

# INTERSECTION

JUNE 2011

By Shona Weston

## RED NOSE DAY SERVICE

On Friday 24th June at 10.30am, you are invited to a special Red Nose Day service at St Michael's.

In 1988, The Red Nose Day concept was adopted by SIDS and Kids organisations around Australia. The first Red Nose Day was so successful, with around one million red noses sold and about \$1.3 million raised, that organisers decided to make Red Nose Day an annual event.

Red Nose Day is held on the last Friday in June and is the major

fundraiser for SIDS and Kids. SIDS and Kids is dedicated to saving the lives of children and babies during pregnancy, birth infancy and childhood. Sadly each year over

4,300 babies and children die suddenly and unexpectedly from sudden infant death syndrome, stillbirth, fatal sleeping accidents and

accidental death. Over 50% of these deaths still have no known cause. SIDS and Kids works to change all this through the provision of education, bereavement support services and funding vital research into stillbirth, sudden infant death syndrome and safe sleeping practices. SIDS and Kids relies almost totally on the support of the community.

To support Red Nose Day, or to tag yourself with a red nose, visit [www.rednoseday.com.au](http://www.rednoseday.com.au).



## CANCER COUNCIL ARTS AWARDS

The Cancer Council Victoria's Arts Awards program is an annual event that accepts entries in Visual Art, Poetry, Short Story, Film, Indigenous Visual Art, Children's Art and Children's Writing.

The Awards program was established as a means for people touched by cancer to communicate their experiences in a creative way. Among the cash prizes that are awarded to the most outstanding works within their categories, several highly commended and commended

entries are selected from each category.

This year the exhibition will be on display for all to view, at the 120 Collins Street Foyer from the

10<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> of July and the theme will be 'I am.'

All cancer journeys, invoke a range of emotions and can affect how you perceive yourself and others. 'I am,' allows people to reflect on how they feel and how they identify themselves, after having been touched by cancer.

A memorial service for those affected by cancer, will be held at St Michael's Uniting Church in July and all are welcome to attend.

Visit [www.artsawards.com.au](http://www.artsawards.com.au) for more information.



## REV. DAVID RYRIE

David Ryrie, who died aged 94 on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January, was a man who combined modesty with great dignity and a warm and generous spirit with a strong sense of decency and principle.

Born a twin in Winchelsea Victoria, his ultimate goal was to enter the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church and in 1938 he was accepted to begin training for that profession. In 1942 he entered St Andrew's Theological Hall, Sydney, and spent three years there.

During his Theological Hall course David was a home mission student in the parish of Blacktown, from which charge he went as minister of the Presbyterian Church to Queanbeyan. He was ordained there on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1945. In 1946 he married Edna Garden, a teacher in Queanbeyan. As an ordained minister he went with Edna to Brighton-le-Sands in 1947, followed by Inverell in 1955, and then to St Andrew's Kirk, Ballarat, in 1962. His final parish was Coburg, where he remained from 1971 until his retirement in 1986.



A constant student and deep thinker, David had an intellectually rigorous approach to preaching. However, he saw his primary role as one of caring for people.

He retired from the Ministry at the end of 1985, and in January 1986 he moved to Mt Macedon, where he lived in a cottage on the property of his daughter, Helen, and son-in-law, Peter Murdoch.

Until just before his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday David lived a very active and full life, driving to Melbourne to St Michael's Uniting Church, Collins Street, each Sunday and to Rotary meetings each Wednesday. David Ryrie was an inspiration to many people throughout his long life. He eschewed material wealth and the glory of high office in the Church, preferring to live simply and to serve God to the best of his ability.

He died peacefully and with dignity in the manner in which he had lived.

*Written by Helen Murdoch,  
David's Daughter.*

## VCASS FREE CONCERTS

The Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School and St Michael's Uniting Church are excited to present two free concerts in July and August!

VCASS provides a nationally, and internationally, recognised specialist program for the training of talented young dancers and musicians. On Tuesday 26th July and Tuesday 23rd August, some of the year 12 music

students from VCASS will present a performance of classical works at St Michael's Uniting Church. The performances will commence at 1.00pm and will feature solo works, with accompaniment by Jodi Lockyer and Anne Lewitzka.

Come along and support our emerging talents and enjoy the performance.

Creating Successful  
Life Events (CSLE)

**mingary**  
WORKSHOP PROGRAM

These interactive small group workshops are for people who want to create their own happiness and enjoy a brighter future.

Next workshop: Friday 17th June

**'The pursuit of perfection.'**

Dr Lynette Kramer, Director of the Mingary Counselling Service, will conduct this interactive workshop. The session will explore the misery of perfectionism and optimal ways to think about failure and success. The workshop will include strategies for overcoming the burden of unrealistic goals, learning to live with mistakes, and coping with perfectionism in others.

These are some of the upcoming titles;

**Fri 15 July** - But I'm delightful, so how could they not like me?

**Fri 12 Aug** - Self-administered psychological acupuncture.

**Fri 9 Sept** - Healthy obsession. When is fixation okay?

Cost: 10.00 per session (includes materials and refreshments)

Time: 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Location: Waratah Hall, 1st Floor, St Michael's Place, 120 Collins Street.

