



Templer Talk

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Mother's Day Luncheon

Sunday, May 11, from 12.00 noon

The Mother's Day Luncheon is now fully booked. For those who have made a booking, we will be in touch shortly to confirm the price per person (approx \$25) and discuss dietary requirements. Payment is to be made on entry to the Hall and correct change would be greatly appreciated.

If we have enough interest, the Rosa bus will be available for transport from Bentleigh to Bayswater. The bus will depart Bentleigh Hall at 9:10am for the 10.00am service, and will return to Bentleigh at the conclusion of the luncheon. To book your seat on the bus, please contact the TSA Office ASAP on 9557 6713.

Mieka Decker

Christmas in July

Handmade & Plant Market

Sunday, July 27, 10.00am to 2.00pm

Dear stallholders, and others who may be interested,
We have decided to give it another go! Many thanks for your constructive and positive feedback. Due to another function being held in the Hall, setting up on the Saturday will not be possible. To obtain an application form, please contact:

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Reflection

Christa Lingham

All month I have been hearing plans for Mother's Day. With Easter still days off, there were already discussions about Mother's Day lunches, and catalogues were out trying to convince us that Mum really needed the latest gadget (or whatever else they wanted to sell).

So when did Mother's Day begin to be celebrated? In ancient times, both the Greeks and the Romans had special spring festivals that honoured a Mother Goddess. In its current form though, it has its origins in the USA when, at different times, two women sought to have mothers recognised. The original suggestion from Julia Ward Howe in 1872 was to dedicate Mother's Day as a day of peace and to take a stand against war. In the early 1900s, Anna Jarvis campaigned for a national day of recognition to honour the work mothers do. Once she had achieved her aim, she spent her life campaigning against its commercialisation.

In this era of many different family types, I think the notion of celebrating separate days for mothers and fathers is not a useful concept. While I acknowledge that, for the majority, women still do most of the mothering, the way children are raised and nurtured these days is changing; both parents work on providing food and education for their children. It is now a shared responsibility, while in the past it was often only the mothers who taught their children the values and the moral foundation they needed to succeed in life: to teach them right from wrong, respect, compassion, caring for others and cooperation. Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5), lays out a guide of how to live your life and the values required to live in a community. At its core is Jesus' key message to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself. This is the message we use to raise children who value cooperation, compassion and diversity; to give them a solid foundation that will stand them in good stead throughout their lives.

Life Lessons

You may have thought I didn't see,
Or that I hadn't heard,
Life lessons that you taught to me,
But I got every word.
Perhaps you thought I missed it all,
And that we'd grow apart,
But Mum, I picked up everything,
It's written on my heart.
Without you, I wouldn't be
The person I am today;
You built a strong foundation
No one can take away.
I've grown up with your values,
And I'm very glad I did;
So here's to you, dear mother,
From your forever grateful kid.

Johanna Fuchs (adapted to Mother's Day, CL)

Community Care

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter and had some time off with your families to renew yourselves for the coming months ahead. I was lucky to have 10 days off and to spend some time resting and regenerating for the rest of the year, as I know time passes very quickly and there is so much to organise for the Women's Retreat as well as the final two Multicultural Masterclasses later in the year. I am sure my other roles will also keep me active!

A busy month ahead with the second Multicultural Masterclass on May 3 in Bentleigh and Men's Advance from May 23 to 25 on Phillip Island. The guys have arranged an awesome weekend which includes Go Kart racing and dinner at a local brewery for a very good price! There are still a few places available, so please contact me if you are interested in attending.

I am still in the process of finalising the workshop presenters for the Women's Retreat. The price will be approximately \$300, so you can start saving. Bookings are welcome now.

CHAMPION has been lucky to receive a beautiful new A-frame sign, kindly donated by our friends at the Rotary Club of Bayswater. It has certainly made it much easier for our clients to find us. We have also been accepted by Second Bite to receive donations of fresh fruit and vegetables on a weekly basis (Wednesdays). These fresh food donations, as well as our bread from Alchester Village Bakery, The Basin, and the monthly contributions from Foodbank Victoria, are helping many people in our local community.

