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PRINCIPAL POINTS

DR BRIAN HARRIS, PRINCIPAL

In this edition of Beyond you will be updated about some of the many positive developments at Vose. You will read about our new VET Hub in Karratha, the Open Book Biblical Literacy Project that we have designed for Christian Schools Australia, our new partnership with St Marks to offer the Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision, and more.

You will also meet our new Student Services Team, and see the invitation to partner with us in prayer and giving.

Things never remain static at Vose – and nor should they. We are training students for a rapidly changing context, with challenges that would not have been thought about even a decade ago. Theologian Phyllis Tickle has suggested that every 500 years the church goes through a “great emergence” - a paradigm changing time after which everything is radically different. The last such change was indeed 500 years ago with the Protestant Reformation. It is probably not an exaggeration to suggest that the Church is currently facing changes every bit as significant.

Many are fearful of a situation where the Church might not have as much power or influence as she has in the past.

At Vose we take a longer term perspective. We remember that in its early years the Church encountered the significant hostility of the mighty Roman Empire – but eventually won it over with both courage and kindness. We are training our students to face the future with the quiet confidence that God is always in control.

The future continues to be as bright as the promises of God. It is not the time for us to bunker down or retreat – though it is a time to look upwards, inwards and outwards, learning from our past (and both our mistakes and our successes have much to teach us), while always looking out for the fingerprints of God, who continues to busily engage with the world.

At Vose we know that theology at its best is pastoral, prophetic and poetic. It equips students to serve the church pastorally, while speaking prophetically to our time, and painting a portrait of the future that is compelling and winsome – even poetic.

Thank you for being part of this strategic ministry. Your prayers, word of mouth commendations of Vose and financial gifts, make more of a difference than you are likely to imagine. I thank God for you.

PLANNING FOR A NEW ERA OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

At Vose we equip our students to think and live rigorously, biblically and compassionately – training the people of God for the work of the Kingdom. To do this well we need to remain agile to respond to the 21st century challenges facing the tertiary sector. Legislation, compliance and social changes are all impacting us now more than ever, and require us to intelligently and thoughtfully change and grow. For a long time, Baptist Churches of Western Australia (BCWA) generously supported Vose's mission and vision in the form of significant financial contribution for which we continue to be deeply grateful. However, with rising costs in compliance and technology to name a few, we are actively seeking to develop new income streams and strengthen our donor base. Operational costs are growing across the entire tertiary sector, and so we are always seeking the balance between continuing to offer a high quality educational product at the best possible value for our students. This is where you come in! The work we do would not be possible without our generous donors and supporters; and now, more than ever, we need you to support the vision and mission of Vose with your time, treasure and talents.



KERRY PUZEY, DIRECTOR
CORPORATE SERVICES

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Financial partnership:

Every dollar you give to Vose is tax deductible.

You can visit us, use the slip with this Beyond or visit www.vose.edu.au/donate/ to donate now.

Prayer partnership:

If you would like to be part of our Prayer Team please email our Director of Corporate Services: kerry.puzey@vose.edu.au to be included.

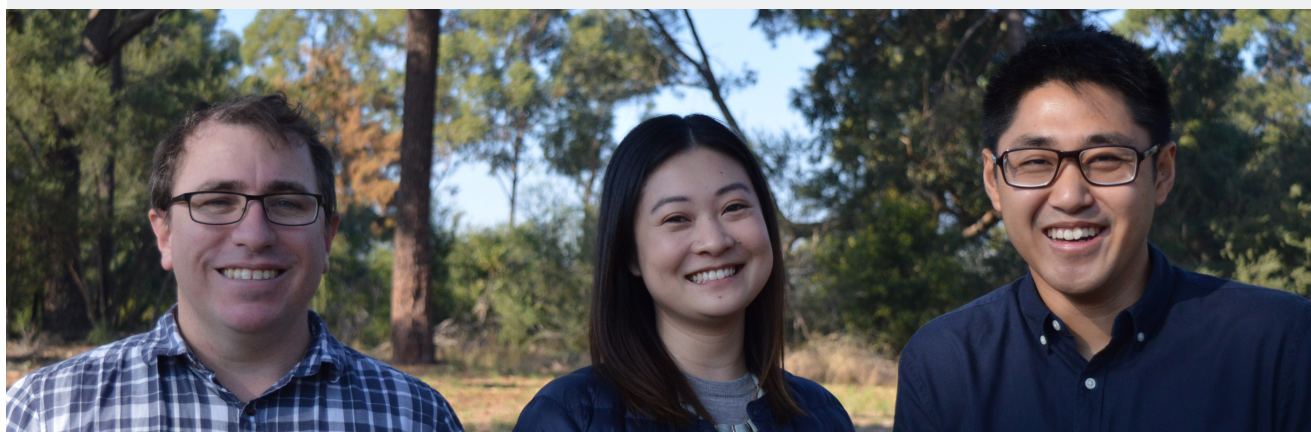
We are looking for those people who would like to receive a digital prayer list to use at home, as well as those who might like to join us for a fortnightly prayer meeting onsite.

