentuated the hallmark elements of mystery, murder and mayhem and the robed choir for the setting of *The Tabernacle Church of St Morry in Upper Magillian* added decorum and humour, funereal dirge and grand finale, urging actors and the massed audience to join them. Patrons were easily and wonderfully responsive throughout with loud sighing, hissing, booing and much laughter.



A great occasion for all! It will live in the memories we continue to share as a community.

# PAWS FOR THOUGHT

I must admit I am getting used to being retired. It has been particularly nice to be dry and warm during Winter. Of course, it can get a little lonely when they are out all of the time. However, recently I realized that sleeping on a soft bed is much better than trying to doze on a hard floor.

They were going out for a fairly long time and Wallace just had to draw attention to me. I guess they felt guilty. I must admit I do enjoy trying to send them on a bit of a guilt trip sometimes, but I didn't realize where they were going.

I will be a bit more careful in future. It's not so bad for Wallace. He has young bones, but after all the walking I have done over the years I need a bit of comfort!

Keely

Because it's your job. I had to do it for years. Now I'm retired I usually get to sleep in a more comfortable place, but you had to make a big deal about me coming.



# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Messy Church and KCO Reunion

Lachlan Mackenzie reports:

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of September the Church held an event for Morialta youth that attended KCO this year. The event was organised by the Messy Church Committee to help to revitalise our recently established Messy Church program. We had five children turn up to the event that started at Adey Park and finished at the nearby Hungry Jacks. The afternoon was a great success with activities such as a Bible verse treasure hunt, spring crafts and an exciting carnival.



The children and leaders had a lot of fun and expressed their thanks to the church with a signed card. Everyone involved in Messy Church is eagerly preparing for our next activity, A Messy Christmas!!

## Worship and Kids on Sunday



Morialta's children are a much loved group in the church community. "Regulars" in worship may be small in number, but there are often visitors who regularly visit grandparents and are very comfortable to join in the Service. It is no wonder! Clergy and lay members are creative in leading the time with children, singing with guitar, recognizing others with stars, and engaging in tug-o-war. In this case, Bruce is seen brandishing a saw in exploring the story in Mark 2 of Jesus healing a paralyzed man. In Kids on Sunday children frequently produce creative pieces which they share with the congregation, and sometimes cook fresh biscuits and scones. The enjoyment in the kitchen is very evident and leaders show their care in managing the enthusiasms of the group.

## Baptism



On 22 September we welcomed the family and friends of Tanya Kerr and Phillip Leicester for the baptism of their son, Oliver Jonathon Leicester. A very happy occasion shared by our church community!





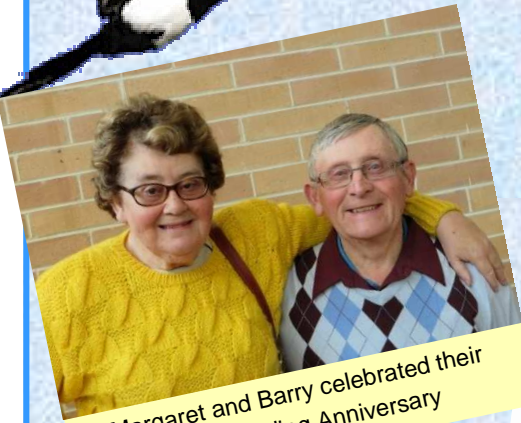
# Morialta Magpie



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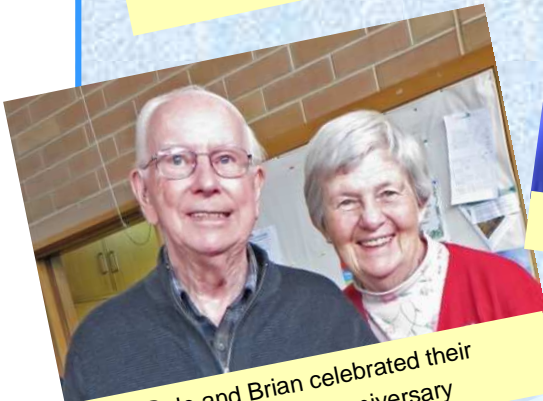
Congratulations to Cyril and June on their 60th Wedding Anniversary!



