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VICTORIAN INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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WHAT'S ON:

DATE	ACTIVITIES	CONTACTS	
• January 21	Orientation Day		
• Feb 27 & 28	Ballarat Weekend	Gaye Carrigan	Carrigan.gaye.g@edumail.vic.gov.au
• March 12.13.14	Mildura Region	Kel Morrison	morrison.kelly.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
• April 16..17	Yarra Valley Weekend	Sheryl Allen: 0400 126 011	allemail2007@gmail.com
• June/July	Aussie Rules	Alice Bray text 0402473900	alice.bray@gmail.com
• Oct 8 or 9	Canadian Thanksgiving	Chrissy Temple	ctemp81@yahoo.com.au
• Nov 18	2014 Farewell Dinner	Anne Casey	annegrancasey@gmail.com

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★ **WELCOME TO 2016**.....This edition includes both news from December 2015 and our Orientation Day for our new International ITF....

★ We are **pleased to include** - **2 NEW ACTIVITIES** this year **Sunraysia** - “ **The Oasis on the Murray**” and a “**Canadian Thanksgiving**” We thank Kelly Morrison and Chrissy Temple for planning these activities and encourage all our members to support them

★ the **committee welcomes** all our members and hope you are able to either make contact with a visiting International – ITF, or be part of any planned activity.

★ **SPECIAL INTEREST**... It was great to welcome **Scott, Nancy, Hannah and Tyler McEwen.. BACK** (2013).. as they prepare for their 2nd ITF in Australia..



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This issue:

- The International Education Division - Farewell
- ITA Farewell
- Dr. L. W. Shears Service Award
- Welcome and Orientation Day for 2016 International ITF
- Contact details for 2016 ITF
- 2016 Calendar of Events
- 2016 home stays - we greatly appreciate the members who have kindly offered accommodation for our International ITF



2016 ITF have arrived and looking forward to their year...

The International Education Division - Farewell



It was another great night on November 27thwhen we were able to say.....

THANKYOU FOR COMING to Australia to our International ITF, and also

FAREWELL, to the Victorian ITF, as they prepare to leave for 2016.

The International Education Division



We were very fortunate to have **Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier, Judith Coucaud Graley MP**, speak at the Farewell Reception and we enjoyed her many personal educational experiences.

Dave Richter – Ontario, Canada – also shared his memories & experiences of his year at Somers Camp.

Daniel Riley – Assistant Principal – Mahogany Rise Primary School – Frankston – was invited to give an insight into the wonderful adventures he has provided two groups of students he has taken overseas – Scotland, England & France - following his ITF year in Scotland – 2012.



Daniel's enthusiasm and effort enabled Mahogany Rise P. S. to source funding and provide life long experiences for his students.



The value of the International Teaching Fellowship for teachers, schools and also individual students, is something we are all proud to be part of.





International Teachers' Association - Victoria - Farewell Dinner

The Rendezvous Hotel provided a wonderful meal and setting for all to enjoy the stories about preparing for the ITF year and also catching up with other Victorians who are going to be in the same area/province/state/country in 2016



Sheryl Allen presented a history of the ITA and in doing so, acknowledged the input of our past President - **Leslie Hall**.

A HUGE THANKYOU to Anne Casey for organising the night.

Dr. Lawrie W. Shears - 2015 - SERVICE AWARD

‘Congratulations to Joan D’Elia’ in recognition of Joan’s dedication to the ITF and ITA committee and her willingness to assist in many areas ... including Membership, International Teachers Orientation Day, the Victorian Teachers’ Briefing Day, organizing the ITA Farewell Dinner



Past recipients are:

You may recognize a few names...

- 2002** Jenny Wiedermann, Bill Schofield, Beryl Pollock, Di Leighfield, John Olsen
- 2003** Graeme Proud, Milton Long
- 2004** Bruce Usher
- 2005** Tom & Dianne Devlin, Stewart Robinson
- 2006** Carmel Fraser
- 2007** Liz Keirce
- 2008** Doug & Barb Jamieson
- 2009** Mick Mirovic, Lesley Hall
- 2010** Vaughan Patulloock, Jan Bedson
- 2011** Acknowledgement of Dr Lawrie Shears
- 2012** Helen Harrison
- 2013** Debra Armstrong



we had a number of past recipients present

WELCOME TO OUR 2016 INTERNATIONAL - ITF



.....all the paper work is done and we are here... ready to start...!!!!

