

Registration Advice:

Bookings open online through Trybooking on 1st December 2017

You may register using either of the two URL addresses:

<https://www.trybooking.com/STYR> or

<https://www.trybooking.com/329853>

The Gathering Fees:

Live in:

Full fee \$425.00 pp (paid by August 10.2018)

Early bird: \$395.00 pp (paid in full on or before June 15.2018)

*Single room supplement \$140 (paid in full with registration fee)

Live out:

Full fee cost: \$275 pp (paid by August 10.2018)

Early bird: \$245.00 pp (paid in full on or before June 15.2018)

Venue: Sundown Resort Motel
205 Narrabundah Ln,
Symonston, ACT 2609



Check out further details including photos at:

<http://www.sundownmotelresort.com.au/>

Accommodation:

Motel has shared apartments, with a main double bedroom and beds in second space, shared bathroom. Each one has a small kitchen and sitting room. (*A supplementary fee of \$140 applies for those not wishing to share.)

There is a pool for those who might want to swim in late August.

What to bring.

Swimmers if desired,

Journal,

Umbrella

Spiritual Direction in the Borderlands: Exploring the Territory



*Parched patchwork, tailings on the road (Whyalla)
photo credit: Che Chorley, Land Sea You Me (2017)*

Key note speakers:

The Rev'd Dr Alan Cadwallader & Dr Robyn Cadwallader

August 31 – September 2, 2018

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A Gathering of the Australian Ecumenical Spiritual Direction Community

Sponsored by the Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Direction

Welcome to the AECSD Gathering ACT Canberra August 31 to September 2, 2018

Is it possible for spiritual directors to accompany those whose life experiences are so 'out there' or strange to one's own journey? How do we deeply listen to and hold friends from ethnic minorities, or any who have escaped by boat the threats of their homeland, or those whose gender orientation is different from our own or others whose upbringing has deeply cut and broken them?

The AECSD invites you to our National Capital to explore these questions and find ways through them. Alan and Robyn Cadwallader, both writers of note with spiritual direction experience, have spent some time individually and together exploring the edges of life's encounters and will ably guide our search.

The other delight about the AECSD Gathering is in meeting with spiritual direction friends from all around Australia, sharing resources and insights. I look forward to meeting you and finding out how the spiritual direction ministry is touching your life.

George Warren
President – AECSD

Our speakers:

Robyn Cadwallader and Alan Cadwallader

live together on a farmlet in Murrumbateman, just outside Canberra. They live among vineyards and birdlife, with a small assortment of animals. They have four children and four grandchildren.

Robyn

loves to read, write and dig in the garden. As a child, Robyn moved with her parents, 'ten-pound Poms', three times between England and Australia before she completed high school. She found that words and books provided her safe haven in the midst of uncertainty.



Robyn began writing poetry, exploring single moments of time, then short stories, before moving onto the novel. She taught English, Medieval literature and Creative Writing at Flinders University, Adelaide before moving to Canberra in 2009.

After writing her PhD thesis, a feminist and deconstructionist study of the Life of St Margaret of Antioch, Robyn knew she is at heart, a creative writer. Her debut novel, *The anchoress*, published in 2015, explores the struggle to recognise and accept the intimate relationship of the body and the spiritual. A second novel, *Book of Colours*, published early 2018, set in the workshop of a group of illuminators in fourteenth-century London, investigates questions of power and creativity.

[Learn more about Robyn at <http://www.robyncadwallader.com/>.

Her publications include a book on poetry *i painted unafraid* Wakefield Press 2009 and *We Are Better Than This: Essays addressing policies on asylum seekers*, ATF Press 2015, edited by Robyn.]

Alan

loves the dirt and dust of the local and international. He's been involved in education and research for over three decades; and reflection on the mix of human culture and faith even longer. He delights in exploring the minutiae of ancient manuscripts, savouring subtle layers of red wine and digging the dirt of veggie patch or archeological site. For him, the spiritual is concretely experienced and evoked in the material world. Alan writes out of the Centre for Public and Contextual Theology at Charles Sturt University.



[Search out some of Alan's latest publications at <https://researchoutput.csu.edu.au/en/persons/alan-cadwallader/publications/>

Alan edited a series of three books of essays on sexuality – *Five Uneasy Pieces*, 2011, *Pieces of Ease and Grace*, 2013, and *Kaleidoscope of Pieces*, 2016; and his book *Beyond the Word of a Woman: Recovering the Bodies of the Syrophenician Women*, each published by ATF Press 2008.]