

Vale John Clarke

Balance - A Poem by John Clarke

(ABC Radio FM. 103.9 — 31 December 2016)

It is the eve of the new year
and, of course, we are not sure what blasts
the trumpets will make,
but we do know they won't be Alfred Hill's.
It was good in the cool of the morning
the white rabbit chose to jump
from the superior Satie's grand piano
scattering correspondence, memoirs and memories
rattling the keyboard of the lower piano.
Sadly we can be sure that the precious spoils
will reach out and touch fewer and fewer people,
but we are lucky in the cool of the morning
to have and hear that voice that's grown from the feet
of 'The Lark Ascending', heard the voice
of Kathleen Ferrier, the human spirit at its height,
and all that shared with the weekly chattering
of two men in the hope of decent crops
like 'The Pearl Fishers', and the joy of the disciplines
of vineyards and oyster farms.

Diary Dates

Sunday 7 May	Mission—Possible! Launch
Thursday 18 May 9.45am	Fellowship SA Police on Cyber Crime
Sunday 21 May 2.00pm	Best of British! Comedy afternoon
Sunday 4 June 2.00pm	Asleep in the Teapot Mission Projects Concert
Thursday 15 June 9.45am	Fellowship Meet Colin Cargill!
Sunday 18 June 9.30am	Visit of the UCSA Moderator Combined Service
Sunday 25 June	Rev J Barker last service at MUC Community Lunch— Lunch on Chapel 25th celebration



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To discuss ideas for Vision articles
contact the editor, Colin Cargill

Straight from the Adelaide Fringe!

Heaven Knows A Capella

ASLEEP IN THE TEAPOT

Sunday 4th June at 2.00pm

At Morialta Uniting Church
26 Chapel Street, Magill
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Tickets \$20 including afternoon tea
(Proceeds to support Mission Projects)

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**REFLECTIONS ON
THE CHURCH AS
SOCIAL PIONEER**

When I first read Julian Cribb's book "Surviving the 21st Century" something he said about humanity's ultimate survival skill - foresight - struck a bell. I recalled a little gem by the late renowned sociologist-theologian Richard Niebuhr, "The Church as Social Pioneer". Written in the wake of World War Two when humanity had to face up to the social "evils" of racism, nationalism and economic imperialism, Niebuhr proposes that to be true to its calling to forward the love of God and neighbour in the world, the church must take on the role of social pioneer. He contends that in every society there are the "sensitive and responsive" ones who are the first to step forward in response to the challenges of their times. Here is the connection - people of foresight, who can name a crisis, understand its causes and then be bold enough to take a lead in meeting that crisis, are surely "social pioneers" whose action will be for the sake of all.

Cribb "names" the greatest crisis facing us, the prospect of extinction of life on our planet because of human induced climate change. There are ten risks to

civilisation - mass extinction, resource depletion, weapons of mass destruction, climate change, universal toxicity, food crises, population and urban expansion, pandemic diseases, dangerous new technologies and finally the capacity for humans to be self-deluded. But if the human capacity of foresight is matched with the will to act, then ultimate disaster may be averted. Again, those who respond for the sake of sustaining life on earth may be called social pioneers.

To me the Jesus movement that arose after the resurrection was a social pioneering of the peaceful alternative to Roman rule based on fear and an economy based on slavery. Although it took almost 1800 years for church and society to name slavery as truly against the will of God (how do we know what is against the will of God? Niebuhr says the clue is "innocent suffering"). It began with an enlightened few who pressed home the idea that slavery was "evil" thus shaming nations into abolishing slavery. I am sure we can all think of other examples over the past century when "social pioneers" acted to bring about freedoms that we may now take for granted.

Niebuhr is also clear that the institutional church itself may have to be awakened by "social pioneers" to act

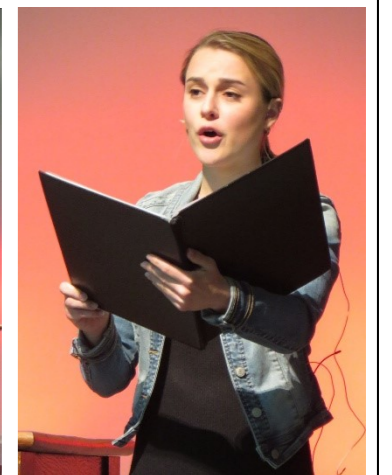
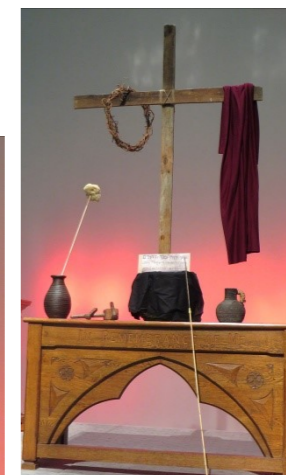
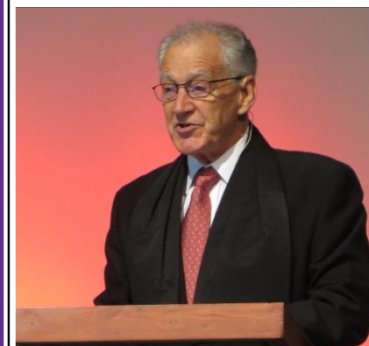
responsibly when faced with new threats to life. He says of his time, "As the representative and pioneer of humankind the Church meets its social responsibility when in its own thinking, organisation and action it functions as a world society, undivided by race, class and national interests." Regarding the imminent threat to the continuation of life on earth, has not the time come for the church to take a lead in our society? In the near future, the Synod's "Environmental Action Group" (Colin Cargill is a member), will work to further challenge the Uniting Church in South Australia to take a stronger stand to set an example of meaningful (and sacrificial) ways to respond to climate change.

Niebuhr concludes by proposing that social pioneering is "the highest form of social responsibility of the Church. It is the direct demonstration of love of God and neighbour... the radical demonstration of faith." And when this happens, "the deed of Christ is reduplicated." Maybe we could say that the hope is that the planet itself will witness a resurrection!



Jonathan Barker

Good Friday Service



Chairperson Writes...

It's a very new role for me, this chairperson role, and I would like to begin my first message in it by thanking you for the opportunity to work with you all in this new way. Of course, I was no sooner elected than I was away for a few weeks, so I haven't had much chance to find my feet yet – please bear with me! My trip away went well – teaching masters students in central China – and I'm very glad to be home.



I have another role at present that you will find reflected in this issue of Vision – leader of the **Mission – Possible!** team, which is charged with focussing the congregation afresh on how we can resource mission at Morialta into the future. Across the four Sundays of May you will be seeing and hearing short M-P! 'spots' within the services. These will highlight features of our interlocking mission, outreach and community life and how we resource them – as well as the goals the congregation has committed to reaching in order to maintain and extend them. See the centre-spread in this Vision for a visual summary of our vibrant life together following Jesus, and how the different components work together to make the whole. The whole needs a substantial boost right now if we are to remain vibrant!

