



Pax, a Latin word meaning peace, is the motto of the Benedictine monks of New Norcia.

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19th Century photos give rare insight into mission life.

During the lifetime of Dom Rosendo Salvado OSB, his mission at New Norcia earned great respect for its record of Aboriginal achievement and was well recognized as the 'single success' in 19th century Australia mission history.



Perhaps surprisingly, it was also one of the most photographed. Salvado, who founded and led the mission for some 54 years, was an energetic and imaginative promoter and used photographs widely for reporting and fundraising purposes among his supporters in Europe. In November this year, New Norcia's large but little-known photographic collection will be the subject of a unique symposium - **Ways of Telling** - to be held at the State Library of Western Australia. The photos, which date from 1867, feature the Yued people, Benedictine monks and the stable, organized life they lived together at the mission. In the 1880s New Norcia was home to a community of around 150 Aboriginal people and 70 monks.

Ways of Telling is the final public event to be hosted by the Benedictine Community in the bicentenary year. It complements a year-long programme which has been focused on opening up new perspectives and including different voices in the promotion of on-going understanding and reconciliation. Numbers are limited so please contact us to register your interest as soon as possible. For more information go to www.newnorcia.wa.edu.au/bicentenary/symposium

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Prize for New Norcia Wine recipe

Northern Valleys News has just completed their inaugural Feast of Northern Valleys Flavours Competition, and New Norcia Abbey Muscat Liqueur featured prominently in one of the winning recipes.

The competition invited readers to submit recipes using produce predominately from the regions covered by the monthly newspaper, so Nick Humphry and Carmel Ross decided to submit their favourite dessert recipe, featuring New Norcia Abbey Muscat Liqueur. To their surprise and delight, their recipe won the Dessert section of the competition, with a hamper of fresh foods and other culinary items from Maggie's Place in the Swan Valley as their prize. The recipe's main ingredients are oranges (sourced from Bindoon during season) and New Norcia Abbey Muscat Liqueur, and is



printed below. New Norcia Abbey Muscat Liqueur is a traditional liqueur carefully blended from very old stock and vibrant young Muscat with gorgeous fruit flavours. It offers a silky smooth wine with intense and complex spice, coffee, date and caramel flavours. It is available exclusively from the New Norcia Hotel and the New Norcia Museum and Art Gallery.

Oranges with New Norcia Abbey Muscat Liqueur

If you're fond of oranges and fond of New Norcia Muscat Liqueur, the recipe below will provide a mouth-watering dessert to end a meal:

You need:

- ◆ 1 medium orange per person
- ◆ Icing Sugar – 1 tbsp spoon per person
- ◆ New Norcia Abbey Muscat Liqueur – 1 tbsp per person
- ◆ Cream

Peel the oranges, removing as much of the white covering as possible. Cut the oranges into small pieces and assemble in a bowl. Add in the orange juice that spills from the oranges while cutting up. Sprinkle icing sugar over oranges and mix through, being sure to break up any lumps of icing sugar before you add it.

Pour New Norcia Muscat Liqueur over and toss oranges to coat them in the liqueur. If time permits, leave this to sit for an hour or so before oranges will be served, though they can also be served immediately. To serve, toss oranges through liqueur mix one more time. Serve in individual bowls and invite guests to pour cream over to taste.

Descendants of Rosendo Salvado's compatriot gather in New Norcia for reunion



New Norcia was the perfect location for the recent reunion of more than 100 descendants of Francisco Pablo Juan Ventura and his wife, Catherine Ventura.

Francisco was one of the Spanish lay monks who helped Rosendo Salvado establish Australia's only monastic town.

The monks are commemorating the bicentenary of the birth of Salvado throughout 2014 so were particularly delighted to host the reunion of his family in this special year.

Ventura, a stone cutter by trade, arrived in Western Australia in 1853. He worked with Salvado to establish the mission, eventually leaving in 1856 to work mainly in farming, apart from a period in the 1890s when he spent time pearling at Shark Bay.

He would continue to correspond with Salvado throughout his life. His letters are preserved in New Norcia's extensive archive and there are entries in Salvado's diaries referencing him.

Francisco and Catherine's great granddaughter, Patricia Mills, travelled from Bluff Point, near Geraldton, for the family gathering.

"I loved the reunion," said Mrs Mills. "I felt such joy catching up

and sharing memories with my cousins and their children. Some I hadn't seen for more than 30 years!

"New Norcia was the perfect location. It was great to see the younger generations being so interested in their forbears, Francisco and Catherine Ventura."

Great great grandson, John Kagi, agreed: "This reunion was the first to include all branches of the Ventura descendants and the first to be held in New Norcia.

"Being able to hold it in the bicentenary year of Bishop Salvado's birth, and in July when the countryside surrounding the Monastery is at its best, made it very special.

