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Exciting day in Jindabyne

New Alpine partnership with Anglican Parish

It was an exciting day in Jindabyne on Saturday 11 December 2010. In a well filled Memorial Hall a new partnership was dedicated between the Alpine Uniting Church and the Anglican Parish of Berridale and Snowy Mountains, followed by the induction of the Rev Owen Davies as the Priest in Charge of the Anglican Parish and Minister of the Alpine Congregation.

Behind this historic event was the difficult Presbytery decision to terminate the placement in Jindabyne as the Congregation there could no longer fund the Minister's stipend. Meanwhile, in the Anglican parish, the Rector in Jindabyne announced that she had been appointed to another position in the Canberra and Goulburn Diocese.

At this point Bishop Stuart Robinson saw the opportunity for partnership and intervened strongly by telling the local Anglicans that he would not appoint a new Priest until serious discussions had been held with the Alpine Congregation about the possibility of cooperation.

So began a journey which culminated in the Dedication of Partnership and the Induction. A Covenant forms the basis of the partnership between the two churches whereby they will share the ministry of Owen Davies and then seek to do as much together as they can. The Covenant is structured so

that further levels of cooperation are possible. Local initiative is the key.

Presbytery was well represented at the service in support of the Alpine Congregation. The Anglicans, led by Bishop Stuart, provided a significant number of their senior leadership, one of whom was Bishop Len Eacott along with members of the Defence Force Chaplaincy as Owen is a former Chaplain in the Navy.

Following the words of forgiveness we watched as five small loaves and two small fish were brought forward by the two Congregations. This focused our attention on the Gospel reading which told the story of the loaves and fish, as well as on Bishop Stuart's address. Then came the dedication of the Partnership which led very naturally into the sharing of the Peace by everyone present.



Above: Gura-dyarralang of the Boloco Anglican Church leads the Welcome to Country at the Dedication of Partnership between the Alpine Uniting Church and the Anglican Parish of Berridale and Snowy Mountains.

The service began with a Welcome to Country led by Gura-dyarralang of the Boloco Anglican Church.

The service was notable for the way in which it modelled the partnership into which the two denominations were entering. The Act of Partnership began with penitence which provided a very raw reminder of the separate journeys travelled up to this point.

During the Induction of Owen into ministry in the Alpine Region he received from the Congregations a Bible, two Prayer Books (Anglican and Uniting), Communion Vessels and a vial of healing oil.

Following the service, a variety of speakers welcomed Owen into the Alpine Region. The Rev. Alistair Christie, former Moderator of the Synod, spoke for the Uniting Church, presenting Owen with a copy of the Basis of Union which comes attached to the Regulations and the Code of Ethics. The Mayor brought the greetings of the people of Jindabyne and the Shire.

The day concluded with a lavish country spread which was enjoyed by all.

**- Rev Harvey Smith
Pastoral Relations Committee**

Celebrating 150 years

Braidwood looks for people with connections

Braidwood Uniting Church will be celebrating 150 years of the building of the church on the weekend of 5 and 6 November 2011.

We would like to hear from anyone who has had connections with the Braidwood Uniting Church over the years and we extend an invitation to join our celebrations.

We are looking for any photos and

stories of the time you spent in the Braidwood Uniting Church.

The program of events has not been finalised but information can be forwarded over the coming weeks.

Braidwood is the first town to be listed on the NSW Heritage list. A variety of accommodation is available in the town and it advisable to book early.

Our church has seen many people come and go and we would very much like to connect with you if this is your experience, or that of your descendants.

For further information contact Brian Carle, Convenor of the Organising Committee on (02) 4842 1096 or email b.carle@bigpond.com.

