

# Morialta Vision

## From the Minister

Dear Friends,

After Easter. I'll do it after Easter.

That was my promise in the weeks leading up to Good Friday and Easter Day.

And eventually on the day after the long weekend it was time to face the music and attend to the list of postponed obligations. Or was it?

A friend of mine reminded me that Easter, the season of Easter is not just a single day, but a week of weeks that end with Pentecost. It was a tempting thought to keep putting off attending to that list for a bit longer. In the end though, I knew there was nothing to be gained by delaying any longer.

We often find reasons to postpone doing some tasks, sometimes for legitimate reasons and sometimes because we really don't want to do whatever we should be doing or aren't really sure how to go about it.

We want to wait until everything is in place and conditions are perfect.

And yet sometimes it's when we step out when we are not sure, when the conditions are not as right as they could be, that the future opens up in the most surprising way.

Just as it did, so Mark's gospel tells us, that first Easter morning when, very early when the sun had risen, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome set out to the tomb. They had very good reasons to have delayed until then but having set out, very early when the sun had risen, how easy would it have been to turn back once they realised the stone would be in the way.

The three women who wanted to anoint Jesus knew the stone to the tomb was in their way, in the way of them expressing love. But their determination to continue with their task, despite the obstacles in the way, despite even having a clear understanding of how they can

continue brings them to a new time and new tasks. It is now after Easter and they have new ways of following Jesus, new ways of showing love.

What perceived obstacles might keep us from errands of love and care? "I don't know what to say?" "I could be making a fool of myself." "I wish I could take back those angry words."

Perhaps it is only when we have the courage, the determination to carry on despite those obstacles that we find ourselves after Easter, where God's life and love are set free in the world.

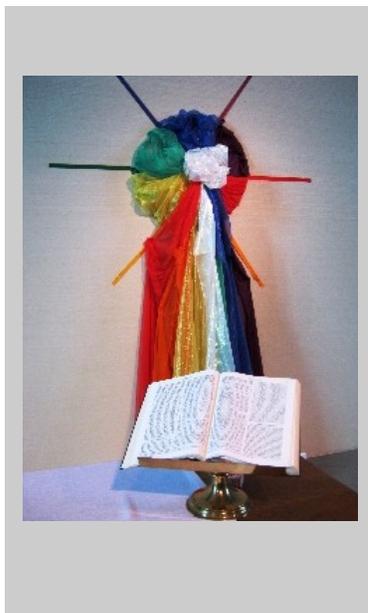
Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed.  
Alleluia.

Diane



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**2012 About Time:  
South Australia's History Festival**

**Morialta Archives invites You!  
An Historical Hour**

**Sunday 6 MAY**

**In the hall after Worship**

**Begin with Morning Tea  
Enjoy local and personal stories**

## David Purling writes ...

The Theme for the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2011/12 is "Run the Race".

The Prayer book is published in the UK. The theme is so apt for the UK as it is the Olympic and Paralympic year of 2012.

There are many prayers about fitness, and striving for the prize, and the goal, such as this one:

Dear God,  
 Thank you for giving me a life!  
 Thank you for watching over me  
 from the day I was born,  
 until the day I die.  
 Thank you for helping me  
 to run my race.  
 I have had bad days  
 and lucky days.  
 I have achieved many goals.  
 Some times are rough,  
 some times are dreadful,  
 some times I miss the signs  
 and go in the wrong direction,  
 but I will always eventually find my path.  
 I will never give up  
 and I will end the race in peace.  
 Amen.

*Fay Clark, All Saints, Anglican/Methodist Primary School, Elston*

Imagine my surprise, after reading such prayers as that one, to find this one:



God of snails and tortoises and of those things that move slowly in the world, give us courage to slow down, to be still,  
 to inhabit each moment more fully.

Help us to know when to travel slowly, so that others may overtake us, going at their speed, not ours.

God of the seasons, unhurried in their rhythm of change and renewal, retune our pulse to your beating heart that we might know ourselves fully alive in your unchanging love.

Amen.

*Liz Smith, Leeds District Chair, The Methodist Church of Great Britain*

Is there some wisdom for us in these prayers?

Greetings to you all,  
 David



### Confirmation

Over the last few weeks, Diane and some others have been meeting with a group of our young people, as they talk about faith and consider confirmation. These young people (Jesse Hall, Jack Tredrea, Kathryn Barker, Lachlan Mackenzie and Katrina Mackenzie) are already active members of our congregation contributing their gifts and skills to our community at Morialta. Please pray for these young people as they prepare for a service on Pentecost Sunday in which we will celebrate the step in faith they are taking, confirming God's promises which were spoken of at their baptism and offer them your encouragement.

