



The Chimes

Newsletter March 2015

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



Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson’s visit to New Norcia.

In the Monastery’s Music Room, at 11.00 on a wet Monday 16th March, Her Excellency the Governor was welcomed to the Monastery by Fr John Herbert, Abbot of New Norcia, Harry Hawkins (CEO of the Shire of Victoria Plains), David Lovelock (Shire President), the monks of New Norcia and staff. Fr David Barry told the history of that part of the building which stands on the site of the original monastery, and he also explained the significance of the beautiful murals that grace the walls.

Fr David’s presentation was then followed by a piano recital in which Dom Robert Nixon performed Salvado’s *Fantasia Variaciones y Final* to the obvious delight of Her Excellency. Once this was completed, to considerable applause, the Governor’s party and monks were taken to the monastery library, another beautiful room situated on the first floor.

Following a further short presentation by Fr David on the library and its books, the monastery’s archivist, Peter Hocking, spoke about the archives and its contents whilst showing examples from the archives,

which included one of Salvado’s diaries and a letter from a former governor, Frederick Weld, in addition to the registers, photographs, maps and other treasures from the archives.

At 11.30, a wonderful morning tea was put on by the Hotel staff in the Monastery Parlour. Fr John officially introduced and thanked Her Excellency for her visit and the Governor responded by thanking the Community for their hospitality and went on to say that she had thoroughly enjoyed Dom Robert’s recital and that she was very pleased to hear about the new by-pass. Museum Manager, Katie Carter, then presented the Governor with a gift and, at 12.00, the Governor and her party left for Cunderdin, the next stop on her four day tour of the Wheat Belt.

Contributed by Peter Hocking, Archivist

STOP PRESS!

The Governor kindly suggested that Dom Robert Nixon should perform a concert at Government House in Perth. We are going to organize a recital later in the year or possibly next yearSo watch this space for more information!

New Norcia Olive Grove – Sucker Punching!



In preparation for the 2015 olive picking season Dardanup Parish were kind enough to send some volunteers to New Norcia over the last weekend to “sucker punch” 400 olive trees. This may sound a dangerous task, but in reality it merely entails nipping off the new growth suckers from around the base of the trees to enable the annual picking of the grove. The St Ildephonsus’ Old Boys, who help to oversee the olive grove picking, along with New Norcia staff member Nigel Cooper, advise that it’s going to be a bumper harvest this year, with an estimated 6-8000 kilos to be picked. The Royal Show entry forms are at the ready!

We would like to thank the Dardanup Parish volunteers and St Ildephonsus Old Boys for their

ongoing hard work and passion.



We are looking for a few strong **Volunteers** to manage the automated olive picking rakes in May. The olive harvest will begin on 4th of May and continue for two weeks.

If you are interested in volunteering for this please contact Lucy Nicholson on communications@newnorcia.wa.edu.au

Contributed by Lucy Nicholson.



The Mystical Experience of Easter at New Norcia.

Easter morning is special everywhere, but when the monks of New Norcia appear dressed in white robes out of the darkness of the Monastery at 4:30am for the Easter morning Vigil mass, it becomes mystical.

We start in darkness, with the only light being from the full moon and a small brazier, from which a new Paschal candle is lit. The light from the Paschal candle is then passed around the tapered candles clutched eagerly by the congregation and we process into the Abbey Church. Once inside, the candles are blown out. We listen to the seven readings and psalms in darkness, waiting for the light of the rising sun, the joy of the sung Gloria and accompanying ringing of bells.

It is my ninth Easter at New Norcia and I'm planning on many more. I come with my husband and our two children from Perth every year to celebrate Easter at New Norcia. Why?

As amateur singers, it was firstly the music that drew us to New Norcia. It has a rich liturgical musical tradition that is increasingly difficult to find for musicians, even if we did have to battle with bringing porta-cots and a pram in the early years!

We come back at least every month to cantor at Sunday mass because of the inspiration provided by the Monks, the warmth of the community and the interesting visitors from all over the world who appear for a chat in the Monastery Parlour after mass each Sunday.

But Easter is unashamedly our pinnacle at New Norcia. An Easter Chorale is formed to sing throughout the Triduum. Friendships and camaraderie are palpable. This year our numbers were boosted with the wonderful voices from the St Charles' Seminary in Guildford.

