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Christmas Bowl Concert 2008 a great success

The Christmas Bowl Concert was a great success. Our thanks to all who took part: the talented singers from Eneksis, the Cottage Children's Choir and St Hilda's Year 7 and 8 Chamber Choir.

See pictures of the event [on our website](#).

Christmas Bowl material will be available very soon from the [National Council of Churches in Australia website](#), and from the offices of the Council of Churches of Western Australia.



Sustainable September

Sustainable September is an annual campaign in Western Australia that highlights the many different threads that are necessary to weave a sustainable future. Sustainable September demonstrates and celebrates sustainability in action.

For 2008 the theme, 'The Climate is Right for Sustainability', makes that all-important link between the sustainable practices we employ and the positive consequences on climate change and our quality of life.

Check out the Calendar of Events for 2008 to experience social, environmental and economic sustainability in action. Many are free to attend.

For a list of events, or to include your event on the website:

<http://www.sustainableseptember.net.au/cal.html>

If you follow this link you will find the bible studies and liturgical resources we are making available for Sustainable September 2008.

<http://green.wa.uca.org.au/index.php?page=worship-resources>

'Hard Rain' is a major international touring exhibition that includes a challenging series of photographic images by Mark Edwards. An outdoor 50m banner, 'Hard Rain' is inspired by and presented to the lyrics of Bob Dylan's song 'A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall'. The exhibit is a powerful commentary on climate change, people's impact on the environment and global poverty. Confronting visual images challenge audiences to participate in the debate on these relevant issues.

Where: The Botanic Gardens, Kings Park

When: Throughout September, 9am to 4pm daily

Entry: Gold Coin donation gratefully accepted to assist the conservation of Kings Park



Bible Study - On the way to Christian unity

On the way to Christian Unity is a Biblical meditation presented by Fr. Prof Ioan Sauca during the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism in June 2005.

Be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus... (Philippians 2, 2-5)

You can download this study at:

http://overcomingviolence.org/fileadmin/dov/files/wcc_resources/dov_bible_studies/meditation_Fr_Sauca.pdf



Ecumenical Service - Anti-poverty Week

To highlight our uniting call of solidarity against poverty.

"Australia: Rich Young Nation"

Keynote address: Bishop Donald Sproston, Catholic Auxilliary Bishop of Perth.

Please join us at St Brigid's Catholic Church, cnr Fitzgerald and Aberdeen Sts Northbridge.

Tuesday 14th October at 12.15pm followed by refreshments in the church hall.

The service is a joint venture with:

- The Catholic Social Justice Council, Archdiocese of Perth
- Social Responsibilities Commission, Anglican Province of WA
- Uniting Church in WA, Social Justice Board
- St George's Cathedral Perth
- Council of Churches of WA
- Anglicare WA .

RSVP 94227900 reception@highgate-perthcatholic.org.au



International Day of Prayer for Peace

In 2008 again, the WCC promotes the International Day of Peace by inviting churches, ecumenical organisations and all people of good will to pray for peace on 21 September.

Ideas for action:

- Organise a time of prayer and reflection on peace in your community, workplace, school or home.
- Share information about the Day of Prayer with others.
- Distribute copies of the brochure
- Prepare a 24 hour prayer vigil for peace with other faith communities around the world (see: www.idpvigil.com)
- Arrange a meeting with representatives of other church and religious communities to discuss how faith groups can build a culture of peace.
- Join a growing network of Christians contributing to an Ecumenical Declaration on Just Peace
- Collect special offerings to support peace initiatives in your community or abroad



Read more at: <http://overcomingviolence.org/en/about-dov/annual-focus/2008-pacific/resources-for-the-pacific.html#c20879>

Events for the Heart and Soul

VACANCY – WA DEVELOPMENT WORKER, PART TIME

ASCM(WA) is seeking a person to support its role as fellowship for tertiary students seeking an open, active, ecumenical and critical approach to living out of the Christian Gospel.

ASCM(WA) is a small group with members across UWA, Murdoch and Edith Cowan campuses walking gently with those exploring faith. We aim to explore many different perspectives on issues.

The job broadly involves:

- * Setting up and maintaining groups and networks among students;
- * Administration of contacts, webpages, publicity, databases, student functions, budgets;
- * Activity planning, meetings, retreats, conferences;
- * Liaising with other groups, faith based or student support;
- * Planning prayer, worship, study;
- * Reporting to the WA ASCM Area Council and National Executive.

The WA Area Council provides support to the role, which requires a Christian commitment and a confident desire to work with tertiary students in frontline ministry.

