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## New life!

### An Australian Easter

Jim Connelly

On the Friday grieving; now new life receiving;  
Into death baptising; into life arising.

Forest fire is burning; into ashes turning;  
Follows then the greening, of the land redeeming.  
*Into death baptising; into life arising.*

All is grey at dawning; bathed the Rock in mourning;  
At the sun's up-rearing, colours now are gleaming.  
*Into death baptising; into life arising.*

Mountain passes freezing; winter's grasp is seizing;  
Summer comes a-smiling, nature reconciling.  
*Into death baptising; into life arising.*

On the Friday grieving; now new life receiving;  
Into life baptising; into life arising.

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Bishop Richard Treloar

# “Now the green blade riseth”

tragedy, losing his first wife, Edith Paget, soon after the birth of their son in 1910. The final verse of his hymn reflects the possibility of new life and hope that does not simply erase the pain of our experience, but which enables love to live again from within it, like the wheat – or the charred trunk – that springeth green:

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

Our hearts are indeed heavy with grief and pain in the wake of the bombings in Sri Lanka. We join once more with people of goodwill the world over in denouncing all forms of trafficking fear, and in praying for victims, their families, and the communities most directly impacted.

In a chilling and escalated reprise of the Christchurch shootings, sacred spaces which stand for peace and refuge have become sites of unimaginable terror and cruelty, where innocent people practising their faith have again been objectified: instrumentalised for ideological purposes. Christ's risen body still bears

the marks of such violence inflicted on our common humanity, whether in churches, hotels, or mosques.

As we reflect on the need for hope in the face of such atrocities, the month of May brings several opportunities to extend the reach of the Gospel.

On Justice Sunday (5 May) we are encouraged to uphold Anglican Criminal Justice Ministries, supported by Anglicare, including the work of our own prison chaplains highlighted in recent editions.

In the lead up to Synod (17-19 May) we prepare for conversations around how we balance necessary budgetary restraint with the mission imperatives we're called to resource. And looking ahead to National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June) we focus on the ministry of reconciliation with which we're entrusted as ambassadors of Christ.

These three strands that wind around our diocesan "maypole", as it were, are closely related. The disproportionate number of First Nations People who enter the criminal justice system is well documented; a reflection of generational disadvantage as a function of dispossession.

Gippsland's Synod of 2011 passed an *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*

*Ministry Act*. Two years later Synod established an Aboriginal Ministry Working Group to "explore viable ways of ensuring the ongoing financial sustainability of Aboriginal Ministry into the longer-term future". In May 2014, exactly five years ago, Bishop John McIntyre wrote of the Aboriginal Ministry Fund in *TGA* that "it struggles to provide the resources necessary to keep pace with the needs of Aboriginal ministry in Gippsland".

Five years on, the Aboriginal Ministry Fund is at a critically low ebb. Supporting Aboriginal Ministry in our Diocese – intentionally, sacrificially, and systematically – is one aspect of the restorative justice we celebrate in this Easter season as on Justice Sunday, which is reflected in our commitment to Reconciliation more broadly.

Doing so won't neatly excise or simply write over past failings or injustices, including here in Gippsland; yet it may help God call back to life – indeed call to new life – those fields of our individual and collective hearts that dead and bare have been: *Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

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The image on the front cover calls to mind the Easter hymn "Now the green blade riseth", usually sung to the mellifluous tune of the fifteenth-century French Christmas carol, Noël Nouvelet (composed by Marcel Dupré).

The text of the hymn was written by an English priest, J M C Crum, and was first published in the 1928 edition of the *Oxford Book of Carols*.

Like Jim Connelly's poem *An Australian Easter*, embedded in Christine Morris' photograph, so this distinctively northern hemisphere experience of Easter's coincidence with spring highlights the contrasts somehow held together in the paschal mysteries – as in our lives:

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*  
Crum knew personal

## Prayer Diary: around the parishes

"That we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith..." (ROMANS 1:12)

### KORUMBURRA SOUTHERN REGION

St Paul, Korumburra  
All Saints, Poowong  
Priest-in-Charge:  
The Rev'd Fran Grimes

We have churches in Korumburra and Poowong and our ministry extends to Loch and Nyora. Pray that our connections with community will become clear pathways for people to come to know Jesus. Pray for our mainly music families and for our team; for our monthly Community Meal and the volunteers from our Parish, Combined Churches, St Vinnies, Milpara Community House and service clubs.

Pray for our Mine Road op shop, for love and care to flow into the community. Pray that our Sunday gatherings would strengthen and encourage members and draw those seeking God to join us. Pray for meaningful

contact with Loch through winter festivals, and for stronger relationships with all the churches in our Parish, sharing resources to effectively proclaim the gospel to our towns.

### LAKES ENTRANCE AND METUNG EASTERN REGION

St Nicholas, Lakes Entrance  
St John, Metung  
Locum: The Rev'd Philip Muston

Lakes Entrance is a seaside resort and fishing port and Metung is a picturesque village located on the Gippsland Lakes. The parish community welcomes all visitors and we extend love and fellowship through the many activities offered. Our outreach and connection within both communities is offered through: mainly music, Bible Studies, op shops, baptisms,

coffee and chat at local coffee shop, afternoon teas with guest speaker organized by Social Group and Missions, Men's Breakfast, SecondBite, day care, Fellowship Group, aged care services, Meals on Wheels and school concert. Please pray for these ministries; for people who begin to hear the "gentle voice" at the heart of life; for the older members of our congregation; and for the incumbent, Philip Muston, his wife Cathrine and their ministry within the parish and the wider community.

### LEONGATHA SOUTHERN REGION

St Peter, Leongatha  
St David, Meeniyah  
St Andrew, Dumbalk  
St Andrew (Union Church)  
Tarwin Lower  
Rector: Archdeacon Graham Knott

Leongatha is an active parish with diverse daily ministries. The Sunday attendance in the main centre is around 110 adults plus 35 aged under 16; however, significant additional numbers are involved in worship, prayer and ministry activities throughout the week.

Belinda is Lay Ministry Assistant and Janice looks after the office. This year is particularly designated as one for equipping disciples and currently two introductory discipleship courses are running. Developmental opportunities will be additionally offered during the year – the next being prayer ministry training.

A monthly half night of prayer has begun this year with a monthly digest of prayer material also provided. A Welcome Vision has been introduced and two welcome dinners have been held. Meeniyah-Dumbalk Centre has begun a new small group.



Photo: Michael Page

The Rev'd Brian Norris at work in the Registry Office

# New direction for Brian Norris

## Jan Down

The Rev'd Brian Norris, Diocesan Registrar in the Gippsland Diocese since 2003, is to retire from this role on 30 June and will be ordained priest on 24 August, the Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr, at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale.