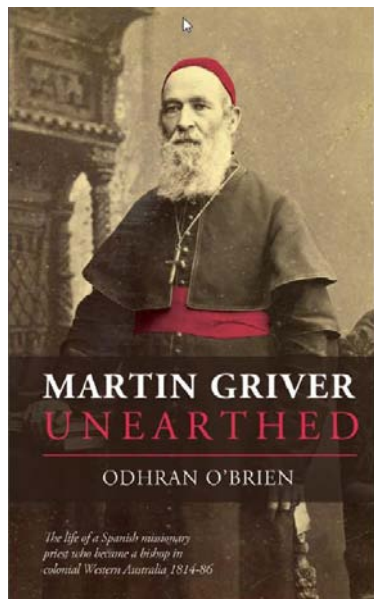
In our increasingly busy world, at New Norcia it's possible to focus on the real meaning of our Lenten journey. Darkness had been banished and we enter into another year of Light. Alleluia!

Contributed by Mary O'Hanlon Creed



Giotto 1266-1337 'Noli me tangere'

Archdiocese Celebrates the Lives of Two Pioneers – 28 April 2015



On 28 April 2015, the Perth Archdiocesan Historical Commission will be launching the biographies of Archbishop Patrick Clune CSsR by Fr Christopher Dowd OP and Bishop Martin Griver by Odhran O'Brien at the Redemptorist Monastery in North Perth.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth commissioned the books during the restoration of St Mary's Cathedral, completed in 2009. Both Archbishop Clune and Bishop Griver made significant contributions to the design and development of St Mary's during their respective terms of office. The lives of Martin Griver (1814-1886) and Patrick Clune (1864-1935) also tell the story of faith, empire and social justice during the challenging early years of the local community and Church in the 19th and 20th centuries.

As Catholic bishops, Griver and Clune were charged with both the spiritual and earthly care of the Catholic community in Western Australia. In addition to vigorously travelling the expanse of Western Australia for their pastoral duties, they built churches and schools, established charitable organisations and campaigned for better social welfare on behalf of the underprivileged.

Individually they present interesting biographical subjects. A friend of Bishop Rosendo Salvado, the founder of New Norcia, the Spaniard Martin Griver was both a surgeon and a scholar of saintly reputation. His accounts of travelling the Western Australian outback in the 1850s & 1860s provide a unique glimpse into colonial life in the antipodes.

Meanwhile, Irishman Patrick Clune was a renowned preacher who was appointed a chaplain in World War I and later acted as an intermediary between Lloyd-George and the Irish leaders during the Irish War of Independence.

These two clergymen have played significant roles in the religious, social and historic fabric of Western Australia. Now we honour the lives of Martin Griver and Patrick Clune through these detailed historical works.

'Odhran O'Brien's study of Bishop Griver and Fr Christopher Dowd's biography of Archbishop Patrick Clune are valuable contributions to Western Australia's historical writing. They add significantly to our small stock of good biographies of religious leaders.' Professor Geoffrey Bolton

You are invited to the launch of this at;

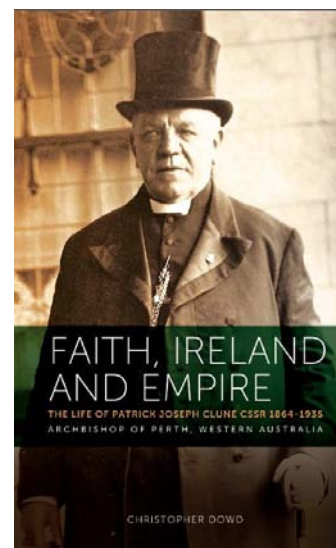
Date: 28 April 2015

Venue: The Redemptorist Monastery of North Perth

Time: 5:45pm for 6:00pm start.

RSVP: <http://heritageperth.com.au/events/book-launch/> or 9201 1014.

Contributed by Odhran O'Brien



"What a hidden treasure! Katie was an amazing guide, her passion and knowledge is incredible. Get Sunrise here."
Visitor from Adelaide

Rosetta - Rendezvous with a comet

The European Space Agency (ESA) commissioned the first of their deep space tracking stations at New Norcia in 2002 to support the Rosetta mission.

In March 2004 ESA launched the Rosetta spacecraft with the hope of rendezvousing with the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.

