

Tracy also made available a most poignant book she has written: *Wasted Life Restored* for just \$15 and \$2.50 postage. Please contact Tracy Hilton directly to place an order. thilton@stmarys.wa.edu.au

We congratulate the 2021 AARE Award Winners and thank their nominators.

Awardee

ADVOCATING FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS

On behalf of Australian Chaplains and Religious Educators, in recent years the AARE has made the following submissions. The full submissions have been loaded to the AARE Website.

TO THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WA

24th July 2020

Regarding the CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2019, BILL 157 – SECTION 124BA

Some Excerpts

"The AARE would like to express our deep concern regarding the proposed Section 124BA of the Children and Community Services Amendment Bill 2019. Our Submission is aimed at the Pastoral Care of students and young people.

... We ask the Committee most earnestly to hear our concerns regarding the harm that destroying the Seal of the Confession is likely to do to the children and adolescents we work with. In terms of the bigger picture of eliminating child sexual abuse, it will only be counterproductive. It will cut off the one safe, secret way many children and adolescents, ... have to deal with shame and depression, and leave them alone with entrapment and addiction. In some tragic cases, the unchallenged porn narrative will be acted out, and more children will be deeply hurt." ...

TO THE LAW REFORM

MEMBERSHIP

Renewal notices have been sent out. For those who have not yet taken up or renewed their membership for 2022, you are most welcome to do so and support your professional association. Member discounts apply to the Annual Dinner.

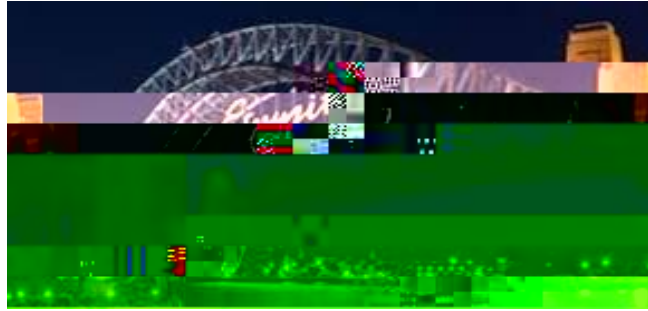
Remember that in recognition of the hardships the Covid-19 Pandemic has had on many of us, the AARE

Eternity

Remember when millions of people around the world saw this image on our Sydney Harbour Bridge in 2000?

Then the book by Roy Williams and on the DIDUNO website –
<http://www.diduno.info/arthur-stace-mr-eternity/>

Now the film <https://eternityfilm.com.au/>



The film was officially launched with skywriting above Sydney Harbour earlier this month and reached over 1 million people through the news and social media. We have much more planned.

This can be taught in our schools as part of our Australian Christian heritage and we believe it would be good for parents to know about this unique Australian story.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the producer Richard Attieh richard@diduno.info or Graham McDonald graham@diduno.info.



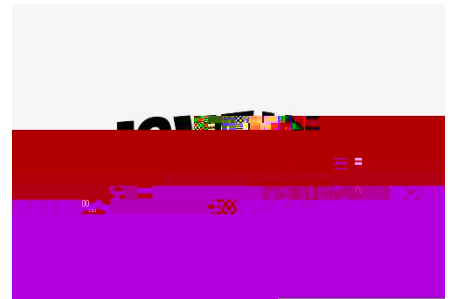
The AARE enjoys a close partnership with Perth Together. Their 2022 initiative is LOVE WA. This is a call to fervent prayer across the Body of Christ in these days leading to the reopening of our state.

There are three main ways you can be involved:

24/7 PRAYER WALL (15 Jan – 28 Feb)

This has already begun with people committing to cover a half an hour slot in prayer in their own time and place.

We are using an easy sign up procedure generated by the global 24/7 prayer movement. It is simple for people to use and within a few days, over 1,000 slots were filled. There is room for many more! You can sign up as an individual, prayer group or church.



PRAYER AND FASTING on 1-3 February

There is a specific call to pray with fasting on these three days.

There will be many combined prayer gatherings around the city over these days (rather than doing one huge citywide gathering). Worship leaders also gathered on 1 February to do an evening of worship and praise.

2 Chron 20:22 As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

Some networks of churches are already planning to have a combined prayer room over these days.

PRAYER ON THE AIR

98Five FM will broadcast short prayers multiple times a day, pre-recorded by church leaders. This Prayer on the Air will start on Monday 24 January and go till the end of February. The reach of these prayers is significant and they will touch on issues relevant to the reopening and resulting impact of the pandemic in WA.



2022 COMING EVENTS

Christian Service-Learning Network Workshops

To be placed on the contact list or to join the CSLN Team, please contact John Richards: John.Richards@aquinas.wa.edu.au

Annual General Meeting

For the past couple of years, attendance at our AGM has been welcomed either in person or online. This year's AGM is planned to be held after school on **Tuesday 31st May**; details will be made available soon.

Awards Dinner

As we start the new year, I suggest that you place the 2022 AARE State Dinner in your diary and encourage