

Beyond 2020 Vision

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Welcome to the July 2021 edition!

Colin Cargill, Editor and Helena Begg, Publisher

In this edition we remember Dale Corrigan and Barry Peckham, we share an amazing project being sponsored by Australia's Immunisation Coalition, who invite us to donate \$10 after our own jab to vaccinate one person in a poorer country. We also bring a background story about some of the reasons that motivated Eddie Mabo to contest land rights in Australia.

We welcome news from ministry teams, groups and individuals. Please take time to share your news with us. Photos of events and celebrations are always welcome.

The cut-off date for our next edition will be **6th August**. Either drop a copy into Nicole at the Office or call or email Colin on 0427 122 106 or snout-n-bout@bigpond.com.au

Go well!



Donate a vaccination to the world

Adapted from Australia's Immunisation Coalition (AIC)

Some of the nation's top infectious diseases scientists have made an urgent plea for Australians to consider funding a coronavirus vaccine for a person in a developing country, by donating \$10 to UNICEF after receiving their jab.

The campaign is led by AIC and vaccine and infectious diseases paediatrician Professor Robert Booy. It is a response to revelations that many nations across Africa and Asia have run out of COVID-19 vaccines – or are on the brink of doing so. This is only months after receiving their first humanitarian aid shipments from Covax, a global program aimed at equitably distributing COVID-19 vaccines to poorer nations.

One of AIC's concerns is that without global immunity, variants of the disease will continue to leak into Australia.

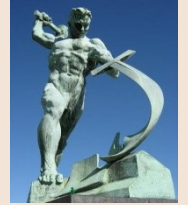
In the words of the AIC – *It is called being a good global citizen and paying it forward. ... It is enlightened self-interest. We help them because they deserve to be helped, but it just happens to give us an advantage as well because none of us are safe from this virus until our global neighbours are.*

A \$10 donation is enough to provide a vaccine for a person in a poorer country through the global Covax program. Covax aims to distribute 2 billion doses in 2021 and early 2022 in participating countries, with doses prioritised for front-line health workers and some of the most vulnerable including the elderly.

To donate, go to

<https://fundraise.unicef.org.au/t/immunisationcoalition>

“... they shall beat their swords into ploughshares” Isaiah 2:2-4



Adapted from *Anglican Focus*
<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/>

June was Post Traumatic Stress Disease (PTSD) Awareness Month. We still have amongst us veterans of World War II and Vietnam who are living with PTSD, and increasing numbers produced through our involvement in Afghanistan. The human cost is high and long-felt.

And yet, Australia is aiming to become one of the top 10 producers of armaments in the world.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that the peace-makers are blessed, and the writer of Isaiah had a vision of swords being beaten into ploughshares. Yet recent events suggest that we are a long way from achieving that vision.

Dwight D Eisenhower tried to warn his nation about the potential effects of what he labelled the Military-Industrial Complex. This was in 1961 at the end of his two-term presidency and a long and distinguished career as an army General.

Eisenhower warned that the Military-Industrial Complex is made up of companies that specialise in making and selling weapons. Like all businesses they want to grow. To grow they need people to use their weapons. Eisenhower could see how this market driven approach to weaponry could lead to an increased likelihood of armed conflict.

Eisenhower noted that before World War II most armaments had been produced on an 'as-needed' basis by companies that manufactured sewing machines and other products for civilian use. These would turn their hand to making weapons when a conflict broke out in much the same way that several engineering companies have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by retooling to make ventilators.

Eisenhower's words were not heeded and now the Military-Industrial Complex is one of the most powerful industries in the world. They benefit from large sections of the world being destabilised, some even with aid of paid saboteurs and mercenaries.

Also disturbing is the fact that we live in a state that wants to be called “the Defence Industry State”.

Siegfried Sassoon was a soldier and was a member of the World War I poets. They were highly critical of the way leaders and people alike tend to treat war in a trivialised way:

*You smug-faced crowds with kindling eye
Who cheer when soldier lads march by,
Sneak home and pray you'll never know
The hell where youth and laughter go.*



Becoming Churches Together SA

On a cold foggy afternoon at the Church of Christ in Blackwood, *The South Australian Council of Churches* held its final celebration – before becoming *Churches Together South Australia*. The change ends seventy four years of active ecumenism – showing God’s love through formational learnings, justice and peace and caring for each other.