### Confirmation Prayer

*from Uniting in Worship II*

By the Holy Spirit, gracious God,  
 strengthen these your servants,  
 and set their hearts on fire with love for you.  
 Increase in them your gifts of grace:  
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
 the spirit of counsel and might,  
 the spirit of knowledge and wonder in your presence,  
 the spirit of joy and delight in your service,  
 now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### What can be Truer than the Truth?

Isabel Allende, author and public lecturer, asks the question, 'What can be truer than the truth?' I believe we often find the answer to that question during worship at Morialta.

The first Bible reading for the day comes from the Book of Moses commonly called, Genesis. Our worship leader reads:

*'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...  
 God said, 'Let there be light...' and God saw light was good.  
 God said, 'Let the dry land appear...' God called the dry land earth.  
 God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation...'  
 And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures...'*

What can be truer than that truth? Answer: The story.

The Book of Moses hasn't got to the truth of the beginning. But the story related in Genesis is truer. It tells us God is in all creation.

Arthur Tideman

## From the Chairperson ...

We are people of the Resurrection.

What does that mean to you?

I guess the meaning has changed for me over time. While I no longer need the assurance that surrounds a physical Resurrection I know that for some people that is paramount. However, for me the teachings of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels, give me hope. The fact that this special person is still revered and holds a unique place in the hearts of Christians throughout the world is evidence of a continuing Resurrection.

The time of preparation that is Lent holds a special meaning for me. The discipline of participation in a Lenten Reflection has helped me to understand my own Faith Journey and given me much to ponder over time. Discussing with members of our congregation matters that are so intimately part of my own Faith Story has helped to make special friends. While this year I was not able to participate in a Lenten Reflection I look forward to 2013.

During her report to the recent Congregation Meeting Diane challenged us to consider the reasons for a decreased

participation in Lenten Reflections.

I would like to take this opportunity to entreat your consideration of this question. If you haven't taken part in a group during Lent before, or it has been a while since the last time, I ask that you make a decision to participate next year.

Wouldn't it be fantastic if everyone in the congregation took part in a study! What a wonderful way to share with others.

Bruce.



*It is Friday  
And I stand at the foot of the cross*

## From Church Council - Audio-Visual Action

Church Council, in February, decided to put into place the recognition of a role in the congregation which contributes significantly to the quality of our Worship experience, and our abundance of social events and entertainments. This is, no doubt, long overdue and we are very happy to have identified the role of Audio-Visual Leader.

Council has agreed on a position description for that role taking into account the purposes, our context, the responsibilities and the reporting relationships in our team structure which enable that important contribution.

We are confident that everyone in the congregation will be as delighted as we are in the appointment of John Secombe to the role.

Our thanks go continually to John for his generous and expert service and his unfailing good humour in the job.

Council also agreed to a role termed Worship Audio-Visual Coordinator. This role will be taken

by a number of our members, rostered on Sunday mornings, for the purpose of overviewing and coordinating the audio-visual aspects of the service, and ensuring smooth and appropriate use of AV. This role will collaborate with the two sound and projection operators and with the ministers and service organisers.

Council was also pleased to recognize the contribution of all those who work in the audio-visual group: Rhonda Amber, Steve Begg, Adam Begg, Margaret Cargill, Colin Cargill, Sam Colegrove, Jordan and Jesse Hall, Bruce Ind, Sharon Mackenzie, Betty Omond, Jill Pope, Graham Vincent, Tiffany Winn, Jude, Emily and Lucy Johnson, Chris Ayles, Ray Clogg, Lachlan, Andrew and Matthew Mackenzie

*Please join with Council in acknowledging all these people.*

## Community Centre News

The time for Vision articles seems to come around quickly - not that I am complaining because I value the opportunity to share with you about the outreach I coordinate in the name of Morialta.

This year has seen an influx of new parents and children at the Playgroup. Jackie Smith our Playgroup Coordinator has a warm and natural way in her interactions with the children. She fulfils the necessary administrative functions and is alert in watching out for the children's safety.

A recent highlight at Playgroup was the delightful Easter Egg Hunt. Although some children found about 8-10 eggs, we pooled all the discovered eggs and gave each child 5 tiny eggs - all very exciting!

Once again we joined with the Magill Inter-Church Council to take morning tea to the staff of Magill Primary School. It was a very pleasant morning and a great occasion for making connections with the staff.

There was opportunity to talk with the Year 5 teacher who is going



to bring her class to work the Community Garden.

As you will have seen, the Community Garden is taking off. In the next few weeks dirt will go into the boxes and some people will begin to work their garden beds. The Garden Management Committee have chosen to shorten the name to *Chapel Street Community Garden*

The Garden's Office Opening is planned for Saturday 12 May at 10.00 am when the Mayor of Burnside, David Parkin, will plant a tree, the first of several on the perimeter, to be followed by other plantings. Everyone is welcome!

