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Michael Bowman Memorial Service 2006

by Peter Bent

Over one hundred people gathered at Serpentine Bridge on 14th October for the unveiling of a memorial to Michael Bowman, who was 12 years old when he died in the Clontarf bus accident on 15th December 1955. A memorial service was held in memory of Michael and all those who suffered shock and serious injuries in the bus crash, which was described as one of the State's worst road accidents.

Amongst the gathering were several nurses and motorists who rendered assistance to the injured boys, along with some of Michael's relatives and his old friends from Clontarf.

The proceedings commenced with members of the Welsh Society singing the Welsh National Anthem—in honour of Michael's heritage—followed by the Australian National Anthem. Tony Costa, a former child migrant and previous Lord Mayor of Subiaco gave the opening speech and introduced David Crisp who



had arranged the memorial. A hand shake of reconciliation was accepted by the Christian Brothers Province Leader Br Kevin Ryan, who commended the gesture and said he would convey it to his colleagues.

Other speakers at the service included Fr David Shelley, Paul Bradshaw and Paul Irvine. Alan Osborne, who was severely injured in the crash, and Michael's relative Gail Watkins unveiled a Welsh Flag from the memorial while Tom Jones' stirring song *The Green Green Grass of Home* played in the background.

After the official proceedings there was time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. The DJ swung into action, the barbecues fired up, and the sun kept shining – maintaining a picnic atmosphere for the rest of the day.

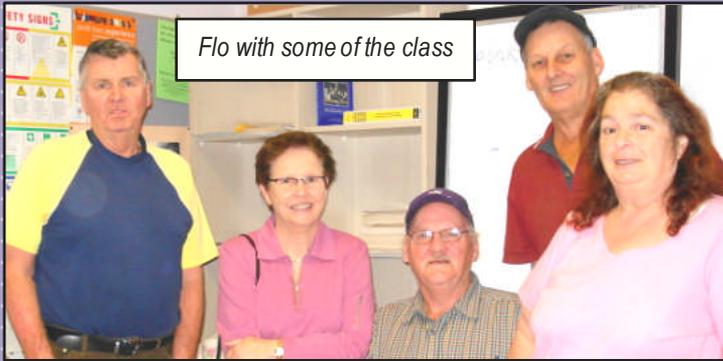
If you would like to obtain a video of this event, contact Paul Irvine or Peter Bent on 9458-4495.



Clontarf Old Boys at the 2006 Memorial Service at Serpentine

Sr Flo's COMPUTER CLASS

by Flo O'Sullivan



Flo with some of the class

Thursday is one day in the week that a few former Child Migrants really look forward to. That is because they attend a class at Catholic Migrant Centre in Victoria Square where they learn how to get through the maze of the modern idiom in computing. They learn how to send e-mails, work with word processing, write business letters, surf the Net or work with photos and pictures. For people who are still developing their literacy skills, the computer is an ideal way to improve grammar and spelling too. Whatever it is that a person would like to learn about the computer can be learnt in an informal atmosphere where laughter is often heard. We are fortunate in having up-to-date computers in an excellent venue.

The class members started out knowing nothing about the computer. They now know that it isn't that difficult to learn the basics and each person can go at their own pace and learn what interests them in particular.

People attending at the moment are: Patrick Cannon, Peter Bent, Alfrieda Bellia, Graham Gallea, Anthony Brennan, and Terry Humphreys. Yvonne Radzevicius, a former child migrant and ex-Nazareth House resident is the teacher this year and is doing an excellent job.

Yvonne writes:

Staff at the Centre are very friendly and only too willing to help. It can also be a time for friends and former schoolmates to drop in for a coffee and a chat. After the class it is usual for everyone to go somewhere for lunch or at least coffee, so it does become a real social occasion.

