



BORDERlands

News from across the border

Dear Borderlands members, friends, readers,

Elections over since about half a year now, quite an amazing array of 'things' have happened or are happening around us in our immediate context. Most of those are surely having an impact on the issues traditionally taken on board in this Newsletter and by the Cooperative since its coming into being ten years ago. And as some of our friends say, not too early either!!!

Just to name a few, signing up to Kyoto, saying Sorry, 2020 discussions, renewed 'listening' to other voices, attention for education, housing and the ecology, removing the silencing clauses attached to government grants and programs, addressing the inter-States and States-Feds grandstanding, chest-thumping and red-taping and – could it be possible? – returning to building infrastructure and to a more progressive tax regime... all too good to believe in one fell – and rather breathless - swoop, isn't it...? And it certainly will not be all roses and as we really would like it—especially the ecology seems to receive a rather confusing sort of attention and I certainly would not want to fill the shoes of a former Midnight Oil leading man....

We'll keep you informed as to how the processes in these matters look from the **underside** of things ... and we invite you to continue to report about how they look from your end...

I would like to break the rather deafening silence surrounding the commemoration of the **40th anniversary of the 'Sixties'**, which, for many of us 'ageing' activists, was formative, enlightening, empowering and introduced us to critical thinking and the resuscitation of many possibilities thought to be impossible during the decades before.

Significantly, during the 2007 French election, Nicolas Sarkozy—in the news for a series of rather politically irrelevant happenings—let it be known that "**May 68's heritage must be liquidated once and for all**". Whilst obviously not all of that time is to be celebrated, guided by economic (ir)rationalism, greed and the belief that all there is to society is to provide an infrastructure to our (assumed) egoistic human nature, he and many other conservative politicians have done their very best to turn the gains made by radical movements of that time, including attacking workers' rights, welfare, health and education rights and entitlements and destroy the legacy of a movement that shook the French and many other western societies to their core. Still, the events of Paris and elsewhere in the 'developed west' in the late sixties and early seventies continue to colour political debates and give substance to political orientations and cleavages, even if systematic and orchestrated 'forgetting' has been very much a feature of the four decades since.

Having been part of that time, it seems obvious to me that – at least - part of the inspiration behind many of the issues, activisms and critiques which filled and fills the pages of this Newsletter and which made us, about 100 people present at our launch in 1997 decide to start a small moment of resistance to the conservative onslaught of the nineties—that part of this inspiration derived from the 60s-heritage.

And I am convinced that we can still learn a lot from that period and its heritage... In that spirit, welcome to the June edition of our Newsletter and I hope to see you some time soon!

Jacques Boulet and the regulars at Borderlands.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

26th May:

National Sorry Day

27th May to 3rd June:

Reconciliation Week

May 29th:

The Conscious Cook book launch

7th June:

oases breakfast: Dr David Tracey,

'Healing and Spirituality-

Integration; the Self in the World'.

15th, 16th, 17th June:

'Communities in Control' conference

23rd to 25th June

'What's Working in Community

Development?' conference

5th July:

oases breakfast: Dr Ani Wierenga

'Social Well-being; Learning from Bhutan'

2nd August:

oases breakfast: Dr Lindsay Falvey

'Sustainability, Wisdom and Religion'

Newsletter Deadlines

This newsletter is to inform you of all the Borderlands happenings.

We need your input! Please send articles or details of your latest events etc. (preferably in electronic format) to the Editor at: borders@borderlands.org.au

Deadlines for the next issues are:

September Issue: 20th August

December Issue: 20th November

Obituaries: Sid Spindler, Val Plumwood and Michael White

A rather sad trifecta ... three people very much associated with many of the causes and issues this journal deals with and holds at the centre of its reasons-for-being have recently died... **Sid Spindler**, Federal Democrats Senator and activist for many causes – but especially for justice for Indigenous peoples in Australia and elsewhere; **Val Plumwood**, “who saved the crocodile that attacked her” as the caption of her obituary in the Age said, ecologist-activist, artist, philosopher; and **Michael White**, co-originator and mind-heart-energy behind the *Dulwich Centre’s* ‘narrative therapy’ approach and committed community development thinker.