The new name reflects a new direction and understanding among Churches in SA. We look to be churches working together to create a more equal, caring and compassionate society.

- We will meet in a ‘Safe Place’. A place where we come to learn from one another, to receive encouragement for the road ahead.
- We will speak words and act in ways that build each other up in love.
- We will respect one another’s differing theological views and life experiences.
- We will uphold and love one another as brothers and sisters in Jesus.
- We will value one another’s contributions and hold in confidence the sharing of stories as we journey towards safer churches together.

Colin Cargill

Sustainable sideline seating

The Morialta Netball Club has purchased sustainable sideline seating for use at the courts.

Made from recycled plastic, the Kingfisher Benches are an Australian made recycled product which will never split, rot, crack or ever need painting – an ideal material for outdoor use. They are also resistant to termites.

Karyn Leicester, a team manager and committee member for the club, says that “the style suited our purpose for seating and gear storage at the side of our netball courts. Club officials, players and especially scorers enjoy having permanent seating beside the courts, and gear bags can be kept out of puddles during wet weather matches”.



The Netball Club also feels pretty good about the quantity of bags that were recycled into their 3 benches. The benches, that were made by Replas, are elegant and designed for maximum comfort (see photo).

Packing Day

Contributed by Margaret Clogg on behalf of Fellowship.

The Marion, Athelstone and Balhannah church teams packed 170 boxes of goods for distribution. Allied Pickfords will manage delivery to Alice Springs (for APY Lands, UC Op Shop, Old Timers Village and Hetti Perkins Aged Care), Tennant Creek (for UC Op Shop) and Darwin (for Marpuru Yirralka College and Sea Swift depot). Sea Swift will deliver by sea to the Arnhem Land communities of Minjilang, Maningrida, Ramingining, Galiwin'ku, Barrkira, Yirrkarla, Dhalinybuy and Gan Gan over the next couple of months.

A special thankyou to Allied Pickfords who again provided delivery for free and Sea Swift, who gave us a significant discount. The cost is being picked up by the incredible "Sally Stamp" group which is just amazing!



We were almost overwhelmed with goods this year and as a result, we have quite a bit that will go to Goodwill that was not suitable for the communities.

This work can't occur without the help of many people from all over the State. The fellowship groups and other individuals who make/collect through the year; the people who deliver the goods, including transport companies; the Co-ordinators, Jayne Nicholas, Phil McMartin and Bev and Peter Crispe who manage the packing; and over 100 people who gave their time to actually pack the goods. It was a humbling experience for us to be able to participate in this experience again.

Fellowship News

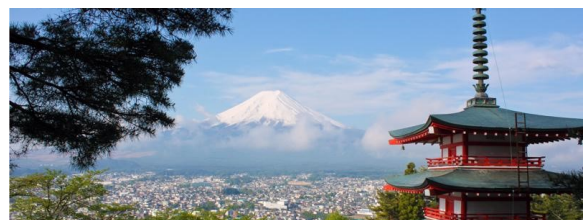
Our speaker at the June meeting was Danii McKenna from St Louis Home Care.

Her talk gave us much information regarding My Aged Care, accessing NDIS (if required), the need for a Will, Enduring Power of Attorney and Advance Care Directive.



Danii was very knowledgeable and answered many questions.

Our next meeting will be a Travel Talk on Magnificent Japan. All are welcome to join us on Thursday July 15th at 10:00am.





Dale Corrigan (1931-2021)

Dale was a warm, kind and caring soul, continually thinking of how she could help others.

Born in Toronto, Canada in 1931, she moved with her Kiwi parents and sister Kay back to New Zealand at age 5, to settle in Wellington.

Dale came from a strong Presbyterian Scottish background. Her Great Grandparents had arrived in Oamaru (between Christchurch and Dunedin) in 1848. Her grandmother was the first white child born in Otago Province.

Dale attended Wadestown Infant School in a particularly hilly part of Wellington and when she visited Wellington a few years ago, she couldn't believe how steep the hill was that she walked up to the school every day.

In 1955 Dale and her family returned to Canada, this time to spend the summer in Vancouver. When their parents returned to New Zealand in 1956, Dale and Kay set off on an extensive trip around the USA. Travelling by Greyhound bus, they visited the Southern States and then up the East Coast until they reached New York, then on to Boston, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, finally arriving back in Vancouver. They sailed back to Auckland the following year.

In 1958, John Grooms (also well-known at Morialta) accompanied his new girlfriend Kay and her sister Dale to a party, to which Brian Corrigan had also been invited and, as they say, the rest is history!

Not long after their meeting, Dale moved to America with her family, so when Brian's mother died shortly after, he decided to follow Dale to the US, where they soon became engaged. During that time they attended a Baptist church and then the First Methodist Church of Santa Monica, California, where they were married in October 1959, with Kay as bridesmaid and John Grooms as best man.

In 1960, Dale and Brian moved to Vancouver in Canada and while there, Dale's sister Kay married John Grooms, with Dale being matron of honour and Brian best man.

Chasing warmer weather, they returned to Santa Monica where their first child Drew was born in May 1961. In 1963

Brian and Dale, encouraged by Brian's cousin in Adelaide, returned to Auckland to see family and then sailed to Australia, arriving at Outer Harbour on the 5th January 1964. Adelaide provided a very warm welcome with the thermometer reaching 105°F! Leigh was born the following October. Three years later the family settled into their home in Rostrevor, where Sean was born in 1968.

Dale was part of the fellowship at Rostrevor, then Morialta, for several decades, quietly supporting people in many different areas of life, both within Morialta and in the wider community. She was a great supporter of the Fellowship, serving both as a committee member and treasurer for many years. She provided the table decorations for the Fellowship annual Christmas break-up night and loved the outings made throughout the year. Together with Brian, she was a regular at Pot Luck Teas and they were often the presenters, showing photos of their many trips and cruises. Dale and Brian also regularly prepared the elements for communion over many years and washed up after the service.

Dale was committed to Social Justice and her concern for others meant that she not only spoke about it, but with Brian she attended marches and rallies and joined in contacting politicians. She was especially a strong advocate for a more caring approach to the treatment of refugees, stronger action on climate change and the Christmas Bowl appeal.

Dale shared a great love of art with both Brian and Leigh, and encouraged Leigh to exhibit her own work. She shared her love for carols and hymns by finding short explanatory writings and contributing these to earlier editions of Vision.

Together, Dale and Brian were instrumental in caring for others in many ways, particularly through Red Cross. She was also a member and treasurer of the Rostrevor branch of the Country Women's Association and the Women's New Zealand Club.

While many of us knew Dale mostly as an older person, her life as a younger person, mother, and loving partner of Brian was surely lived with joy, expectation, and enormous commitment to what she believed and held precious. She was a person who loved colour - and most of all, she delighted in red!

A Jovial Russian Waiter

Ruth Dunning

In 1986 Bruce, my sister, Ailsa and I concluded an overseas trip with a four day stop-over in Leningrad and Moscow.

We enjoyed Leningrad, especially the Hermitage Museum and later exploring Moscow's Kremlin. We learned that the stars atop five of its towers are made of red glass - the largest being 3.75 metres wide and weighing one and a half tons.

Our last evening in Leningrad was eventful. Before catching the midnight train to Moscow, we needed to eat fairly quickly. However, finding the easy access restaurant closed, we were referred to a distant venue which was still within the massive Yevropeyskaya Hotel.

Having experienced cold officials and noted the often sad faces of the people, we were delighted when we walked into this large almost empty area to be greeted by a lone smiling waiter. Strangely there was just one table! Cheerfully the waiter announced "For you I do a special deal", winking in the process! The main course of the three was rollmops, salad and fresh crusty bread.

We looked around at the evidence of past grandeur including a tall velvet canopy, which possibly once surrounded a throne. I was amused by this energetic twinkly eyed waiter as he almost skipped about between us and wherever. Holding his tray aloft he'd sail into the room with his head inclined to one side and out again with it inclined to the other.

On leaving Bruce gave him a large tip. He beamed and wished us well. Where had we been exactly? I still wonder!

Barry Keith Peckham (1942 -2021)



We were all shocked when we received the news that Barry had had a heart attack at home and died later in the RAH.