The Community Garden had a stall at the Burnside Autumn Village Fete last Sunday, 22 April. Our Morialta Community Centre also had a stall to publicise our Centre and our many programs. It was great to have Morialta folk "drop by" and to talk with others who may follow up interests in our activities

Christine



## Our Avatars

I had never heard the word, Avatar, until the 2009 epic science fiction film, written and directed by James Cameron, featured the Avatar universe. Since then the word has stood out on the pages of several books I have read and this made me seek help from my Oxford dictionary. Avatar is an 18<sup>th</sup> century Sanskrit word, a deity who has deliberately descended to earth. According to Google, innumerable Avatars are listed in Hindu scriptures.

Western literature has taken the myth out of Avatars and used the word to describe a person known universally who has made a presentation of goodness to the world. Of course we can begin with Jesus and for the

modern world add names like Gandhi, Mandela or the Dalai Lama. Their life stories, as the theologian, Clive Hamilton, suggests 'Echo powerfully on our consciousness' despite worldly differences and challenges. We have all read of Mandela's difficult married life, a life without religious affiliation. Gandhi, a devout Hindu faced sexual issues. The Dalai Lama preaches secular Buddhism. We do not relate easily to those features of their lives, but still we know them as Avatars.

Arthur Tideman

*Let us look for Avatars amongst us at Morialta and in other places. There are many. Do not look for them by your worldly or religious judgments but by their virtue and goodness to which we can aspire.*

*To quote Clive Hamilton again, 'They are us as we could be'*

## Morialta - The Rockleigh Connection

In 2002 Bill Matheson, a director of Bushland Conservation Pty. Ltd. invited Morialta to plant trees and shrubs on its 124 ha conservation property at Rockleigh in the eastern Mt Lofty Ranges. Bush Conservation bought the property in 1999 with the help of a grant from the National Reserves Systems because it contained several poorly conserved vegetation associations and a number of rare and threatened plant species. The land had been grazed for many years and was heavily infested with Salvation Jane.

Morialta Uniting Church cheerfully accepted the opportunity to contribute to the re-vegetation program and on a cloudy day on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2002 some 40 people, young and old, planted 200 trees and shrubs adjacent to the Tepko road. Several groups planted seedlings while another group led by Ralph Carter assembled the fiddly tree guards. Down at the camp site Bruce and another group prepared a delicious barbecue lunch which was enjoyed by all.

Over the next six years a further 2600 trees and shrubs were planted. Not all have established, but the results have been outstanding. Since then another 500 trees have been established, many from direct seeding, bringing the total to more than 3000. Morialta supported the program with enthusiasm – between 30 and 40 people contributed each year from 2002 to 2008, sometimes in inclement weather. Despite the June planting dates, rain seldom intervened, only in 2004 and 2007. In neither year did it prevent the activity. In fact, on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2004 we planted a record 800 seedlings with a time of over 40 – a truly wonderful effort.

On the creek flats and lower slopes hundreds of native pines have self-established and provide a stunning backdrop to our program.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June Morialta members will be able to inspect the results of their hard work and enjoy a barbecue lunch.

**Please join us for this celebration.  
Directions will be provided.**

Bill Matheson



### NETWORK GATHERING

**Here at Morialta!**

**Thursday 24 May 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm**

**Theme: Church and Community**

*An opportunity to encourage each other in ministry and mission, to share resources, and provide mutual support.*

**Meet** Rev Dave Williamson, Presbytery's Multicultural Ministries Officer.

**Be inspired** by Rev Amel Manyon as she recounts her journey and her response to God's call.

**Hear the story** of the formation of the Dinka Faith Community where Amel is the Minister and how congregations can engage with that Community.

The Gathering will enjoy our Morialta hospitality and Church Council has agreed to provide the meal, giving opportunity for everyone to make a donation to Amel's ministry.

Catch up over dinner with highlights of other congregations' ministry and programs.

The Gathering will include worship, listening, meeting and greeting, dinner, focus on Church and Community, and presentation of some of Morialta's programs in the community.

If you would like to be part of Morialta's welcome and hospitality for this Gathering tell us that you will come, and if you would like to help, talk with Mary or Christine.

# KCO 2012

The theme for KCO was "A World of Wonder" and the children were encouraged to think about the world they live in, to wonder and delight in God's creation and discover more about God's love.

Nine children and six leaders from Morialta attended KCO. The wet start to KCO did not dampen the children's excitement and enthusiasm, but resulted in the opening worship and craft activities being held at the camp sites. Some of the craft creations were, wooden plane, decorated flower pots, a fluffy platypus, and balloon propelled boats. The rain stopped and the sun came out and the children enjoyed playing games, face painting, and tossing wet sponges. Afternoon tea was followed by "creative exploring" activities, where the children engaged in writing a prayer, bible memory verse game, putting the Easter story in picture form, in the correct order of events, and listening to an aboriginal creation story.