The hours are 8 hours per week, paid at a rate of \$18 per hour for 52 weeks per year (including 4 weeks annual leave and sick leave) plus superannuation.

For more information and application process details contact:

Barrie Baker
98B Third Avenue
Mount Lawley, WA 6050
baker@ca.com.au
9271.5184



Vacancy: Volunteer at Murdoch Human Research Ethics Committee

We seek expressions of interest from clergy (ministers, chaplains included) for membership of the university's Human Research Ethics Committee.

The committee is responsible for ensuring that all research with human participants is conducted according to the standards of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) and other Codes and legislation as required.

We would prefer a person who also has some experience of research or research environments (e.g. having undertaken some postgraduate study or worked in a research context).

For further information and application details, please contact the Research Ethics Office on 9360 6677 or email ethics@murdoch.edu.au Closing date 30 September or until vacancy filled.

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act for peace is supporting a placement for the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development Program, through our partner Church World Service Cambodia, and we are wanting to support them to find an excellent candidate.

AYAD volunteers must be 18-30 yrs old and Australian citizens, and applications are due by 26th September. All details can be found on the AYAD Website.

Events coming up:

Rev. Keith Dowding Memorial Service

Friday 12th September - 10am at Ross Memorial Uniting Church

September 11th - 12th Gender Analysis Workshop – UNIFEM Australia, working with the Gender Consortium of Flinders University, is in the process of organising 10 workshops on Gender Analysis which are being held across Australia in every capital city, Alice Springs and Cairns. The workshops will provide an introduction to gender analysis and gender budgeting. Participants will consider key gender concepts and a selection of gender analysis frameworks, approaches, tools and questions.

These workshops have been funded by the Office for Women under the Leadership Grants and will be free for participants to attend. To ensure the workshops are beneficial to all involved, we will be capping the numbers at 20 in each city.

For registrations and more information visit the UNIFEM Australia website - www.unifem.org.au

Registrations for the Perth workshop are closing soon - so make sure to register!!!

Protest Welfare Quarantining – Monday, September 15th

15th September, 12pm Justice Now – Aboriginal Rights Coalition WA

Despite the evidence of the failures, malicious motivations and lies behind the Northern Territory Intervention, the governments of Australia are trying to spread it further. The implementation of "welfare quarantining", which says that certain people do not have the right to spend their income on what they want due to their skin colour or where they live, is being implemented in the Kimberly region of Western Australia and in Cannington.

Help spread the word about what's being done to the most vulnerable and voice your outrage outside Mirrabooka Centrelink.

When: Monday, 15th September.

Where: 22 Chesterfield Rd, Mirrabooka

For more information about the event or the Aboriginal Rights Coalition WA, email yorga84@hotmail.com

20th September A Day for Women - "The Mysticism of Teresa of Avila" Led by Tess Milne and Phyllis Genge

Saturday 20th September 9.30am to 4pm Wollaston College

Cost \$40 (Concession \$35) includes lunch

A day away from the usual routine of life, safe in the company of women, to explore, refresh and delight in one's relationship with God.

Enquiries and Registration: Maria Hann 9286 0270 or
mhann@wollastoncollege.com.au

26th September Australian compact: Creating a new partnership between the Commonwealth Government & the Not-for-Profit Sector

Creating a new partnership between the Commonwealth Government & the Not-for-Profit Sector

Tell us your views on an Australian compact.

The Not-for-Profit Sector is a vital part of Australia's civil, social and economic life, providing a broad range of services and opportunities to Australians, including culture and recreation, essential community services, and representation and advocacy.

Through participation in not-for-profit organisations, many Australians also learn valuable lessons about how to contribute to our civil life, which makes our democracy stronger. The Not-for-Profit Sector needs to be supported to thrive and strong, positive relationships between the Sector and the Commonwealth Government are important to achieving this.

The Not-for-Profit Sector and the Commonwealth Government are exploring ways to develop a new and stronger relationship with each other, based on partnership and respect. One way to do this is through the development of a National compact.

The Sector and the Government want to know what you think about the proposal to develop a National compact. We want to know what you think the value of a compact is, what a compact should focus on, and what should be in one.

Come and tell us your views.

When: 9:00am to 1:00pm, Friday 26 September

Where: City West Lottery House, Conference Room, 2 Delhi Street, WEST PERTH
The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, Senator the Hon. Ursula Stephens will be attending this forum.

Places are limited so register as soon as possible. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.acoss.org.au, or you can telephone 02 9310 6203, or email compact@acoss.org.au.

Go to: www.acoss.org.au to download your copy of the consultation discussion paper today.