Brian has been a diocesan Registrar for a total of 36 years, having been Registrar in the Canberra / Goulburn Diocese for 19 years before coming to Gippsland. It has clearly been a fulfilling role for him. "I like the work", Brian says, adding that he trained for ministry when quite young (starting theological training at 19) and sees his Registrar role as a continuation of his ministry.

Before becoming a Registrar, Brian had worked in the public service for sixteen years and he has found aspects of the Registrar's work quite similar in terms of structures: "I knew the culture and felt comfortable with it".

Brian explained that the job is a supportive role: supporting the bishop; the governing bodies of the Diocese such as Synod and Bishop-in-Council; the parishes; and the clergy. It is also a coordinating and management role, including the finances. Brian has enjoyed the financial management aspect as he likes working with figures.

Resource management has been an ongoing challenge.

"We always think we're going broke, and we probably are, but we never quite get there", Brian quips, but adds that sometimes parishes or people in the community think the Diocese has lots of money when it doesn't, so there can be a challenge in making sure the money goes round, to cover what it needs to.

I love Synod... It's like arranging a big party really."

He has worked with four bishops during his time in Gippsland: Bishop Jeffrey Driver, (who was the one to suggest he apply to Gippsland), Bishop John McIntyre, Bishop Kay Goldsworthy and now Bishop Richard Treloar.

Last year there was no

Synod held in Gippsland and Brian missed it. "I love Synod", he said, "It's like arranging a big party really". He has appreciated the "family friendly" size and feel of the Gippsland Synod (Canberra / Goulburn Synod was more than twice the size) and thinks the Diocese needs this time of gathering together each year.

Commenting on his retirement, Brian said he thinks "it's time for a new set of eyes on the job". He has already had several hand-over sessions with Richard Connelly who takes over as Registrar on 1 July.

## Journey to priesthood

Brian was ordained Deacon in December 2017 and has since been Honorary Deacon at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale. Bishop Richard and others in recent times then encouraged Brian to consider the priesthood.

Becoming a priest for Brian is simply "a continuation of the journey starting at age 18". He very much enjoyed his theological education and college life back then, doing well academically, and is now undertaking more theological study. He intends to go back to learning New Testament Greek, a subject he excelled in, next year.

Bishop Richard has said there will be plenty of locum work available for him.

Brian also enjoys conducting services in nursing homes and out-centres of the Cathedral parish – work he hopes to continue when possible. He delights in playing the organ for services when the opportunity arises.

Brian will have time for a break between finishing work at the Registry Office and his ordination, while also continuing with his theological studies.

## GIPPSLAND DIOCESE VACANCIES

### SOUTHERN REGION

- Mirboo North
- Yarram

## Our Easter Cover

Our Easter cover this year features a photo of new life after the bushfires, by Christine Morris, from St Paul's Cathedral congregation, and a poem or hymn by the Rev'd Dr Jim Connelly, of Christ Church, Drouin. *An Australian Easter* has been set to music by Brian Chapman, a member of St Thomas' Bunyip. The tune is called Hakea.



## Be a part of supporting the Aboriginal Ministry Fund

*The AMF exists to resource employment of Aboriginal people in ministry; training of Aboriginal people for ministry; development of Aboriginal ministry in the community; the planting of Aboriginal churches; education of the Diocese about Aboriginal issues.*

Be a part of achieving these aims.

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**Around the Diocese**

**Pancake Day – Traralgon**



*Josh and Jackson, students from St Paul's Grammar School, cooking pancakes at St James' with Canon Jeff Richardson*

**Good Friday – Yarram**



*Bishop Jeffrey Driver and helpers laying the crown of thorns on the cross*

**Drouin encourages intergenerational activities**



*Youth and Mothers Union members at Drouin making palm crosses for Palm Sunday*

**Plastic-free living**

**Mothers' Union June Join In**

In response to the Diocesan handbook *Building a Better Relationship with our World*, which reminds us that, "the health and sustainability of the whole environment is the challenge of our time; a challenge in which we must all be part of the solution", Mothers' Union in Gippsland is hosting a presentation by Hannah Alquier of Willow Grove at their "June Join In" on 12 June at St Aidan's in Newborough. We invite you to come.



Hannah's crusade is to live plastic-free and she is passionate to share how she does this, reminding us of the devastation plastic creates

as a waste product in our environment. Hannah hopes her workshops will help change people's attitudes to plastic waste. Of the plastic problem Hannah says, "Humans have caused this and humans can fix it up".

June Join In is not just a day for members of Mothers' Union. It is a day when we ask others to "join in". The day commences at 10:00 am when we join the parish at their mid week communion, then after lunch (BYO with soup provided) at approximately 1:00 pm we will have Hannah's presentation.

**Easter by the lake**

**Sue Fordham  
Paynesville**

After the solemn and reverential Lenten lead-up to Easter, the Easter Light service at the Abbey and then Easter Day at St Peter's were eagerly anticipated.

As we gathered at the Abbey for the Easter light festival a sea mist was rolling in and the kangaroos were grazing on what was left of the grass.

The lighting of the fire happened on cue, the Paschal candle was lit from it and the Easter fire was taken into the St Barnabas chapel. Baptismal vows were renewed and the first Eucharist of Easter was celebrated. A curious kangaroo looked in at us through the sanctuary window as the sun set.

Bishop Richard's sermon linked the Old Testament creation and redemption story with the New Testament Easter story, asking why we should be surprised at God's intervention

in human salvation given the long history of God's involvement in human history.

The service was followed by a dinner in the A-frame: lamb, potatoes and a Middle Eastern salad, followed by desserts designed to break the most stringent Lenten fast. In what is becoming a tradition of this celebration, red-dyed eggs were cracked according to Greek tradition.

The Easter Day service was equally joyful. Visitors swelled the numbers and Archdeacon Edie Ashley did an impromptu survey of diversity represented in the congregation – 21 nationalities in all. Multi-coloured ribbons representing each nationality were tied with one ribbon representing the Christ who reconciles and binds us all.

Bishop Richard's sermon used the theme of gardens; the garden of Eden, the garden of Gethsemane, where humankind rejected, hid from and fell asleep, wandering away from God and all the



*Lighting tapers from the Paschal candle in the St Barnabas Chapel at The Abbey*

while, God remains faithful, watchful, bringing humankind home. The Easter story is that story of redemption, of the God who will not let us go.

And of course, no celebration is complete without food: Easter eggs, cakes and other reminders that because of God, the human story is a sweet one.

**Big planting at The Abbey**

**Friday 31 May – Monday 3 June 2019**

We are calling on all interested people to come to The Abbey and give a hand. Over 1300 small plants and larger established trees to go in! Come for a few hours, a day or a few days. Accommodation is offered for those who are planting for a few days. Planting, celebrating, praying – together at The Abbey.

**The Abbey Winter Feast 2019**

The seventh annual Winter Feast will be held at The Abbey on Raymond Island on Saturday 27 July commencing at 12:00 noon.

The Feast has become a significant event in the life of the Diocese as we unleash hidden culinary skills and raise much needed funds in support of the work of The Abbey.

Past chefs have set a very high standard and the challenge this year is being taken up by that dynamic duo from Drouin, Ian and Christine Maxfield.

The charge for this event has been contained at \$60 per person, matching wines included and all proceeds will be committed to The Abbey in its service to the Diocese and outreach to the wider community.

Don't miss this special occasion. Please note that places are limited and booking is essential. For further information and bookings please contact Anna at The Abbey on 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au



Dean Susanna Pain, artist Alex Griffiths and Bishop Richard Treloar

## Stations of the Cross exhibition

**Dean Susanna Pain  
Sale**

The Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, Bishop Richard Treloar

opened a mixed media "Stations of the Cross" exhibition showcasing works of eight local artists, at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale on Sunday 31 March

at 4:00 pm. He led those gathered around the exhibition in a moving reflection on the art and the journey of "The Way of Sorrows".

## Equipping disciples at Leongatha

**Belinda Seabrook**

Archdeacon Graham Knott, Rector at Leongatha, declares 2019 to be the Year of Equipping Disciples at St Peter's Leongatha. "To equip disciples for effective living in today's world as witnesses for Christ is the greatest call any church can pursue" was Graham's core message to the congregation on Vision Sunday.

To be equipped as a disciple of Jesus Christ is the most courageous journey any person can embark on as it requires the testing and forging of character through trials and revelation. Like being forged and moulded on an anvil, discipleship inevitably involves transformation and reshaping.

On Wednesday 20 February, The Discipleship Course began in the adjacent church hall. A rush of registrations saw 20 participants begin the 8-week (fortnightly) course in two separate smaller groups, one running in the morning and one in the evening. Smaller groups with a limited number of people are essential for personal sharing and group discussion.

The course aims to provide Christian frameworks and teaching, to develop both personal understanding and practical skills for people to move into "doing what they are made for" under God and to become more effective representatives of Jesus within the wider community.

The Discipleship Course is a foundational course in which people begin to understand

their personal ministry shape in line with the 5-fold ministry teaching in Ephesians 4:11, "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers". Later this year additional courses will be run with the specific intention of developing people within their individual ministry shape for service and mission.

The recent intakes are the 4th and 5th time St Peter's has successfully run this course in the last three years and this teaching ministry is in line with our Parish Vision: "Preparing the way for the love of God to reach all people by: being shaped into the character of Jesus; maturing in the expression of each individual's spiritual ministry; and fulfilling our God-given purpose in the world".



Archdeacon Graham Knott leads The Discipleship Course

## Friendship Day in Harmony Week

**Fiona Beggs  
Korumburra**

Close to one hundred people were involved in the recent "Friendship Day" activities held in Korumburra.

A bus load of forty English language students from Dandenong travelled to Korumburra to experience a day in the country and to meet new friends. Eleven different nationalities were represented, many of whom are refugees and asylum seekers.

The event, initiated by the Korumburra Anglican Church and supported by many other community groups and individuals, was long in the planning stages. A fundraising concert was held last year while generous donations were also received from Milpara Community House and the Wonthaggi Lions Club.

Each student was paired with a local person which enabled them to practise their English and share their stories. The day started at a local farm with an amazing morning tea, provided by local businesses (Grow Lightly, Corner Garden and Barnzee's). Next stop was Coal Creek where the visitors enjoyed the peaceful surroundings, exploring historical buildings and riding on the train.

A wonderful BBQ lunch was provided at the Parish hall where all were entertained by Acoustic Kitchen, an a capella singing group. As well as singing they also taught everyone an indigenous song, "Wominjeka" – meaning "welcome" in local language.

Some members of the local craft group had set up spinning, weaving, beading and felting demonstrations. The students were presented with gifts of honey, calendars and a bracelet.

After lunch we went to the Lancey's dairy farm in Nyora to watch cows being milked and calves being fed. Many of the visitors had grown up on farms and seeing the animals meant so much to them.

In the light of what happened recently in Christchurch, New Zealand, the day meant so much to all involved, especially the Muslim friends from Dandenong. Love and trust are essential in all relationships and the "Friendship Day" certainly helped everyone deepen understanding and respect for each other.

One student wrote immediately after the day and so beautifully summed the feelings of all involved:

*Everyone worked so hard to make sure we had a wonderful day that I'm sure will stay in our memory forever. You prove once again that Australian people have giant hearts. This is what people must know, that Australians are great, loving, friendly and always willing to help. This is the true face of Australia. A tiny dark dot can't overshadow a sky full of stars. Thank you Korumburra!*

It was such a happy and positive day and hopefully will be the first of many other such events.



Photo: Eileen Sargent

Dancing at the Friendship Day is Mohammed, who assists students with their learning at the school in Dandenong

# Bikers ride to farewell John Smith

Chris McAleer

It was Saturday 24 March, we'd just cleaned up after a Men's Breakfast at Nar Nar Goon and the weather wasn't looking promising, but my wife Karen and I had planned on riding to Ocean Grove for the memorial service for John Smith, founder of God's Squad Christian Motorcycle Club, Truth and Liberation Concern, St Martin's Community Church, Concern Australia and many other ministries.

We could have driven but sometimes the easier option isn't the right way to go so we took the Harley-Davidson. It rained, just as it did on my first interstate mission to Adelaide with John Smith and God's Squad in 1979 and many others 'til my final leaving in 1996.

We pulled over at the Little River Highway Stop for a coffee break and caught up with some Longriders, Immortals and HOG members, also headed to bid farewell to a respected fellow biker. At the Wave Baptist Church in Ocean Grove, there were more Immortals, Gypsy Jokers, Hell's Angels, Bandidos, Satan's Soldiers, Derelicts along with a large number of Christian Bikers including God's Squad members from chapters around Australia, New Zealand and the UK, plus numerous past members, Longriders, Pilgrims and Warriors of Zion from New Zealand, all catching up peacefully in the car park.

Inside, the main and secondary auditoriums were overflowing along with the foyer and many listened to the memorial service from the outdoor courtyard area.



Photo: Chris McAleer

Final farewell

Among the tributes was an email from Bono, the lead singer of rock band U2, read by Sean Stillman. Bono recalled how John Smith viewed the Bible as an "incendiary tract, not some handbook on religion or a sop for mankind's fear of death but an epic poem about life which spoke about culture, politics and justice. He thought I'd gone soft and become too comfortable round the powerful; thought I was living too well. He was probably right – I still think about it".

Sean Stillman, author of *God's Biker: Motorcycles and Misfits*, a God's Squad member from South Wales, UK, representing God's Squad's 400 members in 16 countries around the world, said that, "as well as being pastor, preacher, academic, author, biker and music lover, he had been a prophetic voice, an irritant to a comfortable church, an advocate for justice, the poor, the marginalised".

John's daughter Kathy shared how she and her

family really appreciated their extended time with her father during his protracted illness and that life would be hard missing her father in the days to come. She was so grateful she and the family had been able to be with him at the end. While she said much of the service had been about a tribute to the "big JS", "I knew him just as Daddy".

A dozen bikes escorted John's son Paul as he took his father's ashes on their last ride to Point Lonsdale Pier where Glena Smith, her family and friends sent John's ashes on a journey out to the world that was his ministry.

It was great to catch up with many old friends and to have been one of the thousands who were inspired in their faith journey by Dr John Smith, to follow Jesus Christ, the Friend of the outcast.

*The Rev'd Chris McAleer is Priest-in-Charge of Nar Nar Goon, where the Eastern Victoria Chapter of God's Squad now meets.*



Photo: Tom Kerrigan

The last ride to Point Lonsdale Pier



Gippsland Grammar Old Scholar Solomon Jones chats with current students

## Free online tutoring for country VCE students

Gippsland Grammar Old Scholar Solomon Jones has helped set up the Regional Education Support Network (RESN) – a free, online tutoring service for regional and rural VCE students.

Solomon and RESN have been providing tutoring support for all subjects for the past six months.

Solomon graduated from Gippsland Grammar in 2016 and after completing a "gap year" at the School soon realized tutoring was a great way to give back and help students.

The RESN team has formed regional partnerships with many schools across the state. More than 600 students have signed up and are receiving

online help with their VCE questions and essays.

Solomon recently returned to Gippsland Grammar and encouraged local VCE students to utilise the RESN service. He is currently studying Engineering and Commerce as a double degree at the Australian National University, Canberra, and helping Year 12 students in his spare time.

Students, parents and teachers interested should visit [www.resntutoring.com.au](http://www.resntutoring.com.au)

The site includes biographies of RESN's founders and tutors, the safety precautions that have been taken to enhance the program and information on how to get other local schools on board.

## Rectory garden gathering



Drinks and nibbles under the trees in the Bairnsdale rectory garden

Alison Goetz  
Bairnsdale

On a sunny, pleasantly cool late summer Saturday afternoon, more than 60 parishioners of the Anglican Parish of Bairnsdale gathered in the large front garden of St John's rectory.

It was lovely to admire the glorious views and to relax

and chat with people we see most Sundays but with whom we don't get the opportunity to spend much time. Our generous hosts provided a feast of food and drinks to satisfy every taste and despite being very busy catering to the large crowd, found time to relax and chat as well. Thank you Brenda and Rod for an unexpected and delightfully memorable event, greatly enjoyed by all.

# Sale peace gathering



Jessie Nauta photography

Laying flowers and candles

## Cynthia Grove

Two Deans of St Paul's Cathedral spoke to us on Wednesday 27 March.

John Donne (1572-1631), English poet and cleric and sometime Dean of St Paul's in London reminded us, in our hearts, that "Every

man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. Each man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind".

The Very Reverend Susanna Pain, Dean of St Paul's, Sale helped the community acknowledge our immediate loss after 50 people were murdered, and many more injured, bereaved, confused and shattered in the attacks on two Christchurch mosques on 15 March.

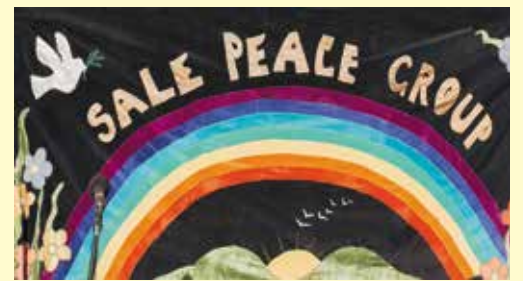
As well as human life, what was also lost or injured was a sense of safety and trust in community. Dean Susanna, with leaders of other Christian churches in and around Sale, joined with the Wellington Shire Council, the members of our local community, and our Muslim friends in grief and shared pain.

Between 200 and 300 people gathered in the Cunninghame Street Mall to listen to brief words from speakers, to stand in silent remembrance, and to finally express our unity in the Bruce Woodley song *We are Australian*, which begins "We are one, but we are many, and from all the lands on Earth we come".

Dean Susanna greeted us and read a message from Bishop Richard Treloar. Dean Peter Bickley of the Roman Catholic church read a message from Bishop Pat O'Regan; Mayor Alan Hall spoke on behalf of the Wellington Shire. Dr Zafar Iqbal, President of the Gippsland Australian Muslim Community and Dr Yousuf Ahmad, spoke on behalf

of the Muslim community. This was a time of prayer, a time of grieving (for the dead and bereaved, and that such a thing could happen), a time of acknowledgement, but most of all a time of unity. Thank you to all those who organized this short gathering and to all who joined together to acknowledge the horror and loss and make this a brief moment of healing.

Please pray also for all those who are so consumed by pain and hatred that acts such as this are their outlet.



Banner at the Sale peace gathering



Photo: Arfa Sarfaraz Khan

At the Morwell vigil

# Vigil at Morwell

## Carolyn Raymond

All of us at St Mary's were shocked and saddened by the terrible attack on Muslim worshipers in Christchurch. For people to be targeted because they worship differently, and for that difference to be the cause of such hate, is horrific. We feel so much for all the victims and their families.

We were aware that the local Muslim community would be as horrified as we are but that they would also be afraid. We all wanted to do something to ease their pain and reassure them, but didn't know what we could do.

An opportunity came when our Rector, the Rev'd David Head, told us about a vigil organized by the United Muslim Sisters of the Latrobe Valley, so that people could

show their respect to the victims of the attack.

The vigil was held in the forecourt of the Latrobe Council Offices. Many people from across the Valley stood together, united in sadness. Ten people from St Mary's attended. The women wore head scarves as a sign of solidarity. Speakers from the Council, the police, Relationships Australia, and the Muslim community

all spoke movingly of their sadness for the people of Christchurch.

On behalf of Bishop Richard, Archdeacon Sue Jacka read a moving tribute to the victims. She then shared some drawings made by children from her parish, expressing their support for people of other faiths.

The crowd shared a moment's silence. The vigil ended with all the children who were present leading everyone in the song, *We are Australian*.



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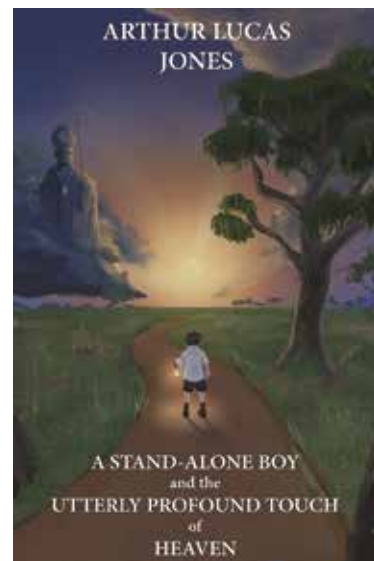
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# Launch of Bishop Arthur Lucas Jones' autobiography

The autobiography of Bishop Arthur Lucas Jones OAM,

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Bishop Arthur was Bishop of Gippsland from 1994-2001. He and his wife Claudette returned to Gippsland two years ago and now live in Traralgon.

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# Baptismal turning

**Carolyn Raymond  
Morwell**

It seems to me that the appropriate season of the Christian year for the service of baptism is the season of Lent. I know that Easter was the traditional time for people to come for baptism. However the season of Lent is the time for “turning around”, turning away from our sin and seeking forgiveness from God. Baptism enshrines a turning to Christ, for the parents and godparents, the congregation and for the child being baptised.

To have a baptism integral to our service involves us all in welcoming the person to the joy of living with Christ. At St Mary's we have been blessed to have had several baptisms in Lent. The first was the baptism of Elsie French, the loved grand daughter of Joan Peachey. To join with the family



Chris Palmer with daughter Zali, being welcomed by Lorraine Peake

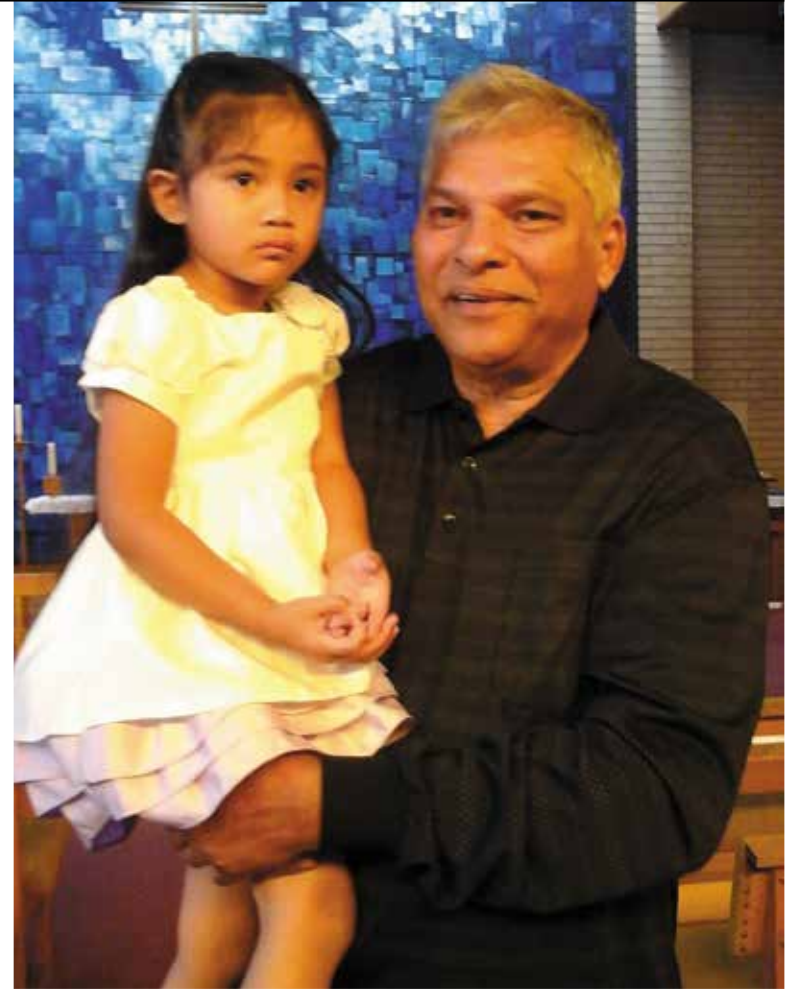
in the service and then afterwards to share with a sumptuous morning tea was so inclusive.

The next Sunday there were three people baptised. Chris and Louise Palmer brought their gorgeous daughter Zali for baptism, all dressed up for her special day. Raymond Naidu and his grand daughter Kuini were also baptised. Kuini too was dressed in a

lovely white dress. She really appreciated this important service. Both families are part of our church family and we all felt the privilege of being there and celebrating with them.

In his sermon, the Rev'd David Head spoke of Christ's baptism and also his time in the wilderness. This underlined for us the person of Christ, the one we are seeking to follow. His theme of the sermon “Would Christ get a visa for Australia?” made us realize yet again that Christ's way is not always the world's way.

Sharing in morning tea gave us an opportunity to meet those visitors we did not know. When we welcomed Elsie, Zali, Raymond and Kuini to our Christian family the clapping was loud and enthusiastic.



Raymond and his grand daughter Kuini

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Julie Irving

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# It'll cost you

Julie Bruce

When you sit down and you hear a crack you know that, (a) the chair has been broken, (b) you've done something to your back or (c) you just sat down on your iPad.

Checking through the options I discovered that (c) was correct, and, yes, "It'll cost you," were the words from the computer guru surveying the sorry sight.

At this news, a few printable sayings presented themselves:

"Look before you leap", with the rider, "and before you take a seat"; "Wise after the event," was another, plus "There's many a slip twixt the cup and the lip"; or in my case, the hip.

The words "It'll cost you" triggered some further links. They reminded me of a listening forum held recently by the Rev'd Heather Toms. Through our church we are hoping to develop a coffee shop called "The Listening Post" where any member of our community can come for a cuppa and a chat. With this community outreach in mind, a group of us joined together on a Saturday morning to hone our understanding of the art of good listening.

As part of the program, Heather played the song *Bridge Over Troubled Water* and the words brought home the need to "Lay ME down"—put ourselves aside – while we really listened to another person sharing a story from their life. We were reminded



that to attend fully, our ego had to take a back seat (ouch!) as we practised the art of tuning in and confining our responses to the actual subject at hand. (Not thinking of other things during this time or planning what to say about ourselves was a big issue. It'll cost you.)