I reproduce fragments of some of the commemorative statements some of our readers and supporters have shared with us, rather than repeating any of the many obituaries which have appeared in the commercial press and other media as well as those which have travelled the e-networks. (Ed.)

Hello Friends,

Hope you are all well; I thought you might like to know that **Sid Spindler** died a few hours ago. For those of you who did not realise, he had secondary cancer in his liver and had been undergoing Chemo. He died in hospital a few hours ago with Julia at his bedside. Today was their 50th wedding anniversary.

...and I have just been remembering his life and all he did for Aboriginal reconciliation (and the I campaign with the Uniting Church some of us were heavily involved in), Sorry Days and Sorry Books and the Sea of Hands events, ANTaR, his connection with Borderlands (of which he was a founding member and shareholder), the AD’s, the Rainbow Alliance, Pax Christi and many other community projects.

I remembered how helpful and supportive he was to Reba during her election campaigns. And remember when ‘Sir’ Jeffrey Kennett called him a Nazi and Sid was quite proud of the fact he got a public apology and a large photo and full-page story in *The Age* telling of his journey from being in the Hitler youth to being committed to social justice and tireless community work after he came to Australia.

Julia said he died a happy and peaceful man who was glad to see the demise of John Howard, the recent big Sorry event (two weeks before his death), the development of better rights for same-sex couples (he led the way with that legislation when Senator) and content that he had done his best with his life. A good death at almost 76 years of life lived to the full.

Rest in Peace, Sid Spindler.

Lyn Macdonald,

Community Inner Peace and Wellbeing Projects



Dear friends at Borderlands,

This is to pass on the sad news to those associated with Borderlands who might not yet have heard it that the highly respected ecologist, feminist and writer **Val Plumwood** died late last week. She was found dead at her bush home on Saturday, having suffered a massive stroke. She was 67.

A pioneer of environmental philosophy, Val had published over 100 papers and 4 books. “*Shaking philosophy to its foundations*” said one reviewer of Val Plumwood’s ecofeminist classic ***Feminism and the Mastery of Nature*** (Routledge 1993). Plumwood brings both modern and ancient philosophy and feminist theory to her work on revising our conceptions of human identity and interspecies relations.

In her last book, “*Environmental Culture: the Ecological Crisis of Reason*”, Routledge 2002, Plumwood challenged the hyper-separation between humans and nature which is entrenched in the dominant traditions of the west and argues that tackling the environmental crisis requires deep change in the dominant culture.

Kate Rigby, Monash University

Dear Melbourne (and wider a-field) friends and users of narrative, narrative therapy and other systemic and action inquiry approaches,

Many of you may already have heard the tragic news that Michael White has died after a sudden health crisis on 5 April in the USA.

He collapsed with cardiac problems while presenting at a national workshop for the San Diego Center for Therapeutic Collaboration in California on Monday 31 March. He died in intensive care the following Saturday night surrounded by family and friends. Michael was 59.

Michael White has touched the lives of many people in many different ways. Those who knew him and attended his workshops and conferences or read his papers and books will be deeply saddened by his untimely death.

Yoland Wadsworth, Action Research Issues Association



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Quote of this issue:

**It will be a great day when our
schools get all the money they
need and the air force has to
hold a bake sale to buy a
bomber.**

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Conference

"What's Working in Community Development?" (IACD)

An international conference on community development at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada from June 23rd - June 25th, 2008. We are expecting 300 participants, from around the world.

The full conference program is now available and can be downloaded from www.horizonscda.ca/upcoming

We are very excited about the breadth and depth of presentations and workshops conference delegates are offering. You can also look forward to a variety of styles of presentations, plenary work, theatre, interactive exercises, and even a mini film festival! Other conference highlights include plenary presentations by Joanne Linzey of the United Way of Canada, and Ron Colman of GPI Atlantic. The conference also features presentations from the Canadian International Development Agency's Afghanistan Task Force, and Democracy 250.