In the week of May 11 to 17, we celebrate our volunteers, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help me with my work. Thank you to our Welfare Focus Group, the Community Care Support Group members, the volunteers who help at CHAMPION every single week and to all those who assist me at our events. I truly could not do it without you all and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your help and support!

I am currently in need of some more volunteers as some of my valuable helpers at CHAMPION are going on some well-deserved breaks! I will require someone to do weekly bread pickups from The Basin on Monday and Tuesday evenings around 5.45pm each week and deliver to CHAMPION on Wednesdays when we open at 1.00pm, as well as someone to collect the food from Dandenong once a month. Your reward is a most grateful Care Worker and many appreciative clients of CHAMPION. Contact me for more information. Your help would be most appreciated!

Telelink will be held on May 2, 16 and 30. We look forward to speaking with you on these dates.

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Youth

Mother's Day Luncheon Sunday, May 11

Are there any TGers who would like to volunteer to be a waitress or waiter for our TSA Mother's Day Restaurant?

Time: 11.30am for lunch
Where: TSA Bayswater Hall
RSVP: NOW!

All Youth Shark & Ray Feeding Sunday, May 18

Time: 2.00 to 5.00pm (transport times may vary)
Where: Melbourne Shark & Ray Centre, Dandenong
Cost: \$20 per child & \$25 per adult
Transport: TBC (we are hoping for the Rosa bus)
RSVP: Friday, May 9

All Ages Self-Defence Day Saturday, May 31

There will be three 45 minute self-defence sessions between 1.00 and 4.00pm depending on your age (the last one is for adults), and while you're waiting for your turn (or mum and dad to finish), there will be some fun and games to take part in! See [page 10](#) for more information.

Where: TSA Bayswater Hall
Cost: FREE!
Transport: Own transport
RSVP: Friday, May 16
When you book we'll give you your session time

Wishing a very
Happy Birthday
to...

Grace Haering

Ian Olson

Maya Schwarzbauer

What's on

Friday, June 13
TG Blue Baboon at Forest Hill
Chase Forest Hill

Saturday, June 21
Sonnwendfeier
Bayswater

June 30 to July 10
School Holiday Activity Program
(SHAP)



Contact
Susi

For all details and enquiries
about the Youth program, please
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Sydney

We have had quite a few events in Sydney within the past month or two (trying to get out before the winter days set in!). It is now autumn; a time to play in the garden and clean out the cobwebs before the colder months are upon us.

Renate and **Tony Beilharz** came to visit us in March. Renate spoke about the value of the Old Testament stories, letting go of guilt and looking at the big picture by applying mindfulness into our lives. Thank you Renate for your inspiring words and enthusiastic delivery. Both you and Tony show such warmth and support to us Sydney folk; it is much appreciated.

On March 30, we had a picnic at Fagan Park, Galston. It rained heavily all week and we were worried the day would be rained out, but it was a beautiful sunny day! A game of cricket and a long walk enjoying the gardens of many nations made for a tiring but fun day. I was in bed early that night! Thanks to all who attended, I hope you had as much fun as I did.

The kids had a movie day on Saturday, April 12, seeing *The Lego Movie*. The kids enjoyed it and had an extra treat after lunch – a mobile fun park was at Rouse Hill, so they got to enjoy a roller coaster and giant slide rides as well.

In May, we are looking forward to having **Christa Lingham** from Melbourne. I am sure it will be a special treat for us Sydney folk.



Some of the Seniors' Group



Some of us at the Fagan Park picnic

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Jan

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Art and Craft Market - Bentleigh Hall

Many thanks to all who assisted and supported our first market at the Bentleigh Hall on Sunday, March 30.

We raised approximately \$500 for CHAMPION.

Stallholders loved our Hall and the feeling on the day was that it was certainly worth doing again.

A lot of effort went into sorting through the logistics of running a market, which is why we would like to run a second market this year – just to improve the ‘formula’.

