
*A Message from Br Neville Solomon
for prospective visitors to the Hermitage*



Things are moving slowly along here at NDH. We were given a new email address last week which is ndh42405@orange.fr

I have had a few emails from Melbourne Province connections about staying here, booking, rates etc. It would be better if you informed the ministries and the communities in the Province to email directly to Br Georges Palandre at ndh42405@orange.fr for all that stuff.

I am very happy to be cc'd in those emails at my address which is njosephsolomon@gmail.com but you need to tell everyone...ministries and communities to try ndh42405@orange.fr as the first port of call.

With every best wish in JMJ,
Neville



“Greetings from Red Bend, Forbes, where the year is progressing well.”

Living up to our Calendar description as “a house of hospitality for the inland traveller”, we have been happy to share our humble and healthy board.

Bruce Haughton, in a recent visit to gain insight into the lives of the local species of ‘active aged Brothers’ and associate in training, John Hilet, shared the expedition to Forbes with his wife Catrina and son Nick. Following a sumptuous feast of food and banter, our guests were serenaded by our resident minstrel, Aidan, who can be seen holding their rapt attention, as well as his squeeze box.



More recently we welcomed back to Red Bend aspirant Gerard Barklmore. He was delivered from Sydney clutches by Brother Thomas Hughes from the Ryde community. The culture of the west, and Gerald’s bus driving, added to his list of memorable experiences.

Joining them at the meal gathering were Brother Mark Paul and Russell Smith. These intrepid explorers are examining the prospects, in the spirit of solidarity, of establishing an outreach community of young Marists within the Red Bend College community. They were very warmly welcomed by staff and students.

Grasshoppers have descended, devoured and departed since Ash Wednesday, no doubt leaving the eggs that will hatch into the next plague in spring.

COME and SEE again – same location as our recent assembly – visitors welcome.



Brother Ken, maintaining his commitment to community involvement that earned him the recognition as 'Forbes Citizen of the Year', was prominent in the Anzac Day services. He is pictured at the Dawn Service with ex-student Justin Huggett who was recently awarded the Australian Gallantry Medal for his bravery in Afghanistan



Justin is pictured with his parents Lionel and Dianne and current student George North.

Ken is also pictured with the flag bearers who led the large contingent of students and staff who marched on the day.



Update from Br Bryan Leak

Below: Flourishing table fellowship lavished on all who visit the Forbes community