Barry was born on 6th December 1942 in the Mile End Hospital. The family lived in Wright Street in the city and Barry attended Sturt Street School until grade 7. After leaving school he had several jobs, including a stint in a bakery – but baking was not for him as he was allergic to flour. He then joined the Electricity Trust of SA (ETSA) where he worked as a storeman for 45 years.

Barry and Margaret met at Henley Beach and were married at the Magill Methodist Church (now Morialta UC) on 29th September 1973.

Barry became the owner of an H R Holden – white exterior and red interior – which he drove many times in the Bay to Birdwood Rally.

He was a true helper: in the church before COVID he delivered glasses of water to those participating in worship; he helped in the Men's Shed Group, taking afternoon tea from the kitchen to the shed.

He was well-known and highly respected in Barnes Avenue, where he and Margaret lived. He knew the names of many residents in the street and talked to them from time to time – often about Holdens.

Margaret and Barry enjoyed many holidays together within Australia – beginning with their honeymoon in Mount Gambier.

According to Margaret, Barry was no gardener – but he tried. He loved to pull things apart even if he was often unable to put them together again! On one occasion he cut down the handles of some rakes so they would fit in the bin (*something I have done, Ed*).

Barry loved dancing and he and Margaret enjoyed dancing in the Wonderland Ballroom. He also enjoyed going to the theatre and was a regular at the Gawler and Adelaide Shows.

Barry's life has not always been easy and in later years he experienced various medical issues.

We look back on his life and give thanks to God for all he contributed in his marriage to Margaret, in the extended family, in the Church, in his work and other interests, and the Barnes Avenue community.

The verses from Amazing Grace seem appropriate for Barry:

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

But for many the thing that we will miss most – is his smile and warm, enthusiastic greeting when we met.

Trees for Life SA 40 years of growing trees

Adapted from 'Releaf' and the TFL SA website



This year Trees for Life, SA's (TFL SA) iconic Tree Scheme program, celebrates four decades of helping put native plants back into South Australian landscapes.

Established in 1981, TFL remains a vibrant community organisation of 7,000 active supporters and since 1981 the Tree Scheme has assisted landholders and community groups to restore native bushland and farmland.

The organisation's aim is for all South Australians to value native plants and animals and be actively involved in protecting the land for current and future generations. Their work restores and protects South Australian landscapes, raises awareness about nature and empowers people to take action.

They continue to deliver conservation, revegetation, community engagement and training programs and services.

Their stated goals include:

- Improve the health and extent of South Australia's natural landscapes
- Involve more people in nature restoration and TFL

When TFL began, members were responding to the effects of extensive land clearing and the subsequent threat to our native plants and animals. Forty years on, they're facing the threats posed by climate change and, in particular, by bushfires.

Once again they are being called upon to respond and adapt to the changes before the community.

TFL conservation and revegetation programs have resulted in more than 30 million native seedlings grown for revegetation and habitat restoration and thousands of hectares of remnant vegetation actively managed for the benefit of this and future generations.

In the decade from 1992 to 2001, when several Morialta families were involved, TFL volunteers grew over 16 million trees (16,180,600) and clocked up 9,729,760 hours of work.

You can read more stories about TFL's achievements at <https://treesforlife.org.au/>



Members of Morialta UC planting shrubs at Rockleigh (2018)

Influential Indigenous Australians



Edward Koiki Mabo (1936 – 1992)

An Indigenous Australian man from the Torres Strait Islands, Eddie was known for his role in campaigning for Indigenous land rights and in a landmark decision of the High Court of Australia that overturned the legal doctrine of terra nullius ("nobody's land"). The decision officially recognised the rights of Aboriginal Australians to own and use the land on which their families had lived for millennia.

Born Edward Koiki Sambo, on the island of Mer (Murray Island) in the Torres Strait, he changed his surname to Mabo when he was adopted, as part of traditional Torres Strait Islander adoption practices, by his uncle, Benny Mabo.

He married Bonita Neehow, an Australian South Sea Islander, in 1959 and the couple had seven children, and adopted three more. One daughter, Gail, is an Aboriginal artist and dancer who works with schools in New South Wales as a cultural advisor and serves as the family's designated spokesperson.

Bonita Mabo died in Townsville on 26 November 2018, aged 75, just days after receiving an honorary doctorate of letters from James Cook University for her contributions to Indigenous and human rights.

