

# Province News ...



**Br Stephen Bugg opens the proceedings**



**Bishop Tim Costello begins the Blessing**



**The Hon Martin Dixon, MP, speaks fondly of his time at Marcellin College.**

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**The Minister and Bishop at the formal Opening of the Montagne Centre**



**The Marcellin College, Bulleen, Choir**



**A portion of the ninety people present at the Opening.**



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## Br Peter Pemble

Peter is currently in Melbourne commencing his Theology programme at the Melbourne College of Divinity. He is a member of the Coburg Community. Welcome Peter



## Br Stephen Bugg



Following the successful opening of the Montagne Centre, and following the development of national groups such as MSA and the Marist Life and Formation Team, Br Stephen's role as Executive Director of Ministry has, to all intents and purposes, been brought to completion and he has indicated his desire to stand down as at the 11<sup>th</sup> March. This was accepted at our last Council meeting and we will

begin the process of drawing up new terms of reference for a Co-ordinator of the Montagne Centre. Once these are completed, we will look towards appointing someone to that position.

We take the opportunity to express our appreciation for Steve's contribution. He started at Parkville, moved to the Montagne Centre, supervised its development and began the process of ensuring that our ministries work together. It wasn't an easy task, but I think that the formal opening of the Montagne Centre was an indication of the work he has completed over the years. We thank him for his work and interest.

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### **Community Leaders at Mittagong**

You would have received reports of this gathering to keep you in touch with what was happening. I am sure your community leaders have also spoken about this event. It was an important coming together of the Brothers across the Pacific, Australia and New Zealand. It was another occasion by which Brothers in the region could get to know one another and share our story and experiences. It enabled us to become aware of our common Marist aspirations and our efforts to ensure that communities are places of Marist Brotherhood.



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## Marist Brothers Oceania Council

Province of Melbourne  
Province of Sydney

Province of New Zealand  
District of Melanesia

4 March 2011

Dear Marists, Brothers and Lay,

### OCEANIA REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR

In recent years, the regional leaders together have been responsible for directing and co-ordinating regional activities. With the decision last December to move towards a new governance structure there is a need for someone other than the leaders with the time to take on this role.

We are pleased to announce that **Br Anthony Robinson** has been appointed to the role of Oceania Regional Co-ordinator for three years. We are very grateful to Anthony for accepting this responsibility and service to all of us. He was previously the Secretary to the Oceania Council (2005-09) and the Chair of the Concurrent Chapters / Assembly. He has excellent capacities and experience in administration!

The position of Regional Co-ordinator was named in our documents regarding future structures for Marist Oceania. We know that we need someone to give focussed attention to translating our desired structure into operation. It will take some time. Indeed, it will be Anthony's role to help the regional leaders and their Councils to plan what needs to happen.

#### Key Functions

1. To give shape and direction to the SEVEN groups of Principles agreed to at the Chapter Assembly.
2. Chair the COMS meetings.
3. To develop a *way forward* for implementing the chosen structure for Oceania.
4. To transition COMS and the OC into the Oceania Senate.
5. To propose and implement a structure and role for the Oceania Mission Council (or equivalent).
6. To work with Br John Klein, General Councillor, in the development of the Statutes: Melanesia; New Zealand; Oceania Senate; the idea of a Regional Vicar.
7. Facilitate the desired *co-responsibility* within and between the AU's.
8. Oversee Communications and publications.
9. To keep the Leaders (separately and collectively) informed and briefed so that the necessary consents and approvals can be given.

For the moment, Anthony will continue his work as Province Secretary in the Sydney Province. He will be trimming some of his current workload there. We anticipate that this arrangement will work for the next few years. He will be assisted by Br Tony D'Arbon who remains the Executive Secretary of COMS and the Oceania Council.

In this new role, Anthony will be moving around the region for various events such as assemblies and Chapters to get to know people and situations better. We ask you to make him welcome.

We wish him every blessing and good health,

For the College of Major Superiors  
Julian Casey, Jeffrey Crowe, David McDonald, Ken McDonald

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