

# Spicer

## *Matters*



**June 2017**

# From Judi



Next week is National Reconciliation Week. It is celebrated across Australia between 27 May and 3 June. National Reconciliation Week commemorates 2 significant events. May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which more than 90% of Australians voted to remove clauses in the constitution which discriminated against Indigenous people. June 3 is the anniversary of the judgement in the 1992 Mabo Case which recognised the Native Title rights of Indigenous people.

Reconciliation – moving ahead together – means building co-operative partnerships such as the one between the Uniting Church in Australia and the UAICC (the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress). Reconciliation is based on mutual trust and respect – recognising rights and responsibilities. It includes listening to each other – trying to understand things from the point of view of another. In the context of National Reconciliation Week it means First and Second peoples looking at our shared history. Some parts of history we can be proud of – other parts we now understand have caused great distress to our Indigenous sisters and brothers.

Reconciliation is about removing barriers. Jesus was about removing barriers – barriers between people and barriers between people and God. He accepted and showed love to those who were marginalised and isolated and they found a new community of love and hope through his reconciling love. I pray that during this coming week some more barriers will be removed and God's reconciling love with shine through.

Blessings

Judi

*To read more about the UAICC and the Uniting Church's reconciliation efforts please go to the UAICC website <https://uaicc.org.au>*

# Mental Health

## Psychosis



The next of our mental health seminars will be led by

**Rev Mark Boyce**

**Monday 26 June**

**7.30 pm**

Mark Room



**Shhh...**

**Silent**

**Auction**

  
desire

# Quiz night

What sport is played in the State Of Origin series?

What colour is the Channel 7 logo?

From what country do poinsettias originate?

**Saturday**  
**17 June**  
**7 for 7.30 pm**

BYO drinks and nibbles

What is the name of a single dot on a computer monitor screen?

Who is Sponge Bob Squarepants' best friend?

Who was the first British monarch to be addressed as "Your Majesty"?

Patrick  
NRL (Rugby League)  
King Henry VIII  
Mexico  
Pixel  
Red

Family ticket \$20 (4 per family)

Kids under 12 free

\$5 concession

\$10 general entry

Please book your table by 15 June

# Easter at East Adelaide

You would all be aware from various discussions that we at Spicer have a special relationship with East Adelaide Primary School through our association with the Pastoral Care Worker, Kate.

Judi has largely contributed to maintaining this relationship with the most recent example being the presentation of the Easter Story. Along with a few helpers, Judi told the story to a majority of the primary school students and was thrilled with the reaction and feedback.

Below is a short report from Kate explaining the experience.



Following a meeting in February with the Principal, Vicki Stravinski at East Adelaide School, Judi began planning for the Easter Presentations. In the past, the Easter story had been told only to Receptions – Year 2s however this was the first time that the program had been extended to include all students from Reception to Year 5. Potentially this could have meant that more than 500 students would hear the Easter message and Judi would present 10–11 sessions with at least 30 children per session! I was very excited and slightly awed by the positive response from the children with over 400

choosing to attend, which meant that all of these parents gave their permission. How amazing is that! Given the resistance to the appointment of a PCW a year ago from within the school community, I praise God for the shift in attitude.

As a result, Judi spent two solid days last week presenting the story of how George the Caterpillar shared stories of God's love before being transformed into a butterfly and how



Jesus' death and resurrection pointed the way to God's love for each of us. The presentations included crafts, puzzles and wonder. All of the feedback has been fantastic and the East Adelaide School would like to thank Judi and her team of volunteers enormously for the sensitive and relevant way in which the Gospel was communicated. If Judi appeared slightly exhausted on Sunday you'll understand why!

Blessings from Kate, PCW at East Adelaide.

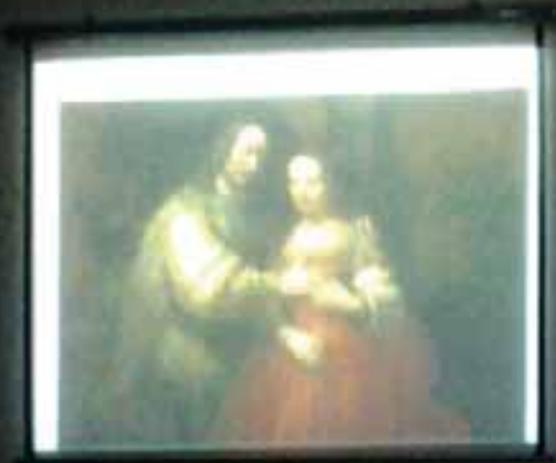


# Spicer Community Lunch

## One Month in the Land of the Giants

Our May meeting was addressed by Coralie Creevey who, in the autumn of November 2016, spent four weeks in the Netherlands, populated by the tallest people in Europe. For Coralie, the main purpose of coming to the Netherlands was to view the works of the Dutch giants of the art world- the Old Dutch Masters - Rembrandt, Vermeer, De Hooch, van Ruysdale, van der Velde, etc.

Coralie showed us many photographs of their great work in the museums which she visited. Incidentally, Coralie also took a picture of a 'self service' coat check-in at one museum – the visitor pulls down a suspended coat hanger which is then released to allow the garment to be suspended and stored near the ceiling, to be later reclaimed through the same process.



Coralie travelled by train to nine cities, staying in small hotels and BNB's. This itinerary gave her the opportunity to meet and talk with many Dutch people, for which she gained great admiration as being open, cheerful, hardworking, methodical and clean. She also found them to be great cyclists, thanks to the flat terrain and their devotion to physical fitness.



The flat terrain also made the country prone to flooding which has been controlled by dykes and dewatering by windmills, of which about 900 still remain. The Dutch still provide the services of skilled water engineers to many countries.

Coralie briefly reviewed some of the ancient and more recent history of the Netherlands. This included their role as a colonial and maritime power, their involvement in the slave trade, along with other European and African powers, and their suffering from and collaboration with the Nazis in World War 2. More recently, they have led the way in promoting individual freedoms, which have sometimes been abused.

Coralie concluded by pointing out that the Netherlands has something to learn from South Australia in the form of our legislation imposing deposits on bottles and cans which has greatly reduced the amount of litter in our streets and waterways.



Just COS



## For your June calendar

<b>Sun 4</b>	Messy Church	<b>4.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 6</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
	Movie Group	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Sat 10</b>	Eat Pray Care	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Tues 13</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
<b>Wed 14</b>	Just COS (in Mark)	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Community Lunch	<b>12 noon</b>
<b>Sat 17</b>	Quiz Night	<b>7 for 7.30 pm</b>
<b>Sun 18</b>	Soup Making in the Kitchen	<b>After church</b>
	Youth Group	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Mon 19</b>	RAD Meeting	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 20</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
<b>Wed 21</b>	Church Council	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Mon 26</b>	Mental Health Workshop (in Mark)	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 7</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
<b>Wed 18</b>	Just COS (in Mark)	<b>10 am</b>

### **From the Editor**

Please be aware that the next *Spicer Matters* will be a combined July/August issue. All articles and notices for July and August (and early notices for September) will need to be to Anne by 18 June for inclusion in that issue.

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## Deadline for next issue

Please have all articles to Anne by Sun 18 June