Mabo's nephew was Anglican Bishop Saibo Mabo and his great-nephew is NBA athlete Patty Mills, the third Black Australian to represent the nation in Olympic basketball.

Mabo worked on pearling boats, as a cane cutter, and as a railway fitter before becoming a gardener at James Cook University in Townsville, at age 31. In 1973, Eddie and Bonita Mabo established the Black Community School in Townsville, where children could learn their own culture rather than white culture.

In 1981 Mabo gave a speech at a land rights conference at James Cook University in which he explained the land inheritance system on Murray Island. The significance of this in terms of Australian common law doctrine was noted by one of the attendees, a lawyer, who suggested there should be a test case to claim land rights through the court system. Of the eventual outcome of that decision a decade later, historian Henry Reynolds said: "it was a ten-year battle and it was a remarkable saga really."

Eddie died of cancer aged 55, in 1992, five months before the High Court announced its historic decision to overturn the legal doctrine of terra nullius, which defined land which was supposedly "uninhabited" as liable for government seizure.

Three years after Mabo died, at the end of the traditional mourning period for the people of Murray Island, a memorial service was held in Townsville. The next day, Mabo's gravesite was attacked by vandals who spray-painted swastikas and the word "Abo" on his tombstone and removed a bronze bas-relief portrait of him. His family decided to have his body reburied on Murray Island. On the night of his reinternment, the Islanders performed their traditional ceremony for the burial of a Meriam king, a ritual not seen on the island for 80 years.

See more about Eddie Mabo on the next page...

Dr Bronwyn Bancroft (1958 -)



Bronwyn Bancroft is a proud Bundjalung Woman and Artist who has been exhibiting her paintings nationally and internationally for over 3 decades. She is also amongst the first Australian fashion designers invited to show her work in Paris. Born in Tenterfield, New South Wales, and trained in Canberra and Sydney, Bancroft worked as a fashion designer, and is an artist, illustrator, and arts administrator.

In 1985, Bancroft established a shop called Designer Aboriginals, selling fabrics made by Aboriginal artists including herself. She was a founding member of Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative. Art work by Bancroft is held by the National Gallery of Australia, the Art Gallery of New South Wales and the Art Gallery of Western Australia. She has provided art work for more than 20 children's books, including Stradbroke Dreamtime by writer and activist Oodgeroo Noonuccal, and books by artist and writer Sally Morgan. She has received design commissions, including one for the exterior of a sports centre in Sydney.

Bancroft has a long history of involvement in community activism and arts administration, and has served as a board member for the National Gallery of Australia. Her painting Prevention of AIDS (1992) was used in a campaign to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS in Australia. Bancroft has served on the boards of copyright collection agency Viscopy and Tranby Aboriginal College, and the Artists Board at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney. She also holds positions with Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (Director) and Commonwealth Bank Indigenous Advisory Council.

Bronwyn has a Diploma of Visual Arts from Canberra School of Art, 2 Masters degrees, one in Studio Practice and the other in Visual Art, University of Sydney and she was awarded her PhD in 2018.

Paraphrased prayer by 16th-century Spanish Saint Teresa of Ávila

God has no body now, but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which God looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet with which God walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which God blesses the world.





A decision by authorities that changed history

The Editor

In the early 1970's, Eddie (Koiki) Mabo took a job as a gardener at James Cook University, a decision which came to have a massive impact on his life.

In 1974, he was talking with James Cook University historians Noel Loos and Henry Reynolds, and Loos recalls: *We were having lunch together when Koiki was speaking about his land back on Mer, or Murray Island. Henry and I realised that in his mind he thought he owned that land, so we sort of glanced at each other, and then had the difficult responsibility of telling him that he didn't own that land, and that it was Crown land. Koiki was surprised, shocked ... and I remember him saying 'No way, it's not theirs, it's ours.'*

Later, when Mabo was a research assistant on an oral history project in the Torres Strait, Reynolds records: *He got as far as Thursday Island and no further. He was refused permission to land on any of the other islands in the Straits. A reputation as a radical was a heavy burden in Queensland at the time. For Eddie the rejection was devastating. He could not go home. He was not only landless in the eyes of white man's law; he was an exile as well.*

That decision by authorities made Eddie even more determined and contributed to one of the biggest changes to land ownership and Indigenous land rights in the long history of this continent.

