

Muriel Chellew

Entered eternal life on 1 July 2012

Muriel, along with her husband, the Rev Daryl (also deceased) bequeathed money that was used to purchase the 4th Floor, Causeway House in Melbourne CBD. This facility houses Act for Peace, NCCA Safe Churches Program, the Victorian Council of Churches and VCC Emergencies Ministry. The main meeting room is named in their honour. Without Daryl and Muriel's bequest, the NCCA and Victorian ecumenical presence may have been far smaller than what it is today, and we acknowledge the great gift the churches in Victoria have been given. They were both members of the Uniting Church.



Rev'd Anderson Douglas DARGAVILLE (VCC)

Entered eternal life 19 March 2013.



<http://religionsforpeaceaustralia.org.au/2013/03/24/vale-rev-doug-dargaville-2/>

The Reverend Doug Dargaville was a former General Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches from 1966 – 1982, and again for a time in 1995. A small man with a big vision, he brought his inclusive Anglican spirituality to the tasks at hand. With his retirement to the country town of Bacchus Marsh outside Melbourne with his beloved Lucy, his life's work was not yet complete. Religions for peace Australia wishes to recognise the contribution of Rev'd Doug Dargaville, a genuine pioneer in the Ecumenical and Interfaith movements. He was the dedicated and efficient Secretary for 3 years. He had a deep commitment to multifaith Australia and harmonious relationships between the various religious groups. 'He was, in every sense of the word, a good man whose life was completely devoted to overcoming barriers and forging unity between the different churches and different faith traditions. We pray that he will find rest and eternal peace with the God whom he served so well and so faithfully for so long.'

Professor John Sydney Mainstone (QCT)

Entered eternal life in 2013



Professor John Sydney Mainstone, an eminent professor of Physics at the University of Queensland, and the custodian throughout his professional career of the internationally famous “Pitch Drop experiment” was also a prominent churchman, well known and respected throughout his life in the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane. John had grown up in an Anglican clergy family, and throughout his married life, he and his wife, Claire and their three daughters attended Christ Church St Lucia. John over the years took on a range of roles: Verger, Warden, Parish Councillor, and contributor to the beautiful choral music of the Lucian Singers. John also had a variety of Diocesan roles. He was a synod representative, and because of his commitment to theological education of both clergy and lay people, sat on the Council of St Francis Theological College for many years eventually becoming its Chair, a role that he retired from in 2004.

Perhaps John’s best known contribution to the life of the Church was made in the area of Ecumenism. John was a dedicated ecumenist all his life, and served on various ecumenical committees in the diocese within which he was an active member until his sudden death in August, 2013. I knew John through his faithful ecumenical work on the Anglican Ecumenical Affairs Committee, and appreciated the high levels of commitment and support that he offered in relation to all diocesan ecumenical services and events. John also contributed generously to the life and work of the Queensland Ecumenical Council since the 1970s and became active in Queensland Churches Together which was instituted in 1991 to take the place of this State Council. John was an Anglican delegate on QCT from 1991 until his death. During this time he was a member of the QCT Faith and Unity Committee. He thus contributed theologically to the development of the ecumenical spirit within and among Queensland Churches, as well as actively in the outward expression of this spirit, as ecumenists met to worship together and show solidarity with one another in Christ.

The prevailing characteristic of this great Queensland ecumenist was his faith in the outworking and fulfilment of the ecumenical movement. Combined with his own personal commitment and application to the cause, this made John a wonderful role model for the next generation of ecumenists. He will be greatly missed.

Cathy Thomson (13 June, 2016)

Marlene Greenwood
– mantle maker

Uniting Church of
Australia
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February 2014



Marlene Pamela Joy
Dunn was born 12
March 1945 to William
and Elsie Dunn. The family lived in the suburb of
Waratah in Newcastle while Marlene was a girl,
and after her schooling she attended Newcastle
Teachers College. Marlene attended Waratah
South Methodist Church where she attended
Sunday School and later became a Sunday School
teacher.