We had some special visitors to our camp site - Diane Bury joined us for the afternoon activities and then led our group in communion before sharing tea with us. We were also visited by Christine and John Seacombe and Jessie and Jack, who were part of the KCO event crew, dropped by to say Hello.

The children were entertained by *In House Fish* and *Cool 4 Kids*, with singing and dancing, and Paige, Jordan and Lucy, were involved with some of the activities.

Sunday morning was spent in worship and devotions where the children were encouraged to explore the theme of God's wonderful creation, and our special place in his world, to learn more about God's love for us, and our responsibilities to care for his world and each other.

I would like to thank all those who helped make KCO an enjoyable event, for John Powers and David Purling who helped transport camping equipment up to and from KCO, our leaders Eunice, Tiffany, Katrina, Cheryl and Sarah, and the support from Diane and the Morialta congregation has been greatly appreciated.

Craig Mackenzie



A World of WONDER



Thanks and congratulations, too, to Craig who coordinated the whole affair!

## Congratulations! Dr Barker



Doctor of Philosophy  
Sandra Kay Barker,  
by thesis entitled  
*Managing end-user computing activities / organizations: a multi case study investigation*  
Presented at Graduation Ceremony,  
University of South Australia,  
27 March 2012

## SUCCESS - FAILURE

The story is told of an artist who was engaged to paint the picture of a dying church. Those who commissioned him anticipated that he would portray a ramshackle old structure with a neglected court overgrown by weeds, with broken windows, and with a general air of decrepitude. Instead, the artist painted a picture of a stately building with expensive art-glass windows, a considerable expanse of richly-carved wood, a high pulpit, and comfortable pews. In the foyer, on a conspicuous corner of the wall, a box was fitted. Across the front of the box were the words, "For Missions". Over the little opening designed to receive the contributions was a cobweb.

Evangelist Baptist, Wheatridge, Colorado  
From Dale Corrigan

## Volunteer Awards

On Sunday 11 December, Christopher Pyne, Member for Sturt, joined us over morning tea to make special presentations to three members of our Morialta community. To mark the 10 year anniversary of the International Year of the Volunteer, Pam Johnson, Arthur Tideman and Bruce Ind all received special coins struck by the Federal government to mark the milestone, together with a Certificate of Recognition. Pam and Arthur were both congratulated for their long and unstinting service to our Morialta Community, and indeed to the wider community, while Bruce was honoured with the award of MP's Volunteer of the Year for the Electorate of Sturt. All three were most warmly congratulated by our proud community, all recognising the great deservedness of each recipient.

### Arthur Tideman

Volunteering takes many forms. Some is very visible, very physical, very upfront, or even quite noisy! Others however find a much quieter pathway that can make an equally significant volunteer contribution to community. Such a one is Arthur Tideman.

Since retiring as a Director of the South Australian Department of Agriculture, Arthur has continued to invest much time and energy in sharing of his professional knowledge and corporate memory as the history of agriculture in this State is documented.

He has also spent many years unobtrusively and yet significantly impacting on our community at Morialta. As he has served on our Church Council and on its various sub-committees, he has invariably brought wisdom, insight and sensitivity to the decision-making process. His willingness and ability to articulate his deep understanding of life and the way in which his Christian understanding informs his thinking is a great gift to us.

As both a gentle man, and a gentleman, he has added much to the wonderful social cohesion to be found on Wednesdays in the Workshop. His skill as a wood carver adds to the richness of the activity profile.

Without Arthur's quiet but hugely significant brand of volunteerism, our Church and the wider community in which he moves would be much poorer.



### Pam Johnson

One could never call Pam's contribution 'noisy,' either, although it does involve decibels! Pam was born blessed with a rare musical talent – a finely tuned sense of pitch, dexterous fingers and that almost magical ability to 'play by ear.' She was also born with a nature that embraced the discipline required to develop her natural talent, and with a heart to share her gift unstintingly and joyfully with her community.

Thus, since her early years, she has found her seat at the piano or organ, playing wherever she has been needed, whether within a Church setting, a school or with community music groups. At Morialta alone, she has been playing continuously since 1973 – that is, just shy of forty years! This commitment is much more than one hour on a Sunday morning: it is practice, decision-making, choir rehearsals, research, program formation and much more. It is supporting to the hilt carol singing, musicals, music and theatre nights, weddings and funerals, and being key to the success of so much that we do here.

Beyond this, Pam is a wonderful 'people' person, and her contribution over many years to our Coffee Corner lunch is enormously appreciated by all.

Pam is involved well beyond our doors too. The Adelaide Pioneer View Club works to enable disadvantaged children to pursue a full education, as well as advocating for a fair and just society in which our children can grow and thrive. Pam's very active membership of this Club, including a term as President, again reflects a recurring theme to her life - her strong and deeply motivated commitment to community.