Having a full-time minister or deacon in placement is an important part of our ministry – but our ability to fund a full-time position for the upcoming five years is not yet assured, as the Meeting of the Congregation, held on 19 March, heard. Yet we

strongly affirmed our commitment to maintaining a full-time placement here. At the meeting we committed to supporting the **Mission – Possible!** program to our fullest ability, aiming for a boost of 10-15% in regular giving. Each family or individual member of the congregation will receive a personal letter in May with more details, plus a form to complete once you have decided how you will respond.

Energy for our programs, prayer support for people and situations, and financial commitment are all important ways to contribute to Morialta's life and mission – we look forward to receiving your renewed commitments. We're counting on you!

And remember, for this topic and all topics to do with Morialta UC, please be in touch if you have questions or comments – I look forward to hearing from you!

Margaret Cargill
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With the kiln-owner's daughter,
rural Shaanxi province, China



The Canticle of the Creatures (FAED I, 113-114)

Revised version from *Laudato Si'* –
Original words by St Francis of Assisi.

Gateways are currently studying the
Pope's Encyclical

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours.

Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you; and for those who bear sickness and weakness in peace and patience – you will grant them a crown.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death, whom we must all face.

I praise and bless you, Lord, and I give thanks to you, and I will serve you in all humility.

Francis composed The Canticle of the Creatures, known also as The Canticle of Brother Sun, during the spring of 1225, when he was sick at San Damiano, and was cared for by Clare and the Poor Sisters.

The Canticle was composed in the Umbrian dialect and contains three sections: a praise of God for the creatures (sun, moon, stars, wind, water, fire, earth), a praise for those who forgive for the love of God, and a praise for sister bodily death.

Only the first section of the Canticle was composed at San Damiano, whereas the section on forgiveness was composed in the episcopal palace in Assisi where the sick Francis resided for some weeks in September 1226, and the section on sister death was composed at the Portiuncula, sometime before Francis died on October 3, 1226.

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently.

O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness: he is bright and lively and strong.

News from Jan Adcock and the congregation at Woomelang

Thank you for putting the most recent USB stick in the mail so quickly, we were able to be challenged by your 'Anna by the Well' Sermon. Well done to 'Anna' for her narration!

Few as we are, it's been an inspiration to us for you to be helping us like you do.

Jan Adcok

We are seeing you people so often on our screen that we feel we are becoming part of Morialta. We have a relief mobile Minister for three months, but we share him with 4 churches so we are using your services twice a month.

We are grateful to the Woomelang congregation for their financial contribution towards the costs of Beyond our Walls distribution.

Welcome to the Morialta Uniting Church Community Library

From the Librarian

May is **History Month** in Adelaide. Our library will be having a **special history display** of life stories of people within our congregation who have written a story and given a copy to our library. Our own church history books and histories of other churches in our local area will be featured. The display will be in the main foyer each Sunday in May.

Upcoming Events

The National General Meeting of the Australian Church Library Association is to be held in the Morialta UC Hall on May 20 from 10am to 3pm.



Grant & Janna in
Afghanistan

The Guest Speakers will be Grant Lock and Don Hopgood. Grant is the author of "Shoot me First", and his latest book is "I'd Rather Be Blind." Grant directed Afghanistan's largest eye care program,

until he himself became blind and returned home to confront challenges, intimate and global, with courage and compassion. He travelled to Afghanistan with his wife Janna.

The cost is \$10 which covers morning tea and lunch. If you would like to attend this event, please let Lorraine know at Ldpowers10@yahoo.com.au

Mark your Calendar

The Morialta UC Community Library's high tea and literary delights event will be held on Sunday July 16th from 5.00 to 7.30pm with guest speaker Raylene Pearce. More details will be available soon!

Book Reviews

Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf



Addie and Louis have been neighbours for years - now they both live alone, their houses empty of family, their quiet nights solitary. Then, one evening, Addie pays Louis a visit.....

This is a "pearl" of a story - small, but beautiful! It is a love story about growing old with grace. Written in simple, straight-forward prose, it resonates with honest communication and open conversations about expectations - their own and those of their families and the community around them.

I enjoyed this gem of a book - a quiet, charming read that keeps you pondering long after you have finished reading it.

Reviewed by Jill Kerr

When There's Nowhere Else to Run by Murray Middleton



This small book is packed with a wide variety of short stories ranging from funny to tragic, in locations stretching over much of Australia.

Within the fourteen tales we are given glimpses of life ranging from bush fires to riots and traffic accidents, with all the myriad emotions engendered by the same.

None of the stories are taxing to read, though many could probably have been extended into longer tales and in fact most leave the reader wanting more, as the stories often seem incomplete.

Though simplistic in style, these accounts cleverly suggest more than the actual words reveal, and are intriguingly seductive in their brevity.

Reviewed by Jan Thornton

Sticks and Stones by Abby Cooper



This new novel is powerful, thrilling and at times quite frightening.

The story (a follow-on to the previous book "Broken") begins on a happy day at a school fete. Maddie experiences again what, for her, is an all too familiar sensation. Flashbacks have dominated her life, tying her to the past and reminding her that life is often a terrifying place to be.

Domestic violence, a disturbing experience for it's victims, is hard to read about and Maddie's story is not for the faint-hearted.

This work of fiction is all too believable and unfortunately is an experience that many share with the accompanying feelings of fear and hopelessness.

Disturbing, tragic and inspirational, this novel will keep you engaged throughout and is not the kind of novel to finish just before trying to go to sleep, because sleep won't come; your mind won't turn off, and like Maddie you will have flashbacks!

Reviewed by Jan Thornton

A Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara



When four college graduates move to New York to make their way, they are broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition.

There is kind, handsome WILLEM; JB, a painter seeking entry into the art world; MALCOLM, a frustrated architect, and brilliant, enigmatic JUDE.

Over the decades their relationships with each other deepen, tinged by addiction, success and pride. Yet their greatest challenge, each comes to realise, is Jude himself, who is, by mid-life, a talented and successful lawyer, yet an increasingly broken man, haunted by childhood trauma that threatens to define his life forever.

This is not a book for the faint hearted - it is dense, and I found it emotionally draining and heartbreaking in parts. Despite the length and difficulty of the subject matter, it became a best sellerso, good luck!

Reviewed by Jill Kerr

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Uniting Church in Australia
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THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA TURNS 40 IN JUNE 2017

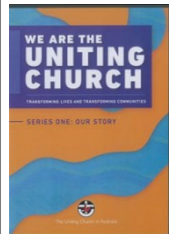
What do you know about the Uniting Church in Australia?

How have you come to be part of the UCA today?

What has changed in 40 years?

At Morialta we are celebrating this significant event on Sunday 18 June, when our Moderator, Rev Sue Ellis will be our guest preacher.

In the lead up to our celebration, we are offering a discussion time, on Sundays 4th and 11th June from 11.00am to 12.15pm in the Eastern transept. Bruce and Anne Ind will lead these sessions which are focussed around some short videos. Come and find out more.



WE ARE THE UNITING CHURCH

This book tells the story of the Uniting Church in Australia, formed in 1977 and provides an overview of the life, ministries and mission of the UCA.

The topics include Australian Church, Partnering in Mission, Our Congregations, Supporting Communities, Ageing Well and Educating for Life.

