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Challenges at O'Connor

A story about birds, rodents and solar panels

There are many challenges for congregations in being a people of God. This year the O'Connor Uniting congregation has faced some unusual ones.

Earlier in the year there had been a demanding time associated with much needed renovations. The hall and kitchen had been looking very tired after 30 years since the last update.

An ACT community grant assisted with these, and a number of community activities use these facilities each week. The manse also had a make over, the congregation taking the hands-on approach with much of this. A group of ladies became expert wallpaper strippers.

Green thumbs attacked the overgrown garden, all with a satisfying result and much muscle was used to remove carpets and other items.

We were surprised and delighted to receive a further ACT grant to erect solar panels on the church roof. The congregation has an ongoing interest in promoting care for the environment, providing land for a branch of the Canberra Organic Gardeners and hosting a workshop about sustainability issues in 2008. The church building, being an A frame structure with one north facing roof/wall, was the ideal space for solar panels.

One member had the inspired idea to have the panels placed in the shape of a cross. The building is clearly visible to all who travel along the busy Brigalow Street of inner north Canberra. What a great witness to our faith in Jesus Christ!



All was going well until the electricians decided it was time to link up the new with the old. As soon as they looked under the roof at the existing electrical wiring they called the inspectors. The inspector took one look and shut off the electricity supply!

To our dismay we discovered that a combination of birds and rodents in the roof space had stripped away the insulation. Bare copper wire was exposed and in close proximity to the steel supporting beams. In fact the inspector was amazed that the church was still standing. A major electrical

fire was definitely ready to happen. He had seen much lesser defective wiring where that had been the case.

During the next five weeks we faced further challenges. Apart from the funding of a major rewire there was the difficult task of finding someone

who would tackle the pigeons. These had been roosting in the church roof for some months, no doubt getting access because of cockatoo damage to vents high in the wall.

So after dealing with the pigeons and rewiring, we are now back using this building. Apart from being a lot safer it's much quieter. And on Sundays the preacher no longer has to

compete with the cooing of the pigeons!

But the final note must be one of thanks and praise to our Lord. Without the installation of the solar panels we would have been unaware of the extreme danger that surrounded us day by day. We praise God for his protection over us and over this building and give heart-felt thanks for his revelation of this hazard.

**- story and image
provided by Jan Thomas
O'Connor**

Murrumbateman anniversary

Fifteen years since reopening of the very old church

On 26 September the Murrumbateman congregation celebrated the fifteenth church anniversary of its re-opening.

The church building is a very old building which in its life time has accommodated Presbyterians, Anglicans, Methodist and Uniting congregations. Present worship space is the hall which was once the Methodist church in Yass.

The morning worship was led by the Moderator, Rev. Niall Reid, who, when in placement at North Belconnen was instrumental in opening the Murrumbateman church again after a period of closure.



Above: Moderator Rev Niall Reid planting a tree to commemorate the anniversary.

The Moderator planted a tree to commemorate the occasion, a photo was taken of those present, and a delightful luncheon gave people the opportunity to share memories.

The Congregation was pleased to donate to the Moderator's appeal, as well as to the appeal to enable resource people to be trained for emergency occasions.

**- story and image by
Ruby Sloan**



Above: Part of the large crowd that attended Dalton's 150th anniversary.

Story on next page.

Dalton anniversary

A memorable day surpassing all expectations

Sunday 29 August 2010 will long remain for me a memorable day. I had looked forward to this day with great anticipation and it surpassed all my greatest expectations. Having preached at Dalton on numerous occasions, I looked forward to meeting old friends and celebrating with them a very special occasion in the history of their Church.

Leaving Canberra at 9am, I travelled the 80 kilometres to Dalton via Gunning. It was a beautiful sunny morning, the paddocks were green, the dams were full and the wattles flowering. It all portended to be a great day. I could not but reflect on many other occasions when the dams had been empty and the paddocks mostly brown dust bowls.

Arriving at Dalton at 10.30am cars were parked both sides of the road in front of the Church and also in the hall grounds. When the Service commenced at 11.00am there were more than 120 people in the Church and another 50 in the hall opposite, where a video link allowed those in the hall to fully participate in the service.