As we practised the art of

good listening, we discovered that being listened to in a non-judgemental way could be a transforming experience, developing positive feelings of being heard by someone who showed real care and concern.

So a little MAD (Make a Difference) exercise this week is to try to really listen to someone, noting not only

what a person is saying but also attending to their body language and tone of voice aware that therein often lie hidden messages of real need or distress.

So it will cost us to practise the art of good listening, putting ourselves aside so that another might have that wonderful experience of being heard and understood and to know that someone really cares.

In God we have one who is always there ready to listen to us. The Bible has many verses of assurance that we are listened to when we pray, precious promises indeed! And this amazing access has come at great cost to the God who laid down His life for us, our bridge over troubled waters.

*Julie Bruce is the Children's Ministry Co-ordinator at the Moe-Newborough Anglican Church.*

## Anglicare Fare

### Orbost Sewing Group

Cathrine Muston, Anglicare Development Officer

It seems that skills that were once endangered are now finding a new renaissance. Knitting and crocheting are having a "moment" and it seems that in Orbost, learning to sew is making a come-back.

Ann Aalbers, a member of Orbost Anglican Church and a volunteer in the Emergency Relief Food Pantry, became aware of a number of women in the community who were socially isolated. Enlisting the help of volunteers Robyn Britton and Chris Hourigan, they brought along their sewing machines and have been using the adjacent community space on Tuesday afternoons to teach sewing to women.

So far, participants are making bags for carrying groceries that are then sold for \$1 at the Food Pantry next door. It is hoped that as their skills develop the participants will gain confidence in making more complex items. Recycling plays a part too and materials are gathered from donations from local op shops and schools to assist the project in getting off the ground and keeping costs to a minimum.

Ann says the project was "for women to learn basic sewing skills as a way to

develop self-esteem and connect with other women in our community and people in our church." She hopes that while learning the practical aspects of sewing, they will also make connections with other educational programs run in the town.

Participants are given a certificate of competency when they have mastered the basics with the overlocker and cutting.

Ann and her team held a market stall in Marlo over the Easter break in order to promote the program and perhaps sell a few of the colourful and individualised bags the women have made with proceeds to go back to the Orbost Food Pantry.

The Orbost Parish Council have applied for funding to purchase a new overlocker and other materials such as thread and scissors through



Shopping bags made by the Orbost Sewing Group

the Anglicare Victoria and Diocese of Gippsland Parish Partnerships Grant program.

Orbost's new sewing group is an excellent example of the type of community engagement program that can be supported with a small grant. If your parish has an idea on how to engage with your local community in a similar way, feel free to talk to me at Anglicare Victoria on 0457 450 370 about how to apply for a funding grant to get you started.



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# A day of radical possibility

Dean Susanna Pain  
St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

Through the second half of Lent to Easter, we at St Paul's Cathedral and beyond have walked with the "Stations of The Cross Exhibition", which included works by nine local artists. From the earliest of days, followers of Jesus have told the story of his passion, death and resurrection.

When pilgrims came to Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where Jesus had been. These sites became important holy connections with Jesus. Eventually, following in the footsteps of Jesus, along the way of the cross, became a part of the pilgrimage visit. The "stations", as we know them today, came about when it was no longer easy or even possible to visit the holy sites.

Some of us spent an afternoon in prayer with the exhibition at St Paul's. People's experiences varied as they spent time with different works of art, but deep emotions were aroused, as well as many stories of people's faith journeys.

Some were struck by hands: in one of Julie Mielke's works, Jesus' hand is over his face as he hears his sentence of death. We cannot see his face, or know his exact emotions. We can just see his hand, and that speaks volumes! Jesus' hands carried his cross. Karen Johns' sculpture depicts Simon helping him.

Rita Weir and Kate Campbell

reflected on Veronica reaching out to touch Jesus. In Kate's piece, many different fabrics with rich stories bound by compassion and love, are stitched together by hands of love. In Rita's, we see an image of Christ on the cloth. The women of Jerusalem reached their hands out to Jesus. Hands stripped Jesus of his clothing. There are hands nailing Jesus to the cross in Ross Jacka's painting. Faces are blank, except Jesus, who looks heavenward, in agony.

There are hands and long fingers in Alex Griffith's sculpture of Jesus being taken down from the cross; from fullness, to being emptied out, arms and hands outstretched, seeming to embrace the world.

Hands. We recalled hands waving palms, Jesus' hands washing our feet.

In one work, Leo Wimmer powerfully depicts the face of Jesus dying. In another, Ann Miller uses the life cycle of red roses to symbolise the love, in all its aspects, between mother and child. It is a very rich journey. But the pilgrimage is long, this walking with Jesus on the way of the cross, to the tomb, and darkness. However, it doesn't end there, the abyss need no longer imprison us in despair and futility; a day of radical possibility has dawned while our eyes were shut to the darkness.

In our exhibition, in our liturgical year, and in our life experience, there is the dawn of Easter Day, a sunrise over a misty landscape, clarity – after the tomb, Christ is Risen!



After the Darkness, Light – oil on watercolour paper, by Julie Mielke

There is a final piece in the exhibition, a sculpture by Claire Flack of two men, seated side by side, telling of their lives. The story continues today. Hands, faces, and feet, symbol and reality, Jesus' experience, the artists', and ours intertwine.

Our challenge is to live resurrection, to live the mystery, to be "a sign of wholeness to this broken world", as the Prayer Book suggests.

The cross, instrument of torture, is empty. The womb/tomb, place of darkness and transformation, is also empty.

So now come out to the light and be amazed. Be met. Be loved. Turn to God who calls to us and is already here and waiting to welcome us home

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

*Resurrection life today  
Mist and sunlight  
Resurrection still comes with scars  
In the dark place of death,  
there is light*

*Mist and sunlight  
Hope in the midst of pain  
In the dark place of death  
there is light  
The tomb is open*

*Hope in the midst of pain  
Resurrection still comes with scars  
The tomb is open  
Resurrection life today*

## EDITORIAL

### Unromantic nature

Wendell Berry is a farmer, philosopher and writer who lives on a Kentucky farm in the USA.

In one essay, *The Presence of Nature in the Natural World: A Long Conversation*, Berry traces the history of the representation of "Nature" in literature back to Alan of Lille, in the twelfth century. Alan wrote *On the Complaint of Nature*, in which he describes Nature as both his "kinswoman" and the "Vicar of God".