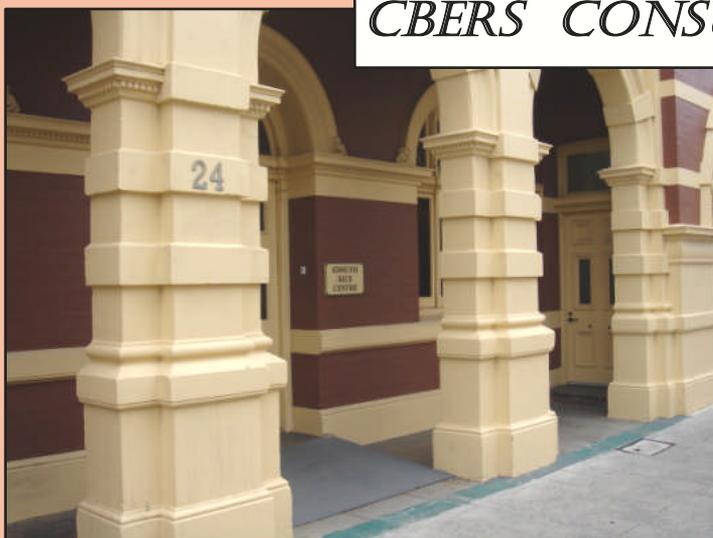
As someone who attended the first year that Sr Flo started the classes at CMC, I can only say I am grateful to have learnt such a lot from my former teachers. At home, with time, patience and a lot of mistakes I was able to teach myself a good deal on the computer. When approached to take the class I was only too happy to share the knowledge and to pass on my experiences with those starting out with computers. It has become a weekly event in my life that I also look forward too. It certainly keeps me on my toes and makes certain that I update my computer skills.

Yvonne Radzevicius

These lessons are funded by the Christian Brothers and have been running for four years. In the past the Sisters of Mercy and the Nazareth Sisters have also contributed financially. There is no charge to Former Child Migrants. If you are interested in attending this weekly class, get in touch with me.

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Hello from Joan Kerry

Joan Kerry, Manager of the Australian Child Migrant Project, is well-known to many readers who remember her dedicated work in tracing families and assisting family reunifications. Joan is also fondly remembered for the great personal warmth and caring she brought to this role. We were very pleased to hear from Joan, who writes to say:



Joan Kerry

I often think of the very many people I had contact with during my many years working with Former Child Migrants in Australia and look back with great fondness of the times I spent with them and their families. The newsletter is a great way for me to keep in touch and to read about what is happening.

Since the closure of the Catholic Project, I have been putting my experience to work in a different, although related way. I was appointed as Independent Chair of three adoption panels in the UK and I am particularly concerned to explore with people applying to adopt children who can not live with their

own parents, their understanding of the child's need to know about their family of origin and their willingness to help the child to make contact with their family when the time is right for them.

I am also keen to ensure that social workers who are making decisions about children are recording as many facts about the child's parents as possible so that when they want to trace their families, the information is there to help them. We also encourage adopters to write a letter

to the birth family at least once a year, telling them about how the child is progressing so that no parent is left wondering how their child is getting on.

I always felt that we must learn from the mistakes of the past and I feel that this is a good means of influencing the planning for children today.

Those of you who remember me will remember that I lived in Birmingham. Another great change in my life is that Nigel and I have moved out to a small village near to the Welsh border. It is only a small place but has plenty going on. I am helping to edit the local newspaper, have joined a dance group (don't laugh) and am a volunteer with the good neighbour scheme. So life is never dull.

My regards to all who remember me and best wishes to your families.

Joan Kerry

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SEASONS GREETINGS

Merry Christmas to all
readers and their families
with best wishes
from the *Network*
newsletter committee.

TOBA News

25 Years of TOBA

TOBA will celebrate 25 years of existence in 2007. By way of celebration, there will be a reunion at Moore River from February 9th to 11th. Meals and accommodation will be provided free of charge for members of TOBA. Former Tardun students who are not members of TOBA are most welcome. For details contact Judith Marshall (9457 7936).

Vale Charlie Cutiar

It is with sadness that we report the passing away of Charlie Cutiar. Charlie died after a long illness with cancer on 30 August 2006. A number of TOBA members were at his funeral and a number of stories involving Charlie, and that appeared in 'Tales of Tardun' were read out at the funeral. Members of TOBA express their sympathies to Charlie's family.

School News

Mr Nick Lynch, Principal of CBAS, will be on study leave during Term 4. The leave will enable Nick to undertake long term planning associated with changes to be implemented in 2007. During Nick's absence, Mr Neville McManus will be the acting Principal. Neville is an experienced principal, having been principal of a number of CEO schools in country areas. His most recent appointment was principal of St Joseph's School, Northam. We wish both Nick and Neville well.

