



South Australian Cluster News #27

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News

Living the Vision Awards

The Living the Vision Award Evening was held on Friday 2 September at the Wakefield Room at the Old Adelaide Inn. From the feedback, those who attended really enjoyed the evening. We appreciated the presence of Vince Duggan and Paul Robertson representing the Province. The entertainment was supplied by the Band – *Minority Tradition* which is led by Mason Somerville, our newly appointed *Building the Bridge Program* Coordinator. The major thrust of the songs presented was on aspects of Social Justice and the music was well received.



Paul with Barbara and Tony McGuire



Vince with Pru Lange & Jodie Taylor from ER Camps

The three Living the Vision Award recipients for 2011 were:

Margaret Rice Award – Presence: Peter Faulkner. This Award is presented to a recipient who is: Alive to the wonder of all creation opening us to intimacy with the Mystery of God.

The following is a summary of some of the points that were made in the citation. Peter:

- is an advocate and an educator promoting respect for the Earth and an awareness of Creation Spirituality.
- offers his gifts to people of different faiths, traditions, cultures and settings
- challenges [others] to be involved in the environment and sustainability debate.
- 'walks the talk' by living simply and in doing so seeks to provide others with "understanding through experience".
- creates opportunities for people to walk a journey of self-discovery and awareness,
- works with great passion and energy to facilitate experiences that have been described as the "most spiritually awakening experience of my life".



Ambrose Treacy Award – Liberation: Helena Sweeney. This Award is presented to a recipient who is: Freeing and enlivening a world groaning under the weight of injustice.

The following is a summary of some of the points that were made in the citation. Helena:

- is one to "roll her sleeves up" and get involved.
- never expects or asks others to do that which she is not prepared to do (or already doing!) herself.
- sees beyond a person's circumstances and looks to the heart of their



humanity

- is a passionate advocate for respecting the rights of others
- is a person of immediate action.
- searches for motivation and inspiration through her own personal spirituality.
- is never afraid to put her faith and trust in young people
- understands that simply being present to others in need can sometimes be the most powerful action.

Helena was unable to be present, but Maria Dimitriou, Helena's Daughter was presented the award on her mother's behalf.

Nano Nagle Award – Compassion: Michael Coughlin. This Award is presented to a recipient: Opening ... the heart to and standing in solidarity with the suffering world.

The following is a summary of some of the points that were made in the citation:
Michael:

- is one whose passion for justice is built on the foundational belief that every young person deserves a fair go in life.
- gives young people the opportunity to grow in self-confidence by achieving in school or in out of school activities.
- was the initiator of Edmund Rice Camps in South Australia,
- creates opportunities for young people ... to grow and achieve
- empowers vulnerable young people to achieve and believe in themselves.
- is a man of compassion.



The 2011 Living the Vision Awards evening was most enjoyable. Thanks to Natasha, Lee, Mark, Mason and all who made the evening such a success.

Coming Events

CREAT Visit

As previously advertised, the CREAT team are coming to the SA Cluster over the weekend 21 – 23 October. I have discussed the timing with Terry Casey and he suggests the following: on Saturday – start at 9.00 am and finish by 3.00 pm; on Sunday – start at 10.00 and finish with lunch at 12.30 pm. Attached to this e-mail is the Flyer for this CREAT Formation gathering.

Romero Play – The Quest

The Romero play this year is *The Quest* (based on *The Man of La Mancha*). As usual, it will be performed at the Adelaide High School Hall. Performance dates: Thursday 13th and Friday 14th October. Full price is \$20 and concession price is \$12. As you know all profits go to very worthwhile causes. You can send orders for tickets (number of tickets; date of performance etc) to "Romero Company Inc, PO Box 6042, Halifax St, 5000." – cheques payable to "Romero Company Inc". Please include a stamped addressed envelope for the tickets to be sent to you. Alternatively, if you want me to, I can get tickets for you. Just let me know preferred night and numbers.

Birthdays

Des O'Grady: Tuesday September 27th.

Reminders

Community Budgets

A message from Dean: "The budget preparation process needs to be completed by the end of September at the latest." Each community is to prepare a budget on the forms contained in the Memory Stick that was supplied. You will find the Community Calculator first, and find out how

much CLA is due to the Community for the year 2012. Then the Community needs to get together, and work out how to allocate this CLA into the classifications. Detailed instructions for this are also to be found on the Memory Stick.

When you have completed the budget, please send it to me. I need this information by the end of next week (Friday 23 September). Electronic versions are preferred. If you need help in this, please contact me. I can come to your place to give assistance if that is the best option.

Information from Brothers and Communities

As you are aware, we have had requests for all sorts of information over the recent past. I think I now have almost everything that is required. Thanks for sending this information to me. I will do the final checking on what I have received today and will contact you if some things still need attention. The responses are as follows:

- Preferences about Jubilee Celebrations
- Finance information – Individual
- Finance information – Community

Wills, EPAs and other matters for the Province Data Base

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, I will be discussing with you the information you have given about Wills and EPAs and other information. I will be contacting each Brother individually. I will also visit your community to discuss other issues such as Leadership and Bursars for 2012. I will contact communities over this weekend to arrange a suitable time.

Vehicle Registrations

From July, vehicles in South Australia no longer have Registration Stickers on the windscreen. Police will be able to check electronically whether registration is up to date. Registration will continue to be paid by the Finance Office. I will send you the receipt number on the official form. It is recommended that this official form be kept in the glove box of the car. If you do not receive the form by the time registration expires, please let me know.

Final Comment

Natasha is on maternity leave from today. She will be away for six months. We wish her well for the birth of her babe and for her time on leave. Sincere thanks to Natasha for all that she has done as ER Network Coordinator.

John Webb