**- Judy Marston
Secretary**

One very small corner

The Stepping Stones for Life Story Circle

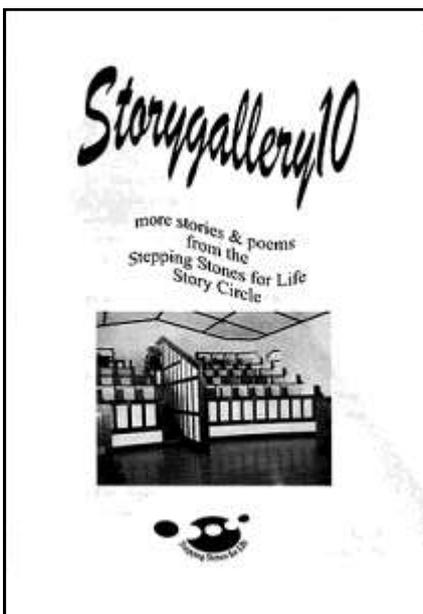
Stepping Stones for Life has many facets. The Story Circle is one very small corner but nevertheless of some importance and, hopefully, enjoyment and benefit to those who participate.

It was born some six years ago out of the idea that there were those in our focus families and also our wider community who would like to tell something of their own stories or might enjoy conversation on whatever topics and ideas might appeal to them from time to time.

Over those six years we have heard many memories, funny, sad, trivial, thought-provoking. We have written between us and published in five separate "little books" around one hundred and fifteen items written by around 18 to 20 different people from their twenties/thirties to their nineties - reminiscences, poems, thoughts about various topics such as favourite books and poems, culture, silence, childhoods on the farm and in the city, some satirical verse and, I believe two contributions worth special mention.

Both these feature in our "Gallery09" publication. Two moving poems from an anonymous contributor, a young gentleman, a guest of Her Majesty as

they say, who my wife and I met briefly while visiting Cooma Jail Museum and, very specially, a tribute to one of our original members and strong contributors, Beth Wallace, who sadly is no longer with us.



The group meets for a couple of hours monthly in some of our members' homes. We chat, read our writings when we have any, have tea and bickies and depart with feelings of quiet satisfaction and friendship.

There is no pressure to present anything, people can just come and hopefully join in. We do not aspire to lofty literary achievement - some reasonable grammar suffices, I suppose. One thing I like is that there is ample opportunity not only for everyone to write and talk but also to listen.

If anyone wants to know more about the mechanics of joining, it is not very difficult - just give me a call on 6241 1119 and I will tell you where and when the next meeting is due - second Wednesday in February is the first for 2011.

Recent "little books" have included a special feature - Gallery10 this year quoted some proverbs - here are two from Africa:

"It takes a village to raise a child"

"Little by little the cotton thread becomes a loin-cloth"

Maybe you could try to turn these into short stories - parables if you like - and come along to tell us how you went!

**- Ed Miller, Convenor
Stepping Stones for Life
Story Circle, St Margaret's**

We are not called to disengage

The view from the Chair

During a bit of a break that I had in January, we went camping in the Wadbilliga National Park. It was a very relaxing break, sitting around, reading books, cooking damper, walking to the Tuross Falls, swimming in the river and riding the cascades natural water slide. One of nature's special havens within this Presbytery.



**The cascades water slide.
Image by Gordon Ramsay**

One of the relaxing aspects is that not only was there no power there, there was no phone range and at least a 30 minute drive back towards Cooma to be able to find out anything that was going on in the rest of the world.

We did know that it was very wet at Wadbilliga. It rained for the week that we were there. The river was over 1m higher than last time we were there and the water slide was a massive spray and flow rather than a tiny trickle. But that was it.

On our return, we discovered the news of the flash flooding in Toowoomba, the disaster in Grantham and the damage in Brisbane. We came back to the imminent flooding of scores of towns in Victoria. But in Wadbilliga we knew nothing - we had been in our own little space oblivious to it all.

A rest, some relaxation and a bit of a retreat served us very well. After a 2010 that was more hectic than any of our family had expected or hoped, the week away was most refreshing. There was an unexpected power in not even being able to check phone or email, even if we had wanted to.