Practical partnership

Do you have a trade, or are you a business owner who can partner with us practically with goods or services? Please contact our Director of Corporate Services with any ideas or thoughts you may have at kerry.puzey@vose.edu.au

WELCOME TO THE NEW STUDENT SERVICES TEAM

We are thrilled to introduce our new Student Services team. This team has been created in order to offer a tailored approach to serving our student body. With a raft of challenges facing the tertiary sector, becoming more streamlined in our approach to recruitment, applications and enrolments has been a crucial operational development over the last year. That is why, at Vose, we now have a new team dedicated to understanding each student's unique vocational and professional goals, tailoring a course pathway to suit them and ensuring each student gets the support they need to truly flourish while they study. Introducing, from left to right, Daniel Bonallack, Compliance Officer; Amanda Tan, Enrolment Officer and Andre Kurniawan, Director of Student Services.





COMMENCEMENT AND CONFERRAL

Vose's annual Commencement and Conferral Service was held on the 21st March, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The theme for this year's service was "Go Deeper", a reminder of the invitation to every believer to leave the shallows behind and push out into places where God can deepen both our faith and trust in Him. This is at the heart of the work we are doing at Vose, fostering spaces for students to grow and be simultaneously nurtured and stretched. Our keynote speaker this year was Dr Michael Parsons, and it was a joy to have him share about the centrality of Jesus in this task of pursuing depth and breadth in our faith journey. A number of students were awarded prizes for their academic achievements.

PRIZE RECIPIENTS

Excellent Achievement in Vose Training (VET) Certificate IV in Ministry:

Michelle Verster

Department of Biblical Studies Award (Sponsored by Riverton Baptist Church):

Geoffrey Carslake

William Kennedy Award for Ministry and Practice (Sponsored by Perth Baptist Church): **Molly Lewin**

Language Studies Award: **Erin Cooley**

700 Level Award (Sponsored by Riverton Baptist Church):

Sara de Souza

Encouragement Award (Sponsored by Dalkeith Baptist Church):

Jordan Stevenson

Vose Seminary College Prize: **Joshua Axtens**

Principal's Commendation Award:

Jonathan Chiew

Dux Award: **Michael Christie**



OPEN BOOK: A NEW BIBLICAL LITERACY PROGRAM

Last year Christian Schools Australia (CSA) engaged both Vose Seminary and Morling College to develop a professional development program aimed at equipping school teachers, administrators and staff in the arena of Biblical literacy. Vose has been responsible for developing four hour-long sessions, which include high-quality videography, content from some of our expert staff, as well as a whole raft of participant and facilitator resources which will be able to serve the CSA network well. This initiative is being launch in August at the CSA National Conference where our own Dr Brian Harris is the keynote speaker. Please pray for this project, that the fruit of it would be meaningful and rich for schools across Australia.



VOSE LEADERSHIP UPDATE

MONICA O'NEIL, DIRECTOR VOSE LEADERSHIP



VOSE LEADERSHIP BOOSTS SUPERVISION SKILLS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

How do we build resilient, courageous and energetic spiritual leaders? Leaders who live the deep beliefs they hold? Leaders who reflect the gospel and live their callings?

Supervision plays a powerful part in this. A supervisor meets with a minister or group of ministers to 'reflect on their practice.' They bridge the reality of what has and is happening with what is hoped for. They explore what grace, knowledge and skills might be needed to live out that hope.

