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## FACT launched in WA

*Forgotten Australians Coming Together*

Nearly four years of behind-the-scenes work came together on 30<sup>th</sup> October this year with the launch of FACT (Forgotten Australians Coming Together) in WA. Held at the Alexander State Library, the launch was attended by representatives from local and interstate organisations, churches, government, and 'Forgotten Australians'.

Dr Maria Harries welcomed guests and colleagues to the event and introduced speakers Laurie Humphreys

effective force.

Recommendations from three Senate Inquiries are finally taking form, and all speakers at the launch welcomed the Federal apology, describing it as a 'good first step'. Future plans include the provision of training

for people working with care leavers; oral history projects; and a national 'clearinghouse' website to link Forgotten Australians with service providers and other resources. Aged care is a key concern, as the prospect of re-entering an institution can be problematic for adults who experienced childhood abuse in institutional care.

Laurie Humphreys identified the need for a

resource or drop in centre for Forgotten Australians, and pointed out that WA is lagging behind the other states in this regard. Caroline Carroll outlined a new service opening soon in Victoria, which is based on ideas from Queensland's Lotus House. The new service is a drop in centre with access to counselling, and a wide range of life skills programs including cooking, writing, and computer literacy. Caroline welcomed the introduction of redress

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*At the launch:* Eddie Cogan, Steve Irons MP, Alison Xamon MP, Laurie Humphreys & Juanita Miller-Berry

(FACT representative for WA), Caroline Carroll (Chair, Alliance for Forgotten Australians), Eris Harrison (Policy Officer, Families Australia), and the Federal Member for Swan, Steve Irons MP, who conducted the launch. Laurie, Caroline and Steve all experienced out-of-home care during childhood, and spoke from a personal perspective about their different roles in working for the interests of care leavers throughout Australia. Eris Harrison commented that by coming together, existing groups across Australia will be a stronger and more

## THE NATIONAL APOLOGY

At 11am on Monday 16 November 2009, the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, delivered a national apology to Forgotten Australians. The apology acknowledged the abuse of neglect of many of the 500,000 children placed in institutional care and foster homes in Australia.

A number of people from WA travelled to Canberra to witness the apology, while others gathered at Government House in Perth to view a screening of the event.

Minister Jenny Macklin said the apology ensures that "a largely invisible part of our history is put firmly on the record. And it will remind the community of what happened to many of these children – the loss of family, the loss of identity and, in the case of child migrants, the loss of their country".

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# THE NATIONAL APOLOGY

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The apology followed recommendations of three Senate Inquiries: *Lost Innocents - Righting the Record* (2001), *Forgotten Australians: A Report on Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children* (2004), and the recent *Lost Innocents and Forgotten Australians Revisited* (2009). The apology was also brought about through the tireless efforts of individuals and organisations such as CLAN (Care leavers Australia Network) and AFA (Alliance for Forgotten Australians).

In addition to delivering a national apology, the Government's response includes a number of new practical

measures to assist care leavers and further support to the healing process:

- A national *Find and Connect* Service
- Improved aged care for care leavers
- An oral history project
- A collection and exhibition by the National Museum of Australia

Further information on these projects and how people can participate can be found at: <http://forgottenaustaliashistory.gov.au/apology.html>

I really appreciated the invitation to attend the National Apology in Canberra, and it is a shame that more invitations were not made available to people in WA.

Those who witnessed the event were very touched by both the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition's sincerity in making their apologies. I hope the British Prime Minister does likewise in the New Year.

**Laurie Humphreys**



## APOLOGY AT LAST!!

After all this time the healing can now begin for former child migrants and Aussies because after years of campaigning and suffering we have received a "Sorry". It means a lot to us all, but unfortunately it is too late for some who have passed away.

What a wonderful week we had in Canberra, catching up with some of our old school mates, some I had not seen for 60 years, namely John Hennessey and Patrick O'Flaherty.

A special mention to Eddie Cogan, as we all know he recently lost his partner of 50 years, Sharon. He coped with his grieving very well.

