



*Pax, a Latin word meaning peace, is the motto of the Benedictine monks of New Norcia.*

# The Chimes Newsletter March 2016



## **The Benedictine Experience at the Guesthouse.**

The first Benedictine Experience retreat of the year ran in February. These weekends start with vespers on Friday at 6.30pm and conclude after lunch on Sunday. They enable the retreatant to enter the monastic rhythm and balance of prayer, work, lectio divina, hospitality and community life. Group discussion and personal silence is used to ponder the riches of the scriptures and monastic literature and to listen with “the ear to the heart”. The experience includes having meals in silence in the Monastery Refectory with the monks. The group of ten guests thoroughly enjoyed their weekend and the feedback was positive:

*“thank you so much for opening your monastery and sharing your life with us all, it has been very special and humbling.”*

*“it was an important time of retreat and peace, enabling me to reconnect and expand my faith, I am feeling much better equipped to face life’s pressures now.”*

*“the hospitality could not have been warmer, the friendship with the monks, other guests, staff and town visitors was a blessing”*

*“It was good to learn about Benedictine Spirituality and monastic life and to just have space”*

These weekends will be running throughout the year, the next being on April 29th - May 1st. The numbers are limited to twelve guests, so it’s wise to book early!

Otherwise, January and February are traditionally quiet months in the Guesthouse, so a programme of spring cleaning has been in full swing. We want the Guesthouse to look its best for Easter, so have given the entrance and office a fresh coat of paint ready to welcome all its guests this weekend.

*Contributed by Bernadette Taylor, Guesthouse Manager*



Join the community of Victoria Plains for the annual  
**BLESSING OF THE ROADS**

**Thursday 24 March 2016 at 10.00am**



The blessing will take place at the car park on the northern side of the Abbey Church, Great Northern Hwy, New Norcia.  
Followed by morning tea at the New Norcia Hotel

## **EASTER 2016 with the BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY at NEW NORCIA**

**+ HOLY THURSDAY** - 24 March - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

**+ GOOD FRIDAY** – 25 March - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 4.00pm

**+ HOLY SATURDAY** - 26 April - Piano Recital, Andreas Gonzalez Perez - *Music of Rosendo Salvado, Granados and Albeniz* - St. Gertrude's Hall, 4:30pm

**+ EASTER SUNDAY** - March 27 - Easter Vigil 4.30am, Mass of the Day 9.00am, Solemn Paschal Vespers 5.30pm

Location: Abbey Church, New Norcia

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### **Easter Trading Hours at New Norcia**

#### **ROADHOUSE**

<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	8.30 am – 4.00 pm
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	7.30 am – 5.00 pm
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	7.30 pm – 5.00 pm
<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	8.30 am – 4.00 pm

#### **HOTEL**

<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	11.00 am - 9.00 pm, meals 12 - 8.30pm <i>(alcohol served only with meals)</i>
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	11.00 am -10.00 pm, meals 12 -8.30pm
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	11.00 am -10.00 pm, meals 12-8.00 pm
<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	11.00 am – 9.00 pm, meals 12-8.00 pm

#### **MUSEUM**

9.30 am - 4:30pm daily with tours at 11.00 am and 1:30 pm

### **MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY –Easter Special**

This beautiful egg comes gift boxed with a bottle of our Vintage port and a new Norcia wine glass.

Working alongside a local WA chocolatier New Norcia has commissioned a very special Easter Egg. Using the finest ingredients Kelly has infused our unique *New Norcia Vintage port* into the finest dark chocolate to produce a taste sensation. Our PAX (meaning Peace) logo has been lovingly piped in white chocolate. To compliment this. Treat yourself or that special person in your life to a really special Easter gift this year.