Supervision helps in the formation of Godly men and women, deepening faith and ministry practice.

Two initiatives are underway this year through Vose Leadership. The first is a training and supervision program designed to equip and provide supervision for a group of supervisors recommended by BCWA.

The second is a formal Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision, delivered as a partnership between Vose Seminary and St Mark's National Theological Centre in Canberra.

Both groups are at maximum size and represent a variety of denominations. The experience has been rich. Both these training initiatives are designed to assure that we have a large group of highly skilled supervisors for ministry leaders in our state and beyond.




UPCOMING VOSE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

CONDUCTING WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Tuesday 4th June, 2019
Vose Seminary
20 Hayman Rd, Bentley

9:30-12:00 Weddings
12:30-2:30 Funerals
Cost: Weddings: \$50 plus \$20 to stay on for Funerals
BYO lunch; Morning Tea provided





VOSE TRAINING UPDATE

JON BERGMANN, DIRECTOR VOSE TRAINING



TRAINING THAT TRANSFORMS

Training that transforms has been the catch-phrase used by the Vose Training team over the last year or so, because we are passionately committed to helping people discover a way of learning that helps them to see the world in new and exciting ways. The last few months have been a flurry of activity for the team. 2019 ushered in a new era of collaboration, as we have begun working with Morling College in Sydney to try and establish a team of trainers and a small cohort of students in New South Wales.

We have also partnered with Karratha Baptist Church to launch the first regional WA hub, where students study together at their church as well as being connected to us through regular "Zoom" classes – the new era of online training is upon us!

Our enrolments are strong across the board, with students studying at our Bentley, Riverview and Joondalup locations still going well, and our online cohorts growing steadily, but there is still plenty of room for growth as we seek to find new and creative ways to train people well for ministry and leadership. There are so many people who have the desire to learn more about their faith, the Bible, and theology in general, and if this is you I would encourage you to explore what Vose Training has to offer!

Our commitment to practical, interactive and engaging learning makes us the perfect place to get started on your ministry journey! If not, then we continue to be grateful to you for your prayers and support. We couldn't do what we do, without you doing what you do. So thanks.



**NEW PILBARA HUB LAUNCHED
@ KARRATHA BAPTIST CHURCH**

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A HUB?

We are continuing to develop online teaching and learning communities in rural and regional communities. Having a hub at your church is a fantastic way to gather together, support one another in the journey of study, and motivate each other to keep going when the going gets tough. Launching a hub in your town might be a great solution to balancing local application of new learning, with nationally accredited training packages. Want to know more? We would love to begin a conversation with you. Get in touch with us today at office@vose.edu.au to find out more.



VOSE NEWS

FAREWELL DR GRAEME CROSS



Dr Graeme Cross, our outgoing Academic Dean and Director of Vose College has recently been appointed as the CEO of Swan Christian Education Association (SCEA), and so finished his tenure at Vose on the 31st of May, 2019. Graeme will be fondly remembered at Vose for the incredible rigour and depth he brought to our paedagogical practices, for his servant hearted approach to leadership and for his outrageous selection of ties. Graeme made an enormous contribution to the life of the Seminary over the last six years, and will be missed.

FAREWELL BRENDA WARREN



Brenda Warren, who has been serving as Registrar at Vose since the end of 2012 finished up her time at Vose in March. Brenda brought a warm and personal touch to serving the student body at Vose; many Vose students benefited from Brenda's listening ear and supportive presence to encourage them to continue when the going was tough. The whole Vose team is grateful for her contribution over the years.

FAREWELL BROOKE BOURDON



Brooke Bourdon, who has been ably serving the Vose community in her post as Receptionist recently resigned in order to pursue more fully her passion for studying nutritional science. Brooke brought a unique combination of efficiency and calm to her role at Vose, and while we are thrilled that she is taking this next step in her life, we will miss her steady hand and wry sense of humour.



WELCOME HANNAH MOORE

We are thrilled to welcome Hannah Moore to the team. Hannah stepped in to replace Brooke and has already made her mark at Vose. With a background in fashion design and a warm and engaging presence, Hannah has brought a genuine enthusiasm and great skill to the day to day running of the Seminary.

FACILITY HIRE AT VOSE

At Vose we have some amazing facilities that are available to hire. Be one of the increasing number of groups who are realising how great they are and book a space for your next function.

