

The Chimes

October Edition 2012



Welcome to our first combined edition of the New Norcia Network and the Chimes. This new format aims to provide you with the latest updates on the Benedictine Community of New Norcia and will be available in a PDF format on our website: www.newnorcia.wa.edu.au.

We will endeavor to provide regular communication through The Chimes Newsletter throughout the year. We would like to thank all our readers for their continued support throughout 2012.

USA Consul visit

On Monday 27th of August USA Consul General (Perth) Aleisha Woodward made a scheduled detour to New Norcia on her way to Geraldton. The monks had morning tea with the Consul General in the monastery parlour, followed by a tour of the town and monastery chapels. Her visit ended by sharing lunch with the monks in the refectory. Consul General Ms Woodward was most impressed with the uniqueness of New Norcia along with opportunity to experience many laughs through the friendly and charismatic story telling between herself and the monks.

Ruston Engine fires into action

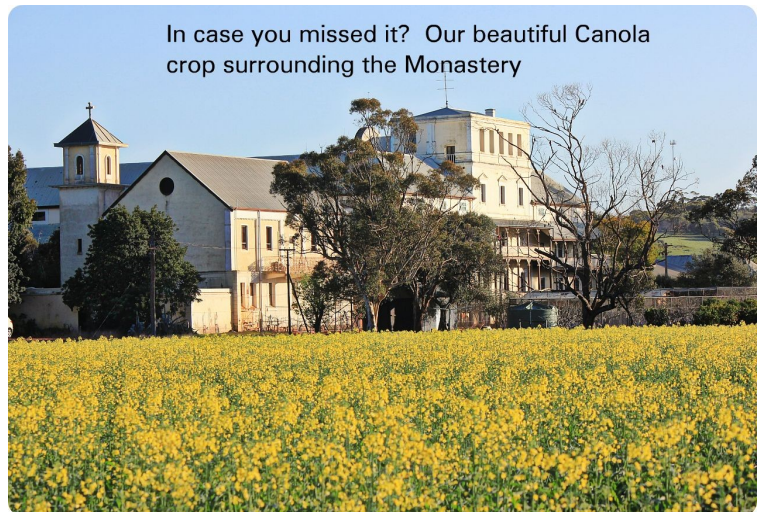
At the end of August on a busy weekend New Norcia was lucky enough to hear the Ruston Engine fire into action through the work of long term volunteer David Ashfold, Vice President of the Machinery Preservation Club of WA. The Club has spent many years of hard work restoring the beautiful Ruston Engine. They show great generosity of their time when they allow visitors the opportunity to see this fine piece of restored machinery in action. We extend our sincere thanks to David Ashfold and his wife for their recent visit to New Norcia. With an extended thank you to the ongoing support of the Machinery Preservation Club of WA.



David Ashfold working his magic on the Ruston Engine



Consul General Aleisha Woodward having morning tea with the Monks



In case you missed it? Our beautiful Canola crop surrounding the Monastery

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Library Lecture

The New Norcia Library Lecture – 2012 Friday 7th September was a beautiful sunny day for over 120 librarians to fill St Joseph's Hall to capacity for the 2012 annual library lecture.

The first speaker was William Yeoman, Books Editor and Senior Arts Writer at "The West Australian" newspaper. He gave a well-researched and stimulating lecture titled "Reading, Memory, and Freedom in the digital age". He showed that creativity can be enhanced by technology, and gave examples from his work at the West Australian.



Library Lecture 2012 attendees enjoying their lunch break

Liz Byrski, a lecturer in professional and creative writing at Curtin University, and best-seller novelist, spoke on "Subversive Pleasures - Popular Fiction and Social Change". After outlining the history of women as readers, and women as writers, she described her own journey as a writer, showing humour and wisdom.

After lunch, Damien Webb, the Indigenous Literacy Project Officer at the State Library of Western Australia, talked passionately about "Engaging Aboriginal Families with Library Services". He has worked directly with families in over 100 Aboriginal communities encouraging children to write books in their own languages as well as in English. The day finished on a high with a spirited open forum session.

A delicious, tasty and extensive lunch was supplied by the New Norcia Hotel, and Katie and Toni from Groups ensured the smooth running of the event.

Nearly every department in New Norcia contributed to make the day run well and the result was that the librarians went home well fed, well informed, well entertained and well satisfied.

Sue Johnson and Roy Stall.

ABC Filming

During the month of September New Norcia was involved in the filming of *An Accidental Soldier*, produced by *The Sapphires* producer Kylie du Fresne. The telemovie is an untold story of Australians at war and is being made for ABC TV. Director, Rachel Ward has assembled an international cast for the movie. The movie has been described by ABC TV, Head of Fiction, Carole Sklan as "A moving and ultimately uplifting story of love that crosses language and cultures in a time of catastrophe". *An Accidental Soldier* tells a very different story about wartime courage and humanity. The movie is based on the book *Silent Parts* by John Charalambous and research into the stories of Australian soldiers in Normandy during WW1. It follows the wartime story of a baker in the ANZAC service corps who makes an extraordinary decision and finds unexpected love. The telemovie was developed and financed between ABC TV and ScreenWest. The movie was filmed entirely in Western Australia.



ABC Filming "An Accidental Soldier"

Areas around the Monastery and town were transformed into a "French" village from World War 1. The transformation of the town created a fitting historical atmosphere that had many of us dreaming of a simpler time, no emails, no fancy roads and the simple enjoyment of no television! There was a brilliant buzz of excitement during the days filming and it was a fantastic opportunity to see what really happens behind the scenes of a movie. We would like to thank everyone involved for making the day run smoothly.

