



The Faraday Farrago

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Yangon to Faraday Trazel Elliot

Living in Yangon, Myanmar, I have become used to the heat, the wet and humid season, the language and culture of a happy race in a suppressed but beautiful land. And I have come to love it all.

It had been a very cold, long, wet winter back home at Faraday. Freezing cold, chilblain weather, time for big open fires. Unusual after the Faraday I remember, summer droughts, the dry and dust.

This time my arrival was better timed. The first week of clear skies and warmer days. Just as winter had been unusually harsh, mid September was unseasonably warm, balmy weather, with all the sights and perfumes of early spring.

Magnificent views of contrasting hills and valleys, and the clear blue skies framed by grey-green gum leaves. Brilliant green grass, a contrast to the sparse dry brown grass of summer. The ground now soft and springy rather than sunbaked and dry.

And of course all the new spring growth, bursts of color, shapes and sizes, and wattle blooms everywhere. And 'babies' of all sorts including gumnuts, bunnies, lambs and joeys. And those dreaded orange and black striped caterpillars chewing the new leaf growth.



And now the 'highway' is so quiet. So peaceful.

Coming back to the house where I grew up is a very special treat. Memories of summer holidays spent catching yabbies and exploring the bush. Playing on the huge granite rocks, making a tree house. Swimming in the dam, walking along the side of the water race. Watching the tadpoles grow legs. Collecting leaves, flowers, feathers, rocks....

Now back for a holiday, I stay in 'my old room', the same old room, the

same view. The trees have grown bigger; the house has grown and changed, but it remains the same.

I walk around the boundaries each day with Dad and Heather. Reconnecting, checking the familiar things, remembering the folds of the land. Coming home.

'My house' is still the house I return to in my dreams, the house that I always come back to. Faraday and the bush. My Dad and Heather's home.

I may often leave Faraday, but I always return. Then all too soon, it is back to Yangon!

REFLECTIONS ON THE JOY OF SERVAS CANADA HOSPITALITY

Rev. Mark and Jan Dunn

Open your doors to Servas and you will enjoy a network of peace - doors you will never close, and friends you will never forget. Would you like to visit foreign countries and take part in their peoples' everyday life? Would you like people from other countries to join you in your daily life for a short time? Would you like to overcome your prejudices by communicating with people from different cultures? Do you believe that peace is possible if everyone truly wants it? Yes? Then, SERVAS is for YOU! Visit: <http://servas.org.au/> SERVAS is an international non-profit, voluntary,

peace organisation - a network of hosts and travellers who build world peace through personal contact amongst people of different cultures. Here is our story:

Our youngest daughter Megan and her husband Charlie moved to Vancouver in 2009. Their move prompted our holiday exploring this second largest country on our planet. June and July seemed the ideal time to escape the worst of our winter and embrace the tame warmth of the northern hemisphere. With me the extrovert and Jan less so, we negotiate a happy balance of looking for a Servas stay spaced between our own private arrangements. Rather than give you a comprehensive run down of our two month itinerary (which we could make available if you are pondering such a trip), I'd like to reflect briefly on the Servas hosts we most enjoyed.

We stayed with Holly Vickers and Barry Mayes in Victoria on Vancouver Island, the capital of British Columbia. Holly, a career nurse with a gentle caring style has

been a Servas member for many years but interestingly has never used Servas for her own travel. After dinner we gathered up neighbour Sue and her dog Emmie for a



long walk through a lovely local forested area – they had us convinced that we would meet a black bear around every corner (that was to come later in the Rockies!). A day at Butchart Gardens started easily with our newfound walking companion Sue dropping us off on her commute

to work. The transformation from an old quarry to the world famous 55 acre Gardens is truly remarkable and we had no difficulty filling in a whole day – getting our money's worth for the \$30 ticket each. Holly and Barry kindly offered us a third night – this extra day giving us time to enjoy the Royal BC Museum, IMAX Theatre and Parliament House.

Dave Talbot couldn't have been more helpful with the numerous email exchanges we had even before we left Australia. A retired teacher, Dave is a passionate community advocate on themes of justice, fair trade and environment, he welcomed us to his beautiful beachside home in Kye Bay. Dinner was followed by a "house concert" – a more entertaining night of spontaneous music you could not imagine (fiddler, guitarist, bodhran player – all three female singers creating beautiful Celtic harmonies). Next morning we were off to church with Dave for a

fascinating look at Canadian Indian culture. Lunch and a jazz concert at the local Filberg Heritage Gardens before yet another dinner party for supper with Dave's partner Karin. We almost felt sad to say farewell when Dave loaded us on the Greyhound for the run north to Port Hardy.

Long distance train travel was new to us but we had a great time travelling from Prince Rupert on the West

Coast all the way through to Toronto on "The Canadian". One of the well kept secrets of such a trip is that you can break the journey as often as you wish, stopping as we did for two or three days in places of interest without incurring any extra costs in our train fare. It was at the Prince George train station where we met Bob and Beth Quesnel who introduced us to their homely abode and the basement apartment which was ours for the duration. We did the farmer's market and coffee at the Lonely Planet recommended "Books and Company" – a bookstore to rival anything we have in Melbourne. The next day included a tour over the local university (with its stunning use of local timber) and a long walk in a meadow since the weather had cleared. They thoughtfully invited new local Servas hosts Doug and Becky to share the pork fillet barbeque dinner with Saskatoon Berry Pie for sweets. Yum!!

After some time in Toronto and the obligatory trip to Niagara Falls, our hire car journey through rural Ontario was the most relaxed and picturesque part of the trip. Jonathan and Catherine had been Servas guests with us back in March 2011. After a delicious dinner, we drove to the historic Georgian Bay harbour area on the shores of Lake Ontario to drink in the beautiful lake sunset. At 33 degrees this actually felt like summer when we walked up on the Bruce Trail to a high point looking over the coast and bay – the largest expanse of fresh water we had ever laid eyes on. It was really lovely to pick up with this couple where we left off enjoying a reciprocal visit even though the Browns have not

officially signed up yet as Servas hosts (we are working on them).

Undoubtedly the family visiting part of this holiday was the highlight for us, but the enjoyment of warm hearted, generous, like minded Servas people comes a close second when we look back on the photos and continue to exchange some email communication with hosts who we feel are now part of our international friendship circle. When we host travellers at Essendon and sometimes bring them up to visit our country place (Bubbs Lane, Faraday) we feel even better equipped to be good hosts after the treasured experiences we have been privileged to have as travellers. Servas is indeed one of our world's treasures.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

Meetings

The Committee meets monthly, working to promote our association. Agenda items submitted by members are welcomed and may be delivered in person, posted or emailed to the addresses published in our newsletter.

Finance

Our current account balance is in excess of \$2,300, much of which represents Grant monies awarded by Council for our history project.

Local History

It is proposed that a compilation of local history be collated and published as a booklet. Contributions are requested from interested persons including documents, photos, and video and audio material. Funds are available for photocopying and other costs relating to the preparation and

submission of historical material.

Membership

Membership renewals were due on 1st July and we urge those who are unfinancial to renew membership via bank transfer as per details in this newsletter. Your involvement is paramount to the Association.

Working Bee and BBQ

All members are invited to attend—Dunstans Flat, Sunday 25th November from 10am. A couple of hours general work, followed by a BBQ and get together.

Dunstans Flat

Further approaches to ParksVic are planned to request permission to establish a more permanent shelter at Dunstans Flat.

Council Elections

At the close of nominations for Council, two candidates are contesting one vacancy in Calder Ward, which includes all of Faraday. They are Tim Barber, sitting Councillor and resident of Calder Ward; and Hans Paas, resident of Castlemaine.