We are very pleased that a new joint publication on asset-based community development by the International Association for Community Development and the Carnegie UK Trust will be formally launched the conference. Anyone interested will also have an opportunity to become part of a growing international community of practice on asset based community development..

The conference will appeal to people interested in community development work, whether from a research or a practice perspective. The objectives for the conference are for people to exchange learnings about community development, and to build links among community development networks around the world.

Registration information is also available at www.horizonscda.ca/upcoming.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

"Social Development and Transition: Paths for Global-Local Partnership"

Organized by the Asia-Pacific Branch of the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD)

DATE: November 26 (Wednesday) 28th (Friday), 2008. Please mark your diaries and start planning.

VENUE: Dhulikhel Lodge Resort www.dhulikhellodgeresort.com Kathmandu, Nepal.

Several **sub-themes** include poverty reduction, and post-conflict reconstruction, climate change, disasters, human trafficking, HIV/AIDS, etc.

Key contact at the host organisation: Dr. Bala Raju Nikku, Ph.D. Head, Department of Social Work, Kadambari Memorial College of Science and Management, The Purbanchal University, Ukti Marg, Thapathali Heights, Kathmandu, Nepal.

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Deadlines

Abstracts: March 31, 2008

Papers and registration: July 31, 2008



National Conference
***Critical Pedagogy and Participatory Learning for Social Transformation:
 The Role of Higher Education***

Organised by Monash University, Borderlands Cooperative, oases Masters Program in Integrative and Transformative Studies and UT Sydney's Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre

27-28th of November

At Monash University's Conference Centre in Clayton/Melbourne

The recent resurgence of interest in participatory and dialogic approaches to teaching and learning makes its mark across university, TAFE and other professional development contexts, more specifically in the fields of international development, community development, environmental science, health, social work, education, feminist and women's studies and management and organisational development programs. With ideas of participation, democratisation, transformation, empowerment and social change so central to theory and practice in all of those fields, many educators are trying to put these into practice through classroom teaching and community outreach.

Conference Aims

Sharing and reflecting on participatory and transformative teaching-learning experiences, aimed at improving practice

Promoting participatory learning, critical pedagogy, popular and transformative education in higher education in Australia and elsewhere

Developing networks of educational practitioners and thinkers experienced and active in participatory learning and teaching

Creating publications with examples of current thinking and practice



Involvement and contributions:

Whilst we have invited several international and national speakers (see the website), in line with the proposed goals and aims of the conference, we intend to create as much opportunity as possible for dialogue, discussion and 'pre-figuring' of what one may understand under participatory and transformative learning.

Please submit paper abstracts before: **31 August 2008**

Please submit expressions interest in running a workshop before: **30 September 2008**

Registration and other Information:

See the website for information about invited international speakers and other matters pertaining to location, the pre-conference evening at the Borderlands Cooperative and more:

www.arts.monash.edu.au/ges/news-and-events/conf1.php

FEES have been kept to a minimum:

University academics: \$180

TAFE and other institutions of higher learning: \$100

COOKING WITH A CONSCIOUS

'The Conscious Cook' explores the connection between Food and Sustainability



Brolga Publishing invites you and guests to celebrate the launch of

The Conscious Cook

by Giselle Wilkinson

Venue: Tjanabi, The Atrium, Federation Square, Melbourne
Date: Thursday May 29th 2008
Time: 6 – 8 pm

Special guest Gavin Jennings, Minister for the Environment and Climate Change who will be in attendance to officially launch the book. Complimentary finger food on arrival and drinks at the bar.

Please RSVP by Friday May 23rd
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Location: Tjanabi restaurant is situated in the Atrium, Federation Square (near the cnr Flinders & Russell St) between the national gallery and ACMI, as indicated in red on the map above.

Public transport: Flinders St train station is directly opposite Fed Square, as is a major tram stop for all Swanston St trams.