### Bruce Ind

MP's Volunteer of the Year

As Chairperson of the Morialta Congregation, Bruce hardly needs an introduction. His great enthusiasm, deep commitment, elephantine memory and willingness to involve himself on so many levels generate wonder and admiration from us all. The reality is that Bruce's time is spread over a large number of activities, both within and well beyond our doors:

- In 2008, Bruce was appointed to the Board of Blind Citizens Australia, for a four year term. He is currently Chair of its Finance Committee
- Bruce also serves on the Board of the Guide Dogs Association of SA&NT. In this role, he regularly visits schools, service clubs, Churches, Aged Care facilities, Scout groups, etc. to talk about the work of the Association and his personal experience as a person with a sight disability.
- Bruce has been a member of the Rostrevor/Campbelltown Branch of Kiwanis since 2001, and has taken on many organisational tasks over that period. In October 2011 he was inducted as President for a twelve month term.
- Alongside his responsibilities at Morialta, Bruce is extensively involved in the wider Uniting Church structures – as a member of the Urban Mission Network Reference Group, as a delegate to the state Synod and member of its Standing Committee, and is a delegate to the National Assembly.
- Informally, Bruce meets many people as he makes his way around the local suburbs and beyond. He is a fine advocate for the disability sector, and is a fine exemplar of the 'cup half full' philosophy on life. Despite the enormous challenges he faces in undertaking each step of each day, he is undeterred in his commitment to binding community together in mutual respect and care.

Bruce's all but full-time volunteer workload makes him a most worthy winner of this significant award. Congratulations Bruce!

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## Queen Mary 2 - a majestic view

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March six members of Morialta and a friend boarded the Dolphin Explorer departing the wharf at Port Adelaide at 4.30pm for a tour to see the ship Queen Mary 2 berthed at Outer Harbour. Travelling along the Port River we viewed interesting sites and noted how the port's industrial sites have changed, including passing under the infamous new road and rail bridges that don't open or close when they should. Many pods of the famous dolphins were seen on our tour. Upon arrival at Outer Harbour we were given the opportunity to see various parts of the ship from her berth, which was due at 1800 hours, but was held up for half an hour by one late passenger! The ship left at 1830 hours and the passengers on our smaller vessel were given the opportunity to view the Queen Mary 2 manoeuvre from the wharf unaided by any tug, and turn on its axis to head for Melbourne, its next port of call. We headed back to the port and to the hotel for our evening meal of very large chicken schnitzels.



The group comprised Bob Lloyd, Margaret Cheel, Jenny Barabas, Margaret Dix, Arlene Lomman, Rhonda Amber and Brian Hogben.

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Brian Hogben

## Reflections from France

Following her Letter to the Editor published in the last edition of Morialta Vision, Sheila Bransden, writing from her home in Pontorson, France, has written again anxious to maintain contact with our church family which she has found to be a great model for Christian living and community outreach in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Sheila has written a novel centered on the French religious wars which lasted for 90 years in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century before the Edict of Nantes, issued by Henry IV, brought peace. This work gave her a detailed insight into the basic attitudes of those times which she believes are largely unchanged. She quotes a recent Saturday mass held in her town to celebrate the life of a missionary made a martyr in 2000 because he was killed trying to convert the Chinese 'in a demeaning way despite the fact that they had been practicing religion when the French were still in animal skins'. She also quotes the history of Pontorson, published in 1946, which refers to Protestants as 'Heretics'.

Sheila finds confusion rife in Protestantism in France with militant evangelists and 'free thinkers' (Selfish, extreme right-wing and self-righteous), 'never likely to follow your (Morialta) example'.

Thank you Sheila, we shall keep trying.

A Tideman

*Hold us in your grace, O God,  
Hold us in your grace.*



## PHYL KEENIHAN (1927 - 2012)

Phyl Keenihan joined our congregation some years ago, initially with her husband Kevin. A long time friendship with Helen and Kingsley Stephens and Averil and Kevin Nash which began when all attended College Park Congregational Church, drew Phyl and Kevin to Morialta. Although not able to attend frequently, Phyl enjoyed the worship and friendship at Morialta, usually on a day on which Holy Communion was celebrated.

Phyl Keenihan passed away on 26 March, aged 85 as a result of complications after a major operation. Diane led her funeral service at Berry's on 30 March with Helen Stephens contributing to the service.

Phyl's sons prepared her eulogy in which

## Rugs for Goodwill



Thirty-two years ago Elizabeth Keipert invited a group of ladies from her church, East Parade Uniting, to her house for a knitting bee and a natter. This get-together lasted for some years, folk dropping out and others joining in Elizabeth moved to Morialta and things altered, gained momentum, and now many ladies from Women's Fellowship, friends and friends of friends contribute, knitting squares, designing, crocheting, sewing rugs together etc.