"The success of the weekend was a tribute to the hospitality of the Benedictine community and our thanks go to them and their dedicated staff, all of whom were a delight to work with," said Mr Kagi.

Museum and Art Gallery - Special Guided tour - 5th October



Benedictine monk, Dom Rosendo Salvado and his unique relationship with the Yued people is the focus of a special tour being held on Sunday 5th October at New Norcia's Museum and Art Gallery. Please take this opportunity to join members of the New Norcia Aboriginal Corporation (NNAC) and Dom Christopher Power OSB as they lead a tour of the In Search of Salvado currently mounted as part of the 2014 Salvado Bicentenary Year. For more information or to book your place, please contact the Museum & Art Gallery on 96 548056 or email: info@newnorcia.wa.edu.au

The exhibition is located on the 2nd floor—accessed by stairs only.

Laundry Matters.

In a quiet building behind St Gertrude's College is the Town Laundry, not number one one's "to visit" list, but behind the doors of this unobtrusive building, a hive of activity rages! Veronica Rive, New Norcia's answer to Mrs Tiggy Winkle, washes enormous quantities of sheets, tablecloths, doonas, pillowcases and everything else in sight. This year the Laundry Manager received a brand new ironing press to make her workload a little easier. Veronica has told us she loves her new toy and has only had a few fights with it...a couple of bangs on the head when she bosses it around a little too much!



Pigkeeper's Cottage Opening Ceremony

On a mid winter's day the "Pig keeper's cottage", originally built in the 1950s, was formally re opened for use as a Guesthouse hermitage at a celebratory morning tea. Though the weather was dull and threatening rain, the atmosphere was happy and lively with many people in attendance. The benefactor



Wendy Gellard, the builder and craftsman John Brassington and the architect Chris Williams joined the monks and staff for the occasion, as did George Bartoli, who lived there as a child, the son of the "pig keeper's". Fascinating historical photos of the cottage were on display. The key was formally handed to the Guesthouse Manager, Bernadette, and the cottage was blessed by the Abbot.

Wendy Gellard's lavender cake was enjoyed by everyone as was the generous morning tea provided by the Hotel. Since being opened the hermitage has been almost fully booked. A success story

indeed!

2014 Friends Project - New Norcia Textile Storage Facility

Work has already commenced at the Old Convent in preparation for the new storage facility for the nationally significant New Norcia Textile collection. The area has been painted, the upgrade to the electrical wiring has started and the rest room renovation has begun.....a great start to the projectonly \$45,000.00 more to find!

If you would like to donate to this worthwhile project please contact the Friends of New Norcia on friends@newnorcia.wa.edu.au



Camino Salvado Pilgrims

The Camino Salvado Pilgrimage took place on two occasions during 2014, coinciding with the bicentenary

commemorations of the birth of Dom Rosendo Salvado, founder and first Abbot of New Norcia.

The pilgrim walkers set off from St. Joseph's Parish in Subiaco on this historic and emotional walk in August and September. The pilgrims travelled for seven days on foot, following in the footsteps of Salvado. Setting off as a group of strangers, a special bond was formed over the seven days. When arriving in New Norcia, anyone would think that this was a group of long lost friends.

Every pilgrim participates for a reason, to travel to a certain direction, to reflect, to form friendships, to enjoy the countryside and of course,

the emotional welcome at New Norcia.

When arriving in town, the pilgrims were greeted by the church bells, followed by a very emotive walk to the Abbey church where Abbot John Herbert welcomed the group for a prayer. To commemorate the bicentenary of Salvado's birth, New Norcia not only stamped the pilgrims' passports, but designed a special postcard with a wax seal for each pilgrim as a keep sake.

The September pilgrim walk was followed by the SBS reporter, Ryan Emery, and the link can be found on the New Norcia Website.



Testimonial

The people we travelled with on the walk were true Pilgrims.

It was an opportunity of a lifetime as my sisters and I reflected on the beauty of Western Australia and the experiences at New Norcia.

God bless you.

Anne Maguire.

Pilgrim walker

News from the Property Department

The past seven months at New Norcia has been a busy and exciting time.

When I started working at New Norcia in February 2014, the upgrade of St Ildephonsus' bathrooms and kitchen was undertaken by Western Projects and reaching its completion.

The two stairwells in St Ildephonsus have been painted and new carpet has been laid.

The Museum was gearing up for the "Finding Salvado Exhibition". The maintenance staff was busy with paint brushes around the Museum and the Hotel. Limestone blocks have been laid to retain the garden beds in front of the Hotel.