Before marrying John in 1966 Marlene taught Art
in several high schools. The couple moved to
Sydney and she continued to teach until the birth
of their first son, David, in 1971. John's work took
them to Dubbo, Wagga and Canberra where
Marlene taught Art. Adrian was born in Wagga in
1974.

In Canberra Marlene taught art and attained her
BA in Education (University of Canberra) and then
an Associate Diploma in Art History (ANU). She
was invalidity retired in 1989 and thereafter
attained her Degree and Associate Diploma.
Marlene was an active member of the Kippax UC
from 1975 to 2010 when they moved to
Melbourne.

Marlene's creative skills have left a lasting
legacy. She was the designer and key
participant in a project of creating a banner
for their new church building at Kippax ACT
and also for St Phillip's Church of England in
O'Connor. Marlene was a member of a small
group of Textile Artists involved in the
designing and printing the World Council of
Churches banner – Mantle of Unity (pictured).
She was a member of the ACT Embroider's
Guild which created part of an installation at
New Parliament House, Canberra, and an
active member and office bearer of several
Artistic Associations in ACT with whom her
designs and creative endeavours were
regularly displayed.

Marlene's greatest satisfaction was seeing
David and Adrian grow, develop and achieve
successful careers. David's musical talents
saw him as a member of many bands and
performances, with Marlene and John regular
members of "Rent A Crowd". Adrian chose to
undertake a Theological Degree and his
chosen career has included Youth Ministries in
ACT NSW and Melbourne and is currently
employed at the Theological College of
Melbourne (part of the Victorian and
Tasmanian Synod). A more recent delight is
the six grandchildren who have all thoroughly
enjoyed Gran's love, art lessons and playing
table games like Yahtzee and Scrabble.

Rev Ronald Michael O'Grady

Churches of Christ
Born into eternal life 25 February 2014

The NCCA along with the Christian Conference of Asia
(CCA) notes with regret the death of Rev. Ron
O'Grady on 25 February 2014, at the age of 83 after a
battle with cancer.

Rev. Ron O'Grady served the CCA as Associate
General Secretary from 1973-77 and again for a brief
spell in 1978. Ron was the director of the Australian
Council of Churches, World Christian Action for 4
years during 1983-86.



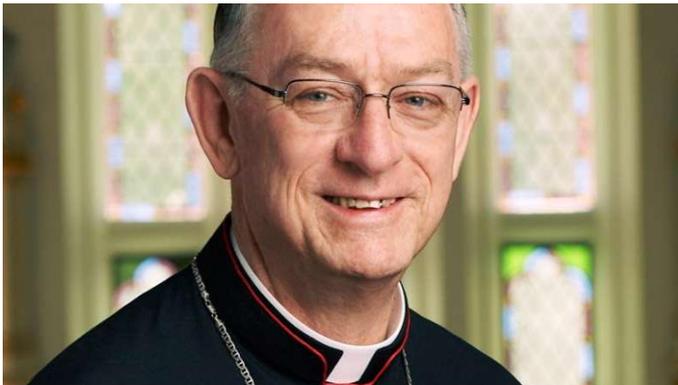
Our Ancestors in Faith

A tireless champion for children's rights and founder of child protection agency ECPAT (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and the Trafficking for Sexual Purposes), Rev. Ron O'Grady will be remembered as "the person who brought the issue of child trafficking to the world's attention." After returning to his homeland he established Child Alert in New Zealand.

Another arena where he made an indelible mark is with regard to the burgeoning growth of mass tourism. During his time as Associate General Secretary of the CCA, he was visionary enough to see the oncoming tsunami that was tourism. He was among a band of a few pioneers who seriously questioned the impact of injustice and inequity on vulnerable communities through this leisure activity promoted as benign and a boon. Then, as now, tourism was already being advanced as a 'smokeless',

costless tool for developing societies in the framework of global, free market economics.