Guesthouse Happenings

September has been a very busy month in the guesthouse. Many guests stay a night or two as they explore the countryside for wild flowers and marvel at the fields of yellow canola. We began the month with a retreat led by Fr Anthony Lovis, "Prayer". The following week Bernie West and friends made their annual visit to New Norcia and enjoyed the Guesthouse hospitality for 3 nights. Perth Alliance Church held a retreat in the guesthouse from the 12-14th Sept.

The whole guesthouse and cottage were needed to accommodate the Mt Pleasant Baptist Church for their 2nd annual silent retreat at New Norcia on the weekend of the 14-16th September.

Thursday 20th Sept again saw the guesthouse fully booked with a group of scientists involved with the 7th Australasian Soilborne Diseases Symposium.

Friday 21- Sun 23rd September Dom Brian led the retreat "Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer" There were a few last minute cancellations but 15 guests enjoyed the weekend. Staff from "Our Lady of Good Counsel" primary school stayed in the guesthouse for an overnight retreat on Thursday 27th Sept.

Bernadette Taylor, Guesthouse Manager

New Norcia Olive Oil Silver Medal Win



New Norcia olive oil has once again added to its long list of awards, receiving a Silver award at the 2012 Perth Royal Show Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition on Saturday 22nd September 2012 at the Royal Perth Yacht Club. The New Norcia olive oil which is a labour of love was described by the judges as having a 'Strong tomato nose and equally intense palate, fresh finish with a lifted pungency'.

This award would have not been possible without the hard work of our Farm Manager Peter Grainger, staff and volunteers. This years picking was carried out over a two week period and the oil was sent to York Olive Oil for processing. The distinctive golden brown colour of the oil and amazing aroma allows New Norcia olive oil to hold its own in an increasingly competitive sector.



We would like to thank the following volunteers for their ongoing commitment and dedication to the production of New Norcia Olive Oil: Laurie Watson, John Stott, John Monkhouse, Dan White, John McPartland, Terry Shine, Frank Collins, Dennis Halligan, Michael Kennedy, Col Watson, Mick Twomey, Mick Callagari, Frank Schwarzbach, Alan McGill, as well as members of the Dardenup Parish.

New Norcia's prize winning olive oil is available from the Museum and Art Gallery Gift shop. Ph: 9654 8056 or Email: museum@newnorcia.wa.edu.au

The Sacred in 3D - Exhibition

An inspired contemporary exhibition of sculpture and traditional objects of belief and worship from New Norcia and other public and private collections.

This exhibition brings together 40 three dimensional artworks from different times, places and traditions. While each piece occupies space in a unique way, they all speak of a universal desire for something more than what is obvious and tangible. And by placing such diverse pieces together a surprising conversation emerges.

The Sacred in 3D - Sculpture at New Norcia will be at the New Norcia Museum and Art Gallery from September 22nd 2012 - April 2013.



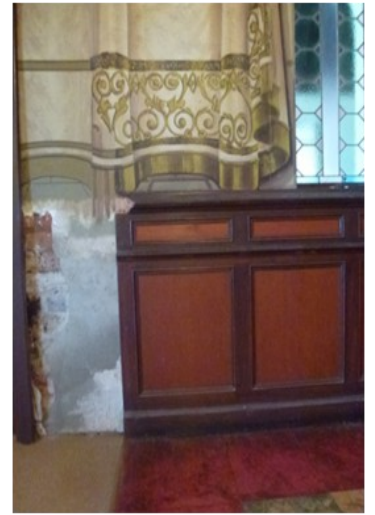
Above image: Artist: Lucy Vader
Title: OMG "Oh My God".

Oh My God is religious art and it signifies the role of a higher power in daily seemingly insignificant moments



SPANISH CHAPEL UPDATE.....

Work has been progressing on the Chapel, Tony Williams a painter from the Van Diddens company (2011 Winners of the Historical Restoration award from the Master Painters Association of WA.) have uncovered the impressive original mural of curtains on the South Wall. The right hand picture shows the area in which the wood panelling needs to be extended, one of the next jobs on the list, once the painting has been completed.



FRIENDS FUNDRAISER

A very successful fundraising morning was held for The Spanish Chapel Restoration Fund at Southern Cross Care's Success village on Thursday 30th August. Delicious devonshire morning teas were available as well as a wide variety of stalls selling cakes, plants, craft and bric a brac. Dom Christopher Power attended the morning and was able to talk to the residents and give them an insight into the chapel, its history and restoration progress. The Friends of New Norcia would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to Sr Kathleen Brennan whom initiated the fundraiser and the Social Committee who ran the morning. It was a very successful event and raised \$1789.50.



Thank you from Abbot John

Thank you everyone for your thoughtful good wishes and prayers. The spinal fusion procedure was successful and I am on the road to recovery. Knowing so many people were thinking of me was a source of great comfort. I look forward to being back on deck soon. With gratitude and blessings,
Abbot John

Main Office Relocation

Please be aware our MAIN office has relocated and is now next to St Gertrude's College.

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Liturgical Calendar

SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER:

Monday 26 November:
Friday 30 November:

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER:

Wednesday 30 November:
Saturday 3 December:

SUNDAY 4 December:

Monday 5 December:
Wednesday 7 December:
Thursday 8 December:

SUNDAY 11 December:

Tuesday 13 December:
Wednesday 14 December:

SUNDAY 18 December:

CHRIST THE KING (SOLEMNITY)

(Thirty-fourth week in Ordinary Time)
S Silvester (optional memoria)
S Andrew (feast)

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT YR B

S Andrew (feast)
S Francis Xavier (memoria)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

S Saba (optional memoria)
S Ambrose (memoria)
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM (Solemnity)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

S Lucy (memoria)
S John of the Cross (memoria)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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