But the irony also hit me that we had taken this time out just after celebrating the incarnation of God only a couple of weeks earlier. The power of the message that we celebrated at Christmas was that God didn't disengage from what was going on, but instead became immersed in the reality of human living. One of the dangers for any church is that we may find it appealing to disengage from the world around us and to have our own little retreat, where worship, small groups, and fellowship gatherings can be enjoyed and we can return from them with no idea of what is going on around us.



Image by Lyndelle Ramsay

We are called not to disengage, but instead, in all our settings across the Presbytery to continue to live out our response to the incarnation, by being an ongoing expression of the presence of Christ.

My prayer for each congregation, for each faith community, for each expression of the Uniting Church in this region, is that it may never be said of us that our life reflects the fact that we don't seem to know what is going on around us. Instead let us continue to live out the heritage that has formed us and shaped us - the heritage of strong engagement, care for and transformation of the world around us.

**- Grace and Peace
Gordon Ramsay**

Reverend Professor James Haire

Honorary Doctorate from the Australian Catholic University

The Reverend Professor James Haire will receive the degree of Doctor of the University (*Honoris Causa*) from the Australian Catholic University at the graduation ceremony for faculties of Arts & Sciences, Business and Theology and Philosophy in Sydney in April 2011.

The award is being bestowed in recognition of Professor Haire's

"extraordinary service to the Australian community" particularly through his "contribution to interfaith dialogue".

Reverend Haire is the first non-Catholic theologian to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Australian Catholic University.

Professor Haire states that he is

delighted to accept the honour and that he is "deeply humbled" by the award.

This will be his fourth Honorary Doctorate having previously received one from another Australian university and two from universities in the United Kingdom.

**- Alice Ferguson
St Columba's**

Short-term mission opportunities

Saar Fellowship would like to hear from interested groups

Saar Fellowship, a non-denominational Christian church in Bahrain in the Middle East, would like to hear from church groups interested in short-term mission placements in the island kingdom.

Former Presbytery News Editor Bronwyn Hendy was a member of Saar Fellowship during a 12-month residence in Bahrain with her family during 2009-10. "Saar Fellowship is a large, lively congregation of mostly expat westerners, with an Aussie pastor," she said. "Bahrain is a Muslim country which allows active worship of other religions and permits limited Christian outreach work such as teaching English in the villages, prison and hospital visiting, and music outreach to young children and their mums and carers."

For the past three years, Saar Fellowship has hosted short-term teams which come to Bahrain for 3-4 weeks during late June and July. Most of those teams have spent time teaching English, working with their students

to create videos documenting Bahrain's history, and experiencing local culture.

Bahrain is a constitutional monarchy of around 1.1 million residents, about half of whom are Bahraini and half expatriates. Arabic is the national language, although English is widely spoken, especially in shops and businesses. "For many people, it is a wealthy country with splendid shopping malls, cinemas, water parks and hotels," said Bronwyn. "However, there are great variations in the socio-economic circumstances of Bahrainis, and the glitzy shopping malls are a world away from some of the nearby local villages."

Short-term mission teams provide valuable help with English language learning, which can make a big difference to people's future employment opportunities. By creating the documentary videos, visitors are helping to preserve the island's cultural heritage as well as give students the chance to practice their English. Through their

connection with Saar Fellowship, the teams represent the Christian community and help to break down barriers between religions.

While June and July are some of the hottest months in the Middle East, this also means that many people are away for summer holidays, so accommodation can usually be organised for visiting teams at little or no cost. Food costs vary enormously, with some items very cheap (e.g. bread products are subsidised) and others very expensive (take your own vegemite!).

Restaurants range from very low cost local cuisine to high-end silver service. Petrol is very cheap, and driving (on the right-hand side) is quite an adventure.

If your congregation is interested in sending a team to Bahrain mid-year, or you are interested in being part of a mission team, please contact community@saarfellowship.org for more information.



Above: One of the local Bahraini villages after a rare rain storm.

Image and article by Bronwyn Hendy.