This inspiring mission to unlock the origins of the solar system

made worldwide headlines on 12th November 2014 when the Rosetta probe, after journeying through space for ten years, finally released a probe (Philae) that successfully landed on the comet. Since then, Philae and Rosetta have been sending back data to the ESA tracking stations located around the world for the scientists to analyse.



The European Space Agency visited the Benedictine Community on Monday 16th February to share their findings with the Education Centre and staff members. Internationally renowned mission experts Paulo Ferri and Mark McCaughrean from ESA delivered a presentation of the Rosetta Mission and its discoveries. They explained both the technical difficulties and challenges of the mission, and the excitement from the scientist's point of view of

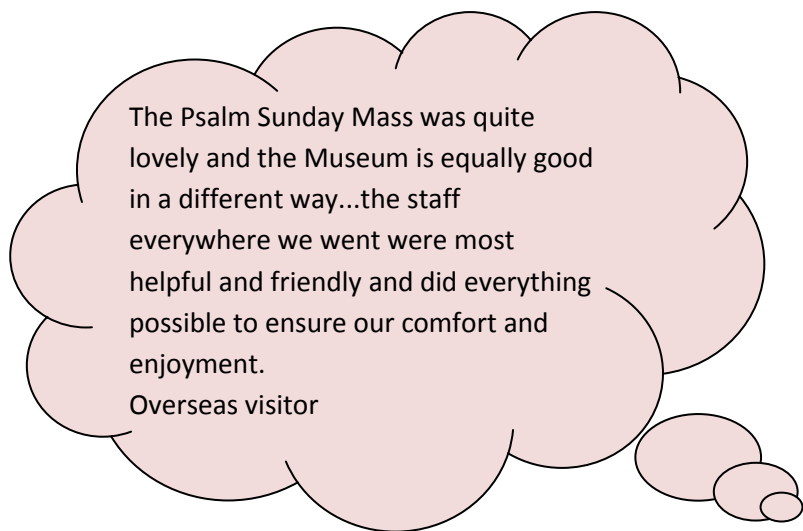
successfully rendezvousing with the comet. The presentation also celebrated 50 years of successful cooperation between ESA and Australia. The day concluded with a light lunch provided by ESA representatives. ESA has funded a fascinating interpretation centre at New Norcia to educate and inform interested parties about the mission into space exploration – a great excursion for schools, groups and local residents.

Call the Education Coordinator on 96 548 018 for more details.

Contributed by Toni Tejada



Illustration by Marina Baker



Salvado Catholic College is a new coeducational Catholic College which will open for Kindergarten to Year 2 students in 2016 in the southern suburb of Byford. The College will continue to grow to reach its ultimate capacity as a K-12 College.

The Stage 1 Building Programme will deliver a modern and purpose built early years learning centre, junior primary classrooms, grassed and hard court play areas, an enclosed assembly area, administration building and car parks. The innovative building design will have a focus on shared, flexible learning spaces that support best practice, 21st century teaching and learning approaches.

The College is named after Dom Rosendo Salvado who 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 the vision for the College.



Foundation Principal Santino Giancono has been appointed to lead the College in its foundation year and is currently seeking enrolments from interested families.

"It is a great privilege to be part of the College's development from the very beginning. On a recent visit to New Norcia, I was able to see and hear firsthand about Salvado's inspirational story and journey in founding the monastic town and community. I believe he is a fitting inspiration for our College," said Santino.

The College website www.salvado.wa.edu.au is currently in development and will be updated throughout 2015 to give families information on the progress of the buildings, enrolment information and other College details.
Contributed by Santino Giancono

The Guesthouse



had a wonderful, successful and busy Easter. Things should be a little quieter from now on, but there are a number of retreats coming up. If you were not able to

secure a room for Easter perhaps one of the retreat weekends would interest you. Check-out the

programme on the web-site.

www.newnorcia.wa.edu.au

The Benedictine Institute retreat on the 17-19th April still has a few places available. This weekend, Sr Carmel will lead the group to a better understanding and appreciation of the value of silence and solitude. ".. enter into the deep silence where God lies hidden within each of us".

Contact me on guesthouse@newnorcia.wa.edu.au or 96 548 002, if you would like to join us for peaceful reflection and time out from the digital world.

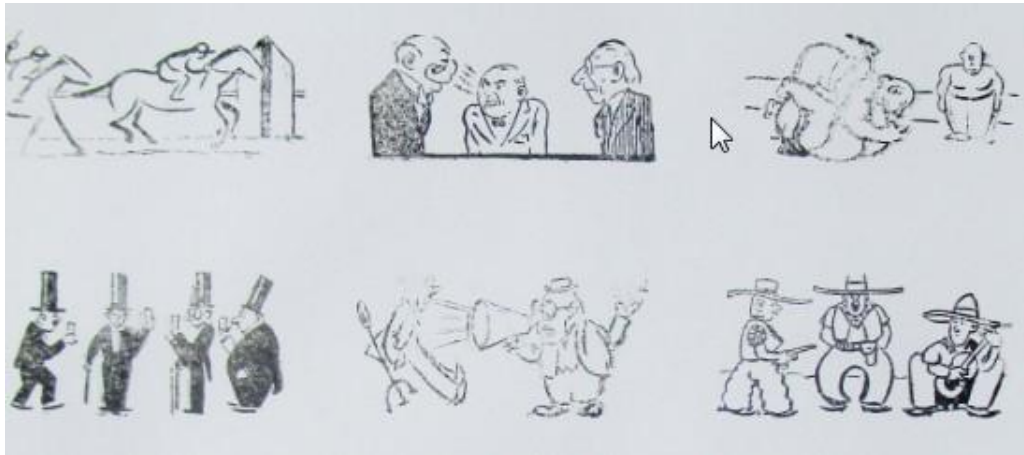
Contributed by Bernadette Taylor

"We loved the whole experience. All the staff were helpful and professional. Meeting one of the monks was fantastic, a real highlight. Food and wine in the guesthouse was excellent. "

Visitor from Victoria

NEWS FROM the ABBEY PRESS...This last visit was spent proofing two trays (printers' typesets) that contained printers' illustrated line blocks. There are over 230 different blocks, and the majority are what could be termed 'stock blocks' – blocks that can be used for a variety of different jobs. The majority are stamped with the name R.S. Sampson. Sampson's were a large printing firm in Perth that was sold in 1945 after the death of its owner Richard Stanley Sampson in 1944. Many are very dated in style, and some are quite humorous. It is not known when or why these blocks came to New Norcia, or even if they were used by the Abbey Press. A rough proof sheet of some of them is attached below. We are plotting how we might use them.

Contributed by Claire & David Bolton



The Long Road to the Bypass!

You have probably all heard by now the fabulous news that the bypass around New Norcia has been approved. Transport Minister Dean Nalder visited the historic town of New Norcia on 24th March to formally advise the community that a traffic bypass around the town would be built by 2017.

Mr Nalder told a gathering of Benedictine monks and other community representatives that funding was now confirmed and construction would take place between early 2016 and mid-2017 on a six-kilometre bypass to the east of town.

"Importantly, this project will go a long way to preserving the historic tourist precinct in the heart of New Norcia, where the Benedictine monks began building their monastery and associated buildings in the late 1840s," he said. "There has been consultation with the monks, the Shire of Victoria Plains and other stakeholders over five years or more. This is a long awaited project that will enhance pedestrian safety in the town and boost tourism."

The bypass will cost about \$30 million. The Federal Government recently confirmed its contribution of \$32.2 million toward further upgrade works on the Great Northern Highway, with the State Government providing \$8 million.

Member for Moore Shane Love MLA said he was delighted the bypass would go ahead, preserving historic New Norcia, Australia's only monastic town.

"Currently, more than 1,300 vehicles pass through New Norcia daily, with 42 percent of these heavy vehicles," Mr Love added.

Minister Nalder said the New Norcia bypass project highlighted the ongoing commitment by the Australian and Western Australian governments to improve the safety and efficiency of the Great Northern Highway.

"Currently, we have \$450 million committed to upgrading the 218 kilometres of road between Wubin and Muchea," he said.





Contributed by Lucy Nicholson

“The new bypass will complement the \$35 million upgrade of the Bindi Bindi curves, which opened to traffic last month (February 24), and the \$45 million in improvement works now under way between Walebing and Batty Bog Road, just to the north of New Norcia, to be completed in late 2015.”

New Norcia would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Bypass journey, the idea of a Bypass was instigated many years ago and over the years many community members, past and present staff, shire councillors and various members of parliament have all worked hard to make the idea a reality. A success story indeed!