2007 will see CBAS becoming a co-educational institution. The boys will be accommodated at the St Joseph's campus (the Pallottine Mission) and bused to and from school each day. The girls will be accommodated in the east wings where the former dormitories



are being renovated thanks to a government grant. The former west wing dormitory will become the new library. There are plans to transport the library/science complex away from its existing site and reconstruct the former aesthetic stairway that was a prominent feature of the 1936 building.

The chapel stained glass windows have been completed (thanks to a bequest from Ollie Winters). There are separate windows devoted to Irish, British and Maltese child migrants.

Busy Bee

A busy-bee held in October 2006 was well attended by members of TOBA for the painting of wooden toys crafted by Tardun old boy Br. Norm Tuppin. A lot of work was accomplished along with many yarns and plenty of laughter. A barbecue was held 'after' the work was completed in appreciation of a great effort. Thank you to all those who helped out.

Comings and Goings

We welcome to Western Australia Harry Aubrey's foster sister Angela who is visiting from Michigan, USA. Angela is accompanied by her husband Jim.



Members of TOBA at a busy bee for Br Norm Tuppin at Clontarf in October 2006

THE CLONTARF NETWORK

CLONTARF HISTORY PROJECT

The aim of the Clontarf History Project is to create a visible history focusing on past students and staff of Clontarf. Since their first meeting in April 2004, the Project group has discussed various options including a 'heritage trail', commemorative plaques and other visible memorials to the earlier inhabitants of the College.

With funding provided by the Christian Brothers, the group is planning to move forward and implement some of these ideas, but needs more input from Old Boys of different eras in order to make the project a success.

If you would like further information or would like to join in the Project, please contact Peter Hann at the Clontarf Management Office on 9458-1774.



Clontarf Social Group Meeting

October 2006

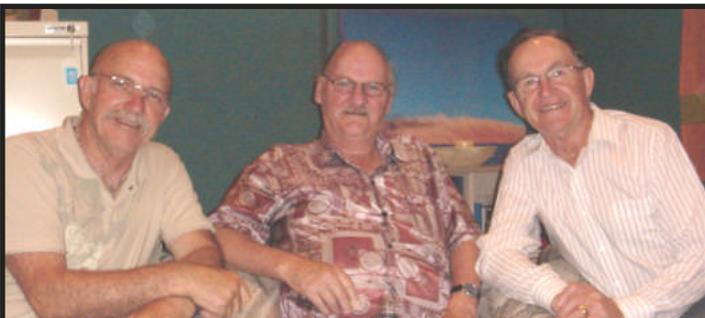
Present: Michael Hogan, Peter Bent, Hughie McConnell, Pat Ward, Anthony Brennan, Catherine, Graham Gallea, and Kevin Donaghy, Arthur O'Hare

Apologies: Dennis McNerney, Paul Irvine, Mick McGuigan, Vic Moore.

The most recent meeting of the Clontarf Social Group was held at the O'Hare residence in Mullaloo on 24th October 2006. The meeting was opened at 1.00pm by Michael Hogan, who thanked everybody for their support of the group during the year.

Group members raised various issues for discussion and a number of events and projects were discussed. Thanks to Brendan McCloat for his input, and also to the host for his hospitality. The meeting closed at 2.00pm.

The next meeting will be held at Peter Bent's place in Cannington on Saturday 10th February, 2007 at 12 noon.



Former Clontarf residents Dennis McNerney, Paddy Cannon and Eddie Cogan discuss various projects

Michael Bowman memorial service



Serpentine, October 2006

BINDOON CORNER



Our first edition of *Bindoon Corner* brought a good response with calls or emails from places as far apart as Kulin and Sydney, and with Eddie Butler being in contact with a 1943 ex Bindoon boy now resident on Norfolk Island.

The main reason for this newsletter is to keep all informed of coming events and one big event will be the celebration of our 60 years since we arrived in Fremantle in 1947. I met Norman Yeates last year at our Christmas Function, and I hadn't seen Norman since we left Bindoon 55 years ago. The opportunities to meet are rare so let's hope all those who came in 1947 will make contact and help us celebrate in 2007.

