



## *WA Cluster Chronicle* *8/11*

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



### *Birthday Greetings to:*

*Berkeley Fitzhardinge - 2<sup>nd</sup> December*

### *In Anticipation:*

*Phil O'Lughlen - 24<sup>th</sup> December*

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

## *PRAYERS*



### **Keep in our prayers:**

#### **Western Australia**

- ❖ Peter Thrupp still in the recuperative stage.
- ❖ John Murray still having checkups.
- ❖ Pat Grant has totally recovered from the fall he had. Pat loves visitors, so if you get a chance before Christmas drop in to Margaret Hubery and have a chat with Pat. He can teach us all a bit about hospitality.
- ❖ Laurie Negus has made a good recover from his back injury. He's gearing up for Albany and a daily round of golf.
- ❖ Andrew McBeath who after six years in PNG is going through a process of a list of health checkups. Hopefully all goes well for Andrew.
- ❖ Tony Kelly who recently had to have a skin graft on his leg which was injured in that freak accident on Salvado Road while he was taking a gentle afternoon walk.
- ❖ John Baldwin who is undergoing treatment for an uncomfortable swelling under his left ear.
- ❖ Pas Fitzgerald, Kevin's wife, as she continues her chemo treatment.
- ❖ Mrs van der Zalm, Jim's Mother, who suffered a slight stroke recently. After being in hospital for a few days she is now recuperating at home.

#### **Queensland**

- ❖ Dan Courtney, Denis Sullivan, Jus O'Farrell who recently celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday, Steve McLaughlin, Nick Campbell, Col Moloney, Graeme Frawley, Jim Gorman and Nick Campbell.

#### **Victoria**

- ❖ Leopold Griffin, Ken Gunn, Dr Peter Casey and Rod Doyle.



### **Prayers for recently deceased:**

- ❖ Death of Peter Farley who was a great friend of the Brothers died in Ballarat on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011, All Saints Day. Peter did much of his education in the Juniorate and then his Teacher Training at Box Hill. He taught for 40 years at St Patrick's College Ballarat.
- ❖ Fr Kevin McKelson SAC (Pallotine Fathers & Brothers). Brothers who have been privileged to work in Broome and the Kimberleys were saddened to hear that Fr Kevin McKelson died in Melbourne on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. There is an excellent brief article by Shane Wood in the Victorian Newsletter dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 on the life of Fr Kevin. When Kevin Ryan in PNG heard of Fr McKelson's passing away he responded with, "What an extraordinary man and life."

## *JUBILEES*

One of the important dates in early December each year has been the Brothers Jubilee Celebrations at Aquinas and as far as I can remember each year we have had jubilees to celebrate. It was about 2003 when, because of difficulty in procuring the use of the Aquinas facilities in January of the year of Brothers Jubilees, we commenced having the celebrations in anticipation, in December of the year preceding the actual Jubilee.

### **No WA Brothers celebrating Jubilees in 2012**

Because there are no WA Brothers having Jubilees in 2012 there will be no Jubilee function at Aquinas in December 2011. At this stage it will be 2018 before we have another year where no WA Brother celebrates a Jubilee and after that it will be 2037 before it happens again!

### **Brothers Gathering – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at Wembley**

We could not let the year end without having time together and celebrating the life and work of the 39 Brothers in the WA Cluster. Bishop Justin Bianchini, who has been our main celebrant for many years, is available and very happy to join us on the 16<sup>th</sup> December when he will be down in Perth. Olly Pickett and Bill Finegan have kindly made Wembley available for us to have a Brothers Gathering on that evening commencing with a Mass at 6.00pm.

## RECENT NEWS ITEMS

- Philip Pinto wrote on the 7<sup>th</sup> November to inform us that Br David Gibson from the European Province has been appointed to the CLT to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Victor Deen Kamara.
- New Institute for Sisters of Mercy

On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Sisters of Mercy by Venerable Catherine McAuley, fourteen of the Australian Mercy congregations, along with the Autonomous Region of Papua New Guinea, will come together as one new institute to be known as *Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea*.

This historic development will be celebrated with Eucharist on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

- It's the season of Speech Nights or as most are called these days, Awards Ceremonies. An indication of the high regard in which former Religious Congregations are still held, is that Schools have prestigious awards in recognition of the founders of the Orders which once were present at the Schools, eg Catherine McAuley Award or Edmund Rice Awards.
- Aranmore College recently gave names to the four Houses in their House System which were previously named Gold, Red, Green and Blue. Following the same sequence Gold became McAuley and Red became Rice. Green was renamed Pascoe as Sr Janina Pascoe is the last remaining Sister of Mercy at the College. Blue was renamed Kelly House, as Br Tony Kelly was the last Christian Brother to teach at the College, retiring in 1998.

## *CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS*

Firstly thanks to Leo Hassam for once again organising the Albany Holiday accommodation and housekeeping for 2011/12. Amy Shannon who has done our cooking for the past three years is herself looking forward to being our chef this Christmas break.

Thanks to all those who have already indicated their plans for the period 26<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012.

- San Remo has been booked for Brothers for the above period.
- The address for the Albany accommodation is:

4 Valencia Close  
ORANA

**Directions:** As you come into Albany along the Albany Highway, just short of the Cinema, turn right into La Grande Avenue and then Valencia Close is the second on your right.

Phone: (08) 9842 8492

NB. Leo will be collating responses and then giving further directions for those heading for Albany.

## *VISITORS TO THE WA CLUSTER*



L-R: Gerry McGrath, Paul Leary, Bernard White

Gerry McGrath, who sometimes writes articles on ecology in Oceania publications arrived in Perth on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October and under his own steam visited many communities and significant venues in Perth while staying with the Edmund Rice Community. Gerry finished his stay on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November after making a retreat at the St John of God Retreat Centre in Shoalwater.