Orientation Day - January 21st...

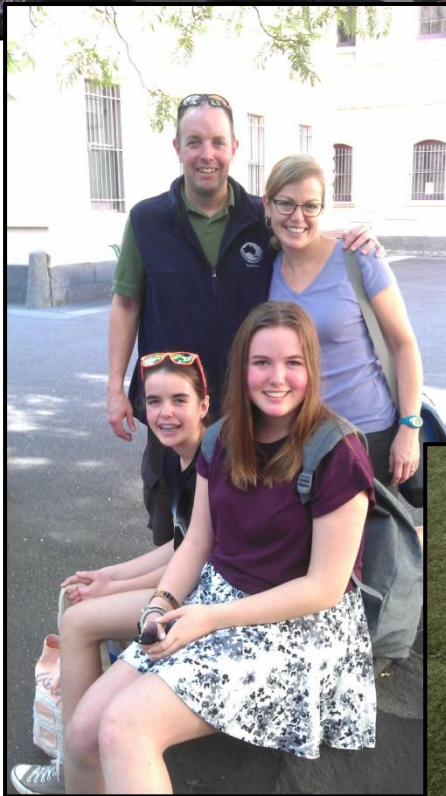
- Our **17 International Teachers** were officially welcomed by **Raylene Dodds**, Director, International Education Division. **Margaret Orme**, Senior Project Officer, then gave them an overview of Victorian Education.
- Following lunch, we were able to highlight the purpose and role of ITA – Victoria, then members gave personal insights into the Fellowship **Jim Hill** and **Mary Moore** – both Principals – spoke on ‘Survival Skills in the School, and **Kristin Davey** spoke on ‘Survival Skills in the Home...
- Senior Constables, **Monica Duggan** and **Steve Hillman** explained some of our finer road regulations.....



ITA - WELCOME



A lot of excited chatter about ... paper work finally on the plane and then we landed YES, it was warm for our first day here! ... what about these drive through alcohol outlets! ... pedestrians need to be very alert ... spouses hoping to help on camps ... we don't have airconditioning ... etc ...

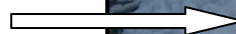


Our International teachers were all doing well after a full day... digesting a lot of information.... Jet lag and familiarisation differed as some arrived a month ago, while others arrived the day before....!

We wish all teachers and their families all the best for a wonderful 2016...



a memory... this is my first day in Canada – Vancouver - 2009



2016 ITF CONTACT DETAILS...

We do encourage members to make contact with a nearby school and welcome our guests to Australia.
A meal, a coffee or a chat, may be appreciated.

VITF 2016	VIC School	Phone	Exchange School
Mona Forbes	Catholic College Bendigo McIvor Highway Bendigo	5449 3466	Father James Whelihan (IEEP) Calgary, AB, Canada
Paul Jensen	Viewbank College Warren Road Viewbank	9458 2811	Robert McMath Secondary (CEEF) Richmond, BC Canada
Joseph Jarrett	Caulfield Junior College Balaclava Rd Caulfield North	9509 6872	Lescon Public School (CEEF) Toronto, ON Canada
Carrie La Pierree	Lyndale Secondary College Gladstone Rd Dandenong North	9795 2366	Mitchell Elementary Richmond, BC Canada
Meagan Kearney	Strathmore North Primary Mascoma Street Strathmore	9379 6575	Arbour Lake School Calgary, AB Canada
Carol Corner	Caulfield Junior College Balaclava Rd Caulfield North	9509 6872	Bedford Park Junior Public School Toronto, ON Canada
Robert O'Connor	Mt Evelyn Primary Monbulk Silvan Rd Mt Evelyn	9736 1384	Crossroads Public School Niagara on the Lake, ON Canada
Kimberly Pearce	Kilbreda College Mentone Parade Mentone	9584 7766	Assumption College Catholic High School Windsor, ON Canada
Shannon Rudman	Northern Bay College Goldsworthy Rd Corio	5245 3500	Blair McPherson Edmonton, AB Canada
Jean Gingerich	Carrum Downs Secondary College McCormick's Rd Carrum Downs	9788 9100	Ridgemont High School Ottawa, ON Canada
Jennifer Sepetdijian	Glendale Primary School Nottingham St Glen Waverley	9803 1330	Davisville Public School Toronto, ON Canada
Brent Rouleau	Manor Lakes P-12 College Minindee Rd Wyndham Vale	9575 8121	Glebe Collegiate Institute Ottawa, O Canada
Michael Morison	Lyndhurst Primary School Brookwater Parade Lyndhurst	8768 6700	Manhattan Park Junior Public School Scarborough, ON Canada