Please register your interest with Bruce Ind on 8336 6836, or with Helena in the office on 8331 9344.

FELLOWSHIP

On March 15th, Dr Deidre Palmer gave a very enlightening talk and visual presentation of her work as Moderator of the Uniting Church in South Australia for the past three years. She spoke of work in the city as well as baptisms in Oodnadatta, trips as far as the Flinders Ranges, Ceduna and the South East. She visited 129 congregations during this time and was involved in anniversaries, dedication of buildings, playgrounds and gardens. Deidre spoke about working with Wendy Perkins, whose co-ordinating skills with the UC's involvement in Disaster and Recovery Ministries reached areas such as the victims of the Sampson Flat and Pinery Bushfires. This provides Pastoral Care and practical support to people in need. She was also very involved in community and ecumenical gatherings such as the Malaysian Airlines disasters, where she took part in services at St Francis Xavier Cathedral and Brougham Place UC. Deidre is also very skilled in caring for families experiencing family violence. Deidre was very focused on the Intergenerational Church - ranging from activities such as Men's Sheds, NCYC and Kids Camp-out. As Deidre reached the end of her term, she thanked God for giving her strength and wisdom in the times she most needed it.



Deidre Palmer talking to Fellowship

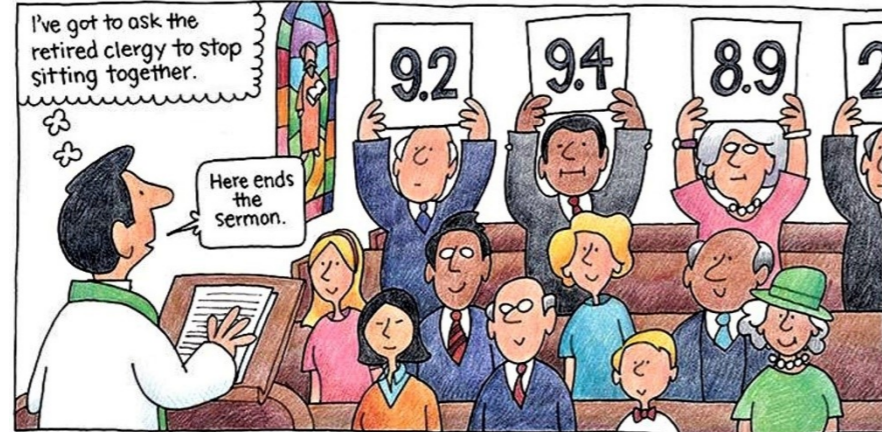
Our 'Bonus' meeting on March 29th was an informal lunch at "Kafe Schulze" at Glynde Lutheran Homes. 14 members attended and a lot of chat and laughter took place.

The Thursday morning winter Fellowship meetings started on April 20th when 22 intrepid travelers; ladies, gentlemen, children and one dog, caught the bus into the city then the train through the Adelaide Hills to Glenalta Station to meet up with 7 others, who travelled by car, and enjoyed fun and fellowship over lunch at the Belair Hotel before a picturesque journey home through the Adelaide Hills.



Kayla and Amy, Rob and Kath Cheel's granddaughters joined the trip to Belair.

SERMON REVIEWS



Parish of St Edward the Confessor chooses a new road

The Parish of St Edward's in Kensington Gardens was facing an uncertain future until the parishioners chose a new path. Rather than close they chose to offer a home to the Chinese Anglican Community of Adelaide and to become a combined English/Mandarin Chinese speaking congregation.

On 28th February 2017 the Reverend Dr TS Joseph Chung was commissioned by The Right Reverend Dr Tim Harris – the Administrator (Sede Vacante), The Venerable Mee Ping Lau – Archdeacon for Multicultural Ministry, and The Venerable David Bassett – Acting Dean.

The order of worship and prayers were printed and read in both languages and hymns also sung in each worshipper's own tongue. The sermon and the commissioning were translated, either into Chinese or English, depending on the language of the speaker.

Rather than make the ceremony long and sometimes confusing, the mix of cultures and languages added meaning and purpose and made the presence of the Spirit much more real. There was a strong feeling of being together in Christ regardless of language and culture.

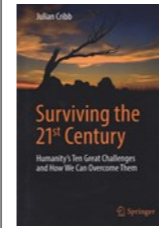
Carole Lyons from Morialta UC made one of the welcoming speeches on behalf of the Magill Council of Churches and speeches of welcome were also made by community leaders.

The decision of the parishioners of St Edward's is a brave and generous one. They deserve our support and prayers in the coming days, months and years, as they grow together in love and spirit.

Colin Cargill



Lent Study Reflections "Surviving the 21st Century" - Jing Luo



The study was led by Jonathan and Janeen Barker. Participants were Margaret, Colin, Carole, Craig, Adam, Tiffany, Jordon, and Jing.

Our group had meaningful discussions based on the book "Surviving the 21st Century" by Julian Cribb and subtitled "Humanity's Ten Great Challenges and How We Can Overcome Them".

We agreed with the author that there are ten great threats to humans.

The self-worshiper: We humans tend to overestimate our ability to foresee and avoid major risks arising from our own actions, and to have a widely-shared blindness to significant existential threats.

The terminator: Our global society has started to destroy species of many organisms at an accelerating rate.

The degrader: We are using more stuff than the planet can renewably provide.

The butcher: Humanity spends 34 times more on better ways to kill itself than it does on better ways to feed itself.

The baker: Various human activities are changing the physical behaviour of the atmosphere which leads to global warming.

The poisoner: We inhabit an increasingly toxic world with chemical exposures.

The devourer: The dilemma we face is that we have an expanding global demand for food that is reliant on a contracting global resource base.

The urbanite: Urban vulnerability is increasing due to human activities.

The self-deceiver: The human brain is a complex organ with the wonderful power of enabling man to find reasons for continuing to believe whatever it is he wants to believe (by Voltaire).

The getter of wisdom: The ability to foresee events, which is the principal reason for humans' success, has led to our dominating the planet and in the process profoundly altering the systems we rely on for survival.

The author, Julian Cribb, does not simply talk about problems. He also offers solutions which give us hope for our future. The urgent action plan is for humans to work collaboratively to survive.

We realised that, as Christians, we have to take pioneering and representative action in response to God in Christ. Some

Sending postcards and letters works!

From STOP THE TRAFFIK Australian Coalition
#traffikfreechocolate
<https://traffikfreechocolate.com.au/listProducts>

For ten years supporters of STOP THE TRAFFIK have been asking chocolate companies and stores to take action in their supply chain to end the trafficking of children to produce the cocoa that ends up in our chocolate. While things are improving, we still have work to do.

BUT the good news is that after two years of campaigning Aldi, Coles, Haigh's, Woolworths, Big W, Kmart and Target, have released their Sustainable Cocoa Policy. In their policy they acknowledge that the chocolate industry challenges, include extreme poverty and widely-reported incidences of child labour and human trafficking. Woolworths and Coles have both

suggestions we have discussed for a sustainable world seem not too complex, but we are aware that to implement these ideas requires us to give up some short-term benefits. We confessed our weakness and prayed for God's help. As stated in Luke 9:24, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it". So, we must deny ourselves, and take up our cross daily and follow Jesus. By doing so, it is more likely for us to reduplicate the deed of Christ, and help the wider community to survive the above complex challenges.

