



SERRA CLUB of MELBOURNE Newsletter

March 2022

THE SERRANS ARE BACK TO NORMAL (We hope!)

SEMINARY VISIT

One outstanding function that we have not been able to do for the last two years, was the annual visit of Serrans to Corpus Christi Seminary. But our visit has been booked and confirmed for Sunday 3rd April.

Mass will be at 11.30am in the Sacred Heart Church, Carlton and we have been invited to join the staff and seminarians for lunch afterwards. Since its inception it has been customary to collect \$20.00 per person and give this to the Seminary. As the Melbourne Club instigated the visits, the executive felt that the time has come to increase this to \$25.00, as we have always been treated to a most excellent meal.

In recent years District 89 has arranged for the Retreat to be conducted on the Saturday prior, but sadly the cost of the Retreat has increased considerably, and so the committee has chosen not to proceed with it this year and will explore other options.

SALE SPORTS DAY

Again, after similar cancellations, the Serra Club of Sale has arranged to have their Sports Day and Dinner on Monday 11th April. This is the Monday before Easter and held on this day as the priests of the Diocese are in Sale for the Annual Mass of the Oils. Several Serrans from Melbourne usually make the trip to Sale and join the Sale members for the dinner and some join in the sports as well.

It is very well patronised, and clergy from other Denominations are also invited, with attendance usually about 100 in total.

MGR JOHN ALLMAN

A great supporter of the Sale Serrans was Mgr John Allman, who died recently. He had been retired for some years, but continued to remain in the diocese, and was held in very high regard.

SCANZSPAC

The first meeting for the year for the Board members of SCANZSPAC will be held on Saturday 9th April at Sale. Serran members may attend the meeting as observers, but only Board members may actively take part in the discussions.

Anne Larkins, President of SCANZSPAC, and also a member of the Board of Serra International, was recently appointed for another three years to the Audit Committee of Serra International, which automatically means that she is on the Board as well.

The President has also asked her to accept a nomination as Secretary of both the Board and the Executive Committee. Anne has not made a decision as to whether she will accept the offer as it would involve four overseas trips in a year, plus days of writing and follow up. She is considering the offer, but has not made a definite decision, as she is still working fulltime. Keep Anne in your prayers.

DISTRICT 89

As has been the case for all meetings, the members of District 89, which comprises the District Governor, Bernie Roney, the Secretary/Treasurer, Patricia Baxter, Club Presidents or their proxy, the Chairman of the Serra Australia Foundation, Neville Hackett, SCANZSPAC Board Members and District 89 Board Members and Past District Governors, have not been able to meet, but anticipate being able to resume this year. However, Patricia Baxter has submitted her resignation due to ill health, and so District 89 members are invited to nominate a Serran to undertake this position. The district usually meets three times in a calendar year, and so it is not a big burden. Club Boards are urged to give this situation their urgent attention.

MEETING DATES

At the Board Meeting 16th February, it was decided that the December meeting would be changed from the second Wednesday, to the first Wednesday, as so many other events occur around this time. This year it will be on 7th December. As a consequence, if this change it was decided to not have a meeting in November.

TREASURER

When John O'Connor died in 2016, Phillip Connors took on the task, but he submitted his resignation at the February Board Meeting due to health problems, and Margaret McCulloch offered to take over this position, which was very generous.

DEATH

Dr Daphne Hennelly, a member of the Melbourne Club, died on 4th November 2021, and was buried in Tasmania with her husband. She was an active member for several years but was forced to resign due to ill health.

ANNIVERSARY CARDS

As has been the privilege of the Serra Club of Melbourne since a decision taken at the very first meeting of the proposed establishment of Serra in Australia, the Club continues this practice, and each year makes contact with as many dioceses and religious institutions as possible, and requests details of anniversaries that would occur in the year.

This year 137 entities were invited to send details, and to date replies have been received from 55. Not all communities wish to participate, and we have to accept this. However, the personal responses that are received demonstrate how much the recipients appreciate the fact that their anniversary has been acknowledged by someone whom they don't even know, and this encourages Serra to continue the obviously well received message that we are remembering them in our Masses and prayers.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

March 23rd St. Catherine's Church, 2 Buchan Street, Moorabbin
 April 27th Rosary 6.15 pm. Mass 6.30 pm. followed by dinner
 May 25th Meeting in the Sweeney Centre.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS for VOCATIONS

March	St Leonard's, Glen Waverley	9.00am
April	St Joseph's, Elsternwick	10.00am
May	St Joseph's. Chelsea	9.00am

MASS ROSTER

	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>
Reader:	Frank	Anne	John
Prayers of the Faithful:	Frank	Anne	John
Offertory Procession:	-	-	-
Minister of Communion:	Anne	John	Frank
Meals Clean Up: All Members urged to assist.			