Phebe May	Rochester Primary School George St Rochester	5484 1072	Arden Elementary School (CEEF) Courtenay, BC Canada
Janice Carrel	Ashwood School Montpellier Rd Ashwood	9808 7444	Skyview Elementary (CITEL) Thornton, ON Canada
Scott McEwen	St. Josephs College Brenock Park Drive Ferntree Gully	9785 2000	Osgoode Township High School Metcalf, ON Canada
Wendy Lonson-Hoffman	Fairfield Primary School Langridge St Fairfield	9489 2996	Marie Sharpe Elementary School Williams Lake, BC Canada

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016



The ITA organises a series of events to give you a taste of **Victoria** and the diversity found within it. These events are a great time to get together with other Fellows past and present at a reasonable price. Details of each event will be advertised in the ITA newsletter by the coordinators.

JANUARY	<p>JANUARY: Picnic in the Park Thursday 21st After the first day of the welcome briefing you will have an opportunity to get together over a casual meal and a few drinks in nearby Treasury Gardens. This will be a time for Fellows and their families to informally get together with other ITF's as well as the ITA committee. \$5.00 a head. Pay on the day. Let Anne Casey know ASAP if you can join the fun, the numbers coming and any dietary requirements.</p> <p>annegrancasey@gmail.com</p>
FEBRUARY	<p>FEBRUARY: 27th & 28th Ballarat weekend Ballarat is in Central Victoria. Find out about Australia's gold mining history by visiting Sovereign Hill, one of our top tourist attractions. Get up close and personal with Australian wildlife. Be billeted with ITA members in Ballarat to share experiences and reduce accommodation costs. Meet and socialise with fellow exchanges. Sovereign Hill free entry for ITA members. Reduced entry for Wildlife Park. Cost of night meal and daily expenses at each venue.</p> <p>Contact : Gaye Carrigan Carrigan.gaye.g@edumail.vic.gov.au</p>
MARCH	<p>MARCH: 12th, 13th 14th.(Labour Day) Sunraysia – "The Oasis on the Murray" The Mildura region is renowned for its big skies, rich earth and welcoming locals. Experience respected wine and bountiful local produce that is chosen in the preparation of great food served up at quality restaurants and available at markets, eateries and cellar doors. Discover breathtaking natural beauty, Mediterranean climate and fascinating local histories. All of this is located near the region's life source - the wide, ceaselessly flowing Murray River. Accommodation to suit all budgets is readily available with the possibility of staying with ITA members depending on availability.</p> <p>Contact: Kel Morrison 0409 553 487 Morrison.kelly.j@edumail.vic.gov.au</p>
<p>Good Friday March 25th *TERM ONE holidays 26th March to 10th April</p>	