Please go to www.vose.edu.au/about-us/college-facilities/ to find out more or contact us on 63136200 and let us help you with your next event.





VOSE LIBRARY NEWS

BY BRIDGET BARRY, VOSE LIBRARIAN

2019 VOSE BOOKSALE

Vose Annual Booksale continues to be a wonderful opportunity for the wider community to enjoy our beautiful grounds at Vose, and share in the joy of affordable quality books, and delicious Devonshire Tea. With over 450 visitors, we anticipate this year's efforts will bring us approximately \$15 000.

Vose is blessed by a committed team of volunteers which make this possible. With our unstoppable sorters meeting weekly to cull, price, sort and stash, our prep team turning the campus into a sparkling pop-up bookfair, our saleday volunteers providing hospitality, food, chat and cheer, the staunch stayers returning the pop-up bookfair to a place of theological study; at least 50 volunteers put the day together. A heart-felt thank you goes out to all.



KEITH TRUSCOTT VOSE ALUMNI INTERVIEW

Where is home for you?

Darwin is where I was born, but I always say home is where you take your boots off. Larrakia country is where I was born, and mothers country is Antakariny land in the Western Desert, but she and I were both taken away from our countries. I wanted my kids to be raised on their mother's country, and she is Noongyar Yamatji woman, so this is home now.

Tell us a bit about your time studying with us – what was something which made an impact on you??

The fellow students and the lecturers - there were good ones and bad ones but that came with the territory. I liked the guest speakers, and Dr Vose's enthusiasm and energy; and I liked the ethos of the Seminary; preach the word in and out of season. Preaching class was good, I enjoyed homiletics. Noel was sympathetic to Indigenous peoples which was a help. The sense of camaraderie was also good.

As an Aboriginal Christian pastor and leader, what are some of the challenges facing you in your ministry at present?

We need to build the church and realise that we belong to a bigger family; not just our own tribal family. The blessings of that haven't been tapped into yet. Our people have been over-evangelised and under-churched; and there is a sense in which some of us don't know how to behave as Christian brothers and sisters. There is a lot of hurt, mistrust and pain as result of being a colonised people and only God can heal that with his Spirit over time. And that needs to happen in the church.

How can we as a community prayerfully support you, and other Aboriginal Christian leaders in your lives and ministries?

Prayer is good, but prayer without financial support is a bit feeble and can fracture the fullness of an Indigenous ministry. Exploring partnering with some of the more well-resourced churches to support our ministries could mean the difference between our pastors and leaders being able to support their families or not.



LIPIKA GHOSE STUDENT STORY

Hi, I'm Lippy. I'm energised by seeing God's love being walked out and ministered in a powerful Holy Spirit-unleashed way throughout our world. I love Jesus and love people. I get the privilege of being able to walk alongside many as a counsellor, helping them navigate through their pain, challenges, and darkness, together stepping into the light that is: discovered resources, inner strength, mobilised supports, resilience acknowledged, healing realised, and a promise and future harnessed.

I am also honoured to volunteer at my awesome church Riverview, in Prayer, Connect and our 25+ Community. During this time I've been able to participate in Riverview College which plunged me head first into rich learning, deep growth, challenging and stretching of my faith and amazing mentorship. a

This ultimately fuelled my desire to answer God's call to further theological study in preparation for formal ministry. This led me to beginning a Graduate Certificate of Divinity here at Vose. I am loving learning about the complexity and depth of Jesus, the power of His radical love, and the way God literally transformed society, cultures and religion through Jesus. My mind continues to be blown by our amazing lecturers with their wisdom and insight! I am hoping that this study will further equip me to provide pastoral care, counselling and support in a formal capacity at a church/Christian organisation. I am excited to continue growing and stepping into all that God has for me! I'm so grateful for the opportunity to do this at Vose, and strongly believe that this will be a great launching pad for God's intentions for me.

READY TO GO DIGITAL?

We send out a new edition of Beyond twice a year; its a great way to keep in touch with our alumni, local churches and supporters. Did you know Beyond is available electronically? To sign up to receive Beyond in your inbox, instead of your mailbox, we would love to help you do that. Email us at office@vose.edu.au and we will get you connected.



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