In this conception, while humans are dependant on Nature for everything they need to live, Nature is also dependant on humans to take care of her. This derived from a biblical understanding of creation and the responsibility that humanity was given to care for it.

Berry then considers later poets (Chaucer, Spenser, Milton and Pope) who drew on Alan for their own portraits of Nature.

But when it comes to Wordsworth and the other Romantic poets, there is a clear break. Nature is undemanding, divorced from the economy – farms are merely scenery. In Wordsworth's poem, *Lines composed a few miles above Tintern Abbey*, Berry sees the model of industrial-age conservation laid out: "conservation which reduces too readily to the effort to preserve 'wilderness' and 'the wild', in certain favoured places, as if to compensate or forget the ongoing industrial devastation of the other landscapes... Conservationists of this order have thus established and ratified a division, even a hostility between nature and our economic life that is both utterly false and limitlessly destructive of the world that they are intent upon 'saving'." This is rather shocking, especially for one who has always loved *Tintern Abbey*, but the argument is persuasive.

With all this in mind, it is instructive to look at the way Landcare in Australia works. Many members are farmers who work the land to make a living, so their conservation efforts are certainly not divorced from the economy. They understand that we all depend on nature for life, and that nature depends on us to keep things in balance. Christian farmers (many of whom are in Landcare) would go one step further and say nature in turn is dependant on God.

Now we are in the great fifty days of Easter, and thinking of the risen Lord. In the natural world God has given us hints of resurrection in the seasons and cycles of birth, death and life in plants and animals. But resurrection goes beyond the cycles: the resurrection of Christ was to a new life, a new body that would never die again and the breaking in of the Kingdom of God on earth. Alleluia!

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# Down to earth

## Jan Down

*"You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth."*

(Psalm 104:14)

There is so much about farming in the Bible – farming under God the Creator, who provides for both humans and animals.

In Leviticus and Deuteronomy there are laws about leaving some of the harvest for the poor and the animals, and laws about giving the land a Sabbath (Lev 25: 1–7). Resting the soil is as old as the hills in the Psalms; “the cattle on a thousand hills are mine” says the Lord (Ps 50:10).

So it has been really interesting to hear about “regenerative agriculture”, with its emphasis on resting the soil. It makes a good illustration of the continuity of many farming practices, from biblical times to the present. New information is added to the old and the knowledge passed on through the generations.

Glenn Brooks-MacMillan, Coordinator of the South Gippsland Landcare Network, said “the term is about trying to regenerate your own soil to grow the food rather than rely on inputs”. He sees a definite trend toward regenerative agriculture in the area. There is “a move towards practices less reliant on inputs like fertiliser. The basic reason is that most inputs rely on fossil fuels and

we can't rely on them moving forward”.

He also said that people feel they can do something: “It's not just about growing trees; soils are the best way of getting carbon under the ground”. Many of the 850 members of the South Gippsland Landcare Network are currently practising these methods, Glenn said, and wanting to do more of it. He added that most of the events they run are about sustainable farming methods.

Jo McLeay, from Kilmorack Farm, a small mixed farm in South Gippsland, described rotational (or “cell”) grazing, an element of regenerative agriculture, as putting a lot of cattle into a small area for 24 hours. They are then moved to another paddock and the soil left to rest for some months.

Jo said they farm regeneratively “because we aim to do our best to restore soil biodiversity and restore soil carbon which feeds the soil life. We think it will result in carbon sequestration and improving the water holding capacity of the soil, helping the plants to withstand drought. We believe the answer to climate change can be found in regenerative agriculture.”

There are currently limits to what they can do in terms of cell grazing with their small herd of beef cattle: it is costly both financially and in terms of human labour to fence small areas, even temporarily. But they do planned rotational grazing through the paddocks

they have, aiming to make them smaller over time.

Scott McArdle, a member of Warragul Anglican Church who has worked in agriculture for the state government for many years, describes regenerative farming as “a different way of managing the whole soil, plant, animal interaction that benefits them all”, maintaining and improving the health of the soil.

Scott says rotational grazing helps with water retention, which in dry times is even more important. One drawback is the upfront costs. He explains that going over to the regenerative approach means “quite significant shifts in the production system, so there can be a short term loss of productivity due to decreasing the stocking rate. But proponents argue there is a long term rise in productivity”.

(A national study of 16 farms found that regenerative farmers had above average profit levels, especially in dry years: see NSW Country Hour report 14/3/2019 at abc.net.au)

Scott describes himself as neither a proponent nor a detractor: “Plenty of traditional farmers would say they look after their soil anyway”. “A dairy farmer”, he adds, “is a grass grower first and foremost. In the end, any of these practices come back to what you're trying to achieve” in terms of values, perceptions and the particular farm.

Alex Arbuthnot, a retired dairy farmer, would second that. “The system of farming one adopts is a personal

Photo: Christine Morris



decision... However, the outcome that I and the community expect is that whatever the system, it must be sustainable and meet recognized / approved Best Management Practice.”

A parishioner at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale, and a former President of the Victorian Farmers' Federation, Alex played a key role in setting up Landcare in the 1980s, becoming a director of Landcare Australia. He remains very actively involved in the agriculture sector and the community, sitting on various boards, including that of the Gippsland Climate Change Network.

Alex has an ambitious vision for Gippsland to be the first carbon neutral region of Australia. He would like to see the Landcare logo in Australia as “a brand associated with our ‘clean green’ food and agribusiness image... and extend our Best Management Practice criteria to include climate change targets and becoming greenhouse gas neutral”.

He commented on the high percentage of farmers involved in Landcare, saying it is “not surprising, as looking after the soil, water and biodiversity is fundamental economics; farmers learnt a long time ago to work with nature”.

## C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

I am writing in response to the Editorial in the March edition of TGA (“Better thinking needed on mental health care”).

I would like to thank whoever wrote this article as they are spot on with the situation, particularly in Gippsland, of mental health facilities. One of the first and main disasters was the closing of the Hobsons Park facility in Traralgon – here was plenty of space to have trees, sky, healing.

I am a member of a mental illness carers' group, plus the carer of my husband for nearly 30 years as he suffered with mental health problems and other health issues. He would sit on one side of the church, and I on the other. He would sit in the same place most services and he loved his Lord. I know that this “sitting” situation of a married couple in church caused “discussion” but only a very close few knew the reasons why.

Latrobe Mental Health facilities are supposed to cover the area from Phillip Island to Mallacoota and yet, as far as I am aware, there has been no increase in beds. Accommodation to help those adapt from hospital to living on their own or with others is very scarce. The NDIS does not cover mental health in some areas. One of the members of our group cares for two sons with mental health problems, but because one of them has other health issues, she is struggling to get help.

