

INTERSECTION

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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS AT ST MICHAEL'S

The 40th Year Seminars celebrate Dr Macnab's 40 years at St Michael's. These seminars will aim to highlight St Michael's goals of enrichment, inspiration and enhancement of wellbeing across the last 40 years, through all its diverse paths: spiritual, physical, social, creative, intellectual and psychological. Sharing their individual journeys and achievements are four highly engaging and diverse speakers.

On Sunday 14th August, Dr Ranjana Srivastava, oncologist and author, presented a talk at 12.00pm. Ranjana spoke to us about her work and her book, *Tell Me the Truth: Conversations with my Patients about Life and Death*.

Elizabeth Chong, author and consultant to the Chinese Food

Industry, will present a talk on Sunday 28th August. Elizabeth regularly appears on television and radio and is well known for her books on Chinese cooking and her newspaper and magazine articles.



Elizabeth runs a Chinese cooking school, and has been a part of the St Michael's community since 1975. Also on August 28th, Kenneth F Ralph will speak on "How the Past Sets us up for a Great Future." Kenneth is a therapist, author and

retired Uniting Church Minister and his talk will incorporate the exciting, unpredictability of the future.

The final speaker in this series will be Dr Leslie Cannold, author of *The Book of Rachael*. Leslie is well known for her intelligence and eloquence, and *The Book of Rachael* tells fictional the story of Jesus' younger sister, who is 'ambitious, passionate and unconstrained by her upbringing,' and who 'falls in love with Judah of Iscariot.' She extends the story in an expert manner, showing the reader the reality of the women in Jesus' life through engaging and fast-paced prose.

These talks are free to attend and they promise to provide compelling food for thought!

LATROBE UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE

LaTrobe University Centre for Dialogue, in association with St Michael's Uniting Church, is pleased to invite you to the 2011 Annual Lecture.

The Centre for Dialogue is a major initiative of La Trobe University. The Centre is primarily committed to research but also education and training, policy development and community engagement focusing on the philosophy, method and practice of dialogue.

Professor Michael Cox will present

this lecture entitled "Decline of the West – Power Shift? Reality, Myths and Economists." Prof. Cox is a professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics (LSE). He is also chair of the European Consortium for Political Research and is the Director of the Cold War Studies Centre LSE. Over the last twenty years, Prof. Cox has delivered lectures to senior executives, business people, military and intelligence personnel and government organisations in Europe,

Asia, the US and Australasia. As a writer, Prof. Cox has authored, edited and co-edited over twenty books on international politics, the Cold War, US Foreign Policy and the behaviour of superpowers. He has also contributed to many academic journals.

This lecture will take place on Thursday 1st September at St Michael's Uniting Church at 7.15pm. RSVP is essential, so please contact Christine Siokou at the Centre for Dialogue. dialogue@latrobe.edu.au.

CAIRNMILLAR APAC ACCREDITATION

Last week, the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) visited and appraised a range of proposed psychology programs at Cairnmillar Camberwell, Cairnmillar Highpoint and Mingary.

Cairnmillar Institute has recently implemented some new Masters programs in psychology as well as other psychology programs.

APAC was formed in 2003 for the primary purpose of setting national standards for the education and training of psychologists and to accredit courses which meet those standards.

APAC assesses psychology training programs offered by higher education providers on application. APAC also works cooperatively with higher education providers by providing these rules and accreditation standards, and advising about the design of courses for which they are seeking to achieve accreditation.

The APAC evaluation panel has informed Cairnmillar that they will be recommending to the council that all of the proposed programs, be accredited as 4th, 5th and 6th year psychology programs respectively. This means that the courses that are offered at Cairnmillar will now be recognised

by the Psychology Board of Australia as suitable training towards the eligibility for registration as a psychologist. This is a huge honour, as Cairnmillar is the second non-university in Australia to receive this accreditation and the first in Melbourne. This means that Cairnmillar is now one of the few private colleges throughout Australia that are approved to award the Master of



clinical psychology. The Mingary Counselling Service was given a great review with the ACAP review board

commenting that no other University has a training clinic like Mingary. Dr Lynette Kramer has had great foresight in setting up the clinic over the last few years and thanks to this, little change was needed to bring Mingary up to the ACAP standards.