**\$49.95**

Available at the New Norcia Museum and Art Gallery





## **Holy Saturday Recital Andrea González**

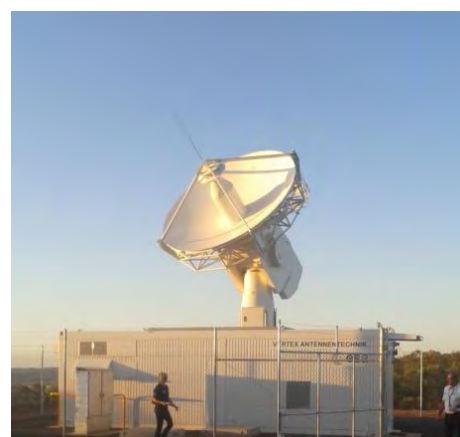
### ***The Music of Salvado, Granados, and Albeniz***

St. Gertrude's Hall, 4:30pm

Andrea González Pérez is a highly distinguished emerging Spanish pianist, and Director of the International Keyboard Festival and Masterclass. She has performed the music of New Norcia's founder, Rosendo Salvado, in Spain, Italy, and the USA, and recently in St Paul's Cathedral, London, to outstanding acclaim. She is visiting Australia to undertake further research in the archives of New Norcia. Her recital will include the music of Salvado, Enrique Granados and Isaac Albeniz, with special emphasis on the lyrical aspects of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Spanish repertoire.

### **ESA Inauguration**

On 11<sup>th</sup> February, the European Space agency invited the monks, staff, local neighbours and shire members to attend the inauguration of the new antenna located at the New Norcia tracking station. Regional, national and international representatives were also invited to the event, including Mr Sam Fabrizi, EU Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand, senior staff from the European Space Agency (ESA), who flew in from Germany, and Inmarsat representatives. In total, over 80 people gathered, the groups were given a tour of the ground facilities and antennas on site at the ESA Tracking station.



The new Antenna **NNO – 2** |

The new tracking antenna formally dubbed the "New Norcia Acquisition Aid NNO – 2" will be used for communicating with rockets and newly launched satellites, taking advantage of WA's ideal geographic location under the initial flight path of launchers departing from Europe's Spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana.

A barbeque, hosted by the Benedictine Community of New Norcia and ESA, enabled visitors to mingle with the engineers and scientists from Germany, and a private tour of the New Norcia ESA Room, an interpretation centre designed and sponsored by the European Space Agency, was given Yves Doat, head of Ground facilities in Germany. This provided a detailed insight in to the exciting world of space exploration.

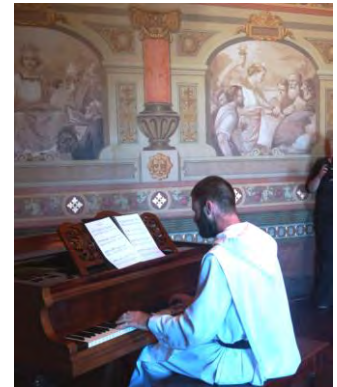
You can learn more about ESA's missions by visiting New Norcia where you will find the **European Space Agency Interpretation Room** located at the Education Centre.

*Contributed by Toni Tejada. Group Accommodation and Education Manager*

## MUSEUM TOWN TOURS

Dom Robert Nixon has added an extra element to the town tours on Mondays. He has revived some of Dom Rosendo Salvado's original musical compositions and, for the first time in over a hundred years, visitors taking part on the town tour have the opportunity to listen to music from a bygone era. In addition, Dom Robert also plays one of his own original compositions.

Dom Robert is a practising Benedictine, so to avoid disappointment it is advisable to contact the Museum and Art Gallery as he may have other monastic obligations and not be available. Contact the Museum and Art Gallery on 08 96 548 056.



## WINE ON WEDNESDAYS



Since the mid 1800's, the Benedictine Monks of New Norcia have been producing the finest quality Extra Virgin Olive oil, bread and bakery products. In Italy the Benedictine Monks of Modena have been producing Balsamic Vinegar since the 14<sup>th</sup> Century, cellared for up to 25 years in barrels beneath the Monastery. We have brought these iconic products together and they can now be found exclusively in New Norcia's gift shop. Come and join us for **WINE ON WEDNESDAYS** from 10:30 am to 4:30pm to taste our wines, liqueurs, the famous New Norcia bread, olive oil and this fantastic vinegar. Learn about the vineyards, the wine making process, the olive grove and the famous wood fired oven which has been in operation since it baked the very first batch of New Norcia bread in 1847.