APRIL	<p>APRIL: 16th & 17th Yarra Valley Weekend See the scenic Yarra valley, visit Healesville Sanctuary, participate in a bike ride or wine tasting tour, experience an Australian campfire, and catch up with other ITF participants. This is a special tourist area. Homestay accommodation can be arranged. \$ 25 pp. Covers BBQ and campfire dinner. Purchase own lunch, bike hire, wine, and Sanctuary tickets. (Some bikes can be arranged)</p> <p>Sheryl Allen: 0400 126 011 allemail2007@gmail.com</p>
JUNE /JULY	<p>EARLY WINTER (date TBA) Aussie Rules Football Enjoy a game of Aussie Rules at the world famous Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), the site of the 1956 Olympics and 2006 Commonwealth Games. This game takes a degree of courage to play, but not to watch, so come along and experience the atmosphere! Free entry. Purchase or bring your own lunch</p> <p>Contact: Alice Bray, alice.bray@gmail.com or text her on 0402 473 900</p>
<p>*TERM TWO holidays 25th June to 10th July *TERM THREE holidays 17th September to 2nd October</p>	
OCTOBER	<p>CANADIAN THANKSGIVING : October 8th or 9th Celebrate Thanksgiving “Downunder” in a Melbourne venue. Enjoy a catch up with your new ITF mates, discuss your amazing holidays and be thankful for living in beautiful Victoria for a year!</p> <p>Contact: Chrissy Temple, ctemp81@yahoo.com.au 0411 665 687</p>
NOVEMBER	<p>NOVEMBER: Friday 18th Melbourne Farewell Dinner (immediately after the DET Reception, the date TBC) This is an opportunity to celebrate the year that was! It is a night to say your last goodbyes and plan your reunions back home. It is a night without the kids where you can celebrate your year with other overseas ITFs, out-going ITF’s, ex-Aussie ITFs and the committee. An event NOT to be missed! Homestays can be arranged.</p> <p>Contact: annegrancasey@gmail.com</p>
<p>TERM FOUR ends 20th December</p>	

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ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE (Homestays) AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO VISIT:



South Gippsland

ITF teachers from previous years offer to billet Fellows and their families while you travel around the South Gippsland area. Check out Wilson's Promontory for bushwalking, rail trail and cycling. Visit a wildlife park, enjoy beach activities, camping and indulge in a surf lesson.

Contact: Gary & Sue McGrath on

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Korumburra SC 5655 1635 (Work)

mcgrath.gary.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

mcgrath.susan.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Geelong

A satellite city with a country feel. It's the Gateway to the Great Ocean Road. Enjoy fish n chips by the sea, taste local wines, visit the Aboriginal co-operative, walk along the waterfront and see the artistic bollards. Adults and children all welcome. You will be hosted in local homes.

Contact: Sue Strong : 5222 1460

susanannestrong@hotmail.com

Bendigo

Whilst there is no specifically organised weekend in 2016 the Bendigo Chapter are happy to assist with information and accommodation if you decide to visit this beautiful and historic area. Visit Central Victoria, Bendigo with its wonderful architecture- a city founded on gold in the 1850s. A ride on the Talking Tram will help you get to see the sights. A journey down the Central Deborah Gold Mine is a must. The area is surrounded by many award winning wineries.

Doug Jamieson 5441 5873 jamo@netcon.net.au

Wodonga

No weekend is planned for this area in 2016, but plenty of homestay is available when you choose to explore the area or stop off on the way to Sydney or Canberra. Activities can include a visit to historic Beechworth, Ned Kelly sites and the Rutherglen Wineries. See Aboriginal art, canoe along the Murray and/or bicycle along the rail trail across Lake Hume.

Jan Bedson (02) 6027 1664

0419 561 070 yackqueen@gmail.com

Phillip Island

Explore the beaches and wildlife of this popular island. Visit the fairy penguins, koala park and Churchill Island which has early history of white man to Victoria.

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ITA COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 2016

Fairfield RSL at 5.15pm. Railway Place. Fairfield

www.fairfieldalphington.rslvic.com.au

2nd Thursday of the month:

11 February 10 March 12 May 9 June. 13 July 11 August 15 September. 13 October. 10 November. 8 December

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Thinking opals....see [Nick Le Souef](#) at ...

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MELBOURNE 3000

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Alice Springs Address:

75 Todd Mall

ALICE SPRINGS NT 0870

Nick is a keen supporter of the ITA so if it's opals you want give NICK a call

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