The next step is to receive an apology from the Prime Minister of Great Britain. Let us send our stories to F.A.C.T. WA to be forwarded onto his office in England.

Let us look after our mates who are not well. Remember they are our family.

The apology trip to Canberra was very successful and we were well looked after by the government department that organised the trip. It was very emotional when the apology was given in the Members' Hall by the Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition Mr Turnbull. There were about 900 people in the venue, mostly Aussies. The acceptance of the words of the apology by them was loud and clear.

There were slide-shows on big screens set up with



some very sad scenes from the institutions. The one that really affected me was of three little girls on their hand and knees scrubbing floors. This spoke volumes to me of how low child care had degenerated in Australia.

**Peter Bent**

A special thanks to Dr Philippa White for her counselling of the boys, and to Sister Flo O'Sullivan of the former Catholic Migrant Centre.

Stay Strong.

**Paddy Cannon**

Welcome to Issue #8 of *CBERS Network*, which is produced by CBERS and ex-residents of Castledare, Clontarf, Tardun, Bindoon, St Joseph's and Nazareth House.

This edition brings news of some important milestones, including the national apology in Canberra; a final reunion at Tardun; and the launch of 'Forgotten Australians Coming Together' (FACT Inc) in WA.

We would like to say thanks to the many people who contribute to this newsletter by sending in notices, photos, and stories. Many readers, particularly those interstate and overseas, tell us they enjoy reading the *Network* and staying up to date.

There was a great atmosphere and plenty of laughs at this year's annual barbecue at Trinity Playing Fields on 16<sup>th</sup> November. A surprise 'wedding' between Gwen (St Joseph's) and Laurie (Bindoon) was great fun, with Mary (St Joseph's) as chief bridesmaid and Rosie (St Joseph's) as celebrant. Thanks to Rosie and Mary for the photos.

Thanks also to all who came along and made the day so enjoyable; and to Holly and Cameron for helping out. Special thanks to Dennis McNerney for booking the venue and for taking some great photos. We hope to see you all again at the **Five-Year Anniversary Special Sausage Sizzle** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Best wishes to all for a very happy Christmas and New Year.

*Pip*

Dr Philippa White  
Coordinator, CBERS Consultancy



**End-of-year barbecue 2009**



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## FACT launch (continued from page 1)

schemes, but warned that "redress without services is no redress at all". Revisiting memories of childhood abuse and neglect is re-traumatising, and people need proper support – not just a cheque in the mail.

Steve Irons MP, the new Patron of FACT, said the expectation we should have is that all children who go into care will be nurtured, and that in the past this simply didn't happen. Steve and other speakers at the launch highlighted the need to learn from past mistakes and to use the knowledge to benefit children today. Much progress has been made, but at times our system still fails

to protect and nurture the interests of children entrusted into its care.

The unfurling of FACT's new banner marked the end of the formalities, and guests were invited to join in a sumptuous afternoon tea. The future strength of FACT will be in its numbers, and many guests at the launch joined the register of those willing to assist with future projects. FACT needs your support, and welcomes all 'Forgotten Australians' and their associates, including service providers. Contact Laurie Humphreys (9337-4850) to join the register of supporters and find out how you can help with this important work.

# NAZARETH NEWS

with *Bernadette  
Bowey Hills*

What a busy time it has been. Our first news is sad: Mary Ann also known as Marion Simpson (nee Veneziane) passed away on the 1st September this year. Mary Ann was a former child migrant from Malta born on 13th November 1948. She arrived at Nazareth House 1963 and was always a popular girl. RIP Mary Ann.

Kate Buckley was one of Mary Ann's many friends. Kate lives in Townsville Queensland and was in Perth recently to see her daughter Christine and many ex Nazareth girls in Perth.

Ian Ross, the son of Pat Ross (nee McCarthy), lives in Canada and travelled to Geraldton recently to visit his mum's childhood home. Ian spent the night at Nazareth talking to the Sisters about his mum and he was impressed and happy with the visit.

Jacque Honnor's uncle Albert visited from England. Ron and family spent a week in Kalbarri on the way home and spent the night at Bernadette and Les's home on 21st November.