*Contributed by Katie Carter, Museum Manager*

## About town - The Old Trading Post gets a mini facelift!

The old trading post in the centre of the town is getting a mini facelift. The building is going to be used by contractors for offices during the New Norcia Bypass project. In preparation the asbestos has been removed, the concrete verandah flooring repaired, the old enclosed verandah removed, and a new fence installed. This is an ongoing project and will continue into the coming months with more upgrades occurring.





## SALVADO CATHOLIC COLLEGE NOW OPEN.



Catholic Education Western Australia is pleased to advise that Salvado Catholic College in Byford officially commenced operation as of February 1, 2016. The stage one building program delivered a 'state of the art' early learning centre, junior primary classrooms, nature play spaces, grassed and hard court play areas, enclosed assembly area, an administration building and car park. The innovative building design has a focus on shared, flexible learning spaces which supports best

practice, 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning methods.

The College patron, Dom Rosendo Salvado was an inspirational missionary, educator, bishop and pioneer colonist who founded the community of New Norcia. The College's motto is "Peace, Justice, Compassion" which directly reflects Salvado's life work and is our vision for the College.

Foundation College Principal Santino Giancono commented on the significance of establishing a new College in Salvado's name. "Salvado was a real pioneer of his time and so it is fitting that Catholic Education's newest College should bear his name. I feel privileged to be leading the College through its critical formative years and have been delighted by the level of community support I have experienced during the planning and building phase," said Santino.

## THE EMBASSY OF SPAIN IN AUSTRALIA - From Rosendo to Rosendo

### FREE EVENT - Octagon Theatre, Perth 29<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

Legendary Spanish rock star ROSENDO Mercado is performing in Perth to commemorate the 2014 bicentenary of the birth of ROSENDO Salvado, the Spanish monk that founded the Benedictine abbey of New Norcia in Western Australia in 1847.

Rosendo Salvado (1814-1900) was a Spanish monk, missionary and bishop of Perth and accomplished musician.



Rosendo Mercado (Madrid, 1954) is one of very few rock musicians with a street named after them (like AC/DC in Melbourne) since 2000. He is the best exponent of so called urban rock in Spain. He founded some of the most influential rock bands of the 70's and 80's like Ñu and Leño and he then continued a successful solo career until today, and some of the songs of that period have become the soundtrack of the lives of many Spaniards of his generation and younger generations. He might remind you of Rory Gallagher and other bands such as Jethro Tull, Canned Heat, Cream, Deep Purple and Black Sabbath, but in Spanish. ROSENDO IS PURE ROCK-SENDO.

**Please note: this event is free to attend, however a ticket is required, they are available from;**

<http://ticketswa.com/event/rosendo-rosendo>

## THE DUST GOES ON AT THE ABBEY PRESS

Another visit to the Abbey Press, we continued the slow work of cleaning the dust from the type cases (trays). We are now dealing with much smaller letters – there are more of them, they are more difficult to handle and to see whether they are in the correct compartment. My hands are filthy and my nails are ingrained with dust and grit. It took a whole day to empty, clean, sort, and refill one typecase. I am not complaining – it is a peaceful and fairly undemanding job. David did some carpentry and fixed the oversize type frame so the cases no longer slip off their rails. Almost all of the larger sizes of type founts have been cleaned and sorted now, but there are plenty more of the smaller ones to be dealt with. Our next visit in April will be part sorting/cleaning, and teaching a 1-day Letterpress printing workshop, which I am told is sold out. Later in the year there are plans for a weekend workshop, so watch out for more information.