New Norcia Library Lecture 2015 - 9th October 2015

New Norcia Library Lecture brings together an array of librarians and other presenters of diverse and pertinent information that contributes to the professional development of all members of the library profession, its students, as well as the many interested participants who attend this annual event.



This year's guest speakers are:

Ross Harvey is based in Melbourne. He is an Adjunct Professor at RMIT University, current Editor of the [Australian Library Journal](#), and his research and teaching interests focus on preservation and newspaper history. Ross has published widely in the fields of bibliographic organisation, library education, preservation, and newspaper history.

Lesley Dubois, Coordinator of Library Services and Local History for the Shire of Roebourne, based in the City of Karratha, W.A. Lesley has had very recent hands-on experience dealing with the aftermath and recovery of library services due to natural disaster.

Lynne Vautier, Associate Director, Curtin University Library, W.A. Lynne's equally recent professional challenge was the renovation from top to bottom and every point in between of the Curtin University Library.

Dinesh Burah, Manager of Accessible Information Services for VisAbility, formerly the Association for the Blind of WA, which is Western Australia's leading provider of support and assistance to people who are blind or vision impaired.

Two unique New Norcia town sites are included in the professional development programme:

- Prindiville Room presents the dual history of early New Norcia, creatively utilising interactive displays that both intrigue and educate children and adults.
- ESA [European Space Agency] Room reflects the collaborative partnership and long term friendship between the European Space Agency that has its Deep Space Antenna [DSA1] a few kilometres south of New Norcia and the Benedictine Community. The current display portrays the Rosetta mission.

The cost is \$80, [\$40 for students], and includes morning tea, a buffet lunch, and afternoon tea.

On the day: for early birds, morning tea commences at 9am. The first lecture commences promptly at 10am and the day concludes with afternoon tea at 3.05pm.

Please forward your **registration form** by email to library@newnorcia.wa.edu.au or by post to **Carolyn Talbot, New Norcia Library, New Norcia, WA 6509**. Receipts and ALIA-approved P.D. certificates will be provided on the day of the lecture. Tax invoices are provided upon request. For further details, contact Carolyn on library@newnorcia.wa.edu.au or **9654 8018**.

Three million dollar Lotterywest grant acquitted.

The Benedictine Community would like to thank and acknowledge the support of **Lotterywest** for providing generous funding over the last 3 years to assist upgrades and essential refurbishments to a number of important buildings and sites around the New Norcia town site.

The first stage of the funding began in 2012 and enabled improvements to the Abbey Church precinct. The scope of work included landscaping, extensive drainage and damp-proofing and finally the repaving of the roadway between the Monastery and the Abbey Church.

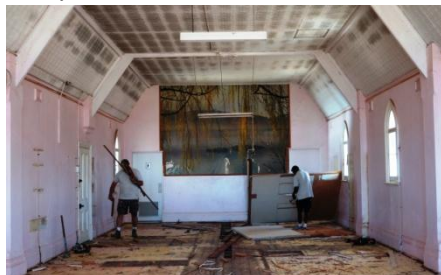


During the second stage of funding, the new disabled toilets and paved car park were completed. Work also commenced on refurbishments to St Gertrude's College and the installation of two new fire escapes.

In the final year of funding, major refurbishment to St Gertrude's and St Ildephonsus were completed. The work carried out on the two colleges included drainage, car park paving, kitchen renovations, roof repairs, bathroom upgrades, fire detection systems, painting and new carpets.

Along with a significant financial contribution from the Benedictine Community this **Lotterywest** grant enabled important and significant upgrades to the town that otherwise would not have been possible.

Many visitors and even local residents are probably not aware of the



enormous costs involved in maintaining this iconic and culturally significant site. Every



year the monastic community are required to juggle the complex and competing requirements of the site to maintain essential services such as water, power, sewerage etc. In addition funds need to be budgeted annually

to maintain and provide upgrades to the historic buildings and grounds.

Current major work being undertaken and funded by the Benedictine Community is fire prevention upgrades to the Hotel so as to comply with Australian Standards. These works include electrical rewiring, new fire escapes and a sophisticated fire detection system.



Although the town site of New Norcia appears to be ageing gracefully and looks peaceful and serene, there is always intensive work being carried out behind the scenes to preserve and improve all aspects of the community as funds become available.