Parking: there is limited on street parking surrounding Fed Square, however there are two large car parks, one on Flinders St (opposite Fed Square) and one on Russel St (next to Fed Square). For bikes there are racks located outside ACMI and along both sides of Flinders St.

Available now in all good book stores, 'The Conscious Cook' explores the connection between food and sustainability.

50 eclectic and delicious recipes provide a platform to discuss simple ways that we can change our behaviour in the kitchen and reduce our environmental footprint through our food choices.

The recipes explore the 'costs to the earth' when choosing and cooking meals. Issues such as 'Food miles' – transportation moving foods over great distances; energy and water usage; fossil fuels in food production; carbon emissions; environmental degradation; harvesting, processing, packaging and waste management are discussed. Facts such as the use of oil in the manufacture of plastic bags and fertilisers, and the water content in the production of food provide a backdrop to the global sustainability emergency the world faces today.

The book helps the reader understand the consequences of their choices on their health and the health of the planet by providing the reader with the information for them to make their own choices on how to live more sustainably.

The Conscious Cook is the result of a 2 ½ year 'labour of love' by Melbourne born social and environmental activist Giselle Wilkinson.

The Conscious Cook raises awareness of the interconnections that link human health and wellbeing with that of the health of the planet. Bravely tackling these complex issues, this avant-garde cookbook offers a way forward and equips us with some 'sustainable living' thinking to help us grapple with the issues and steer towards a sustainable future. You'll be surprised at how tantalising it is and how easy it is to make a difference.

www.PokieWatch.org is a not-for-profit web site devoted to achieving the highest standards in responsible pokie gambling practices. The website is a wiki which allows the public to collaboratively modify or add to the information on the site. Users are encouraged to visit their local pokie pub or club and post what they see on PokieWatch.org.

The success of the website is based upon the proposition that the more information known about what actually goes on in pokie venues the more likely any future practices or regulation will be successful in dealing with problem gambling.

In addition to its initial publication of responsible gaming practices at 85 Victorian hotels, PokieWatch.org provides users with an anonymous discussion forum for each venue. For persons or corporations willing to join and provide information on pokie venues, the site provides a simple one page downloadable checklist to give each inspection suggested structure. Any person with Internet access, an email account, and basic word processing skills will be able to modify or add to the information on PokieWatch.org



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Gimme Shelter: Weaving Sustainability in East Timor

This year ETWA's end of financial year appeal aims to raise funds for women in remote communities in East Timor. But it's not just about bricks and mortar. It's about helping East Timorese women weave positive and sustainable futures for their families and communities.

Gimme Shelter will raise funds for solar panels to light up the women's lives, buildings to protect them from the wind, sun and rain, equipment to enhance their work and training to help them develop sustainable enterprises. Working collectively is important for East Timorese women. Solar panels will enable groups to weave in the evening. A space to work together will help them support each other. Equipment will take the pressure of their health and simplify the weaving process and training will help them manage their cooperatives more effectively and sustainably. Call us at Borderlands or email taryn@etwa.org.au to make a donation to ETWA's Gimme Shelter Appeal and make difference! Donations are 100% tax deductible through ETWA's partnership with Australian Volunteers International.

Thank you on behalf of hand-weavers in East Timor. Taryn Lane, for ETWA

COMMACT

The Common Wealth Network for People-Centred Development is pleased to announce the launch of the **COMMACT Solidarity Partnerships Program**.

The COMMACT Solidarity Partnerships Program seeks to establish practical and ongoing collaboration efforts between not-for-profit organisations in developed nations with on the ground organisations in developing nations. A core element of the proposed partnerships is for partnering organisations to help each other develop the effectiveness of their on the ground practice in People-Centred Development.

COMMACT is currently planning a COMMACT International Conference to be held in Brisbane, from 28-30 October this year.

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BEYOND SORRY

The Federal Government's formal apology to the Stolen Generations was a significant and moving event, a symbolic lifting of the mean spiritedness that has been a hallmark of the past 11 years. The new Federal Government has also promised to endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples and the substantive issues of Treaty and constitutional changes are back on the agenda. However, while the new Government has set itself and our nation quite specific tasks by which to move forward, many of the key objections to the NT intervention, voiced by the Aboriginal people most effected, remain largely unchanged.