Over the past few months, projects undertaken by New Norcia Services were: repairs to the downstairs internal walls of the old convent which had been damaged by rising damp; the Old Nuns' Cells upstairs where electrical upgrades including new wiring, lights and switches have been completed, and painting of the old cells was undertaken by Colourwest, a regular contractor to New Norcia.

The project still has a number of outstanding items to finish before it is completed, and ready for the Vestment collection to be located in the rooms.

St Gertrude's College upgrade of the bathrooms located in the northern wing has now been completed by Western Projects. These new showers and amenities will be a welcome change from the older style that had been well-used over the years.



The southern stairwell of St Gertrude's College has been painted and the work (painting) on the northern stairs is due to start in October 2014.

New Norcia Services has engaged Avon Waste to operate a weekly rubbish collection around the town; this service covers all the buildings and housing in New Norcia.

Daily and monthly maintenance is as busy as ever and the winter brought a welcome change from the hot weather. Winter and spring brought the lawns and gardens alive, and the Property staff is busy maintaining them all to the highest standards.

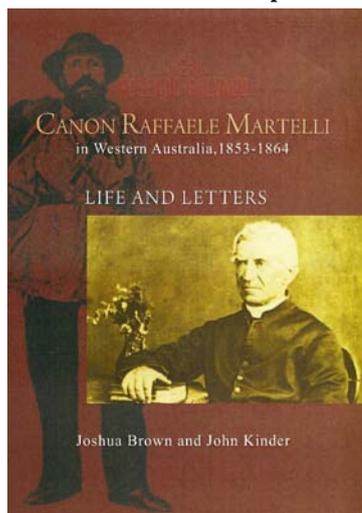
The Hotel has had new fire escape stairs installed at the rear of the building. The old stairs did not meet the current standards. This work was awarded to Cay's Engineering.

We will be replacing St Gertrude's College roof sheeting over the Chapel, and the southern wing roof sheets (and box gutters).

Ian Smith
Property Manager

From the Archives

In the last report from the Archives, it was mentioned that the ARP Committee was hoping to publish a translation of Théophile Béréngier's *La Nouvelle-Nursie: Histoire d'une Colonie Bénédictine dans l'Australie Occidentale (1846-1878)*, translated by Dr Peter Gilet. It can now be revealed that this work will be launched at the Primary Sources Launch in Perth during November (please see the website for exact details). Not only that but, in companion volumes, we will see the launch of Léandre Fonteinne's correspondence (also translated by Peter Gilet) and Canon Martelli's correspondence, translated by Dr Josh Brown and Dr John Kinder of the University of Western Australia. The photograph shows a proposed draft for the Martelli book whilst this general theme is carried through for the other two books. Publication of the results of research into the Archives via the Abbot Placid Spearritt Memorial Scholarship marks a radical step forward for the Archives and, in the future, will see the release of the Béréngier correspondence (the subject of the current APSMS) and the translation of Salvado's 1883 *Report to Propaganda Fide*.



Mention of radical steps forward leads me to the next item of news. Elements of New Norcia's archives appeared prominently at a conference at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in September. The conference was entitled *Missionaries, materials and the making of the modern world* and included 48 papers about missions, missionaries and missionary work all around the globe, principally in the mid – late 19th century. New Norcia was represented by two separate papers (the only institution to have featured twice): Prof Katharine Massam (a member of the ARP Committee) discussed *Technologies of work and prayer: education for the modern world* whilst Prof John Kinder (mentioned above) spoke about *Collecting for transnational friendship networks: from Western Australia to Rome*. I was extremely fortunate to have been present and can report that both papers were excellent. I think it came as something of a surprise to us, now that we have seen New Norcia Archives in context, in a global setting, just how valuable, unique and important are our Archives.



In the Archives itself, important new advances are being made. A recent wonderful (though long standing) volunteer, Sue Reynolds, from Yackandandah Museum, began work on digitising the early baptism register, linking baptism details to scanned images of the baptism register entry, and this is being ably continued by Ben, one of our American volunteers. This, in conjunction with Christine Choo's Genealogy Database, will provide a fast and efficient service for those seeking information about their family histories. Work has also begun on digitising the vast collection of correspondence from Salvado's era. This is being done because increasing interest in the contents means that the same letter is handled multiple times in the search for the item to be scanned; scanning the entire collection will ensure that letters will be handled only once more. This work has been initiated by our other American volunteer, Joey, who is fast becoming a master scanner!

Finally, talking of volunteers, it is with great sadness that I report that one of our very long standing volunteers, Robin Faulkner, has decided to call it a day. She told me that she loved being here but that the two hour drive was now becoming a little too much. Robin was the Pictorial Librarian at the Battye Library when New Norcia's original photograph collection was copied in the early 1980s. In retirement, Robin came back to New Norcia to sort out the Kalumburu photo collection; she did a wonderful job, was great fun to have here and will be sorely missed. Thank you, Robin; we are most grateful for all your hard work and expertise over the years.