Our new system has been improved with the assistance of Michelle Doolan, Mingary Assistant Director, who has been working on the protocol documentation.

Cairnmillar is delighted with this outcome and appreciate the effort that was put into this project by so many people.

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 9th September

'Healthy obsession. When is fixation okay?'

Dr Lynette Kramer, Director of the Mingary Counselling Service, will conduct this interactive workshop. The session will talk about the perseverance and commitment that is involved in following your dreams, and the necessity of this in making them a reality.

These are some of the upcoming titles;

Fri 7th Oct - Difficult people. Dealing with the toxic terrors in your life.

Fri 11th Nov - Missed opportunities, perseverance.

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

No bookings required.

INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION

On Sunday 21st August, members of InterAction, a youth-based interfaith group, will join St Michael's for a panel discussion following the morning service.

23 year old member of the Hindu community and a Committee of Management member for InterAction, Nivy Balachandran, will lead this panel discussion



as well as other members of InterAction. An advocate for human rights, Nivy intends to work in International development and humanitarian aid. She will be joined by other members of the InterAction organising committee, from a range of faith backgrounds, including Islamic, Jewish, Christian, Sikh, and others.

In 2009 InterAction, a

multi-faith youth network which promotes religious pluralism and interfaith cooperation and service, was started by Freeman Trebilcock. Freeman has a vision

for InterAction to grow into an Australia-wide network and instigate change across the entire campus environment for University students, where faith groups currently remain disconnected from each other. Their aim is to replace cultures of conflict and competition with ones of co-operation and peace.

This discussion will take place in the Waratah Room, and everyone is invited!

For more information about InterAction, please visit www.interaction.org.au.

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.

EVENTS TO WATCH OUT FOR AT ST MICHAEL'S!



Friday 26th August

SAGE

Sunday 28th August

Elizabeth Chong

Sunday 28th August

Kenneth F Ralph

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

SAGE

SUCCESSFUL AGEING, GROWTH AND ENHANCEMENT

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST

**The Old Dog Learns Too Late
His Big Mistake.**
You can rebuild after the mistake.
But what do you need to do it?



With Dr Francis Macnab

Time: 11 am to 1 pm
Where: St Michael's Hall
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Cost: \$18 inc. Lunch

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ST MICHAEL'S WEEK TEASERS!

St Michael's week is fast approaching, and this year the theme for St Michael's week will be "Animals and Zoos Victoria". Here is a quick run down of what to expect on the week beginning Monday 19th September.

Monday - Guide Dogs on Parade. We have planned a parade of guide dogs and puppies in the colonnade from 12.00pm. The dog procession will move into the Hall around 12.15 for a presentation by Vision Australia's community education team, introduced by Dr Macnab.

Tuesday - Magical Musical Mornings with Jonathon Welch. Join Jonathon Welch or a tribute to all the great Tenor classic songs that made the great Tenors famous!

Wednesday - Launch of Dr Macnab's new book. Dr Macnab's new book "Discover a New Faith: Energy for a Better Life", will be

launched today. You will be able to purchase a copy and have it personally signed by Dr Macnab.

Thursday - Greta Bradman Lunchtime Concert. Soprano, Greta Bradman will perform at the Lunchtime concert with organist Rhys Boak.

Friday - SAGE. "Why try to look 20 years younger? What really matters is your personality NOW."

Sunday - St Michael's Day. St Michael's Day will begin with breakfast in the Hall. Then the Rock Ceremony will take place, followed by the St Michael's Medallion presentations in the church. After the service wine and cheese will be provided in the colonnade, and Ken Gosbell will give a presentation on migratory birds in the Waratah Room.

With so much going on, there is sure to be something that will interest you. So come along and be a part of this exciting celebration!



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