*Contributed by Claire & David Bolton, Jan 2016*



BEFORE – dusty and indistinguishable



AFTER – Sparkly and spectacular

### NEW NORCIA HOTEL

Starting in April we will be running a Friday night “chase the ace”; with an enticing cash prize for one lucky winner. We hope to get a good turnout of locals and guests to enjoy a bit of fun and banter. This winter we will also be showcasing some home-grown Aussie musical talent at the Hotel - keep an ear out for dates they will be posted on our website; [www.newnoria.wa.edu.au](http://www.newnoria.wa.edu.au)

### STEAK SANDWICH COMPETITION

Be sure to come and taste our new **steak sandwich**, which has been entered into the WA hospitality steak sandwich of the year competition. The delicious competition contender is made with fresh New Norcia bread, homemade relish, creamy mustard aioli, tender steak and crispy lettuce. A tastebud tantaliser! You can pair it with hand cut rosemary and sea salt beer battered chips using our famous abbey ale. The competition closes April 13<sup>th</sup> and we need your votes!



## NOLI ME TANGERE

On 1<sup>st</sup> March, New Norcia's 170<sup>th</sup> birthday, the New Norcia Contemporary Australian Religious Art Collection received a very special present, thanks to a major donation from Melbourne benefactors, Allan and Maria Myers.



*Noli me Tangere*, a 1949 oil painting depicting the meeting between the Risen Christ and Mary Magdalene by Roy de Maistre, was hand-delivered by John and Clare Brans of Brans Antiques, Cottesloe on behalf of the seller, the Brans Family Superannuation Fund. The de Maistre is now a cornerstone artwork of New Norcia's developing collection.

*Noli Me Tangere* is a critical acquisition for New Norcia not only because it is a major religious work itself but also because of the connections it makes. New Norcia is fortunate in already having two other important early contemporary works, *Crucifixion Scene* by Weaver Hawkins and *Deposition* by Ray Crooke and together with the de Maistre they make a natural unity. Not only are they a unity thematically – a paschal mystery series – but they also show the influence of the international modernist movement on a range of pioneering contemporary Australian artists, each working in a different context. For a collection attempting to tell a story of contemporary Australian religious art from 1950s to the present this series is now the foundation stone.

Currently we are campaigning for the donation of major works by significant Australian artists, especially from the 1950s to the 1980s. Our aim is to mount a special exhibition of our best works from within the contemporary collection in August this year. It is an ambitious project, however New Norcia has a number of factors working in its favour – a surprisingly good existing collection, the requisite tax tools that make giving attractive, a range of excellent contacts, and best of all, a place where religious art fits perhaps better than any other in Australia and has the best opportunity of being appreciated.

If you would like to help build New Norcia's contemporary Australian religious art collection into a collection of national significance please contact

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*Contributed by Dom Christopher Power*



## The Pilgrim Trail - 1 March 2016



Her Excellency, Kerry Sanderson, Governor of WA, joined Mayor Heather Henderson, Abbot John Herbert, Fr Bernard Rooney, Pilgrim Foundation members and Nyoongar representatives to officially open The Pilgrim Trail on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

The event, strongly supported by the City of Subiaco was the culmination of the work of a small group of dedicated volunteers who created and developed the trail. Its inception began in 2009 as a one-off idea to walk from Subiaco to New Norcia. Now evolved into a permanent walking trail, the Camino Salvado follows the Pilgrims Trail from St Joseph's Church in Subiaco to New Norcia in the Wheatbelt. The trail is 201 kms long and travels through the City's financial district past places of historical interest and out of the metropolitan area via the beautiful Swan River foreshore. It travels via Bells rapids, site of the famous white water Avon Descent, and passes onto Walyunga National Park – a place of spiritual significance for the Whadjuk People. Then it's the Chittering Valley to Julimar Forest out to the wheatbelt town of Bolgart, the final leg to New Norcia follows the Old Plain Rd. Booked groups are welcomed at New Norcia with the ringing of bells, ceremonial washing of feet in the Abbey Church by the Abbot of New Norcia and a Camino Salvado commemorative postcard is given to the participants to mark the achievement.

The Pilgrim Trail is a contemporary pilgrimage where the journey itself can be as important as the destination; it is about reflection, connection and renewal. It is not always an easy path to follow however it is a walk for all people – those of faith, those with no faith and those who seek faith. It is an "informal" walk made up of people who come from around the country, from all walks of life: some will like to walk in groups and others to walk alone.

For more information contact <http://pilgrimtrail.com.au/> or

<http://www.caminosalvado.com/>

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