Twice a year Goodwill picks up at least 25-30 rugs, each time bringing more donated wool to replenish our stocks. A total of 1,534 rugs have been given to Goodwill from this group.

As interest grows in this project we expect to double the number of rugs given.

Jenny Barabas

*The story above was prepared recently and we are privileged to celebrate this special part of Elizabeth's life and loving service.*

they said:

Phyl was an extremely honest person. She always retained her faith and believed that everyone was of good character and should be given the benefit of the doubt until proven wrong.

One of the last notes Phyl wrote in her book of inspiration was this.

Perhaps it was something she found helpful in facing Kevin's death:

*to mourn too long for those we love is self-indulgent but to honour their memory with a promise to live a little better for having known them, gives purpose to their life, and some reason for their death.*

## Cabaret - A great night's entertainment! ...

On 30 March around 80 Morialta folk and friends not only prepared to put their clocks back, but also had their heads and hearts taken to other places, thanks to *Summer Rain's* outstanding presentation of Paul Kelly's songs.

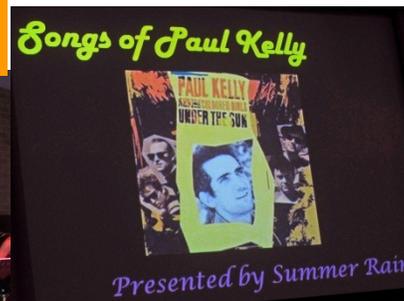
It was a stylish, good-feel-to-it night and expressions of enjoyment have continued ever since.

The Cabaret format was relaxed with everyone appearing contented with their drinks and nibbles. Inclusion of friends from beyond Morialta brought opportunity for unexpected conversations. Again, a bonus!

The mix of music styles and numbers brought something for everyone. Initial invigoration with light rock was counter-balanced with ballads and folk music in sets during the evening. And there was just the right amount of time in between for talk around the tables.

Sean Gilbert brought a relaxed ease to the program, introducing the music throughout, and prompting anticipation for reflection on some of life's very personal experiences. Paul Kelly's lyrics were and are superb, taking us into matters of life, the heart, relationships, and social comment in poignant, sometimes hard-hitting statements. The lyrics and music have the ability to seep into our consciousness and to provoke response.

The seven members of the group, ranging wide in age and experience, were introduced and we were able to focus on their instruments and performances. They are clearly together because they enjoy their playing and creating the *Summer Rain* ensemble.



The ambience of the setting, created with lighting by John Secombe, was again a feature and enhanced the style and mood of the event. This was the first occasion of music presentation in the hall since the installation of the new ceiling and it was great to have unsolicited comments from the band on the quality of the acoustics. As everyone knows, care and advice led to the decision to use the particular acoustic panels and the praise from these performers indicates that goals were achieved. We were fortunate indeed to enjoy the generosity of *Summer Rain* in presenting this program to raise funds for the Milne Bay, PNG, water project – a total of \$1165. The group has advertised their availability for such purposes and we commend their action. It was our delight and privilege to be an audience for their music. We look forward to whatever similar enjoyments become possible in the future!



If you attended the Cabaret you may read this statement from Wikipedia with interest as you recall the songs of Kelly and Carmody: Special Treatment, and From Little Things Big Things Grow.

Wikipedia on Paul Kelly includes this statement.

*Fellow songwriter Neil Finn (Crowded House) has said, "There is something unique and powerful about the way Kelly mixes up everyday detail with the big issues of life, death, love and struggle – not a trace of pretence or fakery in there". Ross Clelland, writing for Rolling Stone, described Kelly: "While he was (rightly) lauded for his ability to sing of injustice without ranting, or deal with the darker sides of human nature non-judgmentally, often overlooked was the fact he could write a damn fine melodic hook to go with those words".*

### paws for thought ...



### THINGS HAVE CHANGED at OUR PLACE.

Anne's Mum came to stay for a while and so did her cat!

I pride myself on being able to get along with most animals, well, except for fluffy little white dogs that is, but Massey is a very difficult customer.

I tried to make her feel welcome. I didn't bark, I gave her plenty of space. I didn't go into the room where she is staying and I tried not to eat her food! But, it doesn't matter what I do! She hisses at me the whole time. The only time it doesn't happen is when she is hungry.

At night you should hear her! She starts making so much noise that I can't sleep after I have been fed. And fussy Massey doesn't like normal cat food. She has to have special fish flavoured stuff. If she doesn't get it she won't eat it. She should try eating pellets all the time!

Anyway, I will keep on trying to be friendly. I understand that cats can be a bit stand off-ish and she has had to get used to a new home, but if anyone has any ideas how I can get her to be more friendly I would be glad to hear them! You could tell Anne or Bruce if I'm not around. I'm sure they will let me know!  
Keely.

# Morialta Magpie



Happy Birthdays!  
Anne and Bruce



Shirley celebrated her 89th birthday and Helen gained her OBE. Congratulations!