Contact: Dr Lynette Kramer

## FIVE TAKE FLIGHT

From Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of June, an art exhibition entitled "Five Take Flight" will be held in the Waratah room. The exhibition will feature artwork in the form of paintings, textiles, jewellery, printing, journals and mixed media, and a percentage of sales will be

presented to Global concerns.

Featuring works from Jacky Williams, Julia Dean, Dot Christian, Ro Bruhn and Patsy Worledge, "Five Take Flight" promises to be an exceptional event with much to stir the mind!



Patsy Worledge

Jacky Williams

Julia Dean

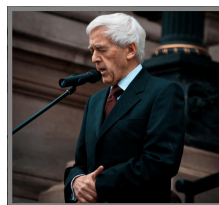
Dot Christian

Ro Bruhn

## WHITE WREATH DAY

White Wreath Day is a national day of remembrance for all victims of suicide. Each year on the 29th of May, families, friends and loved ones gather to commemorate this event of personal tragedies.

The White Wreath Association aims to raise much needed funds to build centres - places of safety for those when suicide threatens - around Australia. This year, Dr Macnab was invited to speak at this event.



## PROGRAMS AT ST MICHAEL'S

### MEDITATION

Sundays - immediately after service

### POETRY GROUP

Every 3rd Sunday - after service

### WOMENSPACE

The last Sunday of the month - after service (except April and September)

### MENS GROUP

The last Sunday of the month - after service (except April and September)

### FREE ORGAN RECITALS

Thursdays at 1 pm

### GLOBAL CONCERNS

Sundays - after service

### ARTS FOR RIGHTS

Activities held monthly at various locations.

### WALKING GROUP

Walking at various locations throughout the year.

### HUMAN RIGHTS

Various events through out the year.

### TRIPLE R - REVIEW, REFLECT, RESPOND

Discussion group. Every Sunday, after morning service.

Visit the St Michael's website or check the Order of Service for details of latest groups and activities.

## SHERENE HASSAN EXPLAINS ISLAM

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, secretary of, and media spokesperson for, the Islamic Council of Victoria, Sherene Hassan, will be giving a talk in the Waratah Room after church.

The Islamic Council of Victoria is the main body for Muslim organisations in Victoria and represents more than 90,000 Muslims. Their vision is to enhance the community for all Australians through the empowerment of Muslims in Victoria. Their goal is also to promote an accurate, informed and positive understanding

of Islam and Muslims.

Sherene was elected chairperson of the Jewish Christian Muslim Association Conference Committee, was listed by the Age newspaper as one of Melbourne's top 100 most influential people and most recently was appointed by former Premier John Brumby to serve on the Australia Day committee. She has conducted over 500 information sessions on Islam and has spoken to diverse audiences including the Flying Fruit Fly Circus School and the Australian Federal Police.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Sherene will speak on 'Reclaiming Islam - The Vision of Today's Progressive Muslims and the Challenge that Lies Ahead.' Please join us after the Sunday Service in the Waratah room.





## SAGE

### SUCCESSFUL AGEING, GROWTH AND ENHANCEMENT

FRIDAY 1ST JULY

### HOW NOT TO BE A WORRYING INTROVERT.



*With Dr Lynette Kramer*

**Time:** 11 am to 1 pm  
**Where:** St Michael's Hall  
 120 Collins St,  
 Melbourne, 3000  
**Cost:** \$15 inc. Lunch

For more information call 96545120

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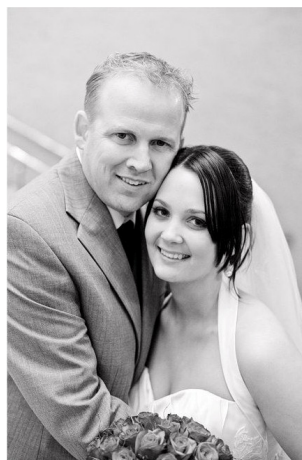
[www.mingarycounselling.com.au](http://www.mingarycounselling.com.au)

St Michael's Place  
120 Collins St, Melbourne 3000

## WEDDINGS

St Michael's is one of the most popular locations for inner city, church weddings. between 70-80 weddings per year.

When couples are questioned why they chose St Michaels for their wedding, the response is much the same: because the church is particularly stunning and because St Michael's is non-denominational and accepting of everyone.



On average St Michael's holds

our family and friends, and we wouldn't have had it any other way!

On the 14th of May, I, Shona Vistarini, wedding coordinator at St Michael's, married Sharn Weston at St Michael's Uniting Church at 3.30pm. It was an amazing day and the rain managed to hold off from 2.30pm until 6.00pm. St Michael's provided the perfect church in which to celebrate with

## HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERTS

Thank you very much to everyone who supported our two recent May concerts. The May 22 concert with the Choir of Trinity College, University of Melbourne,

raised \$1,105 for Médecins sans Frontières.

The May 29 concert with the Eltham East Primary School Choir raised \$302 for Wildlife Victoria.



## EVENTS TO WATCH OUT FOR AT ST MICHAEL'S!

**Sunday 19th June**

Guest Minister Eileen Ray.

**Tuesday 21st June**

Magical Musical Mornings  
'Liberace and Friends.'

**Friday 24th June**

Red Nose Day Service.

**Friday 24th June - 26th**

'Five Take Flight' Art Exhibition.

**Sunday 26th June**

Guest Minister Peter Burnham.

For more details please see the events page of our website.

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