Eileen McCann, a former student from Nazareth Geraldton, visited Perth to catch up with her many friends and made a visit to her mum Mrs Nash in Geraldton for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. What a nice surprise.

Maureen Mcleod celebrates her 70th birthday on 25th November with her many friends at the home of Bernadette and Les in Patio Place Geraldton.

Bernadette's son John was married on the 26th September in Townsville Queensland. Les and Bernadette attended the wedding along with Bernadette's sister Liz



*Mary Ann Simpson with Sister Anne at Nazareth House Geraldton*

who flew out from England to attend the celebration. It was a lovely wedding, and we have a lovely new daughter-in-law Karen. Les, Bernie and Liz travelled on the tilt train to Cairns for a week, and later Les and Bernie flew to Nadi in Fiji and cruised the Islands for a week, finally arriving back in Perth on the 1st Nov and visiting Margaret River, where they caught up with Pat and Lyn, also Maureen and Jim Blain at Witchcliffe on the 5th Nov. Quite exhausting but an enjoyable nine weeks away.

Margaret and Terry are visiting family in Kalgoorlie. With Christmas around the corner we will be away from Geraldton, also Joe and June are heading south.

We wish all Child Migrants and our many friends a Happy Christmas and New Year 2010.

From all in Geraldton xxxx



## FACT LAUNCH



# ST JOSEPH'S

*with Barbara Jean Costello*

I was very pleased to receive an invitation to travel to Canberra for the national apology on 16<sup>th</sup> November this year. Unfortunately numbers were limited and we were only given three places for St Joseph's girls. I travelled over with Mary Smith and Sheilagh Pearce.

Another important event this year was the launch of FACT (Forgotten Australians Coming Together) on 30<sup>th</sup> October. The launch brought together years of hard work by the steering committee and many others. I represented the St Joseph's girls (both Australian-born and former child migrants) on the committee.

Please register your name and address if you are interested in joining the committee or would like to be on the FACT mailing list. This information will not be given out or used for any purpose other than FACT correspondence.

And finally, we would like to wish everybody a very happy Christmas and festive season.

**Barbara Jean Costello**

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## *A Poem by Ann McVeigh*

*Ann came to St Joseph's Orphanage as a child migrant in March 1950*

They did not know what lay in store,  
Holidays abroad to far distant shores.  
Yet in their memories as often recalled  
brothers, sisters and friends what's more.  
Where are the families that they once had?  
Back in their homelands. How very, very sad.  
Thousands of children crossing the line,  
Holidays and memories lasting a lifetime.

## *Unsung Heroes*

Although there are probably several more amongst us, there are a few that I know who deserve recognition and indeed acclaim for their unselfish support of their "mates" from bygone years. I say "mates" because they stand by their fellowman, which is the Aussie thing to do.



It was nice hearing the applause that rang out for Peter Bent who worked tirelessly to bring about a dignified burial for Barry Pinnell. Peter is someone I know who is one of the

first to hold up his hand if there is need of help in any capacity.

Another of those who works quietly behind the scenes is Pat Cannon. He visits mates in hospital, generally keeps in touch and seeks help or advice for those in need.



An example came to mind when, on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> I attended the Michael Bowman Memorial at Serpentine. The men freely give of their time year after year to set up the barbecue and entertainment for all present. This is another illustration of "mateship" in tribute to one of their former mates. David Crisp, who organises the event, gives not only his time but has invested a considerable amount of money to ensure that his "Little Welsh Mate" is not forgotten. Where in the past a small donation was accepted, David donated food and drinks for the barbecue.



**THANK YOU** to all of those who work behind the scenes in the organisation of events or who lend a helping hand to those of us in need. I would like to extend heartfelt thanks and acknowledgement for their unstinting commitment to their mates.

I said in the beginning there must surely be many more who go quietly about the business of lending a helping hand. If you know of such people then here is the chance to give them the recognition they deserve. Send in an article to be published in CBERS Network and we can voice our gratitude.

*by Yvonne*



Tardun old boys and their families returned to Christian Brothers' Agricultural School (St. Mary's) for their final reunion at Tardun in July 2009. Members travelled from all over Australia to reminisce and say goodbye.