Chain Reaction crew

Arts ministry uses live music, dance, puppets and drama

Weston Creek congregation has recently embarked on a new adventure in mission activity, drawing on the expressive talents and enthusiasm of the young people of the congregation and beyond.

The new ministry is a performing arts ministry team called Chain Reaction that is run in conjunction with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Canberra. The team comprises Christian young people from all denominations who love to use live music, dance, puppets and drama to present a message of hope, and God's love.

The Chain Reaction Crew is the idea of the Winslade family from Weston Creek, where Tim is the minister. The Winslades have had many years of experience leading YWAM's King's Kids ministry in Australia, New Zealand and other parts of the world. Sandra and Tim Winslade help with organisation, and the team draws on the leadership talents of the older youth and young adults.

The first Chain Reaction Crew mission trip was to Tasmania just after Christmas for two weeks. The team was made up of eleven young people (13-21 years old as well as a 7 year old!!) and three adults, drawn from ACT, NSW and Victoria. The Chain Reaction Crew performed and ministered in Devonport, Burnie, Sheffield, Ulverstone, Battery Point (Hobart), Bothwell, Oatlands, St. Helen's and Launceston. They worked alongside established ministries from the Uniting and Anglican churches, Scripture Union and the Tasmanian Christian Convention.

This experience has made a lasting impression on the team members, and inspired and enthused them to undertake further tours and performances.

Tim Winslade said that there is certainly much potential to further develop this unique ministry and to

run more mission trips. "There are many people wanting to jump on board. So as we seek God's leading and as we encourage our young leaders, keep an eye out for more Chain Reactions - as these young people seek to make a difference in their generation."

The team is especially grateful for the grant from the Canberra Region Presbytery that enabled the team to purchase some portable PA equipment which is essential for the success of their ministry.

**- Bill Lang (Tuggeranong)
and Tim Winslade (Weston Creek)**



Images by Tim Winslade

Rare event at Yarralumla

Simultaneous acceptance into UCA and closure of Ministry

On Sunday 5 December 2010 the Minister of Yarralumla Uniting Church, Rev. Dr. Ockert Meyer, was the subject of a rare service overseen by representatives of the Presbytery of the Canberra.

Dr. Meyer had been minister at Yarralumla since being inducted in February 2004 as a Minister of the Word.

After many years of being on secondment from the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa, Dr. Meyer was finally accepted as a Minister of The Word in the Uniting Church of Australia.

The Rev. Dr. Ross Kingham from Canberra Region Presbytery officiated at the ceremony and was accompanied by two other Presbytery representa-

tives, Campbell MacKight and Presbytery Secretary Harold Small.

Therefore, in one service, Rev Meyer was officially accepted into the ministry of the Uniting Church and then saw his ministry at Yarralumla officially closed in a ceremony involving Rev Kingham, Rev Meyer and Yarralumla Church Council Chairman Graeme Watson.

When asked about a retiring gift, Ockert indicated that the best procedure would be for him to be able to choose something to use in the new family home in Hughes to remember the congregation by. A retiring collection resulted in a generous total that was presented to Ockert in a ceremony at a congregational luncheon held in the church hall.

Dr Meyer talked about the people he had worked with over the past seven years, in particular the three Church Council Chairs, Ian Lynch the office manager and especially Allan Hall, the choir master, and his wife Barbara Hall as organist, both of whom have given many years of devoted service.

Ockert made the passing reference that, when it comes to organists and terrorists, one can easily tell the difference between the two. You can always negotiate with a terrorist.

Ockert and his wife Meiri and boys Stefan and Christiaan will continue to worship at Yarralumla Uniting Church.

**- Graeme Watson
Congregational Chair
Yarralumla**



Above Left: Rev Dr Ockert Meyer. Right: Rev. Meyer with memorial tree.

Images by Graeme Watson.

Presbytery News archives

When God seemed close ...

From time to time we plan to reprint articles from past issues of Presbytery News. This one is from the July 2002 issue.

It had been a tumultuous year and it was now rapidly coming to a close. The year was 1970 and I had spent it serving as a Chaplain in the Australian Army and posted to the war in Vietnam.

I had only been in the army for ten months when I was sent to Vietnam in early January that year. Now Christmas was getting close and I had just ten days to serve before my tour of duty was to end and I could return to Australia, and to my wife and two young daughters.

I had kept remarkably good health during the twelve months despite the variety of food I had eaten and the various germs I had been exposed to. And now, with just ten days to go, I found myself feeling quite ill. I was nauseous and vomiting, so I took myself off to the First Australian Field Hospital in the beautiful coastal city of Vung Tau.

A young Australian doctor, wise beyond his years, gave me a quick examination and then sat me down and said, "Padre, there is nothing

physically wrong with you at all. You say you have ten days to go. I want you to go and find a quiet place, sit down with yourself and lay your ghosts to rest. You see, all the horrors, all the traumas of the past twelve months have finally caught up with you in these final day, and I guarantee you if you do as I ask you will find that the physical symptoms disappear".

So I found a quiet place and sat down and remembered. I remembered the early weeks of January when I had been attached to the Sixth Battalion of the Royal Australian regiment to be "blooded" in jungle warfare before going off to my permanent posting for the year.

I remembered the ambush "B" Company had set and sprung soon after I joined the Company. I remembered going back at sunset that same day to the scene of the ambush and helping to dig two shallow graves to bury the two Vietcong soldiers who had been killed.

I remembered saying a prayer over the two unknown enemy soldiers as our own soldiers stood around, perspiring from the exertion of digging the graves, and knowing that the bodies would be retrieved by the Vietcong in

the days that followed.

I remembered visits I had made to our Warrant officers serving with the Australian Army training Team in various locations all over the country. I particularly remembered one Warrant Officer whom I had met in the Northern city of Da Nang. He had left his young wife at the same Army base that I had left mine, at Kapooka, on the outskirts of Wagga Wagga.

I remembered because his wife had looked after our 18 month old daughter while my wife played golf with the ladies of Kapooka on Tuesday mornings. She was a widow now, as Kevin had been killed during the year while serving with his Vietnamese Battalion up near the de-militarised zone where the fighting had been particular fierce.

And as I sat and remembered, and buried a hundred ghosts, I prayed "Lord, I believe you have called me to this difficult work and entrusted me with this incredible challenge". And as I prayed the ghosts were laid to rest, the stomach cramps eased, the nausea subsided. And somehow, in the centre of all that had happened that brief year, God seemed very close.

- Rev Ken Jarvis



Above: Rev Meyer pronounces The Blessing at his Closure of Ministry service.

Image by Graeme Watson.

Pasifika Carols by Candlelight

Conch shell, harmonies, rock, reggae, haka and dancing

So you thought that Salesi Faupula was just the newly elected senior student at Uniting Theological College (UTC) in North Parramatta, as he candidates for ordained ministry within the Uniting Church of Australia from the Presbytery of Canberra?

More than this, he is also a leader in the Pacific Islander community in Australia.

He was thus the right person to blow the conch shell to welcome participants to the Pasifika Carols by Candlelight held at Canberra City Uniting Church on 3 December 2010.

This was run by Talanoa Oceania, an academic, religious and community movement for people from the Pacific Islands. It was founded in 2008 by UTC staff member Rev. Dr Jione Havea and his Pacific Island students and colleagues. In Canberra Talanoa Oceania is chaired by Sioana Faupula, mother of Salesi and herself active in the Pacific Islands community.

HRH Crown Princess Nanasipau'u and HRH Prince Ata of Tonga attended the Pasifika Carols by Candlelight.

As well as Tongans, other performers included Papua New Guineans, Fijians featuring Pacific Students for Christ, Māoris and West Papuans. There was much wonderful music, beginning with Papua New Guinean. An up-and-coming young Tongan solo singer was followed by a large Tongan youth choir, whose harmonies rang throughout the church and sounded even more amazing in rehearsal in the church's underground car park!