Laurie Humphreys

PS It would be great to have some news sent in by other Bindoon Old Boys

Our thoughts are with you –

Best wishes to Lionel *Geordie* Welsh who is unwell, but still continues to look after his old friends and to advocate on their behalf.

Jimmy Three Springs

Former Bindoon boy James Parkinson was recently honoured by the Shire of Three Springs as a significant character in the town's early development. Jimmy, tragically killed in a road accident in 1970, had his name inscribed on a pathway of memorial bricks alongside those of other well-known local identities.

Jimmy Parkinson and Laurie Humphreys were both aboard the *Asturias* when it docked in Fremantle in 1947 and were both destined for Bindoon. Laurie remembers 'Parky' as a great character from school days, and he travelled to Three Springs to attend the ceremony in September this year. Laurie sent us the memorial event brochure, which features the following story by 'Dudawa Dan':

Patrick James Cullen Parkinson was born on the outskirts of London in September 1933, to a young unmarried Irish girl who had fled her country because of the shame of being pregnant and single. She passed away at childbirth and her child was left to an orphanage to care for him. In 1947 the Christian brothers brought quite a lot of orphans to Australia, who were transferred to Bindoon when they were 15 years old. Jim followed this path until 1951 when he was eighteen and was allowed out into the workforce.

Mr Norm Fogarty was a local wheat carter who employed Jim as his assistant. Jim's accommodation

1948—Barry Nealley, James Parkinson, Robert Hall, Simon Darnell, Gordon Grant, John Coniffe, Terry Morley



was a small building on the property that had previously been used as a dairy. Jim lived in the old dairy for many years and used it as his town base while he worked the district as a casual farm hand and rouseabout, always returning to work for Norm at harvest time.

'Jimmy Three Springs' as he was later known, loved the horse races and the local football. With race meetings from Spring to Autumn and football in the Winter, Jim was kept pretty busy with his social engagements and he always dressed for the occasion in his navy pin-striped suit, white shirt and cerise necktie.

Hitch hiking was Jim's chosen method of transport, which was very common in those days, as there



NAZARETH NEWS

Many former residents of Nazareth House still reside in the Geraldton area, including Bernadette Bowey (formerly Keogh), who has lived in Geraldton for the past 28 years. Bernadette tells us there are nine 'Nazzie Girls' in the Geraldton and Northampton areas who often meet up for afternoon tea or go out for dinner. Most of the 25 friends who attended Bernadette's 70th birthday celebration in October this year are friends from Nazareth days.

Bernadette has also advised us of the sad news that former Nazareth resident Patricia Heelan

(formerly Strickland) passed away on the 25th September 2006. Pat was sent from Nazareth House in Hammersmith as a young girl, and arrived in Geraldton on 10th December 1947. After leaving school Pat worked for Mr & Mrs Kelly at Strawberry Farm in Perenjori and later married and had five children – four boys and one girl. Our sincere condolences to Patricia's family and thank you to Bernadette for sending in this news.

weren't so many villains running around the country.

Jim reached the age of 21 in 1954, and could then vote and attend public houses legally. He chose to celebrate this occasion at the race course, and told his friends that his invited guests included celebrities like the Patron of Boy's Town Bindoon, Senator Joe Cook, Mr Bernie Prendiville, whose timber company had supplied a lot of timber to Bindoon, and a host of Christian Brothers. Most people doubted that they would turn up, but they did and they joined in the celebrations on the big night. Jim had invited a couple of farmers he regularly worked for, who donated three sheep, which Arnie Saggars killed and prepared for the barbecue. He also ordered three 18 gallon kegs and we all had a night to remember.

Jim was an amazing financial planner, and started up his own brick making business, as building materials were very scarce at the time. He asked the Brothers at Bindoon to loan him some cement brick moulds, and applied the skills he had learned at Bindoon to making cement bricks. He set up on a vacant block next to Fogarty's house, and would ask the prospective builder to supply the sand and cement and he would make about 50 bricks a day. Sometimes you would see him making bricks at night, after a day's farm work. Jim later became a marine dealer and purchased a truck so he was able to deliver his bottles and other scraps to Perth himself, of course for more profit.

In July 1970, the Country Football Carnival was on in Perth, and the two teams Jim supported, North Midlands and Central Midlands, were playing at Leederville Oval. It was a golden opportunity for Jim to see them play and meet up with some old friends. Early in the morning he drove his loaded truck to Midland, where he sold his bottles and batteries, then caught the train to Leederville Oval. After a great day, watching both teams win and having a meal and a few beers at the member's bar, Jim bade farewell to his friends and caught the train to Midland to head home to Moora. About 25 miles north of Midland his truck broke down. It was a terrible winter's night with rain and thunderstorms. It appears Jim attempted to hail a passing car but wasn't seen by the driver—thus ending the life of a great battler, a character and a man of great self-esteem.

Thanks to 'Dudawa Dan' for this story.



St Joseph's

St Joseph's news is provided by Jean Costello, who was Barbara Jean Lithgow at school and is married to Noel Costello. Jean and Sheilagh Pearce are the Network representatives for the 'Joey Girls' and their contact details are listed on page three. Jean would like to ask people leaving messages on her answering machine to remember to leave a name and phone number, as she has been unable to return several calls that had incorrect phone numbers or no name. Jean would also like to point out that people's privacy is always respected, and permission will always be sought before any phone number or information is exchanged.

Jean writes:

About twenty people gathered to celebrate this year's Joey Girls Sunday Christmas get-together, which was held in November at Mary and Patrick Armstrong's house in Kalamunda. It was a lovely occasion, with plenty of laughter and good-natured ribbing and, as always, it felt like a gathering of family. A surprise visitor arrived with Mary Circenis - Vanessa, the daughter of her sister Joan who is visiting with family



from the UK and is staying with Mary and her husband Sid. Everyone remembers Joan (formerly McCloskey) from St Joseph's days, and having Vanessa there was a bit like having a visit from Joan herself.

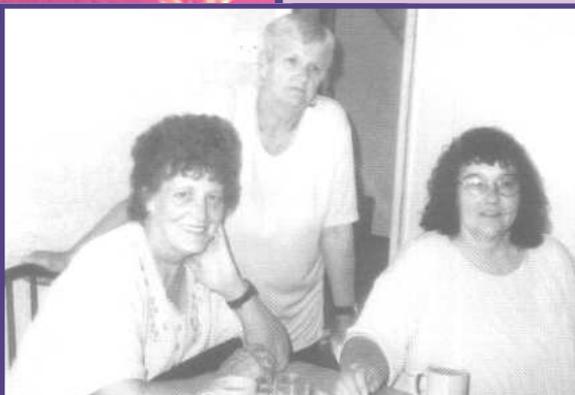
Plans are underway for a combined gathering to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the '1947ers' - if you know of any girls who have lost contact and may like to attend this event, please let me know.

And finally, I got the shock of my life when I discovered recently that a number of my early records were held at the Catholic Migrant Centre. It made me wonder how many other people don't know that personal documents might be available to them.

Enquiries can be made to Sr Flo O'Sullivan at the Catholic Migrant Centre (9221-1727).

Barbara Jean Costello

"Something to hand down to the grandchildren"



This photo of Mary, Joan and Marcella appeared in the 'CBERS Express' in 2002

A wealth of family history opened up for Mary Circenis when two albums arrived from the UK in August this year.

Compiled by Siobhán Clemons of Father Hudson's Society in Birmingham, the albums contain an amazing set of original letters

between Mary's parents and "something to hand down to the Father Hudson's Homes in grandchildren".

Coleshill, Birmingham. The letters reveal the lengthy battle by Mary's father to maintain his family; her parents' visits to the UK orphanage; and their war-time struggle to establish a home for Mary, her three younger sisters and baby brother Tommy.

Mary, an ex-Joey Girl, was unaware of her family history and her reactions have been mixed. Mary was angry to discover that her parents had to apply in writing for permission to visit their children, and that she was never told how hard they had fought to keep the family together. At the same time, Mary is overjoyed to have

between Mary's parents and "something to hand down to the Father Hudson's Homes in grandchildren".

Mary's emotional discovery will soon be shared by the two surviving McCloskey sisters, Joan in the UK and Debbie in NSW, who have also applied for their Father Hudson's records through CBERS.

Unfortunately, the historical records available from most former orphanages and child care institutions are either minimal or non-existent, and the records kept by Father Hudson's are a rare exception.