As our old school came into view, at the end of a 425 km trip, we were filled with mixed emotions. Memoirs flooded back of the good and not so good times experienced at this isolated farm school. After meeting old school mates, and a quick familiarisation tour, we relaxed and enjoyed a great week of comradeship, exploring familiar sites, reminiscing about past times and reliving old memories.

What was most difficult to accept was the decision to close 'our home in the bush' which had been established in the wilderness of Western Australia about 80 years ago (1928). The farm school was developed by the Christian Brothers' to prepare over 300 child migrants; who arrived from the United Kingdom and Malta between 1938 and 1967, for a new life and experience.

Lazy days were spent exploring the buildings, revisiting old haunts around the farm and surrounding district ie. the shearing shed, the Alston, first campsite, a sombre visit to the cemetery to remember our mates buried there, rocks at Mugga Mugga, Pallottine Mission and Mullewa town (to name a few).

Former school mates and families enjoyed social evenings gathered around open log fires, which protected us from the cold and dark, and recalled their time at the orphanage that had become their new home after being shipped half way around the world. The recollection of events from school days was sometimes hazy - the longer the night, the longer the tales got - sing-along's were sometimes tuneful and generally continued late into the night but as always the interaction was great.

A special Sunday Mass was celebrated by Father

Michael Morrissey to commemorate this sad yet memorable occasion which was followed by a barbecue luncheon attended by a gathering of 120 including Br. Pat Kelly, WA Cluster Leader of Christian Brothers, other Christian Brothers' and locals from surrounding farms.

Another highlight during the Sunday service was the unveiling and blessing of a plaque, mounted in the chapel, presented by TOBA "In recognition of over 80 years of care and devoted service by the Christian Brothers, Sisters and Lay Staff to the child migrants, rural, marginalised and indigenous youth that attended Christian Brothers' Agricultural School, Tardun 1928-2009".

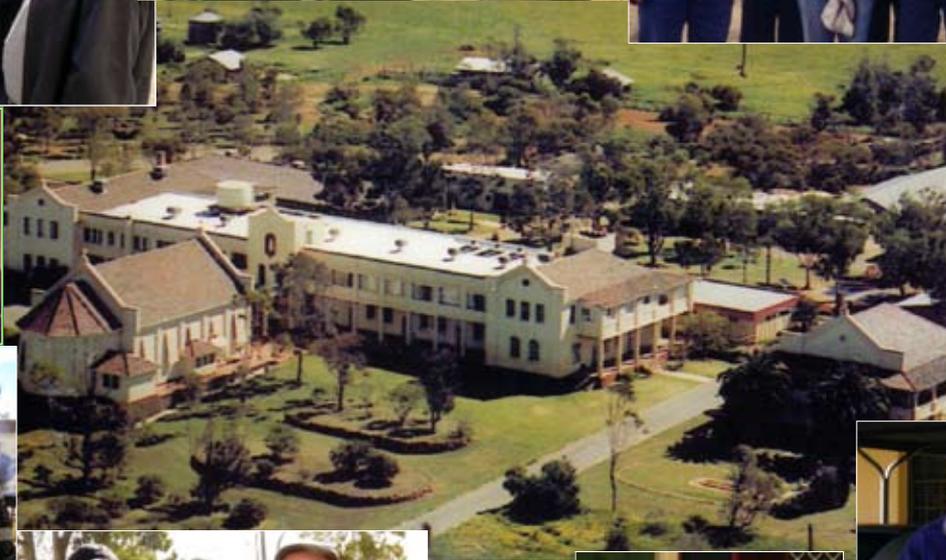
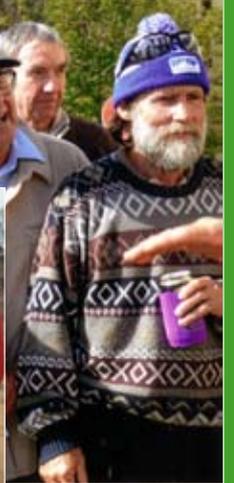
Eventually we all gathered to be officially informed of the reasons for the schools closure but not what its final fate would be. This was being decided on the other side of the country, unfortunately by people who had little knowledge of, or feeling for, this special place, its history and its memories.