The morning service was led by Peter Rolfe and Rev Peter Robinson, a Uniting Church Minister, who is Chaplain to Goulburn Police Academy, preaching an appropriately challenging sermon. The service was enhanced by a group of items from "The Boys", a men's singing group from Hughes Baptist Church in Canberra.

Well known hymns - O for a Thousand Tongues, The Church's One Foundation, To God be the Glory, etc. - allowed the congregation to enter fully into the Worship Service. Mary Dalgarno, keyboard, and John Weatherstone, organ, provided the music for the service and the afternoon Hymnfest.

After the service, group photos of all those present were taken and people were invited to place items of interest in a time capsule to be sealed for re-opening in 25 years time. This capsule will be placed in a specially constructed concrete vault in the Church grounds.

This was followed by a delightful lunch served in the hall, cutting of the birthday cake, and sharing of memories by former members and associates of the congregation.

My own memory was of the 1988 Harvest Festival, which, as Chairman of the Presbytery, I was invited to conduct. About ten minutes before the service was due to start, the organist made the agonising announcement, "We have no power". She had scarcely finished speaking when a younger member of the congregation jumped into his utility and disappeared down the road in a cloud of dust. He returned a few minutes later with a generator in the back, parked beside the window nearest to the organ and the service started on time, with music. Such is the resourcefulness of country people and the Dalton congregation in particular.

Following the memories session in the hall, former ministers and representatives of pioneering families shared in the ceremonial planting of a memorial tree in the front corner of the Church yard.

The people then returned to the Church for a Hymnfest interspersed with further items from "The Boys". Tell Out my Soul, And Can it Be, Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, Fill My Whole Life, etc. enabled the congregation to once again fill the Church with joyful songs of praise.

Afternoon tea followed to cap off a day when friendships were renewed, worship was a time of joy and thanksgiving and those who had organised

this magnificent day could not but feel the weeks of preparation, hard work and prayer had been fully rewarded.

One could not help but notice that despite the substantial nature of the Dalton Church property and the small number of volunteers available to maintain it, the property continues to be maintained in pristine condition.

Since April 2006 the Gunning-Dalton area has not had a resident clergy, but ministry is being carried on by a number of worship teams which involve most members of the Gunning-Dalton congregation.

Since March 2000 the congregations of Dalton and Gunning have combined, worshipping in Gunning on the first and third Sundays of the month and in Dalton on the second and fourth Sundays.

The Worship Teams are assisted to no small degree by Pastor Ellen Mainwaring and her friend, Marge Whitechurch, who on retirement chose to continue living in Gunning. Ellen conducts funerals and takes a number of services.

While the occasion of the 150th Anniversary draws attention to the past, to God's presence and faithfulness in the lives of those who have gone before, it allows the present congregation to commit themselves to also being faithful in this time and place.

The stories of the dedication and sacrifice of the pioneers of this Church and those who followed them humble and challenge the current congregation to maintain and promote the Living Gospel in this place. Undoubtedly, they will continue to build on the great foundation that they have inherited.

To God be the Glory.

- Clive Gesling

St Aidan's anniversary

Fifty years an occasion of great joy

St Aidan's 50th anniversary, held on 29 August, was an occasion of great joy attended by members past and present, families and friends, and representatives of neighbouring churches. Birthday celebrations, shared with St Aidan's Day celebrations, with piper Elizabeth Low of St Andrews Presbyterian church opening and closing the service itself.

St Aidan's, like many another Uniting Church around the country, began as an outreach of the Presbyterian Church. Established in Narrabundah, in the midst of the baby boom it served the growing community with large attendances in Sunday school and worship, with thriving youth, men's and women's groups and always outreach service further afield.

As Rev Gregor Henderson highlighted in his concluding remarks, "This has been a rich 50 years of church life, with hundreds and hundreds of people served so well by this congregation".

Rev Henderson's reflections hold much encouragement not only for St Aidan's congregation but also other small congregations around our land.