The theme will be *Christmas in July* and the market will be held on Sunday, July 27 from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

If you are interested in having a stall or wish to be involved on the day, please contact:

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Bentleigh News



About twenty members attended the first working bee for 2014 on March 29. Enjoying fine weather, much conversation and good food over morning tea and lunch, the members accomplished many tasks including gardening, painting and general maintenance.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Peter Ware

From Cassie

It's with a heavy heart that I let you know that we have stopped using Avastin and started chemotherapy again – the last CT scan shows the cancer has spread, and the doctors cannot justify the ongoing cost.

So a very big thank you to all those who have helped us financially over the last months; over \$16,000 in donations and fundraising has helped us so much, and means we still have money in the bank to help create some wonderful memories together as a family.

And, despite the decision last week, I am very grateful for whatever Avastin and the \$35,000 that we have spent on this journey has done for me and my family, as I firmly believe it has given me time I may not otherwise have had.

Thank you for your ongoing support, I cannot express how much it has meant to us.

Cassie Persztik

May Walk

Saturday, May 10 at 9.30am
Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne

This walk was been rescheduled from April due to poor weather.

- Distance:** Approximately 8km, plus a walk through the gardens
- Meeting point:** Bus-like shelter at the start of the walkway into the visitor centre
- Parking:** The car park is large, so drive as close to the top entry gate as possible (this is close to the bus parking area)
- Directions:** Take the South Gippsland Highway to Cranbourne and make a right-hand turn into Ballarto Road to the Main Entrance. It is sign-posted
Melway map 133 K10

This venue is suitable for everyone, whether you just wish to stroll around the recently created Australian Garden or join us for the walk around the park perimeter. We'll have lunch at or near the visitor centre where lovely meals or take-away lunches can be bought. After that we can explore the Australian Garden, as well as the gardens of Stage 2.

Please let me know if you are joining us.

Trudi Murray

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Sonnwendfeier

Saturday, June 21
Bayswater Hall

A delicious selection of barbecued meats and salads, hot dogs, *Glühwein* and soft drinks will be available for purchase (BYO other drinks). The main meal will be served from 5.00pm, and hot dogs may be purchased from 4.30pm.

Tea and coffee will be available free of charge, and we ask families to bring a cake or slice to share for later in the evening, while we listen to the Brass Ensemble play.

There will be a bonfire, the traditional lantern parade, glow-stick products for sale and damper-making. Please bring along your own lantern. The bonfire will be lit at 6.00pm and shortly after we'll be lighting our lanterns and setting off at 6.15pm on a lantern parade around the Bayswater Hall.

Important times

2.00pm	Setting up and food preparation
4.30pm	Hot dogs available for purchase
5.00pm	Main meals available for purchase
6.00pm	Lighting of bonfire, assemble for parade
6.15pm	Bayswater Hall lantern parade
7.30pm	Coffee and tea available; damper making on Hall verandah
8.00pm	Clean up

We do need helpers to assist with setting up, cooking and serving food and later in the evening with cleaning up, so if anyone is able to help out, this would be very much appreciated.

Please contact **Mieka Decker**:

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Solar Workshops

Interested in finding out more about solar solutions for your home?

Next Workshop

May 7, 2014

8.00 to 9.00pm

Bentleigh German School Room

First Wednesday of every month

For more information, please email Bernie Hoefler on hoovy@bigpond.com



**Bernie's
Greener Homes**

Coming Services

Sunday, May 11

10.00am

Mother's Day Service

Bayswater Chapel

Elder: Mark Herrmann

Sunday, May 25

10.30am

Meadowbank Hall

Elder: Christa Lingham

Sunday, May 25

2.30pm

Hymnal Service

Bentleigh Hall

Elders: Renate Weber with

Annette Wagner-Hesse

Sydney Events

Friday, May 9

11.30am

Seniors' Group

Wentworthville Leagues Club

Sunday, May 25

10.30am

Monthly Service

Meadowbank Hall

Elder: Christa Lingham

Free Self-Defence Classes

Saturday, May 31

Bayswater Hall

Do you sometimes feel unsafe when you are walking home?
Would you like to know how to defend yourself if you were attacked?

How does an afternoon for the whole family to join in sound?

Come along to the Bayswater Hall on Saturday, May 31 for a free 45-minute self-defence class from Carmen Taylor.