If you are a former resident of Father Hudson's Homes in Coleshill, Birmingham and are interested in seeking information, contact CBERS Consultancy or email Siobhán Clemons directly at: origins@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Rosie Finucane

c1897 - 1962

Rosie Finucane, a cook at Castledare, is fondly remembered by many former residents. Rosie died in 1962 and was buried at Karrakatta Cemetery with a headstone arranged by Tony Dalton. Several years ago Tony discovered Rosie's headstone was being removed during upgrade work at the cemetery and rescued it.

There are plans to have the headstone placed at Castledare with an explanatory plaque next to it. We hope this will take place in early March 2007, and will let you know more details soon. If you are interested in helping Tony Dalton and others planning this event please contact Tony on 9451-8578.

TOWARDS HEALING

The Christian Brothers aim to provide a safe environment which allows personal and spiritual growth for all involved in all of their ministries. If, however, anyone has suffered abuse while being involved in an organisation conducted by the Christian Brothers she or he is encouraged to contact the Towards Healing *Freecall* number: 1800 072 390 (this is the WA number).

This service is available to anyone who has a concern about abuse by personnel working for the Catholic Church. It has been established to deal with allegations of abuse and to provide help to the victims of such abuse.

Joan (formerly McCloskey), an ex-Joey Girl who now lives in the UK, is seeking contact with her old school friend Bernadette Martin. Joan can be contacted via CBERS Consultancy.

NOTICE BOARD



Michael O'Rourke in the UK would like to find photographs of the Sunday group outings to the Perth Zoo in the mid-1950s. Information can be sent to Michael via CBERS Consultancy.

Mrs Margaret Ryan of Sydney accompanied this group of boys from England to Australia aboard the *Strathaird* in 1954. Margaret sent in this photo and is seeking information about ex-Bindoon boy David Quill, who died after a car accident in 1969. Margaret would like to know if there is a headstone or marker for David.



Back: Sr Gabriel
Third row: Clifford Walsh, Michael Smith, David Barnard
Second Row: Terry Smith, Frank Kelly, **David Quill**, John O'Flanagan
Front row: Eddie Brown, Gabriel Morrow, Ian Simpson

In Loving Memory of Alister Carr

31st October 1944 – 13th July 2006

Aged 61 Alister is sadly missed by his older brother Geoffrey Carr, his sister-in-law Julie Carr, surviving children Dwayne, Simone and Renee and six grandchildren. Youngest daughter Janelle (21) was tragically killed in December 2004. Alister was born in Hamrun Malta and migrated on the *Australia* in 1953. A Clontarf ex-resident with a momentary stay at Castledare, Alister sustained several injuries in the 1955 Clontarf bus accident but this did not prevent him leading a successful and rewarding life.

Alister will be remembered as a hard working man and a loving father.



A Word from the Counsellor

Is it OK to talk about good memories of childhood?

When talking with former residents about their memories of growing up in an institution it is sometimes difficult to raise the topic of happy memories. Raising this topic in counselling can meet with an angry response, and focusing on good experiences is easily labelled as 'being in denial' or as an attempt to 'whitewash' historic child abuse. However, the purpose of emphasising positive childhood memories is not to cover up the negative.

From a counselling perspective, it is useful for people to be able to identify some good early experiences they have already built upon and used as a source of strength in later life. It is also helpful for people to have choices about 'belonging' and feeling connected to their childhood relationships. I would like to propose that not only is it OK to talk about good memories – it is essential.

Although the majority of people who grew up in institutions describe a mixture of good and bad childhood memories, it seems the positives often get buried under the sheer weight of the negative. Celebrating positive memories can be seen as 'inappropriate' or even 'disrespectful' in the face of overwhelming recollections of severe childhood abuse. This situation is worsened by a mass media that continues to highlight

the most shocking stories and can encourage a distorted view of the world.

The sensational media exposure that was so valuable in raising public awareness about widespread institutional abuse, and helped bring about acknowledgment and reparation, was also very traumatic for many of the survivors. Some men describe feeling distressed or resentful about unwanted questioning from family and friends, or feeling that they had suddenly lost their privacy and the power to choose whether or not to discuss their own childhood experiences. Others say they felt unfairly stigmatised by the publicity, and had withdrawn from people they knew in the institutions.