Those remaining after the Sunday, spent time fossicking around the old campsite where damper was cooked (on the outside anyway) and billy tea was readily consumed by those present.

The reunion was a great success, filled with happiness and tinged with sadness that an era for a special group of boys had come to an end.

TOBA thanks all those who made the reunion such a memorable experience, with special thanks to the Christian Brothers' for allowing old boys one last farewell and providing the catering; to the staff at CBAS for their support and help during this occasion. Our thoughts and prayers are with those school mates and others who were not able to join us for this special event.

The collage captures many precious moments from the reunion.



# THE CLONTARF NETWORK

## *Hello from Tony Ryan*

The War Cry put in the last newsletter by Paul Irvine brought back some good memories of Clontarf. Sports day was a great time when we were able to let our hair down with the War Cry of the team we were in.

I was at Castledare and Clontarf between 1952 and 1960, and took lots of pics with my brownie camera, developing most of them myself. Every photo tells a story.

I'm putting together a photo story book and wonder if any readers know the names of the boys in this photo of Hefferan's Sports Team. We have some of the names but need to fill in the blanks. If you can help, please email Tony Ryan at [tonyryan@midwest.com.au](mailto:tonyryan@midwest.com.au)



## **Hefferans War Cry**

*Kata Amungua, Kata Amungua, Yah Munda Do,  
Bellisina, Bellisina, Bardy Coo,  
Kookaburra, Kanga, Pallawanny Kack,  
The champion Heffs are on the track.*

*Step it out, step it out,  
Show them who we are,  
Hefferans, Hefferans, Yah Yah Yah.  
(spell out slowly) H-E-F-F-E-R-A-N-S  
**HEFFERANS!***

*Thanks to Paul Irvine for sending in the Hefferan's War Cry as he knew it at Clontarf in 1957. This is the second in a series of Clontarf War Cries. Bodkins appeared in the last issue – watch out for Dalys next time!*

I would like to inform readers of the death of former Christian Brother Gerry Dick. Also recently passed away are Br Bruno Doyle, a former Principal of Contarf, and Br Pat O'Doherty, who was Principal of Clontarf from 1960-65. May they rest in Peace.

**Mike Hogan**

Clontarf Old Boy

## *New Pathwa*

The first 'physical Heritage Trail began this pathway.

The next stage of the route outlining a brief for what purpose they were

History will be th

**Dennis McNerney**



# BINDOON CORNER

In July this year I took a trip to Bindoon with Kim Tao, the Curator of the Australian National Maritime Museum. Kim was in Perth gathering information for the Child Migration exhibition, which is scheduled to open in Sydney in November 2010.

We were escorted around the grounds by College Principal Damien Wallace, and then joined him for morning tea. I felt the trip was well worth it, and Kim said she gained a much better understanding of Bindoon during her visit.

I was pleased to see the buildings are looking better than they have in the past, with roof maintenance and gutters being renewed and the road now bituminised. This much needed spruce-up was good to see.

During my conversation with Damien Wallace I told him that ex-residents who had helped build the College wanted to know that they could visit Bindoon

Thanks to Brian Standen for this photo of Bindoon Old Boys at a Christmas get-together



with their families. Damien said he welcomed visits by former residents and their guests, and that all requests should be directed to him. Damien also told us that the Memorial Park in the old quarry would be completed early in 2010, and an invitation would be sent to former residents to attend the opening.

*Laurie Humphreys*

## Progress for Heritage Trail

Progress with the Clontarf Old Boys' month with the completion of a new

the project will be lay plaques along description of buildings/locations and re used in the last century. me!



## R.I.P. BARRY GEORGE PINNELL 13-3-41 – 7-8-09

A small group of mourners, mostly childhood friends, gathered to pay their respects to Barry Pinnell, who passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

Barry was born in Perth and spent his early years at St Joseph's in Subiaco. He arrived at Castledare in 1948 aged 6 years. Barry was transferred to Clontarf when he was ten years old, and stayed there until he was 16, when he was sent out to work on a farm.