Peter Hocking

Triumph Car Day

The Triumph Car club are visiting on October 21st bringing 45 classic triumphs up to New Norcia for the day. Come and have a look!



St John's Benedictine Volunteer Corps



The purpose of the St John's Benedictine Volunteer Corps is to provide Saint John's University alumni with 12 months of volunteer service at a Benedictine monastery and an opportunity to participate in the monastic life of that community. The Benedictine Volunteer Corps support the life and the apostolic work of the host monastery.

Ben Precourt and Joey Kinnan are settling into the rhythm of New Norcia. For the first couple of months of their year long visit, they have been working in all of the town departments, giving them a grasp of the breadth of New Norcia's activities.

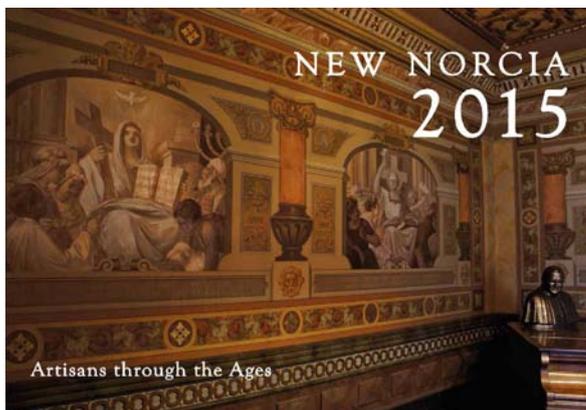
Here Joey is getting to grips with a whipper snipper, wrestling the grass into shape for summer !

Guesthouse Retreat 10-12th October

“ Believers on Trial: God's Spies, stories of the martyrs. You don't have to leave home to be on trial“

There are still some spaces left for this retreat, led by Dom Michael Tunney OSB. Please call the Guesthouse for bookings. 08 96 548 002

2015 New Norcia Calendar



ON SALE NOW - On the website shop and around town at the Museum, Hotel, Roadhouse and Guesthouse.

Only \$11.95.

If you would like to order one please fill in the attached form and send back to the Museum and Art Gallery.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER:	TWENTY-SEVENTH IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER:	TWENTY-EIGHTH IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER:	TWENTY-NINTH IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER: Saturday 1 November:	THIRTIETH IN ORDINARY TIME ALL SAINTS (SOLEMNITY)
SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER:	THIRTY-FIRST IN ORDINARY TIME (Commemoration of All Souls)
SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER: Friday 14 November:	THIRTY-SECOND IN ORDINARY TIME Commemoration of the Deceased of the Monastery
SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER:	THIRTY-THIRD IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER:	CHRIST THE KING (SOLEMNITY) <i>(Week 34 in Ordinary Time)</i>
SUNDAY 30 November:	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT YR B

A BICENTENNIAL OPEN DAY

Saturday 8th November 2014

Day Tickets

\$30.00

Available from the Museum and Art Gallery on the day
Buildings open for visits from 10.30am-12.00 midday and
1.30 pm – 4.30pm



Celebrating all things Spanish at New Norcia....

- ❖ A Special Mass in the Abbey Church at 10am
- ❖ Wonder at the newly restored Spanish Chapel
- ❖ Visit the ancient Olive Press, Flour Mill and Blacksmiths workshop
- ❖ Enjoy a unique opportunity to visit the Monastery Library and the Great Hall.
- ❖ Linger in frescoed chapels
- ❖ Enjoy a piano recital of contemporary and past Spanish Composers including Dom Rosendo Salvado in the Abbey Church to conclude the day.

Spanish Themed Menus are available at The New Norcia Hotel and the New Norcia Roadhouse for the day.

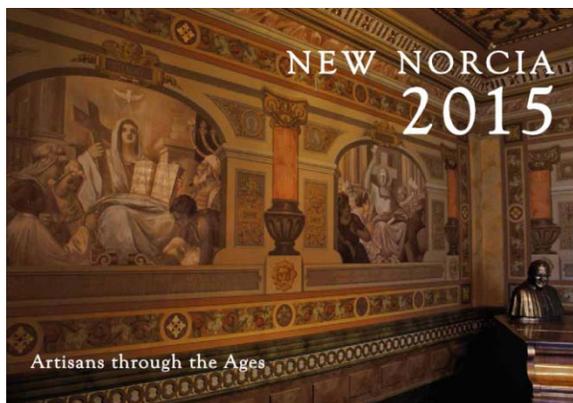
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Why not make a weekend of it, stay in one of the Historic venues and soak up the peaceful spirituality of New Norcia.



New Norcia Calendar 2015

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