These unwanted side effects seem to have doubly disadvantaged people who already drew a couple of short straws early in life. The silencing of positive memories and the further damage to already fragile childhood connections have not been helpful to anyone. A focus on 'positive childhood memories' in no way denies, diminishes or disrespects the courageous voices that have spoken out about the historic abuse of children in institutional care, and which helped others to feel safe to speak out too. It simply asks for tolerance and respect for other and different memories of childhood.

Philippa White, CBERS Consultancy

Alliance of Forgotten Australians

by Dr Maria Harries,

Chairperson of the former CBERS Services

I am reassured (and I think that we should all be reassured) that many people in Australia are committed to remembering the 'Forgotten Australians' who experienced institutional or out of home care as children. There are many people working hard to ensure that the recommendations of the Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee Inquiry into Forgotten Australians (2004) are implemented.

On 26th September, Laurie Humphreys and I attended a second Sydney conference aimed at establishing a "professional national support and advocacy body for care leavers". The idea for such a support system comes from Recommendation 19 of the Senate Inquiry and what we are trying to do is to ensure that every state has at least one such group and that these are all connected at a national level. The meeting in Sydney was very lively and there was a lot of energy around to keep moving ahead. Care leavers with a passion are a forceful group! There are some stunning people in our midst who are not going to accept 'no' to the request for support in getting these support groups going.

Most other states have some form of support group, while WA is just starting to develop such a group. Queensland gives us a great example. The champions there have been funded to establish the Esther Centre which "provides support for people who have experienced physical, sexual, emotional and spiritual abuse in church institutions, faith communities and human services". It is a model for all of us.

Meanwhile, at a state level, we have had some discussions with the government but have mainly been working with Dr Marilyn Rock in Senator Murray's office to establish a local group in WA that can link with any national one. What has been helpful is the work of our friends nationally. They were all present at the Sydney conference which bought about a commitment by Forgotten Australians to work together to form a national coalition of support and advocacy bodies from all jurisdictions. Agreement was reached on the formation of the *Alliance of Forgotten Australians* and the following Forgotten Australians have nominated for membership of the Steering Committee:



CHANGES FOR THE CONGREGATION OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

Changes are underway for the Christian Brothers, and a number of people have asked when these changes will take place and what impact they will have.

Province Leader Br Kevin Ryan provides the following news:

By early October 2007 some substantial changes will take place in how the Christian Brothers organise themselves and conduct the work in which the Congregation is currently engaged.

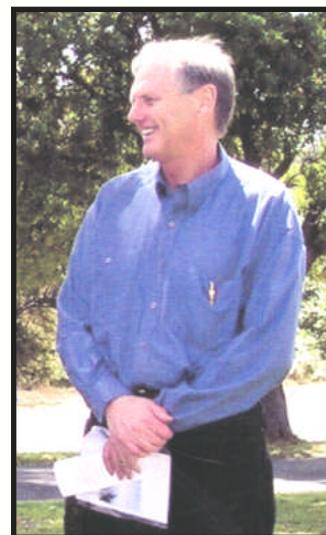
Around the world the Congregation is organised into Provinces, Regions and Districts. Australia has four Provinces, and the one involved in setting up the Christian Brothers Ex-Residents and Student Services (CBERSS) is the Holy Spirit Province (WA & SA). This current Province will combine with the three other Australian Provinces, a Province in New Zealand and a Region in Papua New Guinea to create a new Province, which for the time being will be called the Oceania Province.

At the same time as the Province and Regions restructure into one Province, the four Australian Provinces will hand over responsibility for the forty schools that the Christian Brothers conduct in Australia to a new organisation. That organisation will be called Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA). Christian Brothers will continue to work in these schools and be involved in a variety of ways with EREA, but the Congregation will no

longer have responsibility for them.

The Congregation will continue to have responsibility for other organisations which it currently runs. In Western Australia and South Australia these include Eddy's Carpentry Shop, Edmund Rice Centre for Social Justice, Edmund Rice Camps (one in SA and one in WA), and FAME (a very alternative education program in SA). Brothers will also continue to work in a variety of other projects which are not formally conducted by the Congregation.