Contributed by Roy Gardner and Ian Smith

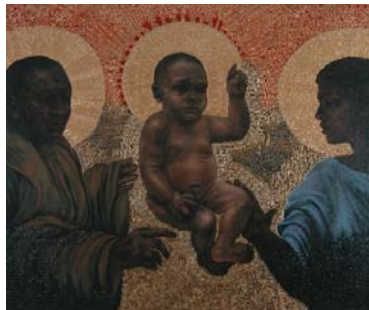


NEW NORCIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY PRESENTS

THE MANDORLA RETROSPECTIVE 1985 – 2014

Open until December 2015

"The Mandorla Art Awards - Winners and Finalists" gathers outstanding works of this prestigious, religious contemporary art award, begun in 1985.



Julie Dowling, *Born for You* (2000.14)

From the ancient cellars beneath the Benedictine Monastery of Modena, Italy to the



Benedictine Monastery of New Norcia, we are delighted to bring you the gastronomic delight of aged and pure Balsamic vinegar.

Working in collaboration with the Italian Monks who have been producing this aromatic vinegar in the traditional method since 1046, we have managed to secure two distinct vintages both aged in barrels of differing woods one for 12

years, the other for 25 years. This vinegar is very different in quality to what we have become used to in supermarkets and the taste is divine.

The category "Three Leaves" (Burgundy top) is a certified vinegar of sweetness, identified by signs of spice and wood, particularly suitable to accompany cheeses and strawberries.



"Four Leaves" (Gold top) is an exceptional dense Balsamic Vinegar, perfect for use in high-level cuisine.



Both come beautifully boxed and would make a highly desirable gift so if you are looking for that something special it can be found here in New Norcia & of course it is an exquisite culinary addition to our New Norcia Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Available at the Museum and Art Gallery.

Contributed by Katie Carter

Tour and Tapas Trail



New Norcia Visitors' Centre & Hotel are delighted to announce a new and innovative experience at New Norcia, available to groups of six or more.

Delve into our unique Spanish Legacy and go back to 1847, following the steps of our founder Dom Rosendo Salvado.

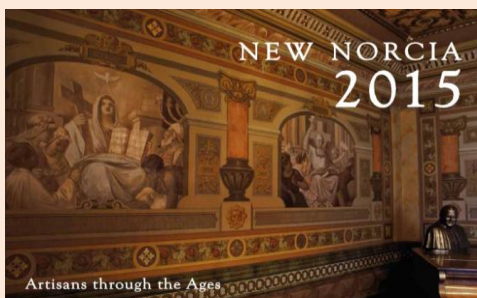
10:30 am Buenos Dias a Todos

- Take morning tea and toast (our fabulous Multi grain fruit bread) on the verandah at the Museum & Art Gallery
- Join the two hour guided tour through our magnificent town and wonder at the skill and hard work that the original Spanish monks put in to make this very special example of European heritage a standalone **icon of Western Australia's history**. 170 years of Benedictine care has preserved and protected this historic township and it is the only Monastic town in Australia.
- After your tour you are invited to a taste of Spain at the historic and beautiful New Norcia Hotel, built in 1927. There you will be served a ***Tempting Tapas*** array to share with your partner using the freshest produce cooked in the traditional Spanish manner and served with New Norcia bread freshly baked every morning in the wood fired oven dating back to 1878 located inside the Monastery walls.
- After lunch wend your way down to the Museum and Art Gallery to view the spectacular collections of memorabilia and religious art works and the History of New Norcia laid out before your eyes over three spacious levels.
- After your experience join your tour guide once more for a very special journey through the culinary delights on offer tasting the wines and produce exclusive to New Norcia. Of course you can purchase any of these goods after your tastings in the New Norcia gift shop.
- Unfortunately it is then time to bid you all

3:30 pm Adios y Buen Viaje

All inclusive price of \$50:00pp

Please contact the Visitors Centre on 08 9654 8056 for more information on timings and availability or info@newnorcia.wa.edu.au



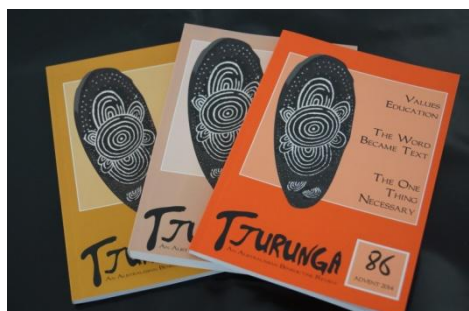
There are a few 2015 calendars left. Go to the museum shop on the website to get your copy!