"What next? What's the future? The simple answer is we don't know. St Aidan's congregation, while at present not strong in numbers, certainly is

strong in marvellous fellowship, caring for one another and Christian commitment.

St. Aidan's, as with many, many congregations, is suffering from the huge cultural changes in Australia over the past 40 years – secularism, individualism, consumerism – which in many places means small neighbourhood churches are unlikely to survive in their current form in the longer term. Remember that in 1950 about 45% of Australians attended church regularly, now in 2010 that figure is down to 18%.

In the midst of the uncertainty about the future, however, I believe we can hold to two certainties:

God's faithfulness; God never stops loving us. We see this of course primarily in Jesus where God's love in Jesus took him to the cross, and beyond!

The Church's faithfulness in always seeking to serve God. The church does not give up. We see that in the tremendous faithfulness of our St Aidan's members. We may be called to find a new way of being church; the old ways of being church may no longer work for us. But the church will always be present in one way or another in every local community.

So today we celebrate the past, we thank God for all the worship, witness and service of St Aidan's Congrega-

tion over 50 years. And we leave the future in God's hands, knowing that God will always work lovingly and faithfully with God's loving and faithful people.

Our responsibility, in the words of Hebrews, is: "to run with perseverance the race that is set before us", knowing that "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses", and "looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2)."

- story and image provided by Heather McLaren



Above:
Looking to the future - fig tree planted at St Aidan's 50th anniversary

Greenhills News

Rev. Myung-Hwa Park has been appointed to the Greenhills Board. Her duties as chaplain at ANU, youth minister at two congregations and co-ordinator of the UC Young Adults Group make her especially valuable to Greenhills ministry. Presbytery News has been an effective messenger for news about Greenhills over the past year, thanks to its Editor Brian Rope.

Accommodation underway

Supportive special needs housing at St Margaret's

In February, St Margaret's Aged and Disability Committee reported that it had received a Federal Government grant for \$1.1 million to build a six bedroom house on part of the Parish Centre block at Hackett. While the grant was part of the Commonwealth stimulus package, its delivery is being managed by the Territory as an addition to the range of community housing in the ACT.

The vision of St Margaret's people is to establish a sustainable, safe and caring community in a purpose-built residence, primarily for people with some form of disability, especially intellectual disability, who are at risk of homelessness or social isolation and who have the desire and living skills to be part of such a community.

The home, with communal areas for cooking, dining and socialising, will provide for maximum independence but also companionship, a sense of security, a good quality standard of living at an affordable price.

We are happy to report that after clearing some initial hurdles the construction of the house is underway and progressing rapidly. A contract was let in September by the Commissioner for Social Housing to Greenscope Developments, and at the time of writing the base brickwork, concrete slab and timber wall framing give a good indication of its size and shape.

The construction is being project managed by HousingACT with input from the design architect Alan Morschel and St Margaret's parish. Completion is expected early in 2011.

The plan developed by the architect provides for privacy and independence on one hand and the security, support and social contact of communal living on the other. It is also an aim to assist the residents to become integrated in the community as far as is possible.

Environmental features include six star energy rating, collection of rainwater to an underground tank for toilet, laundry and garden use, and good solar orientation for bedrooms and communal living areas. The latter has been achieved by careful redesign of the house after being forced to retain some tall Casuarina trees and move the house as far as possible from them.

The associated delay in achieving a change of lease purpose and approved development application had a flow on effect requiring renegotiation of a number of aspects with the Territory.

This has now been achieved through cooperation and goodwill and an Operation Deed which sets out the long term arrangements between the Uniting Church and the Territory Government is expected to be executed in November.

The house will operate under the UnitingCare umbrella with input from UnitingCare Disability at Synod level and from UnitingCare Aging at the regional level through Mirinjani. It will be administered by a broadly based Management Committee chaired by St Margaret's, which will have the welfare of the residents as its highest priority.

Some limited in-house support is expected to be available to the residents, supplemented by informal support from Stepping Stones For Life, St Margaret's, and the wider community.