Margaret and Barry celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary



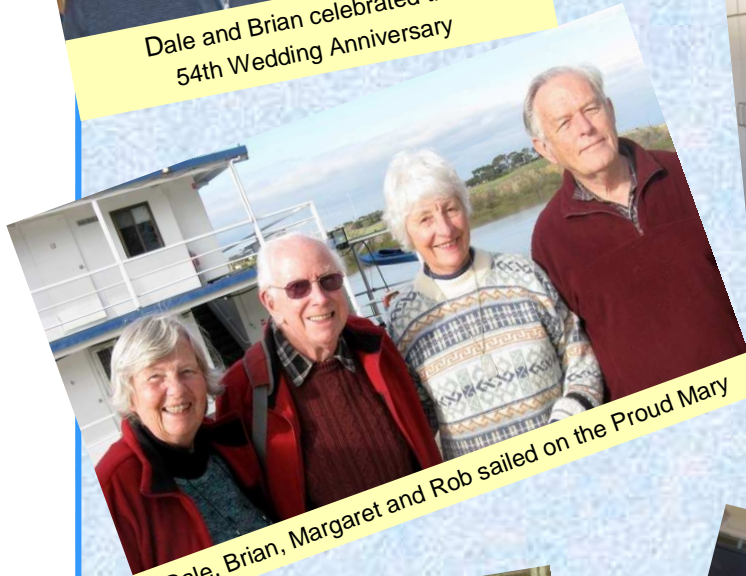
Birthday Girls Dawn Colegrove, Mary Watson, Margaret Clogg, Margaret Jenkins



Dale and Brian celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary



New kitchen hand, Bruce G!



Dale, Brian, Margaret and Rob sailed on the Proud Mary



A welcome visitor for Marie - her sister



Joan Bache celebrated her 90th birthday with daughter Jenny Curnow



Community support for Peter in a time of sadness

## Giftng

Like many of our parents, Morialta Church has saved and spent its money wisely and is not in debt. Not everyone has been able to be in this situation - others in our community are struggling to meet their day to day needs. As Christians and as members of our community we have a responsibility to help one another. With this in mind we agreed last year to gift the equivalent of 5% of our income to three groups over the next three years.

These groups for 2013 are:

### Northern Suburbs Dinka Speaking Faith Community

Providing financial support to Adelaide's wonderful and rapidly growing Dinka-speaking faith community.

### UAICC (United Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress)

Supporting the United Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress Pilgrimage of Healing Appeal as they shine the light of God's love in their communities.

### Uniting Communities (Eastern Services)

Recognising their Gospel based compassionate response to need as they work alongside those doing it tough.

We forwarded \$1,400.00 to each of these organisations earlier this year and will be making another payment before December. We would welcome suggestions for agencies or organisations to receive gifting in 2014. Although the groups selected for 2013 were all local South Australian agencies, your nominations need not be restricted in this way.

Please consider those that you would like to see included in 2014 and drop a short note into the office including a few lines outlining the intent of the proposed agency or organisation.

*John Powers*

# RECENT COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## Mission Sunday

Rev Christa Megaw, Synod's International Mission Officer, shared in Worship, along with Rev Doug Hosking. Giving totalled \$1369.30, including \$564.65 from the Netball Club cake stall. A day of generous giving!



## Meet the Candidates

In the lead up to the Federal election, Morialta folks took the opportunity to meet some of the candidates and their representatives. Thanks to the Morialta Social Justice Team for facilitating this event.



## 30 Boxes!

In September the Evening/Daytime Fellowship packed 30 boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, to go to disadvantaged children in Asian countries.



## Pot Luck Tea



David and Judith took us on a meandering tour through the UK, Berlin, France and Switzerland, where they revisited familiar scenery, and were introduced to some stunningly beautiful sights.

## Over 80s Afternoon Tea

Pastoral Care MMT hosted this year's Over 80s Afternoon Tea with 37 people enjoying scones, jam and cream as well as opportunities for conversation. It was a much enjoyed opportunity for remembering, celebrating and being treated with special care.

A Morialta community special event. Thanks to the Pastoral Care team!



## Pot Luck Tea

Folk were well entertained by Ruth Pitt and Jill Kerr with wonderful pictures of their travels in Europe and then a highlight visit to the Chelsea Flower Show. We were provided with a less expensive way of getting a taste of that big and beautiful event!



## Welcome to the Morialta Uniting Church Community

### Slices of Life and High Tea

Poetry was found to soothe the soul, bring a chuckle, but more importantly the sharing of poetry gave us pleasure and a feeling that we had a number of times, touched a chord, found a note or kissed a prayer.



Jan Rawolle, our guest speaker, enthralled us with her obvious love of poetry and the joy that she shared through the reciting of poems showed that poems were like friends to her.

All in all, a very pleasant afternoon was had by all which helped to raise \$500.00 towards library resources.

Jenny Barabas and Bryan Forbes wrote the winning entries for the Slice of Life writing competition. They each win a voucher from Dillons Book Store. Their entries are reproduced on this page for your enjoyment.

#### Is there a new book or DVD you would like added to the library?

Now is the time to tell Lorraine if there is any particular resource you would like to see in the library as she is about to go on a shopping spree!

### Margaret's money for jam



It is with some sadness that I need to tell you that **Margaret Martin**, although still willing, is no longer quite as able to fit jam making into her daily life schedule. We rejoice, salute and congratulate

you Margaret on a service to the library which has greatly helped many.

Over at least twenty years Margaret has made jars and jars of carrot and orange marmalade, which has raised many dollars to help buy new resources for the library. Thank you from us all, Margaret. Well done!

Does there happen to be anyone out there who could take over Margaret's jam making? If so please talk to Lorraine.