Fellowship at Thorndon Park



Marion and Casey shared their birthdays.



Brian, elected President of Morialta Probus Club, was presented with the Chain of Office by Past President, Geoff Pierce



Louisa & Daniel are engaged. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Sarah graduated with Bachelor of Arts, Specialisation in Photography and celebrated with Morialta friends.



Margaret and Fred went to Murray Bridge with Dale and Brian to meet the Bunyip



30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Helena and Steve Begg were married on 24 April 1982 in Reading, UK Celebrate with this happy, handsome couple!

**Congratulations Sarah!**  
First Prize in Campbelltown Council's Youth Art Show **FRAME IT!** for her photographic work, *Goddess of the Night*.



### LIBRARY HELPERS

#### HARD AT WORK AND ENJOYING IT!

What a buzz there has been in the library of late as helpers learn how to assist borrowers.

They are processing borrowings, putting up new signage and placing barcodes on every book in the library.

The Library Committee have been busy reviewing books and audio books

to give you an idea of the style of the book and its theme.

If you would like to join the band of happy library helpers see Lorraine.



## LENT TO EASTER

How are you going to grow spiritually during 2012?

Having a library like ours is like having a third Minister! Ask away..... What are you reflecting on?... What are you puzzling over?...

A book may help you to further explore your thoughts.

Over the Lenten Season we looked at "[The Promise of a New Start](#)", "[The Promise of Identity](#)", "[The Promise of Justice](#)", "[The Promise of Inclusion](#)", "[The Promise of Integrity](#)" and "[The Promise of Renewed Love](#)"

If you would like to explore these themes further, please talk to Lorraine.

### EGGS AND ASHES

by Ruth Burgess & Chris Polhill

Practical and liturgical resources for Lent and Holy Week. Suitable for group worship of personal/family reflection. With a focus on caring for the environment.

# COLOUR COMPETITION

### Let's have a bit of fun!!!!

Let's put an entry in for the Library "Colour Competition"

The idea is to write in any genre you like about colour, approximately 100 words.

There will be a competition for adults and for children and a prize for each.

The winning entries will be published in the Vision and the other entries will be displayed on the library notice board when the music hall production, *Just Kaleidoscopic*, is playing.

To enter, just place your contribution in the box marked COLOUR COMPETITION in the Library.

There will be two prizes of a book store gift voucher valued at \$25.

**Entries close on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

It could be something like this piece by Jenny Barabas.....

## A COLOURED CONTUSION

Ouch my toe stubbed on the bed

A ruddy gore profusely bled

And on my new rose carpet spread

This darkly stain of brightest red

With soap and water blue next day

I scrubbed brown mark made it obey

It faded then to palest grey

Will it stain? I'm afraid it may

A bruise appeared like purple gello

That paled quite soon to dirty yellow

Within a week it aged and mellowed

Became flesh coloured just like its fellow

Now verdant slippers encase my feet

So there's no need to cop it sweet

When making beds with snow white sheets

No damaged toes need be repeat



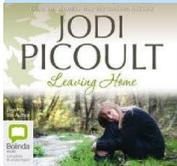
# LOOK! READING FOR THOSE MELLOW AUTUMN DAYS



For further book reviews please see website  
[www.morialtauca.org.au](http://www.morialtauca.org.au)



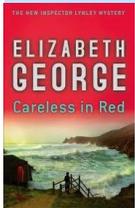
**TWO NEW BOOKS ON CD – GREAT TO LISTEN TO ON CAR JOURNEYS OR WHILE DOING THE IRONING**



### LEAVING HOME

written and read by Jodi Picoult (rhymes with chateau).

Three short stories previously published elsewhere. The first short story is a letter to her son who had just started college. The next, is about a couple whose 7 year old child has died (not to be listened to if you are driving as it made me cry!) and the last story depicts a feeling of loss of varying sorts and is wonderfully portrayed.

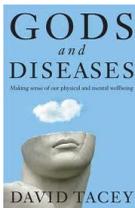


### CARELESS IN RED

by Elizabeth George

A whodunit featuring Thomas Lynley who is hiking the rugged Cornwall coast after his pregnant wife is murdered and he is reluctantly dragged in to help solve the murder of a young climber. The characters and plot are complex and the similes used are wonderfully descriptive. A long 10 disc book well worth the time. Discs 2 and 6 are hidden behind the first disc in each volume, tricky initially to find.

Miranda Clarke



### GODS AND DISEASES

by David Tacey

Using Jungian psychology, Tacey argues for the importance of spiritual connectedness in healing medical and social problems.

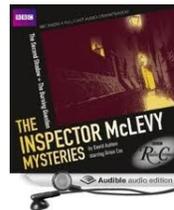
Application of rational thinking and medicine is not always the complete solution to such woes as drug addiction, child abuse and suicide. This is not easy reading but should be of interest to all with a concern for people in need.  
Bryan Forbes.