Other Tongans gave a presentation about how Christmas is celebrated in Tonga. The West Papuans provided exciting electronic music. Several were from the former Melanesian rock and reggae band The Black Brothers, who have been worshipping at City Church since 1988, and others were current day students.

After some participants feared they

would miss out, the Māoris presented a vigorous, impromptu haka. This was led brilliantly by a young woman of Māori ancestry who had learnt her Māori culture in Australia. Rev. Ivan Roberts of Canberra City Uniting Church was a willing Pākehā (non-Māori) participant in the haka.

There was also some equally enthusiastic Fijian dancing. All these acts were hugely popular and enjoyed noisily by Pacific Islanders and Pālangis (non-Pacific Islanders) alike.

Proceeds from the evening will assist the Pacific Islands Mission to the Goulburn Correctional Facility run through Canberra City Uniting Church and the hosting of a Talanoa Oceania conference in Canberra in 2012.

Warm thanks go to the organisers for arranging an evening that welcomed so many who rejoice in a Pasifika heritage.

**- Jenny Rowland
Canberra City**



Above: Haka, Pasifika Carols by Candlelight

Image by Jenny Rowland

Carol and sausage sizzle

Sharing the Christmas Spirit with the local community

On the Friday before Christmas, Saint Columba's Uniting Church in Braddon took the Christmas Story to their local community through song, readings and the sharing of food.

The open air carol singing, short readings and free sausage sizzle, with cakes and refreshments, attracted local community members to join in the Christmas celebrations under the trees on a beautiful summer evening.

2010 was the second year during which this form of community engagement had been programmed and, with the Lord's blessing, it will go from strength to strength.

- Alice Ferguson
St Columba's



Image provided by Rev Myung Hwa Park

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St Andrew's Cooma outreach

Breakfast, tea and coffee, and a community garden

The congregation of St. Andrew's has been involved in a number of outreach activities for many years but over the last few years we have broadened the range of things we are doing. The following are a few of these.

Some years ago we commenced serving free tea and coffee at our historic Cooma Courthouse on a fortnightly basis when the local magistrate's court is in session. This service is very much appreciated by the People, some of whom are going through tough times. We cannot discuss their cases with them but we can talk about what's happening in Cooma and beyond or maybe the latest sporting event. Guidelines for this work are given by the court officers who also appreciate what we are doing.

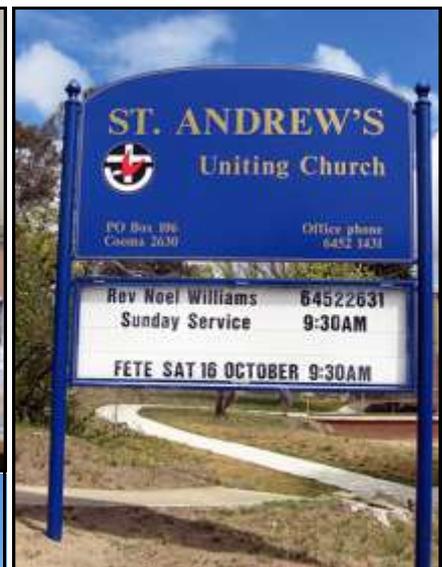
More recently we have commenced a Breakfast Club for two mornings a week at Cooma Public School, which is directly opposite our church. We have anywhere from 15-28 children whom we offer a choice of cereal, fruit, toast and hot or cold Milo. Some children need this as they do not have breakfast at home, whilst others travel some distance and need a top up. The hot toast and Milo are very welcome especially on one of our really cold winter mornings! The school is very supportive and has even made a significant donation towards the cost of the food.

A couple of years ago a community garden group asked if they could create a vegetable garden on part of our church grounds. They hold regular workshops and run other activities.