Primary School Age 1.00 to 1.45pm

Secondary School Age 2.00 to 2.45pm

Adults 3.00 to 3.45pm

There will be fun activities and games run concurrently by the Youth Focus Group.

Bookings essential

Moni Imberger

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Christmas Craft Dates

To assist with making Christmas crafts:

The Bayswater session this month will be on Tuesday, May 20 in the activities room in Tabulam from 10.00am till approximately 12.30pm. If you are planning to attend please let **Helga Kuerschner** know on 9729 2291.

The Bentleigh sessions will be on Friday, May 2, 16 and 30 at 25 Catherine Road, East Bentleigh from 7.30pm. Please let me know if you are planning to attend on 0407 271 764 or email nanne@templesociety.org.au

Marianne Herrmann, for the Craft Groups

Births

Maggie Ennis Healy was born on March 4, 2014 to Sarah (née Murray) and Ryan. A sister for Jack.

Rachael Ella Francome, born January 30, 2014 to Tanya (née Weller) and Daniel.

AGTE Templer Exchange

Applications are open for next year's Australian-German Templer Exchange! As the last exchange participant, I would highly recommend it to any young Templer. It was a fantastic experience, where I spent 3 months in Stuttgart, Germany, attending a two-month intensive German language course, while staying with Templer host families and being a part of the Templer community there.

If you are thinking of applying, please email Mark Herrmann at the TSA Office on mark@templesociety.org.au for more information. Applications close on June 30.

Melissa English
AGTE Coordinator

Diamond Wedding Anniversary (belated)

Trudy and **Bruno Herrmann** were married on April 10, 1954.

We wish you many more years of happiness together

Photobook Workshop

Bayswater Hall
Saturday, May 17

The Heritage & Culture Focus Group would like to invite you to a Photobook Workshop in the Community Room at the Bayswater Hall on Saturday, May 17 from 2.00pm. This afternoon session will discuss the steps involved in turning your digital pictures into a high-quality, printed photo book.

Contact **Doris Frank**:

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No Bus to Hymnal Service

Sunday, May 25 at 2.30pm

The Rosa bus will be at the Men's Advance on Phillip Island. Please organise car-pooling from Bayswater to attend the Benteleigh service.

1937/38/39 Class Reunion

Blairgowrie, Victoria

This is a reminder that **Brigitte Herrmann** needs your registration and payment for this reunion by no later than May 5, 2014. The invitation details were sent to you in February by Brigitte, who is organising the function. Please register with your payment to enable accommodation bookings to be finalised.

Dieter Glenk, for the organisers

Birthdays

Wir gratulieren herzlich zum Geburtstag unserer Mitglieder:

Rolf Beck	77
Ilse Beilharz	78
Renate Goetze	82
Gisela Haar	89
Ilse Heinrich	87
Bruno Herrmann	88
Inge Jones	78
Doris Katz	75
Gretel Krockenberger	81
Helga Kuerschner	78
Hertha Megele	87
Willi Richter	90
Martha Strasser	91
Berthold Tannenbaum	92
Hulda Wagner	90
Ulf Weller	78

und wünschen auch allen hier nicht angeführten Geburtstagskindern alles Gute und Schöne zum neuen Lebensjahr – Happy Birthday!

Sydney Email Contacts

We do not have many email addresses for people in Sydney, or those we have are no longer valid. If you have an email address, please contact me so I can update your details.

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Bereavement

From Germany we hear that **Trautel Reinisch** (née Haar) died on February 4 at age 75 after a short illness. She is survived by her husband Friedrich, their two sons, Michael and Thomas, and a sister Birgitt Haar, who lives in Chicago.

Our condolences to the bereaved families

Men's Advance

Friday, May 23 - Sunday, May 25,
Phillip Island



What's On

The main activity on Saturday will be Go Kart racing and a visit to Rusty Waters Brewery (subject to change).

Cost

\$200 per person for the weekend (approx.), includes food, accommodation and activities. Interstate men's airfare will be subsidised with proof of receipt.

Getting there

The *Rosa* bus will travel from Bayswater.

