



The Centre for Spirituality
of Care and Community

Autumn 2024 Newsletter



A Message from our Chairperson, Gillian Henderson

Welcome to our Autumn 2024 Newsletter and an update on some comings and goings since I became chairperson, following our annual meeting in 2023. We give thanks to all who have continued to support the development and work of the Centre for Spirituality of Care and Community.

As you will see the CSCC committee has gone through some changes over the last 12 months and the remainder of this year offers both opportunities and challenges for us as is evident in the report on our recent planning day.

We were saddened to receive resignations from committee members Bernadette Wurlod in 2023 and Shirley Nash earlier this year.

We greatly appreciated Bernadette's generous input for the 12 months she was a committee member. In particular, her attentive presence at our monthly meetings, her thoughtful perspective, regional knowledge and awareness, good insight and reliability together with her timely humour.

We also greatly appreciated Shirley's thoughtful contribution as a member of the CSCC committee. Her interest in and support for CSCC was invaluable. Shirley's input was reflective, dynamic and considered and enhanced our monthly meetings.

We understood Bernadette and Shirley's need to stand down as committee members and we miss them.

The CSCC committee thank them most sincerely for all that they offered.

Amidst these losses we are delighted that Andy Calder accepted our invitation to become a member of the CSCC committee. Andy brings a wealth of experience and his skills in decision making and forward thinking are already bearing fruit. We are most grateful and look forward to working together.



Vale Taffy Jones

It is with great sadness we acknowledge the passing of Dr Taffy Jones, foundation member of CSCC. Taffy had an extraordinary impact on Health Care in Australia. With a sharp intellect and quick wit, he acted at all times with passion, integrity and courage. Taffy had a broad understanding of health and well being and shared in our vision for a greater understanding and awareness of the spirituality of care and community. His contribution to CSCC will be greatly missed.

Forthcoming AGM

This year's AGM is being held on **Sunday May 26th at 2pm** via Zoom. The Notice for the meeting has been sent out and those interested in attending are invited to register by clicking the button below or via secretary@csc.org.au by Thursday 23 May. Details of the zoom meeting and a link will be emailed on Saturday 26 May to those who register.

We are delighted to have Rev Dr Andy Calder, as our guest speaker this year. Andy will speak on '**Broken Bodies: Healing Spirits**' Road trauma and community care. Andy Calder, a Uniting Church minister, will speak of pastoral responses which support and care for people impacted by road trauma: people bereaved, injured and others including emergency and health care workers. A particular focus will be the annual Time for Remembering ceremony held since 2001, in Parliament House, Melbourne, conducted under the auspices of Amber Community: Road Incident Support and Education. The presentation will also be informed by Andy's personal experience of road trauma.

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CSCC Members and Friends Winter Gathering

You are warmly invited to join CSCC Committee of Management for wine and cheese, **4pm-6pm, Saturday 20th July**. We plan to meet at the home of our chairperson depending on numbers. Please register your interest by clicking the button below or via secretary@csc.org.au by Monday 8th July.

We will be in touch with venue details including parking and transport options for those who register.

We would be delighted if you could join us for this opportunity to get together, renew friendships and continue some of the discussions we've had over the past 5 years!


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CSCC's 2024 Annual Planning Day Report

With thanks to Eugen as our host at his rooms in Carlton, the CSCC management committee met on Sunday February 24th for our annual planning day. After morning coffee/tea it was straight to business. As Chair for the day, Gillian opened our deliberations with an Acknowledgment of Country, a welcome to everyone and special thanks to Andy Calder for joining the committee.

Finalising our Vision, Mission and Values statements, to be included in an update of our website, was our first task. The morning session then focused on the theme and the orator for this year's annual Roy Bradley Oration. We then considered how we might collaborate with Dr Professor Anne Pattel-Gray, in an ongoing way, following her impressive and thought-provoking oration last year.

The afternoon session centered on planning for the future with a focus on strategy and activities going forward. A significant realisation from the discussion was how much Covid and the associated restrictions had curtailed our development. Prior to Covid when we had come together on several occasions, the results had been quite inspirational. Should we return to pre-Covid ways of gathering – including for the annual oration, occasional seminars, small discussion groups and other ways of caring for and supporting each other?





The 2024 Annual Roy Bradley Oration

We are thrilled to confirm that this year's Roy Bradley Oration will be delivered by Pádraig Ó Tuama via Zoom on October 13th. A poet and theologian, Pádraig's work centres around themes of language, power, conflict and religion. He is a compelling poet and skilled speaker, teacher and group worker. From 2014-2019 he was the leader of the Corrymeela Community, Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation community.

Roy Bradley Oration Collected Works

We are currently working on compiling a record of the annual Roy Bradley Oration for distribution and publication. This year's oration with Pádraig Ó Tuama will be the 6th Roy Bradley Oration.

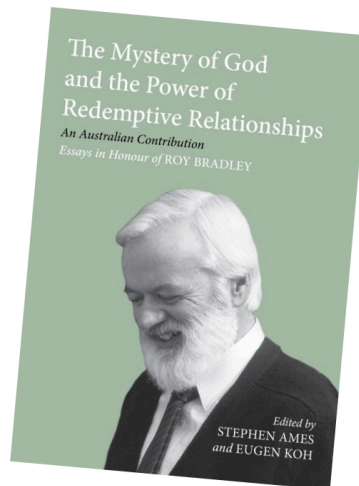
Treasurer's Report

Since our inception more than five years ago now, we have raised over \$31,000. Most of that has come from the \$1,000 commitment of our initial Foundation members. Sales of the book, "The Mystery of God and the Power of Redemptive Relationships" published to honour the life of the late Reverend Roy Bradley, has raised over \$5,000 to date and donations from our "Friends" group and other supporters has raised another \$5,000. Total expenditure has been almost \$12,500, which included the cost of publishing the book, development of our website, including IT expenditure, and costs associated with staging the annual oration.

The Mystery of God and the Power of Redemptive Relationships:

We still have 40 copies for sale at \$25.00 plus postage of 'The Mystery of God and the Power of Redemptive Relationships - a collection of essays in honour of Roy Bradley and his contribution to pastoral care in Australia', edited by Stephen Ames and Eugen Koh (Morning Star Publishing, 2019).

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