Will animals grow lighter or darker in a warming world?

From the AAAS

A 19th century claim has fuelled a 21st century debate about how a warming climate might reshape animal bodies. In particular, scientists are debating Gloger's rule, named after an obscure German scientist, Constantin Gloger. Traditionally, Gloger's rule stated that hotter climates led to darker coloured animals.

In a warming world, animals should therefore get darker. But several scientists challenge that idea, arguing that Gloger's rule conflates temperature and humidity. And if you control for humidity, they say, animals actually get lighter in warm climates, especially cold-blooded animals.

The debate remains largely theoretical for now, but sadly, as the climate warms, scientists might soon have more data on this topic than they can handle.

How about me?



Seven Days of Solidarity, a celebration of our global neighbours

UnitingWorld connects you to the global church.



Though the mountains shake

United Church of the Solomon Islands – 50,000 members – has over a hundred schools from kindergarten to secondary and two hospitals. It trains nurses, especially to work in remote places often accessible only by canoe.

Let the children come to me.

Protestant Church of Timor-Leste – 17,000 members – supports more than 10 schools and dental programs plus health clinics providing education on sanitation and hygiene, nutritional supplements for children and assisting families to build toilets.

Good news for the poor

Church of North India – over 2 million members – strives to demonstrate the power of God's Kingdom by working against barriers of class, caste, gender and economic inequality.

When did we see you hungry and thirsty?

Methodist Church in Zimbabwe – 112,500 members – oversees 11 primary and 9 secondary schools and is training more ministers, especially women, to offer leadership and vision.



Abundant life for us all

Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu – 78,000 members - is preparing young people for the future and helping disaster-proof the country. They operate three secondary schools and three rural vocational training centres.

We are all part of one body

Methodist Church of Sri Lanka – 32,000 members – oversees 37 preschools, 15 day-care centres, 22 children's homes and 25 nutrition feeding centres, plus six homes for the elderly, a ministry for the deaf, a hospital and health clinics.

Stand Firm

Presbyterian Church of South Sudan – 1 million members – runs schools and clinics in refugee camps, assists people to grow food and runs projects to support clean water and education.

In the words of the Uniting World National Director – Sureka Goringe – we are called to:

DONATE – PRAY – ADVOCATE!

Unless we do all three – change will not happen.

A letter from the founder of Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)

20 years ago, on June 8th, out of a tiny shopfront in Footscray, with only a few boxes of food, a group of TAFE students led by Kon Karapanagiotidis OAM, began a community-funded food bank for people seeking asylum. The idea was born out of the fact that everyone deserves the right to food and that as a community, we should share what we can.

When someone needed help with something, we found a way to provide it and soon we were offering help with more than food. When someone we were helping didn't have Medicare, we opened our health clinic; if they needed a roof over their heads, we stepped in. When someone asked for help with learning English or obtaining their first job in Australia, we created our education and employment programs.

Because people's access to justice was blocked, we began providing legal representation and supporting people held in detention. We've never accepted Federal Government funding and it's thanks to our ongoing independence, we have been able to be a leader in the national advocacy debate, holding government and poor policy to account while working with the community to mobilise, campaign and organise.



The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) is now the largest human rights organisation in Australia, providing support for people seeking asylum.

Twenty years on, we wish a place like the ASRC wasn't still needed. But while people seeking safety need support, we'll be here and our doors will remain open.

As we look to the future with courage and tenacity, we are optimistic. Why? Because we are on the side of truth, on the side of what is right and on the side of justice. The challenge of oppression and cruelty only ends when the will of the people demand it.

We'll continue to work with refugees, to put their voices at the heart of all we do, advocating for systemic change in the community and in the halls of parliament. And it's why, when the government provides no safety net and no opportunity for people to build independence and a future, we'll step in. One of the things that I've learnt over the past 20 years is that to bring about transformational change, you have to be purposeful and deliberate. We also need to reflect the hopes and dreams of the community we serve.

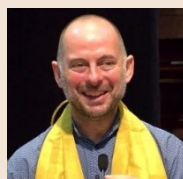
My vision has always been that people would be treated with dignity and respect and that we operate with our shared values and centring ourselves in kindness, compassion, fairness and hope.