Along with close colleagues, including the late Rev Peter Holden and Fr Bonnie Mendes, Ron played a significant part in organising the landmark International Third World Tourism Workshop of churches and civil society in 1980 in Manila. The consciousness that was engendered and was spreading led to the establishment of the Ecumenical Coalition on Third World Tourism (ECTWT), to be known later as Ecumenical Coalition On Tourism – ECOT), and entities such as EQUATIONS in India and the European network TEN, and other formal and informal advocacy efforts around the world.



Bishop Michael Putney

President NCCA 2009-2013

Roman Catholic Church

Born into eternal life 28 March 2014

The NCCA recognises the outstanding ecumenical contribution made by Bishop Michael Ernest Putney. Bishop Putney was the sixth President of the NCCA serving 2009 -2013. He was diagnosed with cancer in December 2012 and died on 28 March 2014.

Michael Putney's ecumenical journey began as a 16 year old when he entered Pius XII Seminary, Banyo. As a student he participated in an oratory competition where he spoke on the life and message of Paul Couturier who is the father of the modern form of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Michael won the competition but

he says more significantly he found ecumenism as a deep spiritual commitment for his life

Throughout his ministry Bishop Michael Putney championed the importance of dialogue between churches both in Australia and internationally. His contribution as the Co-chair of the International Roman Catholic – World Methodist dialogue has been greatly valued for many years. Equally significant is his four years as President of the NCCA where he upheld the importance that the ecumenical space is the place where the real agenda of the churches was able to be discussed together.

Bishop Putney was highly respected for his wise contributions to the work of Christian unity, the recently published "My Ecumenical Journey" gathers together papers written and presented on a range of ecumenical topics over many years.

Bishop Michael E Putney will long be remembered for his contribution to his own church, the people of Townsville, the Australian churches and the wider ecumenical movement. His witness has inspired many to imagine in new ways what a healthy reconciled Church could look like.

Deaconess

Margaret Rodgers AM (NSW)

Anglican Church of Australia

Born into eternal life 31 May 2014



The NCCA recognises with appreciation the life, distinguished ministry and significant contribution to ecumenism in Australia and internationally of Deaconess Margaret Rodgers AM who died on Saturday 31 May 2014. Margaret was a committed ecumenist representing the Anglican Church of Australia for many years on the Australian Council of Churches and as a member of the Executive of the NCCA from 1994 – 2007 where she always made a valuable contribution. Margaret was an active participant in the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) for ten years, and as CCA President for five years. For many years Margaret participated in the NSW Council of Churches becoming the first female President in 2008-2010. She was a scholar of significant intellect and for many years the leading laywoman of the Diocese of Sydney. Margaret is remembered for her commitment to the training of women in ministry through Deaconess House as tutor, Vice-Principal and finally Principal from 1976-1985; her professional expertise in media relations, becoming the first CEO of Anglican Media (1994-2003) and then the Archbishop's Media Officer (2004-07); and her unwavering commitment to Christ in the service of others for over forty years as a Deaconess. In the 2014 Australia Day Honours List, Deaconess Rodgers was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Daphne Siva

Finance Director at NCCA February 2011 - 2015

Born into eternal life 7 August 2015

Jim Mein AM, Past Synod Moderator and former Executive Director of the Board of Finance and Property, the Trust Association and Uniting Resources offered these reflections on the occasion of Daphne's passing: I first met Daphne at the NSW Synod Board of Finance and Property of the Uniting Church in Australia, about the early 1990s. She was the Synod Insurance Manager. She worked with me for over ten years during which time she became a Certified Practising Accountant. She was prompted to Manager of the Synod's Trust Association, the Synod's Treasury and investment banking operations. In that role she earned a MBA from UNSW with her major works built around the operations and structure of her role and the Uniting Church as a whole. I thoroughly enjoyed being interviewed by her on this very revealing, insightful and invaluable task. She was a pleasure to have working with and for me.

