

Leader journalist unveils new book

CATHOLIC Leader journalist Paul Dobbyn has self-published what he says is Australia's first "flip book" of poetry launched on November 30.

One opening is called *Soul Healing Afoot* and the other, when flipped and turned around, is titled *Dead Dad Bye*.

The work was inspired by pivotal moments in Paul's life such as the death of his father and other "tough personal times".

"It was a painful but ultimately cathartic exercise to collect these poems which I'd written in post-Dad landscape of my life in the 1990s, as I wandered around trying to make sense of who I was," Paul said.

"This sense of journey and self-reconstruction, to me the flipside of the pain of loss, gave me an almost optimistic sense that a soul healing was afoot."

Artist Gemma O'Brien, a 21-year-old Sydney design student, compiled the "lino-cut" illustrations.

"The lino cuts turned out to be a really good idea because they corresponded with the deeply etched experiences that were in the poems," Gemma said.

"It was great because it allowed me to become more familiar with lino cutting."

The use of an image of a foot for the cover had a double meaning.

"They were two books but there were recurring themes between the two books from some poems that were sad to some that were more optimistic," she said.

"... They were all about journeys and the books were aptly linked together by this visual symbol of the foot."

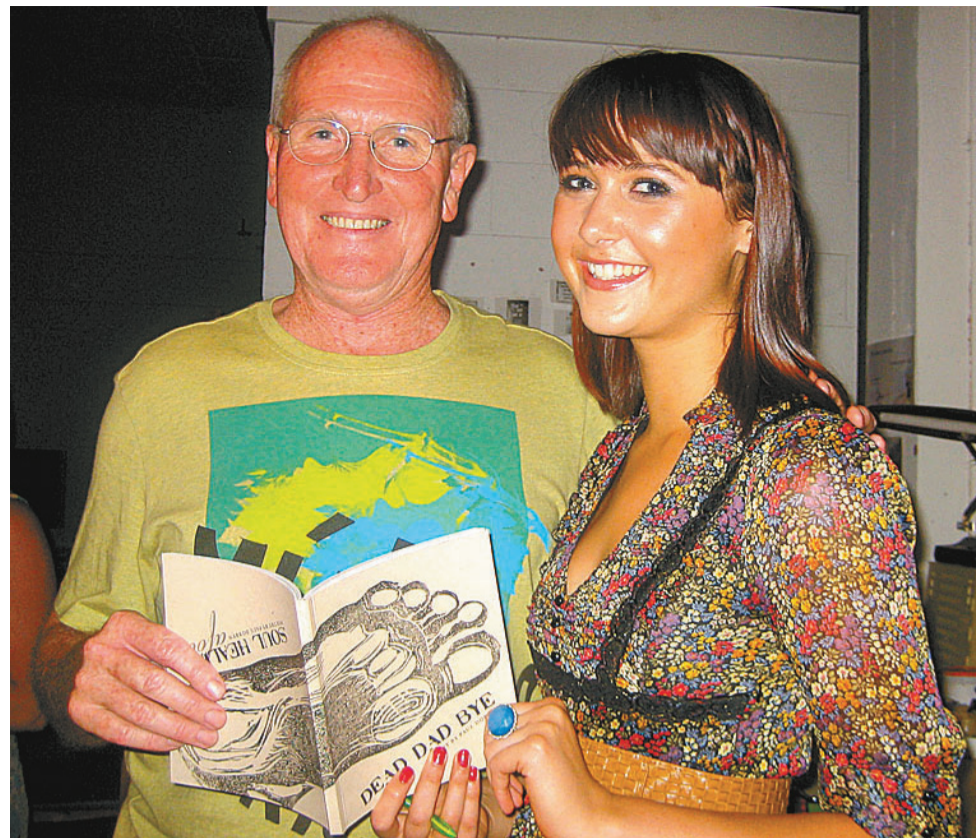
Gemma enjoyed her first experience of designing for a book of this nature.

"It's always really interesting to see two people from different creative fields interpret the same thing in different ways, and it's even better when they come together like Paul's poetry and my design," she said.