Yours in hope,
Kon Karapanagiotidis OAM, CEO and Founder

If you would like to support the work of ASRC you can donate at <https://asrc.org.au/donate/>

Ecotheology Workshop

Led by Rev Dr Jason John



Jason is a Uniting Church deacon, born and raised in Adelaide. He uses his studies in zoology, environment and theology to explore the connections between evolution, ecology, environmentalism and faith. He spent twenty-five years in various placements, encouraging the church and others to love and care for the earth and all living things.

With the SA Environmental Action Group (EAG), Jason is preparing resources which will, through a combination of online expertise and face-to-face gatherings, help church groups and individuals deepen their relationship with the rest of creation.

Join us at a workshop as we test out these resources for retreats and study sessions. We will seek your feedback to help us improve them.

The workshop will be followed by the launch of Norm Habel's latest book: *The Wisdom Trinity*. Norm Habel is a renowned pastor, teacher, biblical scholar, and writer of children's stories



He has been a leading light in Progressive Christianity and creation spirituality for over 60 years, in Australia and the US. He is the author of over 50 books, *The Wisdom Trinity* being his latest.

When: Saturday 14 August

Where: Christ Church - 26 King William Road, Wayville

Workshop: 9.30am - 3.00pm - \$35 (Lunch included)

Book Launch: 3.30pm - Free - Refreshments provided

Bookings essential - book for each one separately on Humanitix. Search for "Ecotheology Workshop" and "The Wisdom Trinity".

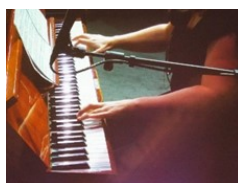
The Piano Men

Emma Knights presented her "Piano Men" at Morialta on Sunday 4th July in grand style.



Over 60 people attended and most voted it a great afternoon. Thanks to the AV Team (John & John) the audience were able to see Emma and watch her fingers as they moved over the keyboard, on the screen behind her. We received many positive comments about the performance, afternoon tea and the work of the AV Team.

Our thanks to Emma's followers and to those Morialta folk who supported us, especially those who brought along friends. The MUC bank balance has grown by \$800 because of your support.



Colin Cargill for the CB&FR Team



Happy 61st Birthday to Craig!



Inspiration – A Vision

Wendell Berry

If we will have the wisdom to survive, to stand like slow-growing trees on a ruined place, renewing, enriching it

If we will make our seasons welcome here, asking not too much of earth or heaven, then a long time after we are dead the lives our lives prepare will live here

Their houses strongly placed upon the valley sides, fields and gardens rich in the windows

The river will run clear, as we never know it, and over it, birdsong like a canopy

On the levels of the hills will be green meadows, stock bells in noon shade

On the steps where greed and ignorance cut down the old forest, an old forest will stand, its rich leaf-fall drifting on its roots

The veins of forgotten springs will have opened

Families will be singing in the fields

In their voices they will hear a music risen out of the ground

They will take nothing from the ground they will not return, whatever the grief at parting

Memory, native to this valley, will spread over it like a grove, and memory will grow into legend, legend into song, song into sacrament.

The abundance of this place, the songs of its people and its birds, will be health and wisdom and indwelling light

This is no paradisaal dream

Its hardship is its possibility

Wendell Berry (born August 5, 1934) is an American novelist, poet, essayist, environmental activist, cultural critic, and farmer.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 14th August – Exploring Ecotheology with Rev Dr Jason John at ELC - 9.30am to 4.00pm

Sunday 29th August – “Guess Who is Coming to Lunch”

Sunday 19th September – Adelaide Male Voice Choir – 2.00 to 4.00pm

We are also planning a Quiz Night for October and a market in some form for November.

Friday mornings at Morialta

Every Friday morning a group of art and craft enthusiasts meets in the hall to enjoy social connection while refining their artistic talents. The group has gradually grown, and now numbers over 10 people, including some from the community around Morialta. You don't have to be an expert to join the circle!

Members join those who come for coffee and chat and the conversation is very diverse!

All are assured of a warm welcome from 9.30am for arts and crafts, or from 10.00am for tea and coffee.



On the lighter side...

The powers of a clerical collar!

A pastor giving a children's sermon asked – pointing to his clerical collar – “Why do you think I wear this collar?”

One child piped up – “because it kills ticks and fleas for up to 30 days?”



Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.