The appearance of something happening makes it difficult to argue that many of the fundamental demands that have been made by Indigenous peoples over the last 200 years are in fact not being addressed. It also creates challenges in engaging the community in action: there is a view that reconciliation is 'done' – we need to continue to focus on what more needs to be done. Foremost of these is the acknowledgement of sovereignty. Issues like land rights, self-determination and respect for Indigenous cultures for example, now risk being lost altogether in the minds of the majority of non-Indigenous people. It becomes ever more important that we find ways to ensure that these issues stay firmly on the agenda, and that we don't lose track of past and current injustices. The latest Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Social Justice Report provides detailed information on the state of Indigenous rights in Australia (see www.hreoc.gov.au/social_justice/index.html). Unfortunately, there is still a tendency to polarise the movement by pitting practical and symbolic actions against one another. Indigenous organisations argue, and a range of national and international evidence points to, the fact that land rights, self-determination and an end to racism are the necessary foundations on which healthier Indigenous communities can be built. Human rights are not negotiable and non-Indigenous communities are not expected to forego them in order to access basic services.

Reconciliation Victoria will work with other Indigenous, social justice and reconciliation groups and peak bodies to develop a coordinated approach to justice and reconciliation in Victoria, as well as continuing to work with local councils, local reconciliation groups and traditional owners to implement just and respectful arrangements to improve social outcomes for Aboriginal peoples.

ANTaR Victoria has reaffirmed its commitment to Indigenous rights with a specific focus on treaty and constitutional change. Its two core strategies continue to be raising the awareness of the non-Indigenous community about these issues and campaigning for policy change on specific issues.

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To join the movement for Indigenous rights and reconciliation in Victoria consider attending the many fantastic events being held across the state for Reconciliation Week (May 27-June 3) and National Sorry Day (May 26).



Reconciliation Week

May 27 – June 3

Let's Walk the Mile, Let's Reconcile

Sorry Day

May 26

Sorry Day: Sorry Business

About Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week is held annually from 27 May to 3 June – two significant dates in Australia's history.

There seem to be a lot of different people doing different things about “reconciliation” in Victoria. Each of us spend a lot of effort trying to build up contacts, membership, websites, fundraising capacity and organise events and projects – often with considerable duplication of effort and therefore a waste of resources.

So, here’s a novel idea! Why not work together? We do not all have to become one organisation, but we can cooperate – in the spirit of Reconciliation perhaps? Already ANTaR Victoria and Reconciliation Victoria are doing a joint newsletter and any other organisation with similar aims and values are welcome to join. To join, add your contributions and if you can some money to cover the costs of printing and postage. You can add your bit as an insert complete with your own letterhead and you can have your own editorial control – broadly within our common aims and values. We would like to look at the possibilities of sharing a single point website portal, as well as other information resources, and supporting each other with volunteers, coordinated events and promotion.

The intent is NOT to limit diversity, but to increase support, effectiveness and cohesion around promoting ideas and actions that will lead to a fairer and safer place for Aboriginal people in Victoria – it is a coalition we are thinking about, NOT a combined organisation or a top-down structure.

If there is any interest out there in any organisation,

please call Reconciliation Victoria CEO, Frank Hytten on 03 9662 1645. LET’S BUILD THE MOVEMENT

Sorry Day – May 26

The first National Sorry Day was held in 1998 - one year after the tabling of the Bringing Them Home report which was the result of an inquiry into the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. One of the recommendations of the report was that a National Sorry Day should be declared. Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the impact of the policies of forcible removal on Australia's Indigenous populations. A National Apology was at last delivered to the Stolen Generations on February 13, 2008. This year, Sorry Day is a time to consider the implementation of all 54 of the Bringing Them Home report recommendations.

May 27

The anniversary of the 1967 referendum, in which more than 90% of Australians voted to remove clauses from the constitution which discriminated against Indigenous people.