"Painting the Stars" - Chris Ayles



"When I feel the need for religion, I go outside at night and paint the stars." (Vincent van Gogh)

The crucial basis of this study is that it respects both science and what it has revealed for us and religion and its centrality to our way of life.

In the light of what we know about evolution it prompted us to consider creation as a process rather than an event. The immensity, complexity and beauty of the universe should elicit divine awe within us. The 13.8 billion years of evolution and divine creating since the "Big Bang", including the 3.8 billion years of evolution here on earth produced Jesus. Through his longing for a world that his heart knew was possible Jesus becomes the Christ, the completion and perfection of both creation and evolution. As we share that longing we become one with Christ and God.

In other sessions we were encouraged to consider how the church has evolved over 2000 years and what direction this process might need to take if it is to be relevant into the future. It also challenged us to consider the evolution of our own religious beliefs, our lifelong faith journey from childlike ideas to adult doubts and understandings and the importance of continuing this intellectual and devotional task.

The material is presented in video form by a variety of presenters showing the beauty and wonder of our universe. Each session is about 20 minutes and is divided into (usually) three segments. This is supported by a few pages of printed material. The video contained the odd comment none of us could agree with, but most of it was a well-articulated, thoughtful and valuable reflection of current scientific and spiritual thinking. Each session easily generated over an hour of animated discussion. While it makes reference to modern science and theology, it does not get bogged down in technical detail. It is quite "user friendly", but does incline you to think about how everything in our world, in fact universe, is inter-dependent and of the place of each of us and our small actions in that big picture. If you get the opportunity have a look at it.

released policies seeing them sourcing their own branded chocolate products to an internationally recognised standard by 2020. Aldi and Haigh's were first to provide a fully certified Easter range. This Easter for the first time there was a wide range of choices of 'traffik-free' Easter chocolate.

STOP THE TRAFFIK says 'thank you' to everyone who supports their campaigns. Certification has become the accepted baseline within the Chocolate Industry.

Sending cards and letters to large corporations does bring results!





LEADERSHIP FOR MANY SEASONS

Thank You Bruce!

They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace –

Christopher Robin went down with Alice.

Alice is marrying one of the guard.

"A soldier's life is terrible hard,"

Says Alice

(A. A. Milne)

A bit twee? But with Alice for my second name I feel some right to lead in with this quote. We are changing the guard at Morialta. Now is the time and the season for us to stop and reflect on the life of the Chairperson and to applaud Bruce.

Much was said in the Meeting of the Congregation about his pastoral care and his leadership of Council. And whilst feeling pressured by time and a heady agenda for all of us, I tried to speak of what we know, appreciate and love about Bruce. I take the liberty of some reiteration here.

Bruce became Chair of the Congregation initially in 1991 at the time of amalgamation of the congregations. Then there was a period in which Colin and Carole chaired.

In 1998 a Special Meeting of the Congregation accepted proposals which led to the structure we have had ever since, in which the Chair of the Congregation and the Chair of Council are one and the same, along with the Secretary of the Congregation. This structure has served us well with communication, continuity in giving voice for both Council and the Congregation, and strength in governance for building our congregation and community.

Bruce was again elected Chairperson in 2000 and has led the congregation for a total of around 25 years. What stamina, and strength in the head and heart to take on that role in this lively, talented, thinking congregation and community that we all love so much!

My earlier comments were framed in the overlapping circles of "brains", "skills" and "charm", adopted from a greeting card because it allowed for both serious and facetious comment. Very fitting, for commenting on someone with strengths in making judicious statements, analysing and focussing in serious situations, and often enlivening them with a spontaneous

expression of humour which somehow heightens the feeling of sharing and belonging in community.

In leadership Bruce has been active in all elements of Morialta's life: work with children and families; in worship; in community events and practices. His contributions have been many and varied.

Bruce is highly skilled in communication, with a keen ability in tracking an argument and line of thought, and in technology, computing, mediation and problem solving.

He has been skilled in spoken language, both here and on the floor of Synod. His writing has been well-honed for our Council business papers, our position articles for NewTimes and delightfully entertaining in more creative formats, including the Vision channel for his esteemed advisor, Keely.

Bruce uses technology with zest and respect, not just as gadgetry, but as highly successful life and performance support, navigating his way around the challenges of sight impairment. And he "reads" documents far more successfully than most of us, remembering what he reads!

Bruce has been committed to problem solving and mediation. We at Morialta are a rich community, but not a community built on "sameness" and blind acceptance. People here question and think, and frequently come up with variants on arguments, or differences of opinion. That's great and I suggest we acknowledge that elsewhere matters sometimes turn into unmanageable differences which groups can't resolve, and in which some feel they are not heard. That has seldom been the case in the last 25 years as we have tackled the significant issues of our time in the Uniting Church and the community. We have been strengthened as a community by our engagement. And, on the Morialta home-front, Bruce has always been proactive and sensitive in taking action to support and celebrate with individuals, groups, and ministers. Much of this has gone unseen.

In the strength of community which Morialta has built and enjoyed, and in which Bruce has had the key leadership role, he has not been "a lone ranger". He has not done it alone, but in cooperation and collaboration with those who are serving with commitment in our life. Bruce has worked with a recognition and respect for their skills and strengths, always giving opportunities and encouraging development.

"Brains" was a field in the diagram. Bruce has brought to Morialta the benefit

of his many academic achievements and a wealth of experience in education, the workplace, volunteer organisations, and social justice initiatives and programs.

The remaining area of "Charm", in it's most important sense, is worthy of respect in Bruce. Bruce is a born Charmer, but not synthetically and not manipulatively. He just has that very genuine Generosity of Spirit in large dollops which makes him a great, sensitive and productive performer in promoting the well-being of our community and its members. Just watch him in welcoming mode in the foyer! There is a beaming genuineness in his greeting, and the connections he has or makes.

Bruce, as Chairperson was inevitably in a cross-roads role, listening, always being sensitive to the other and the situation. He is a great co-worker. His consultancy clearly extends to Keely and more recently to Wallace who is still being tutored by the wiser Keely. Bruce loves to walk with them and sort out his thinking in whatever way it's possible for a man and his dog, or so it seems!



As we farewelled Bruce, he paid tribute to Anne, "his rock". We would, also, with warm hearts and enormous respect and appreciation, acknowledge the high degree of support Anne has given to Bruce and Morialta. She has lived her partnering role as a strong professional educator, serving Morialta on ministry teams, in music, coordinating the Student Accommodation arm of mission, managing duties in Lunch on Chapel, and so the list grows. In all she has been a sound well-informed voice and a respected participant. Independently and together Anne and Bruce have strengthened their gift of service to Morialta.

As I've unloaded and reviewed my working papers for Morialta I've been reminded of just how diligent we have been as a church community in reviewing and reflecting upon upon our life and mission as a congregation. We have engaged in detailed consultations within Morialta and in the wider church. We have asked ourselves what we like, what we think, and where we want our congregation to go, and where it might go given the resources available to it.