<http://www.newnorcia.wa.edu.au/products/group/books/5>

Only \$11.95

TJURUNGA: An Australasian Benedictine Review

Tjurunga is a publication of the Benedictine Union of Australia and New Zealand. Michael Casey oco, describes the original focus of this



periodical in his last editorial as follows: Initially **Tjurunga** conceived itself to be a

channel of ongoing education whereby readers could catch up with some of the recent studies concerning Benedictine history and spirituality and associated topics. The phrase used was “haute vulgarisation”; the content would aim at a middle-brow audience among those attached to the Benedictine tradition, with a view to bringing them up to speed on what was happening in the world of scholarship. In addition, it was hoped that having a periodical of its own would give the

Benedictine Union of Australia and New Zealand a greater sense of identity and common patrimony.

The first issue of **Tjurunga** came off the press in 1971 and its circulation has grown worldwide ever since. Recently Michael retired as editor after many years of faithful service to **Tjurunga's** production. Carmel Posas and Katharine Massam have now taken over this role as an obvious extension of the work of the New Norcia Institute for Benedictine Studies.

Tjurunga has a history that shows the riches of monastic tradition; it is itself testament to the monastic discipline of reading carefully and writing well, and to the generous sharing of ideas. The Institute commends the periodical to you and we hope that you can find much in its pages to prompt good conversation and the deepening of spirituality.

Annual Subscriptions: Australia: A\$15 (+GST)
Overseas: A\$30

To subscribe to: *Tjurunga* contact Cecily Pullen SGS on cpullen@goodsams.org.au



The Emergency lighting and the fire detection system at the New Norcia Hotel is due to undergo an upgrade to comply with the relevant Australian Standards.

The work is due to start on **April 7th 2015 and last until 1st May**. Services may be disrupted occasionally during this time, so if you are planning a visit to the Hotel please ring them on 0896548034 or email them on hotel@newnorcia.wa.edu.au to avoid disappointment.

Known disruptions

Tuesday 7th April -Friday 1st May - Accommodation will be limited. No access or power upstairs between the hours of 7am-5pm.

Monday 13th April - The hotel is closed for accommodation

Tuesday 14th April - The Hotel is closed until 5pm. Evening meals will be available as normal.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

THE INVINCIBLES

New Norcia's Aboriginal Cricketers, 1879-1906

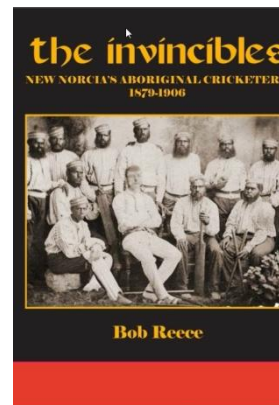
It caused nothing short of a sensation in February 1879 when a fledgling team of Aboriginal cricketers from New Norcia Benedictine Mission appeared from nowhere to take on the colony of Western Australia's leading cricket teams and subject them to some humiliating defeats. How was it that this tiny and isolated outpost of Catholic Spain set in the heart of the Western Australian bush could have given rise to such an extraordinary sporting phenomenon? In this groundbreaking book, Western Australian historian Bob Reece traces the colourful history of *The Invincibles* and their spectacular contests during the 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882 and 1886 cricket seasons against the Metropolitan Cricket Club, Fremantle, Guildford, York and teams from the Victoria Plains.

Dismissing the belief that cricket was intended by Bishop Salvado as a 'civilising' device and that local pastoralist Henry Lefroy was responsible for its introduction at New Norcia, the book shows that the Mission's Aborigines themselves took the initiative. *The Invincibles*, as they came to be called, excelled in batting and bowling as well as fielding, challenging the notion that cricket was quintessentially an Englishman's game involving typically English skills and values. They were responsible for lifting the standard of cricket in the colony during the years before the formation of the WACA in November 1885. What was the reason for their outstanding success? Contemporaries attributed it to inherited skills adapted from hunting, but these were mission-educated Aborigines removed from traditional hunting and gathering practices. *The Invincibles* were a social, not a racial, phenomenon. They practised hard and played as a tightly-knit group, their highly-developed communication skills and co-operative efforts as a team reflecting close ties of kin and upbringing in a cohesive and supportive village community over two decades.