### PUTTING AWAY CHILDISH THINGS -

**A Novel of Modern Faith** by Marcus J Borg

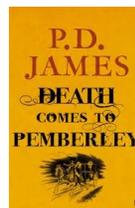
This book subtly explores some of the tough theological issues of today. It is set in Wells College, Wisconsin, with Kate Riley as the main character. Kate is portrayed as a College Professor of Religious Studies and the book tells us of what she is teaching her students and of their reactions to what they are being taught. The differences between pre-modern faith and modern faith are explored. A thought provoking read.  
Lorraine Powers



### THE INSPECTOR Mc LEVY MYSTERIES

by D Ashton (Audio Book - 2xCD)

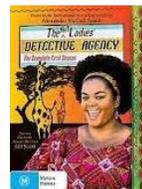
If you were fond of the early Basil Rathbone Sherlock Homes plays you will love this Scottish Mullholland, Inspector Mc Levy, who walks the streets of Victorian Edinburgh, a man with a lofty sense of the law and himself, but with a nice line of self deflating humour. Mc Levy was first broadcast as a one off play on BBC Radio in 1999. He was inspired by a real-life Victorian policeman James Mc Levy who was then developed into a popular series. It was so highly acclaimed; a pilot episode for a TV series is now in development.  
Jenny Barabas



### DEATH COMES TO PEMBERLEY

by P.D. James

If you are a devotee of P.D.James (who was 91 years old when she wrote "Death comes to Pemberley") you will find this book is a departure from the usual setting of her murder mysteries. The plot of the novel is woven around the lives of Darcy and Elizabeth, the central characters of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice". Darcy and Elizabeth have been happily married for 6 years, and have two handsome sons.....enter Elizabeth's sister Lydia, screaming that her husband Wickham has been murdered, and you are in the middle of yet another crime mystery of murder "most foul"! While you may not be entirely comfortable about the historical setting, P.D.James has written in her usual well structured style, with clever twists and turns to the plot as the story culminates in a satisfying conclusion. Apparently she has had a lifelong passion for the works of Jane Austen, and she deftly blends this with her talent for writing detective fiction.  
Jill Kerr

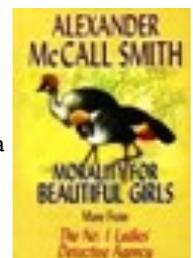


### No. 1 LADIES DETECTIVE AGENCY

by Alexander McCall Smith

The shingle's out, the doors are open – it's time to visit the No.1 LADIES' DETECTIVE AGENCY!

Based on the international best seller by acclaimed author Alexander McCall Smith comes the story of a Botswana woman, Mma Precious Ramotswa (Jill Scott), who starts up the country's first female-owned detective agency. She engages the help of her friends and sets about solving the mysteries of a missing finger, a dubious Daddy and a cheating husband and many more.  
Margaret Pittman





Loving God,  
 Change my heart, that I may be a person of love  
 Change my mind, that I may know your will  
 Change my will, that I may act for others  
 Change my life, that I may follow in the Way of the Christ,  
 the Lord of all justice and hope.  
 Amen.

## LIFE OVERFLOWING

15TH TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

15-21ST JULY 2012  
 GRAND CHANCELLOR HOTEL, ADELAIDE.

DIARY DATES		
Sun 29 April	Lay Preachers Sunday Combined Service	9.30 am
Sun 6 May	History Event	10.45 am
Sat 19 May	Quiz Night	7.30 pm
Thurs 24 May	Urban Mission Network Gathering at Morialta	6.00 for 6.30 pm
Sun 27 May	Confirmation Sunday	9.30 am
Sun 27 May	Pot Luck Tea	5.00 pm
Sun 3 June	Pastoral Care Seminar	11.00 am
Sun 17 June	Mission Projects Concert Police Band "Kind of Blue"	2.00 pm
Fri, Sat 22, 23 June	Presbytery-Synod Meeting	
Sun 24 June	Pot Luck Tea	5.00 pm

# Kangaroo Island Idyll

15th to 21st October 2012  
 MORIALTA UNITING CHURCH TOUR

Come and join the fun!

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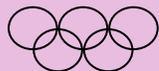
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## Morialta's Quiz Night

"Who's going  
to the Olympics?"



**Saturday 19 May**  
**7.30 pm**

Presented by  
Youth & Young Adults Team

Fun-filled for All Ages

Celebrity Quiz Master!

**Adults \$10.00**  
**Students \$5.00**  
 BYO wine, juice, soft  
 drinks



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**1st June 2012**

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Please do not format or use other software

OR

In hard copy via the Vision pigeon-hole – please allow  
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To discuss ideas for Vision articles contact the editor.

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