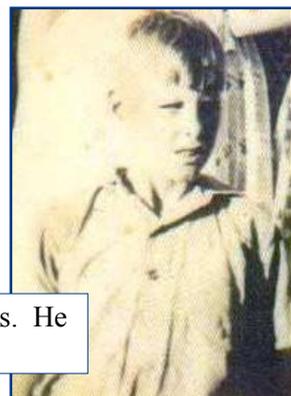
It was a really nice funeral service for Barry at Karrakatta Cemetery. The Celebrant Sue Henthorn was exceptional and showed great understanding. Anthony Brennan sang Amazing Grace at the graveside, which was very moving. After the service

we all gathered at the café and spent time talking about our memories of Barry.

May you rest in peace old friend.

*Peter Bent*

This photo shows Barry as a lad, aged 12 years. He was of slight build, and a really great runner.



# REDRESS WA UPDATE - Getting support

## Building strengths together

If you have lodged a redress application, you are one of nearly 6,000 people going through the same experience. While some people are well supported by family and friends, it is only other redress applicants who actually know what the experience feels like.

This time in your life may not be the most relaxed and comfortable you've ever had, but it is a time of great opportunity for personal growth, and support groups offer a chance for building strengths and self confidence through positive sharing with others. There are a number of different options currently available:

- Weekly support groups for redress applicants are held at CBERS in Fremantle each Wednesday.
- Mayumarri 5-day residential Healing Retreats held in Rockingham.
- Connect Groups can link you with one of the 850 existing support groups operating in WA.

Further information and contact details are provided below. Information on other types of support available to redress applicants is provided in *Support Services for WA Care Leavers*, a booklet produced by Redress WA.



Photo published with the kind permission of group members

## ConnectGroups

ConnectGroups is the peak body for support groups across WA. It links groups to information and community networks, assists with support group development and management, and provides individual and group skills training. ConnectGroups is also a referral service for people looking for support groups to address a specific issue. Everything offered is free of charge to members (including membership itself!).

Support groups are open to all members of the community and focus on a wide range of problems such as depression, anger, and family violence, as well as personal development groups that focus on topics such as building confidence and self esteem, personal growth, health, and wellness.

Connect Groups also offer training workshops for support group leaders to help groups become self-sustaining, which empowers groups to continue on without a facilitator if they wish to do so.

Contact ConnectGroups on:

Freecall: 1800-195-575

Phone: (08) 9228-4488

Web: [www.connectgroups.org.au](http://www.connectgroups.org.au)

Email: [info@connectgroups.org.au](mailto:info@connectgroups.org.au)

## What's special about support groups?

Support groups offer a special kind of healing that comes from being with other people who have similar problems. Last week one of our group members commented that he was reluctant to come along at first, but had been amazed to find how much he got out of sharing with others in the group. This is a unique benefit of groups.

Unlike the simple two-person connection made in individual counselling, groups offer multiple connections to assist in growth and problem solving.

A common feeling among group members, especially when a group is just starting, is that of being isolated, unique, and apart from others. Many people have difficulty with personal relationships, and feel unlikable and unlovable. Groups provide a powerful antidote to these feelings. For many, it may be the first time they feel understood and similar to others. Enormous relief often comes with the recognition that they are not alone.

This is the power of the group.

Mayumarri  
HEALING CENTRE



Despite what  
you feel...  
You can heal.

## Mayumarri

Mayumarri Healing Retreats are described as *life changing*. The five day residential program is for people who have received extensive treatment from psychologists.

Mayumarri started in NSW and has a program in Western Australia. It is for a survivor of child abuse who took part in a Mayumarri retreat and now offers healing.

In Australia, one in four girls are sexually abused before the age of 16. Mayumarri provides a safe space for women and children to heal and receive support to a further 15,000 people at the Apex Holiday Centre, Point.

This is a unique opportunity. For more information, visit [www.mayumarri.org.au](http://www.mayumarri.org.au) or call 0429-979-074.