Contributed by Bob Reece

Available from New Norcia Museum and Art Gallery.

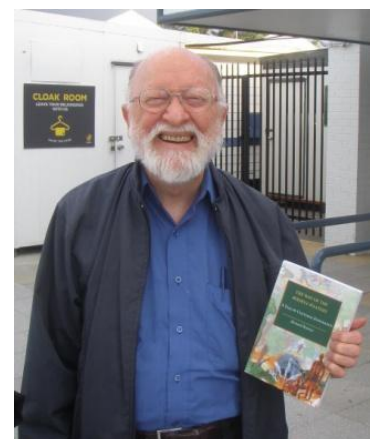
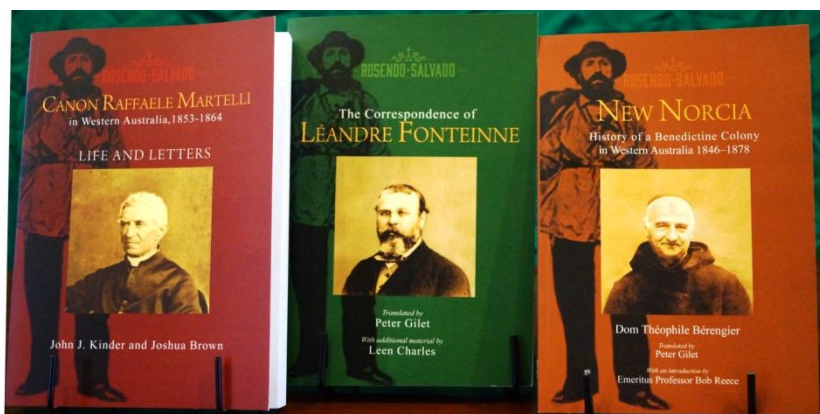
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NEW NORCIA ABBEY PRESS PUBLICATIONS

The three books published under the new New Norcia Abbey Press banner are for sale at the Museum and Art Gallery and are available online at the web shop. These books are the tangible result of the first four years of research conducted under the Abbot Placid Spearritt Memorial Scholarship and are also the first books to have been published since the Archives' only other publication, the *Salvado Memoirs* in 1977.

Abbot Bernard Rooney's latest book **THE WAY OF THE BOORNA-WAANGKI - A TALE OF CULTURAL ENDURANCE** is also available at the MAG and is due to be officially launched later this month.



2015 Farm Shearing Statistics

Recently the farm shearing contractors “Wilkie Shearing” from Moora did a great job of shearing 2250 lambs and 3200 adult sheep. One hundred and three bales of wool was collected, the ewes averaged a fleece weight of 6kg and had an 18.5 micron, meaning it is classed as fine wool and is used for fine apparel such as jumpers and suits. The lambs averaged a micron of 16.5, this beautiful super fine type of wool could be used for close to the skin type of apparel. A great result.



The Blessing of the Roads



A small group of locals, councillors, monks and nuns gathered for the Annual Blessing of the Roads Ceremony. The Shire CEO, Harry Hawkins, spoke passionately about road safety in country areas, prayers were led by Sr Jill O'Brien sgs followed by Abbot John Herbert sprinkling the Great Northern Highway with holy water. Maybe next year the ceremony will not be interrupted by road trains rumbling through town....! The ceremony was followed by a lavish morning tea at the New Norcia Hotel.

This event is supported by the Government of Western Australia's Road Safety Community Grants Programme.





NEW NORCIA

WRITERS FESTIVAL 2015

books music dance history food conversation

Saturday 12 September



Guests include Liz Byrski, Stephen Scourfield, Floeur Alder, Deb Fitzpatrick & Abbot Emeritus Bernard Rooney

\$70 all-day ticket includes 5 sessions, monastery tour & morning & afternoon teas. Buffet lunch \$25 extra. Bookings: Lucy Nicholson on (08) 9654 8018 or email communications@newnorcia.wa.edu.au. Places strictly limited.

For details visit newnorcia.wa.edu.au.



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- Chefs toolbox
- Intimo
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- Car Wash
- Envy Jewellery
- White Elephant Stall
- Raffle and Cakes
- Jeanne D'Moore Homewares



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