Tom O'Dempsey and Kevin McDude from Brisbane, had prepared meticulously for their Jubilee trip to WA, where they were hosted by the Waterford Community. In the few days here they visited the South West and Margaret River, before the fires, and also managed to spend time in Tardun and Geraldton visiting Len Newman.

L-R: Peter Hardiman, Kevin McDade, Joe Murphy, Tom O'Dempsey and Brian Clery

On his return to Sydney after fourteen years of running the Catholic Bible College, Johannesburg Kevin McDonnell is staying a few days with the Waterford Community. He made the most of his short stay in the West by travelling with this sister to Geraldton and even as far as Shark Bay to catch a glimpse of the famous stromatolites there. Officially Kev has completed his time in Johannesburg but will be returning there for a short time next year to conduct his notable programme on Reconciliation which some of the WA Cluster have attended in the past.



L-R: Joe Murphy, Kevin McDonnell & Peter Hardiman

## *BROTHERS CHANGES*

**Pat Kelly** has returned from the Wembley Community and once again will be living in Unit 36, Riverside Apartments, 10 Roebuck Drive Salter Point in the Riverside Community.



**Andrew McBeath** who recently returned to the WA Cluster has now joined John Carrigg in the East Perth Community. Andrew does have a planned six month course to attend in Sydney commencing in February 2012 but will definitely be a member of the East Perth Community until the end of January 2012. The course he is to attend may influence Andrew's future ministry and hence the Community to which he may belong to after its completion.

L-R: John Carrigg & Andrew McBeath

## *CLA FORMS & BUDGETS*

Sincere thanks to all who so accurately filled in individual forms and special thanks to Community Leaders and/or Bursars who had a lot of work to do planning Budgets for 2012, and did an excellent job. Very few of all the many forms handed in required clarification. So now all is in readiness for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

There may be challenges, e.g. there may be a CPI increase so the CLA's coming in may vary from the figures you submitted.

NB: At the end of January each Brother will be required to submit to the Community Leader or Bursar a "spending" sheet and each Community Bursar will get a first opportunity to send in their first monthly Budget Returns. Please feel free to contact Vince Sinagra (9365 2859) or myself (9365 2803) if you experience any difficulties with the introduction of the new system.

## *NEW COMMUNITY LEADER & BURSAR APPOINTMENTS*

By now all communities will have been notified as to the appointment or re-appointment of Community Leaders and Bursars for the next term of office, usually a three year appointment.

Please contact me if there is need for any clarification or if the Appointment Letters did not arrive during this present week, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.

## *PHOTOS AND A FEW WORDS*

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, three members of the Bindoon Community were the guests of the Riverside Community. Phil O'Loghlen assisted by Leo Hassam prepared a delicious meal and all helped with the wash up as seen in the photo.



L-R: Phil O'Loghlen, Peter Negus, Laurie Negus, George Thornton, Leo Hassam,  
Frank Donohoe and John Walsh

The Riverside Community regularly invites other Communities to share meals with them.

Twenty five Brothers joined in a most enjoyable Brothers Gathering at 51B Redmond Street on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November for a mid day meal. The reason given by Bernard White, Paul Leary and the Edmund Rice Community members was:- **Why? Why not.**



Thanks from us all Bern and Paul. A great way to celebrate with the Community as it prepared to shut down for 2011.



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November was a wonderful opportunity to join Geoff Seaman on his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday and marvel at his energy and admire the great work which he does for the St Vincent de Paul and the wonderful support which he is for Refugee families in his area.

L-R: John Carrigg, Pat Kelly, Jim van der Zalm, John Rae & Geoff Seaman



It's always good to have visitors call in to Westcourt and they are always welcome for Morning Tea at 10.00am. Recently Michael Leek, Chaplain of St Thomas Moore College and a fellow Benedictine Monk, an Englishman but now stationed at a monastery in Italy were welcome visitors.

L-R: Max Montisci, Karen Armenti, Pat Kelly, Fr Michael Leek OSB, Joe Murphy, Fr Tony OSB, Paul Leary (Photographer Joan Shintarinata)

Each year Dr Pip White who runs CBERS (Christian Brothers Ex Residents Service) for the Oceania Province, organises a BBQ/picnic for the Ex Residents of Christian Brothers Institutions (Clontarf, Castledare, Tardun & Bindoon) and also the Institutions conducted by other Religious Congregations, Nazareth Sisters and Sisters of Mercy. This year the members attending the BBQ at Trinity Playing Fields Waterford on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November were 'up' and the atmosphere was one of great friendship. Many were delighted to catch up with the Brothers, particularly Gerry Faulkner who is highly regarded by all those whom he helped and supported during the tough times in the 90's.



## *CALENDAR*

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>CAC Bindoon 2011 Awards and Presentation Night</b>	<b>College Forecourt 5.00pm</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Emmanuel Centre 25 Windsor Street, Perth</b>	<b>4.00pm Mass 5.00pm BBQ (Bring a plate)</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>ERN Christmas Gathering</b>	<b>5.30pm at Westcourt</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Brothers Gathering for Brothers &amp; Benefactors</b>	<b>Wembley Community 6.00pm Mass by Bishop Justin Bianchini followed by a BBQ</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Westcourt Regional Office Closes</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> December – 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Albany Holiday</b>	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012</b>	<b>Westcourt Regional Office Re-Opens</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*

Please feel free to send in articles and photos for the Cluster Chronicle.  
Longer articles may go out as attachments when the Chronicle is emailed.



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places, sights and faces throughout Oceania



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