Catering

Food will be purchased prior to the event and the group will self-cater.

Places available!

Contact

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Rosters

Bayswater Flower Roster

Sunday, May 11 at 10.00am

Mother's Day Service

Gisela Bulach

Ellen Weller

Bentleigh Flower Roster

Sunday, May 25 at 2.30pm

Community Afternoon

Heidi Richter

Bentleigh Lawnmowing Roster

Saturday, May 10

Herb Hoffmann

Theo Richter

Templer Talk Deadline

The deadline for articles and notices for *Templer Talk* is the 18th of every month.

Please email your submission to:

tr@templesociety.org.au

Hard copies can be sent to the Temple Society Office.

Articles and notices may be edited due to grammar and space considerations.

In the Folds of Hills

Book Launch and Photographic Exhibition

In the Folds of Hills is a photographic book by **Kristian Laemmle-Ruff**.



Set in the secluded valleys of Lima in northeast Victoria, the book explores the rich humanity found in the characters living and working in this small farming community. Foreword by former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

Melbourne

Opening night: Thursday, May 1, 6.00 to 8.30pm

To be opened by writer and photographer Robert McFarlane

Exhibition dates: May 1-8, 2014

The Field Institute at The Compound Interest

15-25 Keele St, Collingwood VIC 3066

Wednesday to Friday 11.00am to 6.00pm

Saturday 12.00 to 5.00pm

Sydney

Exhibition and book sales as part of *Head On Photo Festival 2014*,
May 12-18

Tap Gallery

1/278 Palmer St, Darlinghurst NSW 2010

www.inthefoldsofhills.com

Presentation on e-Health records by Medicare Local

Are you tired of repeating your medical history to your GP, hospital and other medical services?

If so, come and join us for a short presentation by Medicare Local.

Date: Friday, June 6
Time: 10.30am
Where: Temple Society Chapel
51 Elizabeth Street
Bayswater
(the white building)
Cost: FREE!

Morning Tea provided

Staff from Medicare Local will be explaining how you can make your life easier by registering through e-health records and staying in control of the information shared.

Everybody is welcome.

All you have to do is bring yourself to the presentation and enjoy a cuppa with us.

We would like to confirm numbers and look forward to your RSVPs by Monday, June 2 to either:

Ricci

M: 0413 877 358

Anja

M: 0423 322 162

Or during office hours on 8729 1332



May 2014

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|----|------------|---|
| 1 | Thu | Start <i>In the Fold of Hills</i> Exhibition Melbourne |
| 2 | Fri | Telelink 2.00pm
Be Christmas Craft from 7.30pm |
| 3 | Sat | Multicultural Masterclass Be 11.00 to 3.00pm |
| 9 | Fri | Sy Seniors' Group Wentworthville Leagues Club 11.30am
RC Ba 7.30pm |
| 10 | Sat | Walk at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne 9.30am |
| 11 | Sun | Mother's Day
Mother's Day Service and Sunday School Ba 10.00am
Mother's Day Luncheon Ba 12.00 noon |
| 12 | Mon | Start <i>In the Fold of Hills</i> Exhibition Sydney |
| 13 | Tue | Be Ladies 12.00 noon |
| 16 | Fri | Telelink 2.00pm
Be Christmas Craft from 7.30pm |
| 17 | Sat | Photobook Workshop Ba Hall 2.00pm |
| 18 | Sun | All Youth Shark and Ray Feeding Dandenong 2.00 to 5.00pm
<i>June Templer Talk</i> Deadline |
| 20 | Tue | Ba Christmas Craft TTHA 10.00am to 12.30pm |
| 23 | Fri | Start Men's Advance Phillip Island |
| 25 | Sun | Hymnal Service and Community Afternoon Be 2.30pm
Sy Service 10.30am
End Men's Advance Phillip Island |
| 27 | Tue | TSAL Meeting Be 7.30pm |
| 30 | Fri | Telelink 2.00pm
Be Christmas Craft from 7.30pm |
| 31 | Sat | All Ages Self-Defence Workshop Ba Hall 1.00 to 4.00pm |

[Click here to view the full Calendar of Events for 2014](#)

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