I am extremely thankful for this Editorial and I felt compelled to reply as there are people in church – maybe yours – who are dealing with a close family member who is – quite possibly – sitting on the other side of the church.

Maggie Spinks  
Korumburra



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# Advocating for farmers

David Young  
Nar Nar Goon

My family have been long time parishioners of St James Pakenham. Once a month my siblings and I would ride our horses eight miles in to Pakenham, tie them up to the fence over the road from the church and attend Sunday school. After church we rode off to Pony Club at the racecourse.

I obtained a strong sense of community and the importance of being actively involved from my parents, who both served during WW2. My father served in the Middle East and Crete where he was taken prisoner by the Italians after the sinking of the *Hereward*, and spent the next 3½ years in Italian and German POW camps.

My mother served in the Australian Army Nursing Service and was in Malaya and Singapore before being taken prisoner after the sinking of the *Vyner Brooke*. She also spent 3½ years as a POW of the Japanese on Bangka Island and Sumatra.

Even though they experienced horrific times both on active service and while in POW camps and both suffered enduring physical and emotional trauma, they engaged with life to the full after the war and worked hard to give support to others in the local and wider community. I hope I got some of this willingness to be involved and make a difference from their example.

Last year I started worshipping at St John's Nar Nar Goon. The small congregation is welcoming and Chris, the incumbent minister, is someone who embraces all without being judgemental and is actively involved in the local community beyond the church.

I see the physical and spiritual presence of the church as being important; it forms part of the fabric of a strong and resilient community. When members of a congregation engage within their community as representatives of their parish it enables people who may not have any contact with religion to find support, both spiritual and physical, during

their times of need.

I have had a long involvement with the local farming community at a leadership level. It was during the millennium drought that, with a number of other West Gippsland farm leaders and the support of Russell Broadbent MP, we were able to successfully lobby to get interim Exceptional Circumstances (EC) declared for the area east of Melbourne. I successfully advocated for it to include areas such as Casey and Frankston. Although farming was not a major activity in these areas, there were occasions in the past when they had missed out on support, even though they were just as affected as other areas.

Because West Gippsland didn't meet the trigger of deficiency in annual rainfall, it was not going to be recommended for inclusion for EC by the State Government and, with a federal election due at the end of 2004, there was a real danger the area would not be reconsidered until well into 2005.

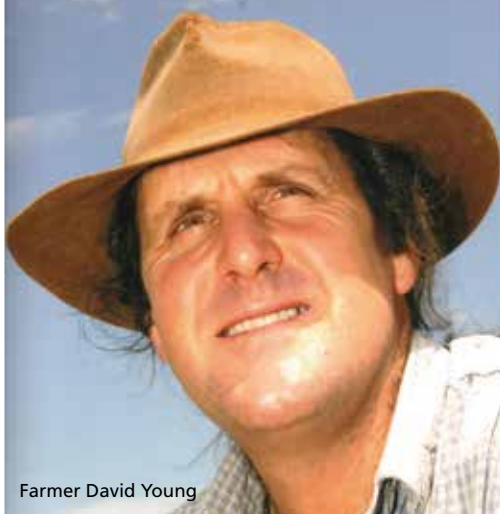
The need was becoming critical with seasonal conditions worsening and only the Prime Minister could intervene and declare it if the State Government were unable to.

There was a meeting of about thirty local farm leaders held at Warragul, the aim being for the meeting to ask the local member, Russell Broadbent, to recommend to the PM for the area to get interim declaration.

After some discussion about the seasonal conditions and their severity, a number of those present started to question whether the conditions were bad enough and whether we should wait.

I became concerned that we would miss the opportunity while many of the farmers

Photo courtesy Star News Group



Farmer David Young

in the area were already in difficulty due to the climatic conditions. I moved a motion with the support of a number of others present that we support Russell going to the PM with our concerns, both for the present climatic conditions and by any delays caused by the forthcoming election. After some discussion the motion was passed and we were successful in getting the PM to declare interim EC in 2004.

The importance of this declaration was demonstrated to me when, sometime later, a farmer I knew mentioned in conversation that he had started purchasing his heart medication again because, with the interim EC, his family was now eligible for a Health Care Card and were able to afford medical treatment.

I find it very rewarding to have been able to help achieve an outcome that can make such a big difference in people's lives.

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- 6 6:45 pm Alpha begins at Warragul Anglican Church: a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Monday evenings in May and June. All welcome. Light meal included in each session
- 11 11:15 am – 4:00 pm The Abbey Dispersed Community Gathering. Cost \$20, lunch included. Presenter and host: Robert Fordham. Bookings and info: (03) 5156 6580 or email: info@theabbey.org.au
- 17–19 39th Synod of the Diocese of Gippsland, Sale
- 30 6:00 pm Ascension Day Eucharist at St Thomas' Bunyip followed by celebratory meal. Preacher: the Rev'd Dr Dean Spalding. Please RSVP to: 5629 5295
- 31 – 3 June The BIG Planting at The Abbey. Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sunday: 2:00 pm 4:30; Monday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Morning Prayer in the Chapel 9:30 am on Friday, Saturday, Monday. BBQ lunch (Fri, Sat, Mon) tea and coffee provided. Inquiries: info@theabbey.com.au or ring: 5156 6580

### June

- 1 9:30 – 3:00 pm Lay Reader Training Day at Christ Church, Drouin
- 8 9:30 – 3:00 pm Lay Reader Training Day at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale
- 9 2:00 pm "A Passion for Repair" Bunyip Lecture. Ann Heard from Castlemaine comes to share her passion for establishing REPAIR CAFES, where people share skills in order to repair items and appliances.
- 17–20 Clergy Conference at The Abbey
- 20 6:15 pm Corpus Christi Celebration at St Peter's Eastern Hill – a contingent from Bunyip will attend
- 28 5:00 pm Friday – 3:30pm Saturday 29 Pilgrimage Retreat at The Abbey. Leader: Ken Parker.

### July

- 7 12 noon St Thomas' Day celebration at Bunyip, with Eucharist and lunch
- 8 5:30 pm Monday – 3:30 pm Friday Winter Retreat at The Abbey: "Into the Cave". Retreat Leader: Dean Susanna Pain.
- 14 2 pm Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Christ Church Drouin, with Warragul Municipal Youth Band Entry by gold coin donation; afternoon tea in the hall
- 19 2:00 pm Safe Church Awareness Workshop (Refresher) at Warragul Anglican Church
- 27 12 noon The Abbey Winter Feast. Inquiries: info@theabbey.com.au or ring: 5156 6580. Details page 4

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