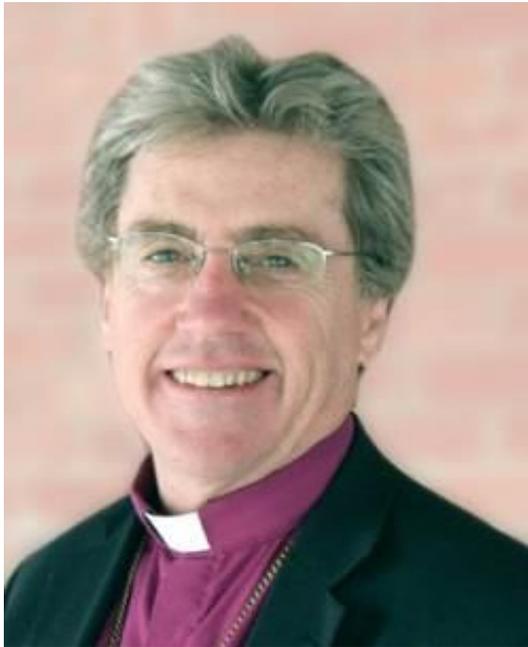
Daphne was a very effective manager with incredible energy, insight, collegiality, professionalism and outcomes- one of the best staff I ever had over fifty years of working. It was an immense joy to have known her and I am still coming to terms with her death.

I cannot give you details of the other [places she worked for between the Synod Board and the NCCA] but I was delighted when she asked me to be a referee for her application to work for the NCCA. By all accounts, she benefitted the NCCA as she did us.



Bishop John McIntyre (VCC)

Entered eternal life 15 June 2014



Was VCC Delegate – Anglican Diocese of Gippsland, chaired Victorian Church Leaders’ Meeting auspiced by VCC, chaired Victorian Council of Christian Education (chair)

“Victoria Council of Churches executive officer Ian Smith said the Anglican community would mourn the passing of a beloved bishop, ecumenical companion, family man and friend.

"His work as both an Anglican minister and since 2006 as a bishop, has seen him build strong relationships with many sectors of the community, especially our indigenous brothers and sisters," he said.

"He has been a strong presence in the ecumenical world working closely with Victorian Council of Christian Education (serving as immediate past chair), Victorian Church Leaders Meetings (serving as immediate past chair) and the Victorian Council of Churches where he has contributed in many ways."

The Rev Smith said the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland would cherish the work of Bishop McIntyre and would pray for his family and friends. "John will be missed by all who have come to know and appreciate his wisdom, spiritual insights and pastoral care," he said. "At this time we hold his immediate family in our prayers as they mourn the loss of their husband and dad."

Source: [The Age](#)

Mrs Pat Burchell

Entered eternal life 21 August 2014

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne delegate to the VCC, died August 2014.

Also Secretary of Australian Church Women – Vic Unit, and Coburg Interchurch Council.

“A passionate, lifelong volunteer in her community.”



Lucy Ellen Griffiths

27 June 1931 – 1 May 2015



VERY long service to the cause of ecumenism. Her late husband, Rev Doug Dargaville was also heavily involved in ecumenical affairs.

Lucy was a member of the Churches of Christ.

“Lucy Griffiths of the Churches of Christ (CoC) Good Companions State Exec & Sec of the Aust Council of Churches’ Youth Dept, has left to take up her new post in Geneva as Sec for youth projects of the World Council of Churches”. As reported in *The Age* (3/11/61).

Lucy’s faith journey had commenced well before this time.

And took many of us, said one on learning of her death, “to a level that was beyond our expectations as a small denomination of CoC; she was an inspiration to those of us who believed in our desire to be an ecumenical church”.

In 1956 Lucy was appointed part-time secretary of the Aust Christian Youth Commission a position she held for the next 5 years & part-time assisting the Secretary (H.A.G. Clark) of the newly formed Victorian Council of Churches.

Lucy on her return to Australia continued to be actively involved with those issues & causes she felt most strongly. Speaking at one meeting she describes herself as “one concerned about justice for all people & the environment, how Orthodox & Asian Christians living in Australia can enrich our protestant traditions & the need to take seriously people of other faiths”.

She was perhaps the only person to have held staff positions with the Victorian Council of Churches – state, Australian Council of Churches – national & the WCC – global, organisations of churches.