September 27th

Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice Governance and Accountability Intensive
Mr Dave Ballantyne and Dr. Suma Kaare wish to invite you to attend their upcoming presentation, Governance and Accountability: Current Debates in Developing Nations. This presentation is open to all with an interest in social justice. It will be of particular interest to those studying International affairs and development, and to those working in the private sector, government and the not-for-profit sector who are involved in international activities.

The day will feature interactive contributions and reflections covered in four sessions on:

- * The path to nationhood: conflict to stability
- * Governance: building governments, the role and influence of NGO's and the private sector.
- * Financial accountability: corruption, fraud management, accountability requirements
- * Gender equity

When: 27th September 2008, from 9.00am – 4.30pm,

Where: Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice, 24 High St, Fremantle.

Presenters: Dr Suma Kaare and Mr Dave Ballantyne

Cost*: Unwaged/Student - \$25.00; Unwaged Retiree - \$35.00; Waged Adult - \$50.00; NGO / CSO - \$100.00; Waged Others - \$150.00 (*+GST)

For registrations please call 9432 2400 or register online at www.erisj.org.au/new/registration (Registrations will close on the 25 September 2008)

October 2-4 Discovering Balance – October 2nd – 4th

An international conference on prison reform, restorative justice, and human rights.

The 2nd – 4th October 2008, Murdoch University, Western Australia.

Discovering Balance will include presentations and workshops from activists, researchers, academics, and community and government representatives exploring a wide range of issues including penal reform, victims' rights, restorative processes, Indigenous justice, and rehabilitation.

Conference Themes and Plenary Sessions - Prisoner rehabilitation; Victims' rights and restorative processes; Human rights in custodial settings; Indigenous Australians and the criminal justice system; Restorative prisons; Restorative justice processes and juveniles; Restorative processes and human rights in a punitive society; Prison reform, the media and the public.

More information and registration forms can be found at <http://irjpr.net.au/conference/>

October 28th & 29th Dayspring and Nathanael's Rest present ROBERT FERRE

President of Labyrinth Enterprises LLC (www.labyrinth-enterprises.com)

and founding member of The Labyrinth Society (www.labyrinthsociety.org).

Workshop 1

Tuesday October 28 9.30am-1pm (Half Day) Cost: \$60

Venue: Dayspring Centre, 68 Waverley St, Dianella

"Patterns- origins and meanings" This workshop will consist of lectures and questions time

Master Class

Wednesday October 29 9.30 am - 4 pm (Full Day) Cost: \$120 Including lunch tea and coffee

Nathanael's Rest , 800 Gill St, Mundaring

This workshop includes how to make a small desktop labyrinth. Bookings:

info@dayspring.org.au Tel: 9376 1400

Saturday 25th October Exploring Men's Spirituality -Who encourages, inspires and challenges you as a man? How are you that for other men?

Following on our successful gathering last we will explore three male models to emulate:

Saturday 25th October at All Saints College, Ewing Avenue, Bull Creek from 9.30am to 3.30pm, Cost \$40 (Concession \$35) including lunch.

Leaders: Steve Runciman, John Bunnill and Micheal Pennington

Enquires and Registration: Maria Hann 9286 0270

Or mhann@wollastoncollege.com.au

11 November 2008 A large scale arms exhibition will open in Adelaide on 11th November - Remembrance Day. This does not appear to us as a fitting way to remember the horrors of war, and work towards peace.

The Stop the War Fair coalition is the national organising group, made up of faith, union, women's and other peace groups around the country.

The coalition are organising a range of events including a festival of peace and remembrance on November 9th.

Others are organising a range of events which include public singing, plays and blockades., beginning November 8th.

Buses are being organised from around the country for people to attend the protests.

Check out the central website <http://www.apdsexhibition.org>

Ways you could support the campaign include:

- * Signing the attached statement condemning the arms fair. This will be launched on the UN International Day of Peace (21 September), in Adelaide's Parliament House. Sign ups to: louise.morris@mapw.org.au

- * Promote the event amongst your members. Invite them to consider attending the protest events.

* Inviting your members to sign a petition against the arms fair
<http://www.gopetition.com.au/online/21474.html>

* Donating to the campaign. Options for donating include:

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o Posters/Fliers: Breakdown Press are printing fliers and posters for the event.
Donations to: "Breakdown Press, Bendigo Bank, BSB: 633 000 Acct No: 127570174
c/- 22 Gordon Grove, Preston, VIC 3072

o Fact Sheets and Campaigner. MAPW are employing a project worker, and
printing fact sheets. Donations to: MAPW, NAB, BSB: Acct no 29003192

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