The management of the house and selection of compatible residents, as set out in the Operation Deed, will be assisted by HousingACT in the assessment of people who may wish to come and live in the house.

We expect to be soon in discussion with prospective house members and to progress arrangements for commencement of supportive accommodation in the first quarter of 2011.

**- story and image by
Keith Baker
Aged and Disability
Committee
St Margaret's**



Joan Stott UCAF Bursary

Jessica Morthorpe is one of the initial two recipients



Australian National University. She is also working one day a week as an Environmental Project Intern in the Justice and International Mission (JIM) Unit of the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania as part of the Order of St Stephen. She is the founder and director of the Five Leaf Eco-Awards, a pilot ecumenical environmental change program for churches.

Jessica is committed to studying a Graduate Diploma of Theology next year (Canberra Campus of Sturt University) and developing further her leadership abilities with the knowledge she gains.

In accepting the bursary Jessica wrote

The National Adult Fellowship Committee has announced the first two awardees to receive Joan Stott UCAF Bursaries.

The Bursary is named after Joan Stott (a Past National President) who has contributed to Adult Fellowship in Australia and the world church.

Applications for the bursary are called early each year through each Synod Adult Fellowship Committee.

Under the terms of the bursary, two bursaries are to be awarded each year. Each bursary is made available to assist those committed to, or who

already are, studying in the field of leadership or theology, within the ethos of the Uniting Church. All recipients of these bursaries are to be under 35 years of age and funds for each awardee will be forwarded directly to the place of study.

There were three applicants this year - one from NSW/ACT; two from Queensland. Receiving bursaries for 2011 are Jessica Morthorpe (Ngunnawal, ACT) and Rod Fisher (Ipswich, Qld).

Jessica is currently completing her final year of a Bachelor of Science/ Commerce Double Degree at the

'I am excited to receive this bursary as it will assist me in my studies of theology and make me better qualified to provide the best possible assistance to churches, ministers and lay-people through my current leadership position as director of the Five Leaf Eco-Awards. My studies will also benefit the church by strengthening my faith and allowing me to teach more clearly and authoritatively about the will of God in relation to our care for creation. Receiving this award encourages me that the work I am doing continues to be the Lord's will, and will enable me to grow further in God's service.'

Art of Photography Show

Editor selected as finalist in prestigious competition

St Margaret's member, and Presbytery News editor, Brian Rope recently was a finalist in the 2010 Art of Photography Show when one of his photographic images was amongst just 111 selected for exhibition from a total of 13,692 entries by artists from sixty-seven countries. Two other Australians also had entries selected for exhibition.

Brian and his wife decided to attend the Opening Reception for the exhibition in San Diego, USA. Brian said, "I was not a prize-winner, but we had a great time talking with people about my image, looking at the other contemporary art works and getting to know some other artists, including a young Japanese woman who won first prize."

World Triathlon Championship

South Woden's Penny Becker represents Australia

South Woden Parish member Penny Becker has recently returned from the World Triathlon Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Penny was selected in the Australian team in her age group (60-65) by being placed second in her age group in the Australian Triathlon Championships in Canberra in January and by

coming first in the Newcastle Triathlon a few weeks later.

Penny competed in the Olympic distance triathlon involving a 1500 meter swim, 40 km cycle and a 10 km run. While missing out on a medal, Penny was very pleased with her performance finishing strongly and taking almost fifteen minutes

off her previous best time.

Penny commented that it was wonderful being part of such a big event, meeting so many triathletes from around the world and being in Budapest, which is a great old European city.

Doug Limbrick
South Woden

Queanbeyan's 2010 Fete

Sixteen year old Daniel Cotton from Queanbeyan, is a Year 10 student at Karabah High who, after being "sponged" at Queanbeyan Uniting's fete on 23 October, changed out of his wet clothes into his school uniform to sing with the school choir in the church.

- image by Bronwyn Hendy



Above:
Gungahlin Church
construction work - frame.
The completed church opened on
30 October as we went to print.

