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*The voice of the WA Cluster  
of the Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers*



*Warm Birthday Greetings to:*

*In Anticipation*

Phil O'Loughlen - 24<sup>th</sup> December

Len Newman - 27<sup>th</sup> December

Gerry Faulkner - 1<sup>st</sup> January

Olly Pickett - 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Peter Hardiman - 30<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Brothers

Amidst the hustle and bustle of the last few days/hours before closing the doors of the Westcourt Office (12.00pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 to 8.30am Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011) I'm rushing off this final Newsletter for 2010.

Firstly a sincere thank you to all in the WA Cluster for your wonderful support in anything which has been my privilege to do. It has been a privilege and I do feel privileged to be able to work in the role of Cluster Leader.

Secondly may I wish all in the Cluster every blessing for the Christmas Season. May God Bless you all and all your loved ones. May the Christmas Holiday Season be a restful one so that we all can enter into 2011 with renewed spirit and energy.

Kindest regards

Pat

## *PRAYERS*



Please keep in your Prayers those who are sick and infirm. I'm sure all whom we pray for are appreciative of our thoughtfulness.

### **Keep in our prayers for health reasons:**

**Michael Parker** and family

**Mrs Casey** – Terry's 94 year old mother

Jack Mostyn in Rome, Fr Dan McMahon, Chris Shearer, Bernie Scott, Paul Hannigan, Leopold Griffin (All from Victoria).

Dan Courtney, Gonz Weston, John Hogan, Graeme Frawley, Con Moloney and Steve McLaughlin (Queensland)

Bernie Gartland (NSW)

And while praying for the above let's also keep in mind those of us who are aware of warning "niggles" while we are not yet ready to admit that we need to join the list of the sick and infirm.

### **Message from Berkeley**

"I would like to thank the Brothers of our cluster for their prayers, presence and expressions of sympathy over the time of my mother's death and funeral. A sister-in-law of mine (a non-Catholic) keeps asking me for more information about the Christian Brothers being deeply moved by your presence. Thanks again for your support of the most geographically distant member of the cluster."

Berkeley

## *CHANGES*

1. On the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011 the Crawley Community closes after two years, during which time Rob and Warwick have done excellent work at St Thomas More College. The Chair of the St Thomas More Council, the Archbishop and the Chair of the combined Heads of UWA Colleges have all written fine letters of recommendation regarding the work Rob has done at the College. At present Rob is away in India on an immersion experience with St Thomas More Students.
  - Warwick will move from Crawley to join the Fremantle, Burt Street Community.
  - Rob and the OLT are working together as Rob's plans develop for a new ministry and then more definite arrangements will be made as to which community Rob will join.
2. Basil has completed his time as Community Leader at East Perth and has requested a change to the Waterford Community.
3. In Adelaide John McGee and Pat Guidera will be moving from West Beach to join the Magill Community.
4. John Moylan who would have been left alone at West Beach will join the Wembley Community.
5. As was explained in a previous Newsletter, from 2011 the intention is for Wembley to be a Community with reduced Aged Care Staff and with an increased number of Brothers living there. The plan is for Tony and Brian from Clontarf to move to Wembley when "eventually" the Handover of Clontarf takes place!! I'm not sure if the Betting Syndicates in Britain, while selling the ODDS for William's wedding have not also opened betting on the predicted date of the elusive Handover!! The tip from the punters who are closest to the truth are suggesting March 2011. However, be prepared to lose your money.  
  
Pat Kelly is another member who will be joining the Wembley Community as from February 2011.

6. Shane Wood after ten years in the Kimberley will transfer to East St Kilda as he commences his new Ministry in the Oceania Province.

Dear Brothers

Just a brief message of thanks, as I prepare for my move back to Melbourne, for the last twelve years that I have spent in the Western Australian Province and Cluster. Although I have been relatively isolated in Broome, I have had the opportunity to meet most of you at some time or other at meetings or gatherings in Perth, or when you have been visiting up North. I have valued my time on this side of the continent, and will always have fond memories of the people of the Kimberley in particular, and will continue to follow closely the fortunes of especially the Indigenous people of the area. I am privileged to have been able to live in community with John Webb, Rod Ellyard, Nick Bilich, Peter Thrupp, and particularly Berkeley Fitzhardinge with whom I shared a community of two for seven of those years.

You will be welcome to visit 29 Westbury Street St Kilda East any time you are in Melbourne.

Regards

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## 7. Terry Cant

Dear Brothers

I have now been back in Perth for just on six months after being in the USA for the past ten years. To say that re-entry into what is now the Province of Oceania has been difficult is an understatement. Much has changed here in the past few years and much has changed in me the past 15 years.