Our congregation shares with the group in morning teas and lunches and a couple of the group have attended our worship services. We have just received news that a grant application submitted jointly by the church and garden group for a rain-water tank and an irrigation system was successful. Funding will come from the NSW Department of Environment. We are very excited about this new development.

Our aim in all of these is to fulfil needs within our community and to engage with our local community in meaningful ways so that they, hopefully, will see Christ at work in us.

**- Loretta Percival
Cooma**



Top left: congregation members offering free morning tea and coffee at Cooma courthouse.

Below left: Community garden at Cooma church.

Above right: new signboard at Cooma church.

Images by Nick Giger

World-renowned leader here

Theology and practice of congregational song

Michael Hawn, Professor of Church Music at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, USA, a world-renowned leader in church music, will teach a ten-day course at the Wesley Music Centre and Wesley Uniting Church in Canberra from 30 June to 10 July 2011 in partnership with Australian tertiary institutions in Theology.

The major sponsor of the course is the Wesley Music Foundation in Canberra working in partnership with Wesley Uniting Church, Canberra, Flinders University, Adelaide College of Divinity, Uniting Church Theological Colleges, the NSW/ACT Synod Music Committee and the SA Synod Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts.

The course is designed particularly for theological students and recently ordained ministers in the Uniting Church in Australia and church musicians. The course will be offered in two formats. A full ten-day course will be held for those who wish to obtain a tertiary qualification in congregational song and a short week-end course for busy church musicians, worship leaders or other facilitators of congregational song. The full course

will run from Thursday morning 30 June 2011 through to Sunday afternoon 10 July 2011. The short course will run from Friday 8 July to Sunday 10 July.

The course builds on the previous work of the Wesley Music Foundation with the idea emerging from the National Seminar on Celebrating our Faith held in October 2009 at Wesley Uniting Church and the Wesley Music Centre, Canberra.

The course will include two attractive and inspirational public events led by Prof. Hawn in Wesley Uniting Church on Sunday 3 July at 3pm and on Saturday 9 July at 7.30pm.

The Flinders University of South Australia will award academic credit for the full course. Students from other institutions should apply to their Head of School. Wesley Music Foundation is offering scholarships of up to \$250 for participants in the full course to assist with the costs of registration and study materials. The Early Bird registration fee for the full course is \$495 with the deadline of 30 May. The closing date for Expressions of Interest is 25 March.

Brochures with Course Details and Expression of Interest Forms are available from Uniting Church theological colleges, the Wesley Music Centre in Forrest, ACT (wesleymc@bigpond.net.au) and from the Wesley website www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music

Enquiries Garth Mansfield, Director, Wesley Music Centre 02 6232 7248 or Dr Julia Pitman 0411 094 185 pitm0014@flinders.edu.au



Above: Professor Michael Hawn

A history of rock and roll

Do you have memorabilia or photos of Teenage Cabaret?

A man named Val Starr, who is writing an history of rock and roll in Canberra in the 60s and possibly late 50s and early 70s, is particularly interested in the role that Teenage Cabaret played in fostering music in Canberra in the 60s.

The hugely successful monthly Teenage Cabaret was held at the then Methodist Wesley property (using both Lancaster Hall and the Vercoe Room, for both rock and roll and folk music). Some of our readers (myself

included) would have memories of it. Val apparently played in a couple of bands that featured at our Teenage Cabaret.

Val has been offered a copy of a report produced for the 1991 reunion of the Teenage Cabaret team, but would be keen to have copies of any photos and memorabilia.

Presbytery News would also like to receive readers' memories and photos of Canberra's Teenage Cabaret to

share with all our readers.

If you can assist Val please make contact directly with him at starr.val@bigpond.com or on 02 62556868.

To send your memories or copies of photographs to me for use in Presbytery News, use my contact details on the back page.

- Brian Rope
Editor

A limerick competition

Calling for witty, humorous or nonsense entries

The Presbytery Communications committee has decided to try something new. We are going to conduct a limerick competition for readers of Presbytery News. Here are the rules:

Entries must be a limerick as defined at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limerick_\(poetry\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limerick_(poetry)).