- image provided by
Mark Faulkner

Aspire to Inspire

Program to improve the experience of care

For more than 20 years UnitingCare Ageing has been providing high quality care at its Mirinjani Village located at Weston in the ACT. The team at Mirinjani has strived to place the needs of residents first as they recognised that people made Mirinjani their home.

UnitingCare Ageing respects and honours this approach and is now examining how they might improve their procedures through its Practice Development Program, "Aspire to Inspire".

Practice Development is a term that describes the way in which the organisation is changing and improving the way services are provided for residents and clients.

At the South Eastern Region's recent annual Celebration of Achievements function the theme for the event was their "Aspire to Inspire" program and keynote speaker was Executive Director Care, Jane Nolan, who explained

how her current passion for the program had developed.

Jane linked the background of the traditionally accepted practices in aged care to the founder of modern nursing - Florence Nightingale and noted that 13 August 2010 marked 100 years since her passing.

Talking from experience, Jane said, "Nightingale's approach to health care was systemic and holistic ... nursing was firmly based on the elements of obedience, service and hard work and these principles were strongly enforced within a rigid hierarchical structure ... in practice, if the ward or charge sister caught you chatting to a patient you were immediately sent to clean out the pan room."

Jane said her first realisation of the impact and power of person-centred care was in 2003.

"The purpose of the Aspire to Inspire

program is to support and challenge staff to deliver services to older people in a way which is person-centred ... that is focusing our efforts on knowing who the person is, what their life experiences are and what will assist each and every person in our care."

"The ultimate aim of the Aspire to Inspire program is to improve the experience of care that older people receive and their quality of life. We believe it is important to enable people to age with dignity and respect in a way in which they choose," Jane added.

Enquiries about the services provided at Mirinjani are welcome and can be made by phoning 1300 236 030.

**- story and image provided
by Graham Sweeney**



Canberra Young Adults Group

Dinner and worship at Greenhills

For the past 12 months, a group of Canberra young adults have been meeting together every fifth Sunday for a combined service, hosted by various congregations around the region. Our host for the August service was Greenhills Camp and Conference Centre.

Those who attended enjoyed fellowship over dinner while looking out over the Murrumbidgee valley, followed by a meditative service.

The worship experience involved alternative reflections on the Lord's Prayer, with various stations set up for people to engage with each section of the prayer. Stations included creative activities like making Father's Day cards, yoga and meditation, and prayers for the world using candles.

An offering was collected and \$200 sent to Act for Peace for the Pakistani

Flood appeal.

The group would like to thank the Greenhills Staff for their generosity in providing and preparing a fantastic meal for us to enjoy!

The next combined service was to be held on 31 October at Weston Creek Uniting Church.

Canberra Uniting Church Young Adults also gather on the first Tuesday evening every month at King O'Malley's in the city at 7.30pm.

For more information contact Rev. Myung Hwa Park who can put you in contact with the group, otherwise check out our Facebook group - ACT Uniting Church Young Adults.

by Ros Harper and Natalie Willis



Above: Gungahlin Church construction work - midday. The completed church opened on 30 October as we went to print.

- image provided by **Mark Faulkner**

Working together to fulfil church mission

With a Self Help Scheme, members and friends can work with their Uniting Church to raise funds to fulfil church mission.

Once a Self Help Scheme is established by the Uniting Church organisation, members and friends can give support by opening a Self Help Investment and linking it to the Self Help Scheme. Investors can remain anonymous to the Scheme if they choose.

For more information, simply pick up a Self Help Investment brochure or ask your Uniting Church leaders.

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UnitingCare Canberra City

Early Morning Centre Expansion Project

UnitingCare Canberra City is the community services arm of Canberra City Uniting Church and strives to provide a place of welcome and support for people who are marginalised.

The activities change over time to meet current and emerging needs of clients and include a range of programs and services. In everything the aim is to stand with people in friendship and support, provide a comfortable, safe space with friendly staff and volunteers, respect and respond to individual needs, create connections between people and services, offer hope and encouragement, work with our clients to build self esteem, and enhance quality of life.