My 'new' journey began with my sabbatical in 1994 in Wellsprings, NY. It was the single most extraordinary experience of my life and was indeed a life changing experience for which I am very grateful. It gave me an understanding of God and a relationship with God that I had never known before. Following several years working as Campus Minister at the Fremantle campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia, I returned to the USA to do further studies and then remained there working for several more years. Circumstances led me to return to Oceania at the request of the OLT at the end of 2009, and I have been discerning my future role in dialogue with the OLT since then.

I have shared my journey and my dream with the OLT and they have been encouraging and supportive. I have for many years been drawn to live a more contemplative life within the Brothers and to share that with others as well. In addition, I feel that I have much to offer to some of the marginalized and rejected people in our society and the Church. To this end, I have sought to establish a Spirituality Centre (for want of a better term) here in Perth.

Combining both of these desires, I have requested the OLT to allow me to live alone and to develop a ministry that will reflect both the contemplative element and the ministry outreach alluded to above. After extensive interaction these past few months, the OLT has agreed to me living alone for a period of twelve months, when the issue will again be evaluated. As this initiative unfolds, I will try to share with you any relevant developments. The ministry side of things has already begun to take shape as I have been in dialogue with representatives of the Catholic, Uniting and Anglican Churches. All have been very encouraging and supportive of the ministry that I have outlined to them.

In the meantime, be assured of my continuing friendship and affection for each and everyone, and I ask for your understanding and prayers in the coming months.

Sincerely in Christ,

Terry  
22-11.10

8. Geoff Seaman is now living with Jim and John at Amberton Avenue in Girrawheen.
9. Paul Leary after a period of discernment in the Edmund Rice Community will join Bernard and the younger group for 2011 in the Salter Point Community.

NB. Not all movements in WA and/or SA, or for that matter, around Oceania, have been finalised yet so I will keep all informed as things settle down.

## *JUBILEES*

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010 Pat Grant (75), Brian Clery, Berkeley Fitzhardinge (60), Peter Hardiman (in absence), John Walsh and John Rae (50), celebrated in anticipation their jubilees for the coming year. Thanks to main celebrant Bishop Justin Bianchini from Geraldton and Fr Dat Vuong Aquinas Chaplain for officiating at the Mass in the Aquinas Chapel. Pat Grant from Margaret Hubery House was escorted to and during the Mass and meal by two Carers from Margaret Hubery, Jacqui and Sr Kathleen. Over 130 Brothers, relations and friends, by their presence helped to make the occasion a memorable one.

Thanks to Aquinas Principal Mark Sawle and his staff for all their help and support. Particular thanks go to Chef Andrew and his kitchen staff for providing a sumptuous meal.



Standing: Jacqui O'Meara, Pat Kelly, Sr Kathleen Laffan, Joe Murphy, Bill Finegan, Geraldine Hogan

Sitting: Peter St John, Jubilarian Pat Grant celebrating 75 years as a Christian Brother, Ernie Travers

## STEVE BOWMAN'S BIRTHDAY

The Girrawheen Community where Steve spent many years celebrated his 57<sup>th</sup> birthday by taking him out for a meal and then returning to Amberton Avenue to cut the Birthday Cake.



Those who celebrated with Steve on the special occasion on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Geoff Seaman, Jim van der Zalm, John Rae, Steve Bowman, Olly Pickett

Photographer: Pat Kelly



Steve celebrating his 57<sup>th</sup> birthday and cutting his cake

## *MARGARET HUBERY'S 10<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY*

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December Southern Cross Care celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of their Aged Care Facility, Margaret Hubery House in Shelley. Guest of Honour was Margaret Hubery who has lost none of her charm, presence and ability to choose the right words for the appropriate purpose.

Margaret Hubery House has special significance for the WA Cluster because Matt Molloy, Norb Tuppin, Pat O'Doherty, Vin Duffy and Isidore Howe were all cared for there and of course at present Pat Grant resides there.



Margaret Hubery herself who was the Guest of Honour at the celebrations recounts her memories of the first 10 years of the Aged Care facility.



Margaret Hubery sits in the middle of Staff and former staff of Margaret Hubery House.

## *Calendar*

<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Westcourt Office Closes at 12.00pm and re-opens on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011</b>	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Albany &amp; San Remo Holidays</b>	
<b>2011</b>		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Forum 1</b>	<b>Sydney</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Forum 2</b>	<b>Mulgoa</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>CLT Visitation</b>	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Province Visitation</b>	

Please notify Karen on 9365 2859 if you would like to register an upcoming event in the Calendar Section of the Cluster Chronicle.

## *Contributing to the Cluster Chronicle*

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