June 3

Mabo Day – the anniversary of the High Court’s 1992 Mabo decision, which refuted the notion of ‘Terra Nullius’ (that Australia was uninhabited before European settlement).

For ongoing updates on Reconciliation related events see www.reconciliationvic.org.au



Middle East News Service Comments:

Australians are familiar with the notion of the “black armband view of history” and the refusal of the previous, Howard, Government to apologise to Indigenous Australians. But even Howard and his crew never insistence on Aboriginal Australians ceasing to use terms such as the ‘Stolen Generation’ as a condition for receiving their entitlements.

Israeli Foreign Minister Livni goes much further insisting that the Palestinians stop using the word Nakba (catastrophe.) It takes real chutzpah to make such a demand particularly as the term is so neutral [One can understand Livni objecting to terms such as “Zionist ethnic cleansing but this is not the case here]. While I would never compare the systematic mass murder of the Holocaust with Nakba they both did happen and denial of one is as objectionable as denying the other, or for that matter denying the Stolen Generation – Sol Salbe.

Extracts from: **There's More Than One 'E' in Community Development:
Linking Ecology, Economy and Equality in the Relocalisation Agenda**

Ingrid Burkett

International Association for Community Development

Relocalisation is a movement that links ecology, economy, culture and community. Its core argument is that democratic and economic systems and relations should be localized and made more 'human-scale' and if this were to occur then local communities could develop greater levels of sustainability and resilience, and local people could better define, analyse and more readily act on social, economic and environmental problems.

In truth, relocalisation is more an economic and a political movement than a social movement – it is movement that asks people to actively use the greatest daily political act that we possess in the global North (that is, our decisions about sourcing our purchases, especially food) in support of our local communities. Relocalisation is anti centralized, one-size fits all power systems, whether that be in relation to food systems, economies, political systems or social systems.

Relocalisation is about thinking and acting locally. It is about building systems on a human-scale so that sustainability can be grounded in our localities – that is, we can sustain our ecological systems, our social, economic and political systems into the future. Essentially, relocalisation challenges us to move from being consumers and passive recipients in these systems to being active participants, citizens and co-producers of the systems.

Although the term 'relocalisation' has only been used widely in the past decade, as a practical reaction to the idea of 'peak oil', the roots of the concepts, ideas and practice of this movement are long and deep. There are links back to many, many movements who took as their starting point the importance of local communities. There are a variety of approaches to relocalisation. For some, relocalisation is principally centred on the production and consumption of local food and the development of local food security and food sovereignty. For others the focus is more on building local democratic structures, such as the participatory budgeting system implemented in Porto Alegre in Brazil. For others still it is centred on growing strong and healthy local businesses to counter the Walmarts and giant supermarkets that are preying on local communities across the global North (and increasingly in the global South too!) The relocalisation movement has traversed much terrain in their quest to relocalise our lives – local food systems, local culture, livelihoods, housing, education, businesses and energy systems have all been advocated for by various proponents.

Ecological imperatives – peak oil, climate change and growing impacts of largescale pollution – are having dramatic consequences for local communities. There is an urgent need for reassessment and for action. However, if we get caught up in the urgency, the fear and the anger of what is happening, then there is a danger that the 'solutions' we dream up will not sustainably come to fruition. By joining the frameworks of the relocalisation movement with the method, the analysis and the values of community development, I believe there are many possibilities for positive, sustainable, local and global change.

There are many things happening. There's ripples spreading out. For some people this may not be happening fast enough, but in my experience urgency does not often lead to long-term sustainability. I believe much more in baby steps, celebrating small successes, recognizing that change does not happen in a straight line – there will be times when we feel like we're walking in syrup, there are down times and periods of depression, but this is normal, and what goes down must come up again. What I've learnt is that we need to be careful in this work of the *six* 'C's which can trip us up in the baby steps towards change. There is no room in this work for: complacency, contempt, cynicism, control, or constipation. What we need more of are other Cs – cooperation, communication, collaboration, care, and contemplation.