Most importantly for many readers of this newsletter, CBERS Consultancy will continue to function with finance provided by the Christian Brothers and, as needed, by the Mercy Sisters and the Sisters of Nazareth. As happened with the original CBERSS, the needs of people who use the service will be regularly assessed to see what changes are needed. Over time it is expected that demand for the service may continue to reduce. Any changes that do occur in the CBERS Consultancy Service will be as a result of the changing needs of those who use the service – not because of the changes occurring for the Congregation of Christian Brothers.



The same applies to the work for former Child Migrants which Sr Flo O'Sullivan does at the Catholic Migrant Centre. The funding which supports the work of Sr Flo comes from the Nazareth Sisters, the Sister of Mercy and the Christian Brothers. The funding which the Christian Brothers provide will **NOT** be affected by the changes within the Christian Brothers organisation. Once again, any changes in service for the former child migrants who use the Catholic Migrant Centre will come from the changing needs of former child migrants not from changes that are occurring with the Christian Brothers.

We hope this information serves to lower any anxiety that may be around, and to help clear away any confusion.

Kevin P. Ryan, Province Leader

Leonie Sheedy/ Joanna Penglase (NSW); Caroline Carroll (Vic); Lily Arthur?, Laurie Humphries (WA); Walter Tusyn (Tas); Beth Wilson-Szoreddi/ Allan Allaway (Qld).

It was agreed that the coalition would need support from relevant professionals/ support organisations to provide advice, progress the development of a steering committee and seek an auspice body for the national coalition (known as the *Alliance for Forgotten Australians*). The positions of advisory/ support people are to be voted onto the committee by all Forgotten Australians, and the following people have nominated: Karyn Walsh, *Esther Centre (Micah Projects Inc)*; Wayne Chamley, *Broken Rites*; Frank Quinlan, *Catho-*

lic Social Services; Brian Babington, *Families Australia*; Coleen Clare and Sunitha Raman, *Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare*; Deborah Durie, *Relationships Australia*; Maria Harries, *UWA*. The Esther Centre agreed to provide resources to assist in communication to progress the formation of the Alliance.

The purpose of the Alliance is to develop a national network of representatives from each state and territory. Forgotten Australians and their support/ advisory group will promote the histories and current needs of people who experienced state and church institutional and out-of-home care in Australia.

END OF YEAR GET-TOGETHER

BYO Barbecue

Ex- Bindoon, Castledare, Clontarf, Tardun,
Nazareth House and St Josephs
and their families

WHERE: Trinity playing fields,
Cnr Manning & Elderfield Roads,
Waterford, WA

WHEN: Sunday 26th November 2006
10.00am to 4.00pm

BBQ facilities available

*This event is organised by Social Club Representatives.
Contact your Rep if you'd like further details about the
event - or just turn up with your picnic lunch on the 26th!*

Historical Photo Project

In 2005 the Historical Photo Project produced a remarkable DVD of historical images of Tardun, Clontarf, Bindoon and Castledare, set to a background of stirring melodies.

Michael Hogan and Peter Bent instigated the Project in late 2004 and were assisted during the production process by Eddie Butler. Christina Garnett, Archivist/ Records Manager for the Holy Spirit Province, and other staff at Westcourt were also instrumental in the success of this project. Copies of this historical keepsake are still available free of charge, and can be collected from CBERS Consultancy in Fremantle.

NOTICE TO PRE-WAR MIGRANTS

Derek Lynch of Victoria would like to know if any other pre-war migrants are interested in meeting up for a reunion. Derek says the 60th reunion in 1998 was most enjoyable, and would like to meet up with "those of us who are left – perhaps just in a local pub". Derek is standing 1st right, middle row in this photo of the 1938ers 60th reunion, which was organised by Tom Haydon and Maureen Colgan.

If you are interested in a reunion, please contact Derek, or send a message via CBERS Consultancy.



Back row: (L-R) Peter O'Brien, Peter Grigson, Henry Hurley, Michael Hannigan, Alan Goodwin, Anthony McMullen, Ron Taylor, Pat Costick

Middle row: Tom Haydon, John Maiden, Paul St John, Terry Morvey, Thomas Mitchell, William Connolly, Derek Lynch

Front row: Peter St John, Fred Kay