### A Slice of Life from Bryan Forbes

Swinging on the gate with Dorothy Rushton, an engaging blue-eyed blond, is one slice of life which I remember with pleasure.

We were both about ten years of age and met but rarely, in her home town of Brookton, WA.

I came there in the school holidays, staying with an elderly friend, Mr Robinson.

A less memorable snippet was when I indulged in my pyromaniac tendencies, lighting a little fire with magnifying glass in the dry grass around Mr Robinson's house. Like some Department of the Environment's burn-offs, the little fire quickly became big, but luckily the house was not consumed.

My host was not impressed.

### A slice by any other name

by Jenny Barabas

A splinter couldn't be called a slice, nor yet a splice even though quite nice. To share a bun split and creamed you'll see makes a tasty dissection for afternoon tea.

A cleave or a slit would partage a cake, but using a knife a clean cut would make a neat portion or piece arranged on a plate, much nicer for folks their allowance to take.

You can cut a deal, cut to the chase, you can cut a dash to be in the race. You can feel cut up – get a pay cut and cutting it fine brings stress levels up.

There are gash and bite and words galore, like part and incision and many more. But now I'll cease my allotment is run, my last word is asunder and now I have done.

### BOOK REVIEWS

Non Fiction

#### DIRTY WARS: The World Is a Battlefield by Jeremy Scahill



The author is an American Journalist who reveals in dramatic detail the covert operations of the American military in their 'War on Terror', both domestically and globally. These secret activities were in vogue under George W. Bush but, surprisingly, were expanded by President Obama, and have involved capture, torture or slaying of victims, sometimes with the use of drones or cruise missiles. Many innocent people, notably Afghans, become victims. The book is illustrated with maps and photographs.

Reviewed by Bryan Forbes

#### AND THE MOUNTAINS ECHOED

by Khaled Hosseini



Following "the Kite Runner" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns", this latest book by Hosseini spans generations of Afghanistani history and the many wars and violence that have torn the country apart. Families scattered to many parts of the world are unlikely to ever return. An interesting read.

Reviewed by Margaret Boundy

*"Pull up a chair. Take a taste. Come join us. Life is so endlessly delicious."*

Ruth Reichl

FOR FURTHER BOOK REVIEWS GO TO <http://www.morialtauca.org.au/resources/library/whats-new>

**Prayer**

The way is long – let us go together.

The way is difficult – let us help each other.

The way is joyful – let us share it.

The way is ours alone – let us go in love.

The way grows before us – let us begin.

**Zen Invocation**



**2013 Mighty Magill Christmas Market**  
 Saturday 16 November  
 9.00am to 3.00pm  
 Morialta Uniting Church, 26 Chapel Street, Magill  
 Phone 8331 9344, Email office@morialtauca.org.au  
 www.morialtauca.org.au

- Home-made Cakes
- Books & Plants
- Christmas Gourmet Goodies
- Bric-a-Brac
- Gift Boxes of Love
- Come-Again Boutique
- Christmas Gifts & Crafts
- Sausage Sizzle

**RETRO CAFE**  
 Morning Tea & Lunch

**DIARY DATES 2013**

Thurs - Sat 31 Oct - 1 Nov	Presbytery and Synod Meeting
Thurs - Wed 7 - 13 Nov	<i>Beyond the Blue Lake</i> Tour
Sat 16 Nov 9.00am - 3.00pm	Mighty Magill Christmas Market
Thurs 21 Nov 6.00 for 6.30pm	Urban Mission Network Gathering Uniting College of Leadership and Theology
Sun 24 Nov 9.30am	Combined Service and Meeting of the Congregation
Sun 1 Dec 4.30pm 5.30pm	Messy Christmas and Ecumenical Advent Gathering
Sun 8 Dec 9.30am	Worship with the Children
Sun 15 Dec 9.30am	Worship Beyond our Walls - Filming
Tues 17 Dec 7.30pm	<i>Blue Christmas</i>
Sun 22 Dec 9.30am	Worship Lessons and Carols
Tues 24 Dec 7.30pm	Christmas Eve Worship <i>Jesus, born for us</i>
Weds 25 Dec 9.00am	Christmas Day Worship

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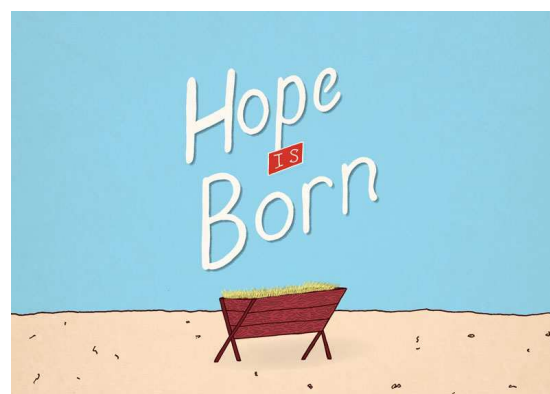
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