The Executive of the VCC meeting recently noted, “with her husband, the Rev Doug Dargaville, they formed a significant partnership, mentoring, teaching & encouraging many of us in our ecumenical formation. We will miss the wisdom, the grace & the insights that Lucy shared with so many”. Vale Lucy Ellen Griffiths.

(Alan Mathieson, 2015.) The above excerpts taken from:

<http://cofcaustralia.org/blog/2015/05/18/vale-lucy-griffiths-1931-2015/>)

Don Tugby (QCT)

Entered eternal life 7 September 2015



Don Tugby was born on 27 July, 1920 in Nottingham. He was a bright scholar and went to University to undertake a degree in Geology at the age of 15. In WWII, Don was appointed a navigator in Naval planes, advising when they were over a target to release bombs. At the end of the war in Europe he was sent to Japan, and after peace was declared, was demobbed there and moved to Australia. From this time on, Don became a man of peace.

Don travelled widely on academic business and was a UN appointee at many conferences, including in the US, Russia, and Japan. Don's final appointment as Associate Professor of Anthropology and Sociology completed his academic career at University of Queensland.

On his retirement in 1986 he bought a property in Upper Brookfield which included 13 acres, a heritage house, and attached art studio. He met Roy and Ros Hayes, devotees of Meher Baba, and accompanied them on a pilgrimage to India in 1986. Don was also an artist and sculptor. He loved classical music and purchased additional concert tickets to give to friends.

It was through his later peace activities that Don found Quakers in the last ten years of his life. Many aspects of his life pointed the way to greater spiritual awareness and practice, and with Quakers he felt he had come home.

His Quaker life was very full, especially after becoming a member on 3 April 2011. He represented Quakers on the Queensland Churches Together (QCT) Executive, leading worship in accordance with his Quaker outlook. He took responsibility for the Brisbane Meeting for Healing where those in need of healing were held in God's Light and upheld in prayer. He regularly attended the monthly silent vigil for peace in the city and found many opportunities to live peace.

His involvement with the Quaker Meeting for Learning program was beneficial for him and other retreatants. In the last few months of his life, Don was knocked down by a car and spent several weeks in a coma. He then moved to Nazareth Aged Care facility at Woolloongabba before his death.

Ken Allison, Churches of Christ, former President of SA Council of Churches [1997-1999] (SACC)

Entered eternal life on Wednesday 4 November 2015.

Brian McClory, Roman Catholic, former Treasurer of SA Council of Churches [2003-2008] (SACC)

Entered eternal life on 4 January 2016.

Patricia Margaret Baker, Uniting Church, long-time supporter of ecumenism and of SACC

Entered eternal life on 11 January 2016.

Fr Terry Southerwood OAM (TCC)

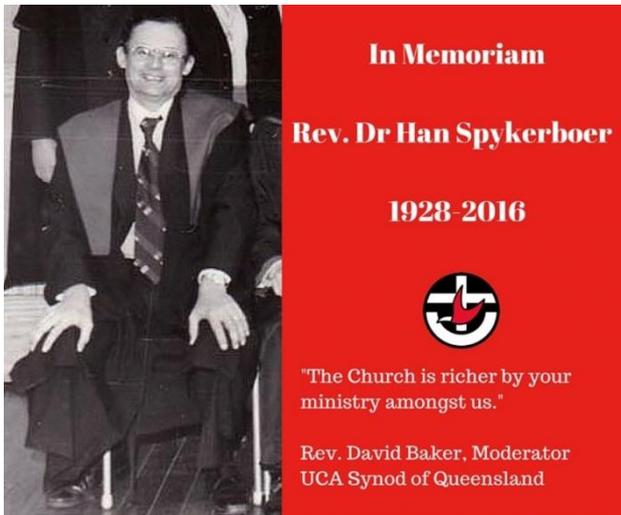
Born into eternal life 23 April 2016



Fr Terry was born in Launceston on 11 August 1938, and ordained priest for the Diocese of Hobart on 20 July 1962. In 1965 his ecumenical involvement began when he was the Catholic Observer at the Hobart Council of Churches. This was the beginning of nearly 30 years of commitment that saw him as the President of the Tasmanian Council of Churches for two years and a participant in three World Assemblies: Nairobi (1975), Vancouver (1983) and Canberra (1991). Terry was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2014.