Entries must address a story from the current issue of Presbytery News.

Entries must be received by one week before the closing date for the next issue of Presbytery News, up till the November 2011 issue, and entry implies the right to publish in Presbytery News and on the Presbytery Website.

A winner will be announced and published in the November 2011 issue of Presbytery News.

Entries are to be addressed to the Editor at winfocus@ozemail.com.au, and include name, contact details, and church affiliation (if any).

Entries will be judged by the Presbytery News Communications Committee at its discretion.

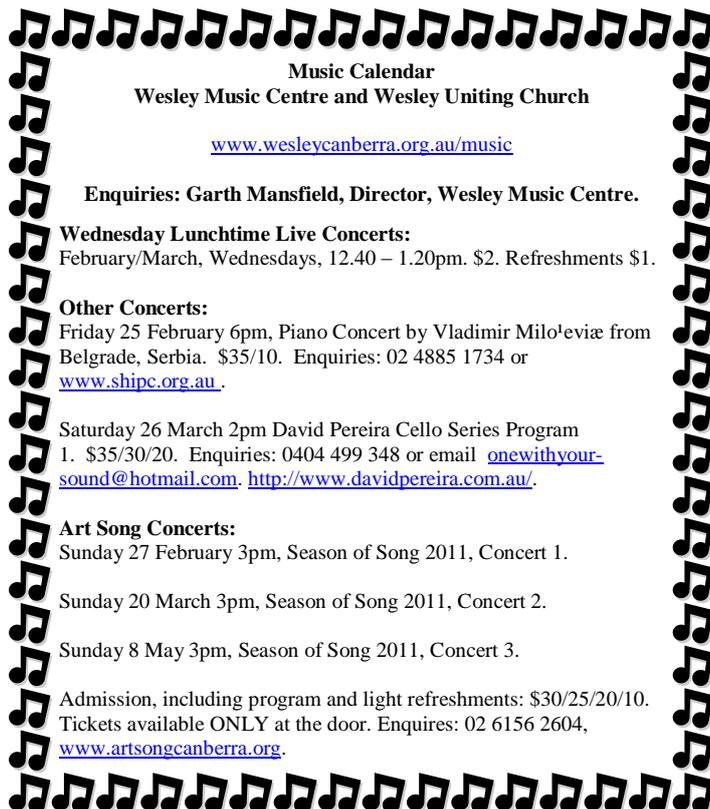
Right now there are no prizes for the

competition. However, readers are invited to offer suitable prizes that might be awarded.

So, your challenge right now is to go back and re-read all the stories in this issue of Presbytery News and then, not later than 19 April 2011, submit to the Editor a limerick based on one of those stories.



No, we do not want you to enter a photo of Limerick.



Music Calendar Wesley Music Centre and Wesley Uniting Church

www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music

Enquiries: Garth Mansfield, Director, Wesley Music Centre.

Wednesday Lunchtime Live Concerts:

February/March, Wednesdays, 12.40 – 1.20pm. \$2. Refreshments \$1.

Other Concerts:

Friday 25 February 6pm, Piano Concert by Vladimir Milo'evic from Belgrade, Serbia. \$35/10. Enquiries: 02 4885 1734 or www.shipc.org.au.

Saturday 26 March 2pm David Pereira Cello Series Program

1. \$35/30/20. Enquiries: 0404 499 348 or email onewithyour-sound@hotmail.com. <http://www.davidpereira.com.au/>.

Art Song Concerts:

Sunday 27 February 3pm, Season of Song 2011, Concert 1.

Sunday 20 March 3pm, Season of Song 2011, Concert 2.

Sunday 8 May 3pm, Season of Song 2011, Concert 3.

Admission, including program and light refreshments: \$30/25/20/10.

Tickets available ONLY at the door. Enquires: 02 6156 2604, www.artsongcanberra.org.

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