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Morialta Magpie



Congratulations to Jing Luo who completed her Master of Teaching degree at Uni SA recently.



A big thank you to Betty Omond who recently retired from projection duties on Sunday mornings after many years of service.



Brian Corrigan retired from the Social Justice Team and was thanked by the team.



Happy 70th birthday to Sam Colegrove!



Happy birthday to Rhonda Amber!



Jill Thompson celebrated her birthday with another motorbike ride!



Thanks to Craig Mackenzie for organizing our Pancake Day team who helped raise \$233 for Uniting Communities work locally.



Happy birthdays to Marion Beard, Ruth Carter and Kath Cheel!

MORIALTA PICNIC



As a relaxing alternative to the Adelaide Cup, a group of members (and their four legged friends!) met at the Morialta Conservation Park for what is becoming an annual traditional picnic. The weather was cool but the fellowship was warm!

Meet Colin Sampson

by Jenny Swanbury



Colin Sampson celebrated his 70th birthday last August with an extended family gathering in our church hall. Colin first came to Morialta Uniting Church about five years ago. He had been part of the Maughan Church community for thirty years. All that time and longer Colin has lived in Rostrevor.

He was born in Orroroo Hospital and grew up on his parent's sheep, poultry and grain farm at Wynflete near Pekina and Orroroo. His sister Heather, who was born three years later, lives on a farm in northern Tasmania with her husband. A great place to visit.

Primary years in grades one to three were enjoyed at Wynflete School (one teacher, fourteen students). The school closed, so then it was bus to Orroroo Area School. He finished school to his sorrow when at the end of second year he was expected to go home on the farm.



Young engineer and friends

Colin loved the family and community life of his growing up years in the country, particularly being with a number of cousins, aunts and uncles, and grandparents as well as neighbours. (Over the past few years he has been compiling a Family Tree covering the time of his ancestors arriving in Australia.) Colin enjoyed the freedom to experiment with engine driven components and at about 10 years of age organised a Fiat generator driven by a Villiers engine Mark 10 on wheels to charge a battery for spotlighting. At that age he also put together his first motorised vehicle: a wooden box towed by an Allen Oxford Motor Scythe, soon upgraded to a Heaslip three-wheeled trailer, again towed by the motor scythe.

Life changed dramatically when Colin's mother Ruby Sampson became ill and died at the age of 39 years. It was a devastating time for the family. The farm was sold and another bought at Springton. After a couple of years Colin bought a taxi-truck business and lived with his cousin, John and Auntie in Adelaide. He met and married his wife Helen and they came to Rostrevor to live. Over the next few years they were delighted to have their three children: Lisa, Tasha and Karl. Sadly, like a number of this generation, they were to divorce. The children are all married and now there are eight much loved grandchildren.

When the children were small, Colin went to night school for ten years to study motor mechanics, (where Chris Ayles was his lecturer for a year!) then went to work with Jaguar at Bryson Industries, Ken Eustice and then Taylor's of Medindie with Jaguar, Land Rover then Peugeot. He continues to work four days a week with Australian Motors and Peugeot. During the years with Peugeot, Colin has twice been to Paris, France after winning the Peugeot Australian Technical Advisor Award for highest level of Peugeot Technical Skill and Knowledge.

It was in those early years of becoming a motor mechanic that Colin began tuning in to Rev Ivor Baily and the Sunday evening Maughan Church worship service on Radio 5KA. After six months of

listening he decided to quietly go to the evening service to see for himself. His being anonymous lasted no time after being welcomed at the door by his former Orroroo School principal Ken Templer. The rest is history as they say. Colin stayed until Maughan Church closed. He greatly valued the leadership of both Rev Ivor Bailey and Rev Phil Carr. He treasured the encouragement found in worship, education experienced, the spiritual and social messages, the friendships and sense of community even though it was formed from people travelling from various places into this city church. He also valued pastoral care, both the receiving of it and the giving when he became part of the pastoral team leaders with Jenny Swanbury. They have both remained close and supportive of each other over a long time with Jenny also coming to Morialta after retirement.

For Colin the good news messages of hope heard at Maughan and then again at Morialta are in sharp contrast with the hellfire message heard briefly in childhood. As well as attending weekly worship at 9:30am and sometimes at the earlier gathering at Morialta, Colin has become a part of the Gateways group's explorations of faith. He is also a camera operator for BOW (Beyond our Walls) worship service recording. BOW enables others to share in worship as the recordings are sent to various faith communities and also available on the Morialta Church website. Colin is pleased to be part of the Morialta Uniting Church community.



Older engineer with Jaguar

Lending a hand keeps vital community services going

From Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV)

EnVizion is an organisation that strives to help indigenous people who face barriers to employment and education. It provides individuals and families facing difficulties with the opportunity to build self-esteem and make better choices for their future. Services include building life skills and social reintegration, addressing many important issues including employment, education, health, homelessness, addiction, and family and domestic violence. The Group also provides training services to local disadvantaged Indigenous people with multiple extreme learning barriers.

EnVizion is the only indigenous training provider in the Cairns regional district. So when EnVizion staff approached ICV for

help, volunteer and chartered accountant Michael was more than happy to lend a hand.

Their request was a very practical and urgent one. They needed help to finalise their outstanding audit to enable the organisation to stay afloat. And they wanted to review current practices and develop guidelines and procedures to help manage future audits successfully.

ICV relies on the donations of supporters and the commitment of volunteers who will answer a call to help indigenous communities in need.

ICV is one of the few organisations that recruit volunteers for specific tasks identified by a community, rather than find a task for a volunteer. For more information or to become a supporter contact www.icv.com.au/

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We have been abundantly blessed with many people who are up for the task of putting our mission into action. This has not been done by one person alone, the Chair of the Congregation. But it is has been allowed to happen and to flourish with sound leadership. In his leadership Bruce has shared in capturing the visions, enabled others and brought energy and assurance to the process. I believe that good leaders are prepared to do "the hard yards". We have had that without fail in Bruce.

Many people come to Morialta and they recognise the quality of life and community, the warmth, and the store put on relationships, and the effective functioning of Morialta. Bruce, and Anne, have been at the centre of that.

Our review responses have shown a constant, consistent valuing of Fellowship, Care and Support, Tolerance of Different Theologies and Celebration of Unity in Diversity. In Fellowship we have identified a sense of belonging to a rich, talented Church community, the "family" feel to this church, opportunities to exercise gifts and talents, a good mix of hard work with fun and laughter.

Compass returns with new host

Excerpts from *Eternity*

For the many *Compass* fans among us, the good news is that the program returned on 4th March with a new presenter, Kumi Taguchi, at the new time slot of 6.00pm Saturdays.

In Care and Support we have written of support in times of need, steadfastness in support and faith, and the sense of a community of care. In Tolerance of Different Theologies and Celebration of Unity in Diversity we have cited acceptance that we are all at different stages in our journey, liberal faith understanding and non dogmatic approach to belief, and permission to ask questions and express doubts. All are exemplified in Bruce's leadership.