A key part of the activities is the "Early Morning Centre" (EMC) which operates from a shopfront adjacent to the church in Northbourne

Avenue. The EMC provides free breakfasts each week day between 7.30 and 8.30am then from 9.00 to 11.30am operates as a drop in centre providing support and referral services plus office facilities (desk, phone, computer with Internet access) and a post office box address with a safe collection point for mail.

The EMC is staffed by a manager, referral officer and casual staff supported by more than twenty regular volunteers. Each month the EMC typically provides more than 600 sit down breakfasts plus at least 50 take away breakfast packs and 90 emergency food packs.

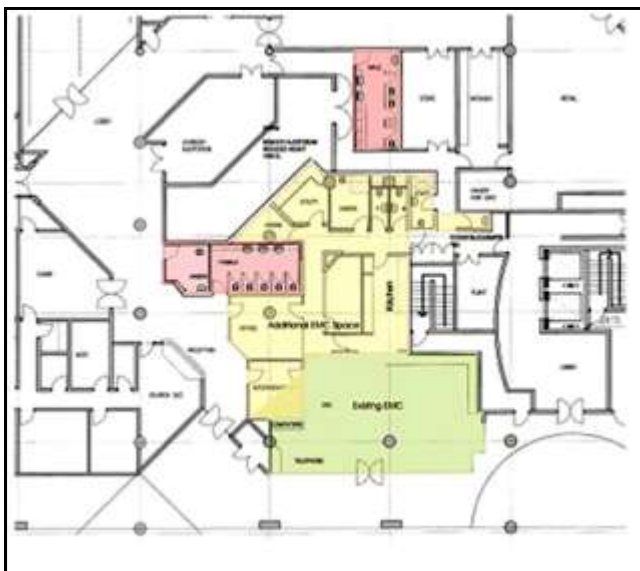
Other activities linked to the EMC include art and poetry workshops, an acupuncture clinic, computing tutorials and lunch for the Jumpin' Gateway Singers after their rehearsal in the Church each week.

The ACT Government has agreed to provide substantial funding (\$750,000) to extend the space occupied by the Early Morning Centre. This extension project will enlarge the café space, improve the kitchen facilities, reconfigure the staff accommodation and install new toilets, shower and laundry facilities.

It is expected that this work will commence late this year and be completed by February 2011.

The planned changes are shown in the diagram below. The church toilet facilities are being reconfigured to make space for the EMC expansion. The stair case from the ground floor to the first floor near the Presbytery Offices is also being removed.

- story and images provided by Graeme Lowe



Greenhills News

Landscaping of the central 'piazza' area at Greenhills continues with Ed & Bruce bringing about a greatly enhanced pedestrian area with shade, planting, paving and seating. They have been joined in recent weeks by Greenhills newest staff member Darren Rix, who has responsibilities for cleaning and maintenance support.

Rotarians have again been active at Greenhills with working bees to paint Christie Cabins, outdoor sheds and landscape items. Ross Monk and Vernon Bailey have returned as valuable volunteers to do more of the clearing of weeds and unwanted tree growth.

Frontier Services

The Quiet Achievers

We say the “Quiet Achievers” because of the manner in which Frontier Services staff go quietly about their business of supporting rural and outback Australia. Frontier Services, unlike the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), with which they share a common heritage through the work of the Rev John Flynn, do not have a high profile in urban Australia.

People living in the south eastern coastal strip are generally unaware that Frontier Services is the major provider of aged care, health and community services, and pastoral support to people living in inland Australia.

We have to admit that until we began travelling extensively in the outback we were unaware of the scope of services provided by Frontier Services staff and the extent of their coverage.

We now know that Frontier Services works with people across 85% of the continent in regional centres, Aboriginal communities, isolated properties and mining sites and that it is the only organisation, public or private, providing these services across the whole of remote Australia.

The Rev John Flynn in 1912 saw that isolation, lack of medical services and poor communications were the greatest problems confronting people living in outback Australia and he was moved to establish a “mantle of safety” for people living there. Flynn also established a network of travelling padres to extend the hand of friendship to remote settlements and provide pastoral and spiritual support to isolated families.

It is nearly 100 years since Flynn’s vision became a reality and yet the problems of isolation are nearly as great today as they were then. These days many properties are run by a single family who face great difficulty

in getting farm workers or trades people to work on their properties.

Frontier Services is continuing Flynn’s vision of support to the isolated and provide residential and in-home aged and disabled care for the elderly, remote nursing and health clinics, assistance to isolated families, including childcare and early childhood education, migrant settlement assistance, and student accommodation.

In addition, Frontier Services manage a program called Outback Links that seeks to assist families in need by providing short term assistance from appropriately skilled volunteers. Twenty-four Patrol Ministers also continue to provide pastoral and spiritual support to all who need it.

Lorraine and I have witnessed at first hand the difficulties inland communities face and realised that we needed to do more than just visit outback Australia as a tourist. We have been part of the annual fund raising activity at the Birdsville races on a number of occasions, participated on a works party to maintain facilities at the Longreach Remote Area Family Services (RAFS) base, and volunteered through Outback Links at properties in western Queensland and at an indigenous boarding school on Melville Island.

We have found this experience to be a two way thing. We were able to alleviate, in a small way, the problems of isolation on the properties for a time by providing companionship for family members and assisting with a multitude of tasks around the homestead that the families were unable to do because of higher priority work around the property. While at the same time we were able to experience life in an outback community as a resident not just as a visitor.

There are many ways in which we

who live in the urbanised areas of this country can help the people of the outback. For example, if like us, you may be intending to travel through the inland then we could not recommend too highly the benefits of volunteering through Outback Links, or of joining a Works Party in company with other volunteers to maintain or enhance Frontier Services properties in outback communities. There are numerous opportunities for a skilled person, or, a competent handyman to help on a property, or, on many occasions it is just a matter of providing company to a wife while she juggles the demands of running a household, helping with tasks around the property, and home tutoring children through School of the Air.

The work of Frontier Services is partially funded by grants from Federal and State Governments; however the organisation still needs to raise millions of dollars each year through public donations to support critical services, particularly those provided by the Patrol Ministers.

So, if volunteering at remote locations is not your bent, then perhaps you may be moved to make a financial donation to help maintain this very valuable service. The John Flynn Foundation has recently been established to raise a capital base to ensure the continued funding of the Patrol Ministry into the future. Gifts to the foundation can be made as a one-off donation, an ongoing commitment, or a bequest in a will. Further information on all these possibilities can be found on the internet at www.frontierservices.org.au.

Frontier Services is a great organisation that deserves our support and we intend to continue contributing and volunteering for as long as we are able.

- images (page 12) and story by Keith and Lorraine Billingham



Clockwise from lower left:

After school socialisation on outback property, Frontier Services stall at Birdsville, keeping the hawks off the chickens, preparing materials for the RAFS team Longreach.

- images provided by Keith and Lorraine Billingham



Music Calendar
Wesley Music Centre and Wesley Uniting Church

www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music

Enquiries: Garth Mansfield, Director, Wesley Music Centre.

Wednesday Lunchtime Live. 12.40 – 1.20pm. \$2. Refreshments \$1.

Friday 19 November 6pm Piano Concert by Milos Mihajlovic, winner of Southern Highlands International Piano Competition 2010, from Budapest. Bookings: 0419404677 or 02 4885 1734. \$35/10. Tickets at the door. Wesley Music Centre.

Saturday 20 November 7:30pm Recital by Rupert Boyd (guitar) and Jillian Norton (flute). Enquiries: info@rupertboyd.com. \$25/2/10. Tickets at the door. Wesley Music Centre.

Sunday 21 November 3pm Art Song Canberra Season of Song, Concert 7. "Lovers of Song." Fleur Millar-Brockman and Judith Colquhoun (sopranos), Orlie Beer (contralto), Lawrence Mays (baritone) and Colin Forbes (piano). \$30/25/20/10. Tickets available ONLY at the door. Enquiries 6295 9613 or www.artsongcanberra.org. Wesley Music Centre.

Saturday 27 November 3pm Marcela Fiorillo Student Concert. Wesley Music Centre.

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