Coliban Pipeline

Therese Horn

In May 2012 we received advice from Coliban Water that they were looking at acquiring part of our property for their proposed pipeline for the Harcourt Rural Modernisation project. The purpose of the pipeline is to “provide greater water security for the region’s orchardists and other businesses that rely on the rural water supply for their livelihoods”.

The pipeline will be underground and our understanding is that it will be up to 500 millimetres in diameter. In

our case the easement will be 7.5 metres from our property border.

Coliban Water has concluded cultural and heritage assessments and appointed three agencies to handle the process and they are:

Acquis: who we will serve the formal notification and discuss our concerns about the project and they walked us through some of the processes ahead.

Countrywide Valuers: who are the valuers for Coliban Water and will assess what compensation we should receive and what benefit we are gaining from the development. They will assess the open market value before and after the pipeline has been installed and then Coliban will make an offer of compensation. We are then entitled to make a claim if we believe their offer to be inadequate. If our valuers disagree with Coliban’s valuers then they will have a meeting to discuss.

RMCG: who will evaluate the impact of construction activities and develop a rehabilitation plan for the process. This should include reinstalling any interrupted services and repair fencing and driveways etc that are affected.

We have been advised that we are entitled to engage our own valuers and solicitors to represent our interests and that Coliban Water will cover these costs. This course of action has been highly recommended to us.

We have been lead to believe that we will have access to the water in the pipeline but details have not been provided as to how this will work. Anyone wanting to register an interest in connecting to the new pipeline as a customer or who is interested in more information about this project is invited to contact Coliban on 1800 135 904.

We welcome any feedback from Association members who have concerns or comments that they would like to make. Please don’t hesitate to contact us on our email: faradayfarrago@yahoo.com.au

LIST OF MEMBER'S GOODS AND SERVICES

Support these members who support our Association

Terry Collins.....	Plumber, Faradale Drive.....	0438 504 353
Ray Fowler.....	Master Painter, Faraday-Sutton Grange Road.....	5474 3109
Heather & Alan Harris	East End Servo, Chewton Service Station.....	5470 5444
Matthew Hough.....	Elphinstone Firewood Supplies.....	0458 387 378
Bianca Joyce.....	http://thoroughbredsoffthetrack.com.au	
J & P Leishman	Pryor's Paddock Olive Oil, locally grown produce.....	0427 931 391
Paul Leishman	Electric and General Rural Fencing, Agricultural Consultant..	0427 931 391
Loorham.....	House sitting, Dog Walking, Small Gardening Jobs,	5474 3206
Loorham.....	Overnight/weekend Accommodation.....	5474 3206
Brendan McCarthy.....	Photographer, Faraday-Sutton Grange Road.....	0402 077 137
Anthea Matley.....	Granite Springs Olive Oil, Faraday-Sutton Grange Road.....	5474 2601
Simon Moten.....	Sanctuary Ridge Wines, Faraday-Sutton Grange Road..	0431389201

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Rainfall 2012

July	85mm
August	59mm
Sept (to 20th)	24mm
YTD : 2012	547mm (to end Aug)
2011	584mm

MEDIA RELEASE

Free Home Bushfire Advice Service

CFA is offering a one-on-one Bushfire Advice Service to help you plan and prepare for bushfire. This is a great way to find out about property maintenance and improvements to better prepare your home, vegetation management, potential fire hazards and how to manage them, planning for high fire-risk days and how to deal with major fires.

To book the Home Bushfire Advice Service:

- Visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/hbas
- Call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 (8am-6pm)
- Call CFA on (03) 9262 8501 during business hours

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Private Function

Jill Loorham, member, is organising a barbeque and bonfire on Saturday 3rd November. Please contact Jill directly for details if you plan to attend.
ph: 5474 3206

Can you guess the identity of this Faraday resident? Jill Loorham

A Faraday man from Slovenia,
Just loved to smell his gardenia.
But olives, he grew
Feeding them with sheep poo
And the lovely gardenia grew teenier.

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For new membership please contact ROBERT ENGLISH AT renglish@melbpc.org.au

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