Just a few seconds contemplation will remind us of Bruce's statements which embrace and respect the journeys being lived out by members of this congregation in relation to faith. We are continually encouraged to have confidence in asking the questions and continuing to build our understandings.

Bruce has been an active participant in enriching the sense of fellowship, care and support, and in developing Morialta's sense of inclusivity and unity. He has given voice to Morialta's commitments and presented them in publications, for access by the wider church. He is one of many at Morialta who stand together, but we recognise the role which leadership plays in this, and has over a long period.

The much loved Geraldine Doogue has finally passed on the baton after 20 years in the chair. Many of us already recognise Kumi as a presenter on ABC News 24 (now known as ABC News).

The revamped *Compass* will feature many new stories but also capitalise on the vibrant personality and complex life of Kumi, who is a former violinist and has Japanese/Australian parents.

We are grateful to Bruce, for his wisdom, his unflinching action and willingness to work things through with us. He has always been available and willing to meet with people and to talk. I am continually aware of that element of leadership to do with "where the buck stops" - "A soldier's life is terrible hard." I know the sense of assurance that Bruce has brought in bearing that responsibility.

Bruce has been instrumental in ensuring that Morialta is *on the map* and recognised in the wider church. Here at home he has touched everyone's life in some way, mostly very directly. He has been an inspiration and we have all ridden well with his energies and commitment to the task of leadership in Morialta.

The guard is changing.

We are so grateful for the journeying we have done thus far with Anne and Bruce and we wish them the joy and rich blessings which should flow as there is more time to pursue their hearts' desires.

Mary Thornley

The producers aim to shift the audience perceptions of *Compass* and reach people for whom the word religion may have become "tainted" following controversies such as the child sex abuse scandal.

The promise is however that *Compass* will continue to inform and entertain audiences as it has for the last several decades but with a new personality and format.

Paws for Thought

Hello again!

In the school holidays some of you might get an idea of the challenge that Wallace and I have from time to time. Don't get me wrong, I love going up to see the kids with Anne and Bruce. It gets me out of the house and gives Wallace something to complain about!

I'm used to chasing around after Bruce to make sure he doesn't get himself in trouble and I thought that could be pretty full on, but then I started looking after our grandchildren - well, Anne and Bruce's, at their house. Boy, can they move!

Even the little one when he gets into that thing with wheels. Anyway, it is really good to see them enjoying themselves and we get to be there while they are learning all sorts of things. Did you know about the wheels on the bus and the little tea pot? We really love our time with the kids. I guess you do too! If you are lucky enough to have some!

Keely

Just keep your eyes closed and be quiet. It took a long time to tire them out!

No. If you wake them it will take ages to get Bruce back to sleep!

But don't you think I should go and check on them?

OK. I guess we want to give the kids a break as well!



KCO 2017 — "BIG WORLD"

KCO 2017 was a place to explore God's Big World. There are big issues in our lives and around the world, big wonderful things and terrible things. God loves us and promises

to be with us in all things. He has a plan to make all things new – for us and the world. Jesus's life death and resurrection show us the plan for new life and God's love for us. Jesus invites us to share this love as we care for others and God's Big World.

We camped at the Beachfront Caravan Park in Victor Harbor, and the kids were bused to/from the Adair campsite for their activities. We partnered with Pilgrim Uniting Church and enjoyed getting to know Daniel, Amelia and their mother Mary-Anne.

The theme was explored through bible stories, worship, song, prayer, devotions, drama, crafts, games and spending time together. KCO provides a unique community building and a fun learning experience for the kids, who by the way are keen to go again next year!

I would like to thank the Morialta congregation's support for KCO; the kids Jayden, Kenny, Tom, Will, Hugo, Daniel, Chelsea, Rose, Paige, Holly and Amelia; the leaders Steve and Cheryl and Mary-Anne and craft volunteers Ruth Pitt, Barbara Buckton, Miranda Clarke, and Jing Luo

Craig Mackenzie



A short history of the SACC

June 1947: formation of ecumenical council in SA – local celebrations?

SA Council of Churches [SACC] was formed as an ecumenical council in June 1947 "to represent South Australia in the World Council of Churches and to function as an integral part of the Ecumenical Movement".

Seventy years later, SACC continues to exist through the membership and active participation of eleven Churches across SA in their desire for and commitment to greater manifestation of their unity in Christ.

The primary focus for their ecumenical council is as a place of gathering where the Churches together nurture and nourish their understanding, spiritual growth, disposition and practice of ecumenism, so that all may be drawn into deeper expressions of love and more visible expressions of Christian unity, from within as well as across.

On 29 April 2017, SACC has arranged with four city church communities to host a pilgrimage-gathering [see below]. SACC Community for Local Ecumenism hopes that many interchurch councils, Lenten study groups, ministers circles, ecumenical organisations, parishes and congregations etc will arrange a local event during 2017.

For groups planning an event, Community for Local Ecumenism sacc1@picknowl.com.au looks forward to hearing your story as we celebrate the steps taken since 1947 to make more manifest our unity in Christ.



South Australian Council of Churches

Exchange of Gifts: Reimagining our Unity in Christ through Receptive Ecumenism

An Ecumenical Learning Event of SA Council of Churches
Saturday 8 July, 9.30am -12noon, St John the Baptist Parish Centre, 342 Anzac Hwy, Plympton.

The Question for discussion: How does your Church welcome newcomers, nurture hospitality and nourish an active congregation?

An interactive event and conversation, opened up initially by four Responders:

Ms Carol Assaad, Coptic Orthodox Church

Rev Lyn Leane, Uniting Church

Mr Michael Vial, Catholic Church

Fr Silouan Fotineas, Greek Orthodox Church

Registrations open.

Enquiries Geraldine Hawkes sacc1@picknowl.com.au

Are there lessons for us to learn from North America and New Zealand?

Based on an article by Sarah Maddison in the Conversation May, 2016; Documents published by "The Recognise Movement"; and the Treaty of Waitangi – compiled by the Editor



Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument in Montana

Is Australia being held back by its unresolved relationship with its Indigenous population?

To answer this question Sarah Maddison reviewed the situation in the United States and looked at how Native Americans have fared in comparison to Australia's Indigenous communities.

While both Native Americans and Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have struggled for recognition of the violence done to them through colonisation, the key difference with regard to reconciliation is the level of Indigenous sovereignty afforded each group. In the USA, treaties were negotiated with some hundreds of Native American tribes, and tribal sovereignty is recognised in the US Constitution. However, neither form of recognition exists for Australia's Indigenous people. We are still debating how Australia's Indigenous Peoples might be recognised in the Australian Constitution 230 years after colonisation.

Contemporary Native American Nations can invoke their treaty relationships as an assertion of sovereignty that allows them to claim a "nation-to-nation" relationship with the federal government.

Although the Treaties have not lived up to the high ideals and hopes of the men who signed them, there can be little disputing that Indian tribes do have a degree of legal recognition as sovereign nations. The existence of treaty relationships and constitutional recognition of tribal sovereignty were strengthened by the 1975 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. This allows the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the government department responsible for managing relationships with Native Nations, to contract services to the tribes themselves for implementation. The significance of this has been profound. Many tribes have taken advantage of this policy to actually exercise sovereignty and to control their own schools, health services and criminal justice systems. Historian Charles F. Wilkinson argues that the "Indian revival" that has resulted is comparable to the transformations seen during the civil rights era. Progress has been very positive.