The full text paper will be printed in the July edition of New Community Quarterly; the only Community Development journal in Australia.

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StreetFilms comes to Melbourne!



StreetFilms is a project of the New York City Street Renaissance (NYCSR), a collection of non-profits geared towards re-imagining the city's public spaces and making the streets safer for pedestrians, bicycles and non-vehicular modes of transportation.

Clarence Eckerson (filmmaker for StreetFilms) has filmed dozens of videos all over the world documenting best practices - all of them shot only by foot, bike or mass transit.

See award winning urban design experts Jan Gehl & Rob Adams with Gilbert Rochecouste showing us just why Melbourne is a 'Pedestrian Paradise'

at: www.streetfilms.org/archives/Melbourne

Melbourne is simply wonderful. You can get lost in the nooks and crannies that permeate the city."

- Clarence Eckerson

POETRY OF RESISTANCE

In Viet Nam, poetry and resistance to foreign invasion have been inexorably linked for centuries. Even Ho Chi Minh found time to pen poems while leading the country in its struggle for liberation against the Japanese, French and Americans.

For the last 600 years, the model of the poet-soldier has been Nguyen Trai. Poet, scholar, statesman and military strategist, his motivating verse and thoughtful planning helped oust the Ming Chinese invaders in the 15th century. His words are still relevant:

For strategies, we devoted our time to study. Weighing past and present and chances of victory. In our dreams, plans for insurrection were created. The only goal we cherished: our country liberated. By surprise attacks, our weak force braved the stronger one. With skillful ambushes, our few troops smashed the large enemy. Successfully we fought barbarity and justice was done, And in face of violence we resort to humanity.

Nguyen Trai's military strategy was inspired by the idea that it is better to conquer hearts than citadels.

Nguyen Trai is remembered and loved not just by the Vietnamese. In 1980, on the 600th anniversary of his birth, UNESCO honoured him as a World Cultural Personality. Ho Chi Minh was also awarded this title in 1990, on the centenary of his birth, together with the UNESCO title of National Liberation Hero.

From Bruce McPhie,

in the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

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CROSS CULTURAL TRAINING

Prioletti Consultants

Refugee Week Forums held in Studio Room Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre, Preston.

Burmese Forum Tue June 17th, 10am – 12pm
Providing information on the Chin and Karen communities and their settlement in Victoria.

Sudanese Forum Wed June 18th, 10am – 12pm
Providing an insight into the Sudanese culture and challenges faced by creating a new life in Australia.

Victoria – A changing Face Thu June 19th, 10am – 12pm
Join Josie Prioletti and a panel of new arrivals from various African communities who have settled in Victoria.

NAIDOC Week

Indigenous Forum Wed 10th July 10am – 12pm.
Grevillia Room, Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre, cnr. Bell St and St Georges Rd, Preston.

Indigenous Forum Thu 11th July Geelong 10am – 12pm.
Geelong West Town Hall, 153 Pakington St, West Geelong.

The Racism Debate Wed 17th September 2-5pm
Acacia Room Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre Preston. A stimulating debate to explore whether we have become more/less racist.

All bookings for these events at
www.prioletticonsultants.com.au

AGED CARE

LOCAL MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICES FACE CRISIS

Every month, Ashburton Support Services and the Marwal Centre Meals On Wheels programs deliver close to 4000 meals to frail, elderly and mature-aged people with a disability in the Ashburton, Glen Iris and North Balwyn areas, helping them to remain independent and in their own homes.

To do that, they rely upon compassionate, community-minded volunteers who contribute an hour and a half of their time once a month, once a week or once a fortnight to deliver Meals On Wheels. Unfortunately, the volunteer base at both services is currently extremely depleted.

If you live in the vicinity of Ashburton, Glen Iris or North Balwyn and can help, please contact Mira Haldun on 9885 3815 or by email to: volunteeralliance@ashburtonsupportservices.com.



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By Simpson, David I 28.421 SIM

Peace kills

By O'Rourke, P. J. 973.931 ORO

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And don't forget to have a look at the last issues of the New Community Quarterly!

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