Rev Dr Han Spykerboer (QCT)

Entered eternal life May 2016



Han Spykerboer was born in 1928. Han was a lecturer at Trinity Theological College in Brisbane, serving as Principal from 1985 to 1988, a role in which he made a deep impression on a generation of emerging leaders. Both in that role and in a wider sphere, Han lived by an ecumenical vision for many years. Among other things, he participated in a Roman Catholic – Uniting Church Dialogue in 1999, and attended the inaugural Forum of the NCCA on behalf of Qld Churches Together. He was also very active in the early days of QCT and served as President at one stage.

He was also a long-time and valued member of the Assembly Commission on Social Responsibility (now UnitingJustice Australia) from church union in 1977 until 1992. In 1982, he became Chairperson of the Commission, a role he held until 1988. National Director of UnitingJustice Australia Rev. Elenie Poulos has paid tribute to his legacy: “Han made an extraordinary contribution to the work of justice advocacy over many years, and it is the work of those years that continues to be the foundation upon which the Uniting Church in Australia speaks into the public space on matters of justice, environment and peace”. Some of the major issues the Commission on Social Responsibility addressed during those years included uranium mining, alcohol abuse, multiculturalism, human rights (including Sri Lanka, East Timor, South Africa and the Middle East), unemployment, justice for Indigenous people, economic justice, and issues related to asylum seekers and refugees.

The Moderator of the UCA Synod of Queensland Rev. David Baker said “Han left an indelible mark on many of us in the life of the Uniting Church”. He described Han as “A fearless defender of what is fair and right, he had a prophet’s ability to understand the times in which we live. This grew out of his deep and abiding love of the Scriptures, of the window that they opened up through which to see the world”.

Among Han’s published work is the title “The Prophetic Role of the Church”, which was entirely appropriate for this man of God whose life is recalled with thanksgiving.

Mrs Judith Forman (QCT)



Coming to Brisbane from Gracemere outside of Rockhampton in the late 1980s, Judith Forman was a committed and passionate ecumenist. She was an enthusiastic member of the Stafford-Kedron Interchurch Council, founded in 1967, and which later became Stafford Kedron Churches Together after the founding of QCT in 1992. For many years she was active at St Clement's Anglican Parish, Stafford, as a dedicated sacristan and chorister, until she became sick. Judith was also a member of the Sacred Advent Company, offering her keen support to the sisters. A delegate to QCT, Judith could always be counted on to act as proxy and/or represent a number of groups unable to make the Brisbane meetings at different times. While her increasing poor health prevented her in later years from attending many ecumenical events, she always supported the activities of the Anglican Ecumenical Affairs Committee of the Diocese of Brisbane, and her

gracious insight could be depended upon. She was much loved by her parish family, her husband Michael, stepchildren and step-grandchildren, and she is missed from the ecumenical scene in Brisbane.

(Rev Keren Terpstra, 21 June 2016)

Joyce Edgcumbe (VCC)

Joyce Edgcumbe who worked many years in Melbourne with the Uniting Church's Commission for Mission and also many years volunteering with the VCC during Hamish Christie-Johnson's term died aged 93. Ian Smith the VCC General Secretary attended Joyce's funeral at Auburn UCA and Joyce nominated the VCC as a beneficiary of gifts in lieu of flowers.

Alex Impols (VCC)

Entered eternal life May 2016

VCC Standing Committee member and past-President Ps Gordon Wegener (Lutheran Church of Australia) wrote of Alex Impols: "[...]his main connection was simply a keen ecumenical spirit, and regular attendance at any VCC event."

Rev'd James Weston "Weston" Elvins (VCC)

Born into eternal life 16 May, 2016



A member of the Uniting Church, Weston was a general support for the VCC as well as serving for many years as VCC Auditor

Remembering any others whom we may not have included...