The successes of Tribal Governments (as documented by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development) are in stark contrast to Australian efforts to "close the gap" on Indigenous disadvantage, where there has been little good news. In Sarah's opinion meaningful reconciliation in Australia lies not in the continued paternalistic policies, such as the Northern Territory Intervention (now known as Stronger Futures), but in political transformations that recognise enduring indigenous sovereignty and lead to genuine self-determination, similar to the USA and New Zealand.

The Treaty of Waitangi

The USA is not the only Colonial Power to make a treaty with their indigenous peoples. New Zealand's Founding Document, which is written in both English and Maori, is also a treaty between the Indigenous Peoples and the Colonists. It consists of three Articles. The first cedes the land to Her Majesty the Queen of England and gives her sole sovereignty of the land. In the second the Queen of England confirms and guarantees to the Chiefs and Tribes of New Zealand and to their respective families, the full exclusive and undisturbed possession of their Lands and Estates Forests Fisheries and other properties, basically for as long as they desire. In return the Chiefs agree to yield to Her Majesty the exclusive right of Preemption over such lands as agreed to by the Chiefs and persons appointed by Her Majesty. In the final Article Her Majesty the Queen of England extends to the Indigenous People of New Zealand her royal protection and imparts to them all the Rights and Privileges of British Subjects. **Waitangi Day** (6th February) celebrates the signing of the treaty and is New Zealand's National Day.

Australian Native Title Act

Australia finally recognised Native Title in 1992, which is "the recognition by Australian law that Indigenous people have rights and interests to their land that come from their traditional laws and customs". The concept recognises in certain cases there was and is a continued beneficial legal interest in land held by local Indigenous Australians which survived the acquisition of radical title to the land by The Crown at the time of sovereignty. Native title can co-exist with non-Indigenous proprietary rights and in some cases different Indigenous groups can exercise their native title over the same land. To date however Australia has not recognised the Indigenous Peoples of Australia in the Constitution, and nor has there been significant discussion about a treaty.



Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi

Morialta Uniting Church is a Covenanting Congregation within the Uniting Church and we have acknowledged support for "Reconciliation", the "Recognise Movement" and "Closing the Gap". These articles were prepared to help us understand the current conversations taking place in Church and Society.

How to experiment with life

Your past is experience.
Your present is experiment.
Your future is expectation.
So better use your experience in your experiment to meet your expectation!

The long road to Recognition (and Treaty!)

Based on Yitpi Foundation Forum, Recognise Website and ABC News reports, compiled by Colin Cargill

Australia is moving ever closer to ending the silence on 40,000 plus years of Indigenous custodianship of this country and addressing racial discrimination in our Constitution.

The Recognise Referendum aims to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and remove discrimination from our Constitution. Many see constitutional recognition as an important step in the process of reconciliation. It is something that many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders have supported for many years. Both the Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader have reaffirmed their commitment to having a referendum next year. The next phase of the process has already begun.

As a Covenanting Congregation and a subscriber member of the Recognise Movement, Morialta Uniting Church has long supported Recognition. However "Treaty" has also come into the discussion and this can cause concern in some quarters.

I recently attended a Forum at Waite Campus sponsored by the Yitpi Foundation. The discussion was about "Collaborative Futures: Using Yarlularu Ruwe, the Ngarrindjeri Sea-Country Plan, for practical land management solutions." The presenters were Professor Daryle Rigney and Assoc Professor Steve Hemming from Flinders University Office of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement, both Ngarrindjeri Elders. It was a fascinating discussion on land management including how the Ngarrindjeri measure the environmental health of the Coorong using plants such as *Ruppia* sp. Like a canary in a coal mine. *Ruppia* sp almost disappeared in the 2009 drought and it has taken until 2016 for it to return to full health.

But even more surprising than learning about an ancient way of monitoring the health of the Coorong, lower Murray and coastline, I also learned that the SA Government is negotiating treaty status with the Ngarrindjeri and other nations. News of the discussion was released in December 2016, but rather than inform the citizens of SA about this ground breaking event, local media chose to portray it as yet another grab by Indigenous Communities for a "hand out". Fortunately the ABC did run the story on line – which we have summarised below.



Ruppia maritima is a species of aquatic plant known by the common names beaked tasselweed, widgeon grass, ditch-grass and tassel pondweed.



Photos of the Coorong and Lower Murray



Treaty discussions between SA Government and Aboriginal Nations

South Australia is making history, with the State Government entering treaty discussions with Aboriginal nations to help address past injustices. A sum of \$4.4 million has been allocated over five years to support the treaty process and the appointment of an independent commissioner.

At this stage it is unclear what the treaties will cover or whether compensation will be included, but South Australian Indigenous leaders believe the process would set a positive course for the future.

For Major Sumner, a Ngarrindjeri man, the word treaty has important meaning. "Even just (the) mention of treaty opens up a different world for us to talk (about) and put things in place – do all sorts of negotiations around how we structure our lives".

Mr Sumner joined other Aboriginal elders at the start of historic negotiations between the State Government and Indigenous communities.

What will Indigenous Treaties mean and what impact will they have?

Australia is the only Commonwealth country that does not have a treaty with its Indigenous peoples and significantly it is the states that are moving to redress this.

The form that any treaty would take, and whether compensation would be included, is not yet clear. However, for many "Treaty" seems to be a step too far. For others it would make Australia more inclusive, both for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Although the consensus is that it will take some time to achieve, hope is being expressed that it will be signed by the end of next year.

There are many different options for what a treaty could include and how it would be created. Victoria is already on the path to becoming the first state in Australia to have a treaty with its Indigenous people, with consultations underway since the start of 2016.

In the words of Major Sumner "This treaty, it shouldn't be about winning or who's going to lose or who's going to miss out. Treaty should be for everyone across this country".

For more information go to www.abc.net.au/news/2016-12-14/south-australia...treaty-discussions/8120162

Classical Quotes

Social Justice

"Justice demands a consecration of each one for the welfare of all – and especially for the protection of the weak."
Frederic Ozanam

Love and Christianity

"Be kind and love, for love is your first gift to the poor."
Rosalie Rendu

"Christianity is not about ideas but about deeds inspired by love."
Frederic Ozanam

"If we are really called to carry the love of God far and wide, if we are to inflame the nations with this fire, if we have the vocation of setting the whole world on fire, if it is so, then how much I must myself burn with this fire."
St Vincent de Paul

Updates from the Pastoral Care Workers (PCWs)

Nigel Uppill – Youth Training Centre Cavan

A story from Nigel – The school has just celebrated Youth Week which was organised by Youth Justice Progress Committee and the School. Although I was not directly involved I was able to observe many of the activities. The school provides education levels from basic literacy and numeracy all the way to training in horticulture, hospitality and other careers. One group of students who were interested in cooking had worked for 2 days preparing an afternoon tea which included many recipes they had never cooked before. Although they looked very pressured, they were impressed with what they had achieved and proudly served the visitors with great respect. At the end of the afternoon some the teachers spoke with one boy who said he enjoyed it so much that he would like to be a chef one day. The School will now look to finding him a placement with one of the institutional caterers across Adelaide that the school has a connection with. "A very positive outcome for student, teachers and me".

Katherine Shanahan – Magill Primary

As the term progressed I have made good connections with the new staff and continued to build my connections with those who were in the school in 2016. Having held my first "opt in" religious program on Monday, I am thankful that it was well received and enjoyed by both students and staff. I am thankful to the Burnside inter-church drama group and looking forward to continuing this relationship. I am also thankful for the Magill Inter-Church Council morning tea that was held a few weeks ago. It was very well received by staff and sincere thanks for all the work that went to putting it on.

I am continuing to work with individual students as well as help out in classes/excursions as required. I am also looking at supporting a family going through a family breakdown and looking for possible male mentors for their son, who is struggling with the process. I am hoping to contact local churches to see who still has valid RAN and DCSI checks and would be willing to assist, provided I can get the approval from my line manager to do so.

Daniel Del Pilar – Norwood Morialta High School

Some of my activities and involvements:

I have recently been part of the School's Open Night, which was held 4th April. It was great meeting prospective families and showcasing Norwood Morialta High School to them.

I have also been helping out with the school's musical, "Chicago." My role in this is to support the teacher in the play's choreography.

I have continued to offer support to students on Wednesday mornings, this has continued to strengthen my role as part of the school community, and this continues to provide a great space to build rapport.

I have recently submitted an article for the school newsletter which will be published prior to Easter. The article is about my observations during our school's sports day, and is greatly influenced by a quote by Theodore Roosevelt's *Citizenship in a Republic*. (See below)

"It is not the critic who is important"

"Citizenship in a Republic" Theodore Roosevelt, {April 23, 1910},

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat"



Morialta Netball Club

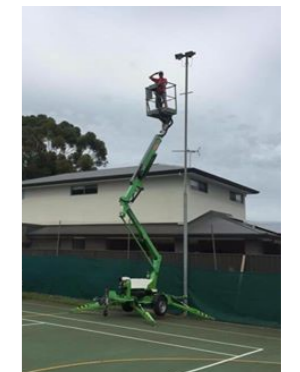
After a successful summer season, the Morialta Netball Club is fielding 19 teams for the winter season. They include 2 Open teams; 2 Under 17; 4 Under 15; 5 Under 13; 4 Under 11; 1 Under 9 and 1 Under 8 team. Here is a selection of photographs from recent events.



The victorious Under 13 Division 7 team coached by Nicole Pamula after winning their Grand Final



Under 15/1 & Under 13/1 teams love their new gear generously sponsored by ANZ!



At their recent working bee the netball club replaced some light globes on the tennis and netball courts, and paid half the cost.

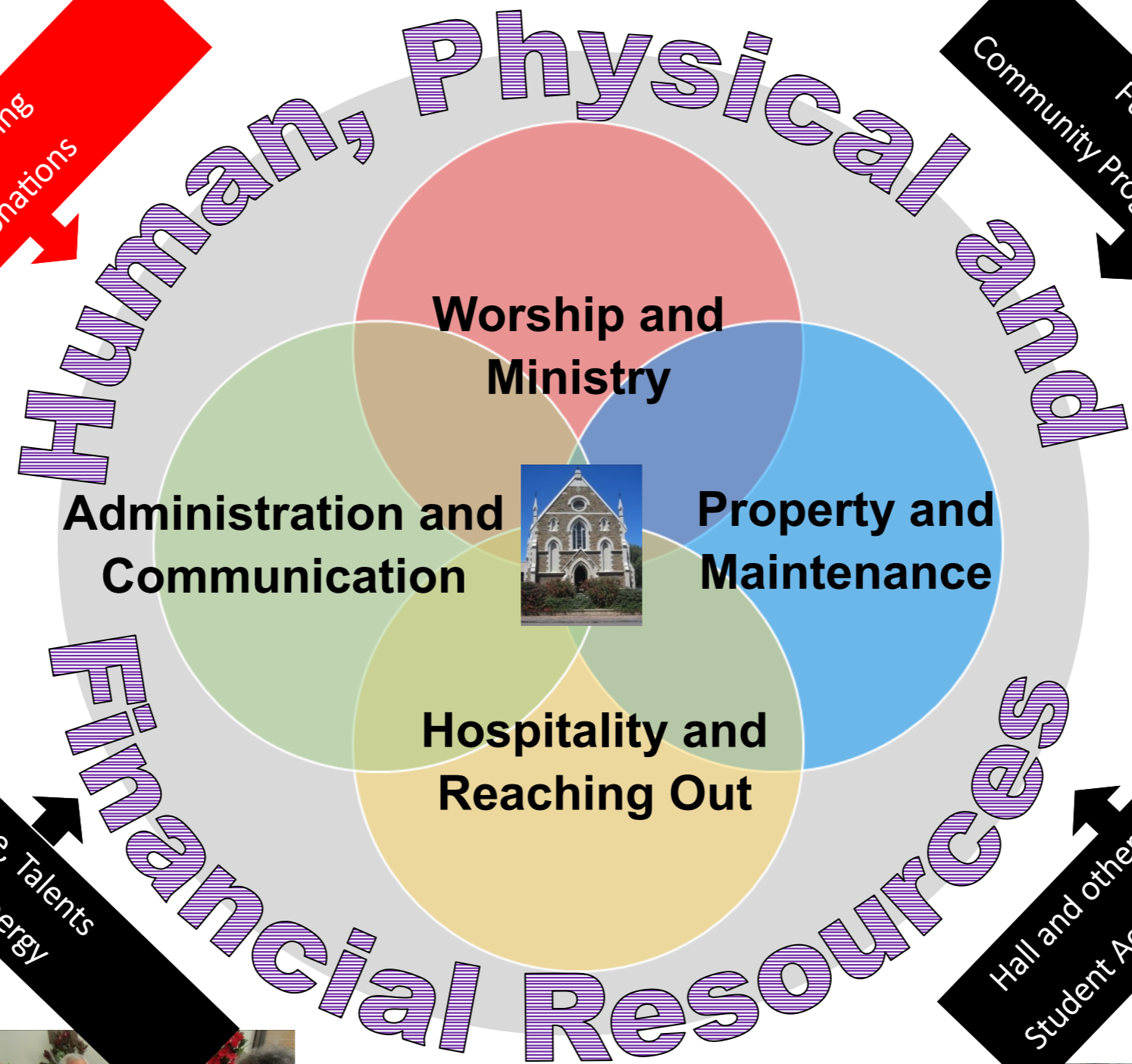
Congregation members are invited to support the netball club by calling in on Saturday afternoons and watching them play!

Pre-season preparations don't all happen at the courts!



Mission - Possible!

Resourcing Morialta's Mission into the Future



Regular Giving and Donations

Fundraising and Community Program Contributions

Time, Talents and Energy

Hall and other Building Hire Student Accommodation Rent

