



South Australian Cluster News

Tuesday March 29

Sundowner



The Sundowner last Tuesday was a great celebration. The formal part was in the context of Ritual which acknowledged the past, recognised what was happening in the present and challenged us into the future. After Natasha welcomed us and led the acknowledgement of Country, all moved into ministry groups and identified what has happened in the recent past that the ministry celebrates and then what is significant that is happening at the moment. These were then shared with the large group. Dean McGlaughlin then acknowledged two long serving staff members of our EREA Schools: Noel Karcher (40 years at CBC) and Simon Kelly (25 Years at Rostrevor). Joe Lauren presented a challenge for our Ministries from the Munnar Chapter Document. The keynote speaker was Anthony Ryan, Oceania Manager of Development, who shared his personal story about his journey as a teacher, business executive, and the call to mission. Anthony spoke of his present work and about the challenge that poses for all of us (including himself) for the future. Daniel Lawler, Principal of St Paul's presented the Vote of thanks to Anthony. I welcomed Simon Dash as the incoming Principal of Rostrevor College to the Edmund Rice Network in SA and the formal part of the evening was concluded with a final Blessing from Bernie Gartland, ER Network Director.



Mark & Natasha



Kaylene, Lynne & Peter H



Simon Dash & Joe Lauren



Dean & Viano Jaksa



Bernie Gartland

After the formalities, there was considerable time for conviviality and relaxed sharing that in a very real way recognised what we share in common as the ER Network here in SA.

I want to express sincere thanks to a number of people: to Daniel and the St Paul's Community for the use of their facilities; to the various people from the Province who joined us for the celebration; and to Natasha, Mark and Lee for their preparation, planning and work on the night.

It was good also to see so many of the SA Brothers present in solidarity with the Network. A number of our interstate guests commented on this.

At the Sundowner, we were also pleased to welcome Ben Zuvani to SA. Ben is sponsored by Callan Services in PNG and is doing a Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science) over the next three years. Ben was given a very warm welcome.



Ben with Anthony Ryan



Some of those from FAME



Edmund Rice Camps Group

A Message From Natasha

Greetings Brothers,

Just a quick note to say a heartfelt thank you for your support of the Sundowner – I was delighted to see so many of you there. Your presence brings such a unique quality when we gather and reminds us of the very reason that we do what we do. We are furthering your good work, nurturing the seeds you have planted! You must never underestimate the blessing you each are to us all.

Regards,

Natasha

Visitation

It was good to have Joe and Peter in our Cluster over the past week. I want to express our thanks to them for their presence in the Cluster for the second part of Visitation. Their sensitivity in challenging us in the way we live in our Communities in Mission was most life giving.

Thanks too to all you who made Peter and Joe's time here in Adelaide so good for them. They appreciated the warm welcome in each Community and the enthusiasm in taking part in the Community Meetings. They enjoyed too having the opportunity for a meal in each Community. Both Joe and Peter expressed their appreciation and spoke to me of the good spirit here in SA

Prayer Intentions

Those who are unwell

Tony McGuire recently had a fall and broke his hip. It was operated on, but the operation was not a success and he has had the operation re-done. I spoke to Tony today and he tells me that the doctor says that the operation appears to be successful. Tony is in the Calvary-Wakefield hospital. He will be there till the end of this week and then will be changing to the College Grove Rehabilitation Centre.

Let's keep Tony and Barbara in our prayers at this time.

Other Matters

1. ACRATH

Last week I mentioned the SA meeting for Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH). The meeting is on Tuesday 5 April from 4.00 to 6.00 pm at the Sisters of Mercy Congregation HQ, 4 Victoria St, Mile End. If you wish to attend, RSVP by Thursday 31 March to Anne (Phone 8244 6527)

2. Changes to the Mass

I have been asked by the Vicar for Religious, Sr Ruth Egar, to pass on the following information:

Sr Ilsa Neiciniaks from the Office of Worship has made a date for all Religious in the Archdiocese to be briefed on the changes applying to the celebration of the Mass which will be brought in later this year.

DATE: Saturday, May 28th

TIME: 9.30 to 12.30

PLACE: Adelaide College of Divinity, Brooklyn Park.

Would you be so kind as to alert all of those Religious Sisters and Brothers in SA and extend this invitation to them?

3. Wills

There has recently been a request from one of the Brothers that we arrange for someone from the Public Trust Office or an Independent Solicitor to present an information session for the Brothers on Wills. If you are interested in such information, let me know and if there is general interest, I will arrange a gathering. I notice, however, that all the Wills here in SA are up to date. Alternatively, if an individual needs to discuss his will, let me know and I will make enquiries about who to approach.

4. EPAs and EPGs

In the near future I will go through all the Enduring Power of Attorney and of Guardianship to check on the people nominated as Attorney and/or Guardian. In some cases the nominated persons are Tony Shanahan and Kevin Ryan. If both nominated people are not local, it might be better if they were changed to nominate someone local. I will look into the matter and let you know individually. If you wish to check your documents personally, you are welcome to do so.

5. Neville Thornton Request

Early last month Neville wrote with a request for support with the *What the Brothers are doing* feature in the Brothers' Newsletter. He says that he has received a couple of articles already for which he is grateful, but is looking for more.

Neville also asks that any information or news items for Oceania Updates be sent to the to him. He is particularly interested in receiving any good quality images of people, places, sights and faces throughout Oceania.

Neville's e-mail is ntthornton@edmundrice.org

Final Note

Please send any news, prayer intentions or items of interest to me for inclusion in the Newsletter.

John Webb