# NOTICEBOARD

## **VALE David Roydon Yeo**

20-10-44 - 8-11-09

Sadly missed by his fellow Old Boys of Castledare and Clontarf. Sincere condolences to Tanya, Bart and their families.



## **VALE Phillip McNamara**

Patrick McNamara has advised us of the sad passing of his brother Phillip, who died on 4-11-09 in Murumbeena, Victoria. Phillip and Patrick were child migrants from Scotland who were sent to Bindoon. Rest in Peace Phillip.

## **VALE Margaret Nevill (nee Wyatt)**

13-8-47 – 16-10-09

Cherished friend of Gwen Hyland and Ann McVeigh, who travelled to Geraldton to attend Margaret's funeral in October.

Sincere condolences to Donna, Brendon and family.



## **TOBA NOTICES**

TOBA Inc. AGM meeting to be held at Tuppin House on Saturday 6 February 2010 at 2pm.

### **Vale**

Condolences to the family of Tardun old boy William (Bill) Keith (arrived 1939) who passed away in August 2009.

TOBA extends sincere sympathy to Eddie Cogan and family on the sad loss of his wife Sharon.

## **Healing Retreats**

Retreats for survivors of child abuse are

run by survivors of child abuse and are supervised by clinical

For ten years ago, and the Mayumarrri is coordinated by Eeve Knight. Eeve is a woman who turned her life around after she attended a retreat and helps others to share her journey of

One in seven girls and one in seven boys are abused. Mayumarrri has so far helped over 3,500 men, women and their retreats, and has provided advice to many people. Healing Retreats in WA are held at Perron Road, Rockingham.

For further information for redress applicants. For further information visit [www.mayumarrri.com.au](http://www.mayumarrri.com.au) or phone Eeve Knight on

## **A Focus on Healing**

It has been frustrating to see the positive gains made by so many people earlier in the redress scheme being replaced by anger and disappointment at the reduction in maximum redress payments announced on 29<sup>th</sup> July this year. This should never have happened.

Despite the opposition voiced by applicants and their supporters, there is no indication that the original offer of payment will be honoured. Groups like CLAN (Care Leavers Australia Network) and FACT WA (Forgotten Australians Coming Together) continue to work behind the scenes trying to improve this situation. Please contact FACT or CLAN if you would like to help their efforts.

However, regardless of what

happens with the redress scheme, it is important that you don't let bad feelings about the reduction in payments prevent you from achieving the personal healing that can come from revisiting memories of childhood abuse through adult eyes. Just staying angry at the government keeps you stuck in 'victim mode' and stops you moving forward.

Apologies and redress schemes are important for many reasons - symbolic, social and financial - but they can't *heal* you.

True healing only takes place on the inside, and doesn't rely on anything external.

It's normal and healthy to feel disappointed and angry about things you see as wrong, but don't let this stop your personal journey of recovery.

# NOTICE BOARD



Thanks to Paul Price for this photo of visitors to Egg Rock, taken during the final reunion at Tardun in July 2009

## ***Clontarf Weblog***

Thanks to Michael Gormley for letting us know about his internet blog, which is devoted to the history of Clontarf Boys Town and Michael's memories of his time there. Visit <http://michael-boystown.blogspot.com/>

## **National apology DVDs**

Thanks to the Department for Communities for arranging 50 DVDs of the national apology for us. Contact CBERS if you would like a copy.

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## **Can you help?**

### ***Seeking photograph***

Does anyone have a photo of Robert (Bob) Hoare? Bob was a child migrant who was at Bindoon between 1953 and 1957. Please contact CBERS if you can help.

### **CORRECTION**

Apologies to Don Hannan for publishing the wrong photo in a story about his father Reginald Hannan in the last edition of *Network*. Don is seeking information about his late father and would like to hear from anyone who knew him.

Reggie Hannan arrived at Clontarf as a child migrant in August 1938. He was evacuated to Tardun in 1942, and then transferred to Bindoon in October 1944. If you recognise Reg from this photo please contact Don Hannan at:

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