Paul has also published poetry books titled *Storm Window* (1979), *The Siren of Shop 19 and Other Versions of Modern Verse* (1991) and *War Spoils* (1994).

To order a copy of the latest flip book contact him on 0409 872 635 or email paul.jennifer@optusnet.com.au

The book is available at St Paul's Book Centre next to St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane City.



Poetry launch: Journalist Paul Dobbyn, with a copy of his latest work, and artist Gemma O'Brien

SPORT

All ages take to the courts

THE Queensland Catholic Lawn Tennis Association's annual age championships range from the experienced veteran players to the young inexperienced beginners in the nine-years-and-under events.

Men and women, boys and girls are catered for in singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

In men's singles semi-finals of the veterans' events, last year's winner and top seed Ted Kim defeated Barry Knight 6-3, 6-0 while Rad Velkov, a new player in the Sunday morning singles competition eliminated last year's runner-up Rahul Kashyap in similar fashion 6-3, 6-1.

The final see-sawed, with Ted taking the first set 6-0, and Rad coming back 6-1 in the second

Rad continued the fine form to take the match 6-2 in the third set and wrest the Fred Kahn Memorial Trophy from Ted who had won it seven times over the past 10 years.

Rahul Kashyap then went on to take the feed-in final from Barry Knight 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Hazel Wilkinson again won the Vince Kelly Memorial Trophy for the veteran women's singles.

Hazel previously won it from 2001-2003 and then again from 2005-2008, giving her tally of six wins.

She survived two marathon matches of more than two hours each before collecting the trophy.

She defeated Anne Buchanan 6-3, 2-6 then 7-3 in the tie-break third set and then went on to defeat Claudia Hong 5-7, 6-4 and again won the third-set tie-break 7-4.

Anne is yet to play Claudia for second and third place in the veteran women's singles round robin play-off.

In the other adult age events, Ian Donaldson had an easy win over newcomer Matt Cali in the 19-34 years men's singles final while Katherine Hay pushed Renee Hunter closer in the women's final. Renee defeated Katherine 6-3, 6-2.

In teenage singles events, Matthew Webb, from Villanova College, defeated fellow stu-

Tennis Talk



Brenda Dale

dent Joseph Sckaf 6-0, 7-5 in the 18-years-and-under boys' singles.

The boys' 16-years-and-under was won by Joseph Gonslaves over Matthew Webb in a marathon final by 7-5, 3-6, 7-5.

All teenagers participated in series of round-robin matches where the top two of each age played off for the perpetual trophies.

The Nugent Cameron Cup was presented to Andrew Thomas after he defeated David Quinn 6-3, 6-1 in the final of the 15-years-and-under boys' singles.

In the closest round-robin series of play-off matches, Yianni Stergou, who had earlier defeated both Daniel Gierach and Fergus McKinnon 6-5, went on to win the 14-years-and-under boys' singles when he defeated Daniel again in the final.

Jack Whitehead, in his first year at high school, won the 13-years-and-under title when he defeated Alec Wright 6-1, 6-0.

Nicole Blair, from Lourdes Hill College, and Chloe Saville, from Corpus Christi College, who competed in the boys' round robins, had a great day's tennis and, after each had been declared the winner of the 14 years and 13 years girls' events respectively, Nicole defeated Chloe 6-3, 6-4 in a great friendly play-off final.

Junior age events which were to be played at the Morningside Tennis Centre from December 8-12 will be covered in next week's Tennis Talk.

The QCLTA is planning to expand activities at its headquarters at Morningside next year. It hopes to have several coaches delivering a full assessment/coaching program for adults and juniors, integrating match play.



End of an era

End of an era: Provincial leader of the Josephite Sisters in Queensland Sr Moya Campbell hands over the key for the former St Joseph's boarding school, Quilpie to Charleville parish priest Fr Peter Doohan, at a ritual of farewell and closure of the school on November 30



Fond memories: Among those at the farewell are (from left) Sr Moya Campbell, Sr Mary Morgan, Sr Annette Arnold, Fr Jeff Scully, Sr Anita Hoey, Sr Margaret Andersen and Frances (York) Eames, Brisbane

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