

Vic Exco News Sheet

October/November 2023



**CLC Anglesea Weekend: November 10~12, 2023,
Anglecrest Villa 16 Harvey St, Anglesea**

Theme: Discerning Paths for Hope

Grace: Lord, help us to go forth; show us the way.

**Please forward your Registration/s
by 28th October 2023 or any Enquiries to Chris Power 0418 148 657**

A reminder to those who have registered to please bring single bed linen & towels & some food to share.

All members must register annually - It's time to renew now.



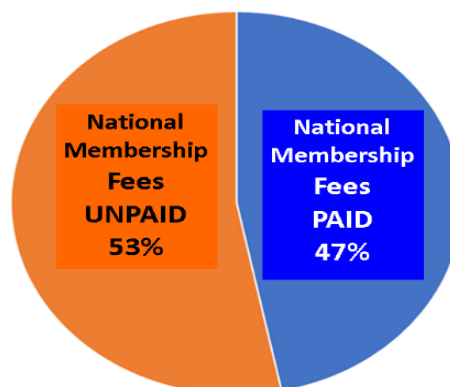
it's time to
**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Guides

**Please ensure that all
members in your Group
have renewed their
Membership.**

<https://www.clcaustralia.org.au/renew-your-membership/>

Observation: Only 47% of our current registered members have paid an annual membership fee, meaning circa 53% made no financial contribution. (Representing lost income of circa \$22K) NEXCO have expressed concern that based on their forecasting if CLC income does not improve in the next few years, the organisation in Australia will not have the funds to operate.



Statistics from National EXCO

Fr. Andy's talk at the VIC Assembly is on Google Drive



On the 9th of July, 2023, we had our Victorian Assembly and ExCo election. Fr. Andy Hamilton, SJ, spoke about *Discerning Paths for Hope* - to be amazed, build compassion, imagine possibilities, and be witnesses of Christ through CLC. He says we notice small things in our lives and other people's lives, and it is a gift, but the test of them is whether they lead to gratefulness. After any CLC gathering, do we leave feeling grateful?

For the full video, please watch this video. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IIAQ7auEWYm7_BQpEtMuNQ6dKu227067/view?usp=drive_link

Fr. Andy's poetry 'Early Morning Walk'

Little things

This morning
it is enough to be alive,
to feel the cold of ungloved fingers,
to see the edges of the path
the pools of darkness that mark the trees,
and murmur greetings to the passing shadows.
But there, where water oozes over the path ahead,
a brighter darkness
and on it the yellow glint of a distant light,
and the splash of shoes upon the damp.

The memory stays with me.
Is it a neurological trace,
yet another fact that has no meaning,
the spark from a transcendent fire,
the gift of an enigmatic giver,
or all the above?
Whatever,
I am grateful.



Snippets

Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting our long-serving CLC member, Joe Delaney, at the Mary MacKillop care facility in Hawthorne. Joe was bright and cheery and enjoying lots of visitors. He is reading books and taking an active interest in spirituality. Joe is interested in cosmology and the spiritual thoughts that flow from it. He enjoys reading his Annotations and seeing what is happening in our community. One pleasing thing Joe told me about his care home is that many co-residents were retired from various religious orders, like the Josephites. He says you get a strong sense of the love that these people bring to the surroundings. What a nice place to continue your journey in life!



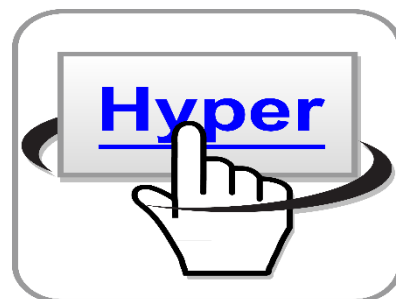
**For World CLC Day, the Feast of St. Ignatius,
An opportunity open to everyone!**

2024 Planning Exco is looking for ideas for events and volunteer groups/individuals to facilitate and/or in conjunction with other organisations, maybe around World CLC Day, Feast of St Ignatius or with a focus on our Priorities- developing Lay Leadership and Spiritual Formation: working for peace, justice, reconciliation, and caring for all Creation.

**Dear CLC members,
Relist Hyperlinks again from previous News Sheets,
fingers crossed that the problem has been solved.**

**If you want to see those again,
click on the items below:**

[Australia CLC Website Blog](#)
[Uluru Statement from the Heart](#)
[CLC Video 'Care for Creation](#)
[World CVX/CLC Assembly Amiens 2023](#)
[CLC's Daily Prayer Invitation](#)
[The CLC Laudato Si Action Plan 2023-2024](#)



Pope Francis' prayer intention for October 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle, at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries.