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The largest Bug Safari program to be held in the South Pacific Division provided an effective model for the young, demonstrating that community involvement is not just reserved for adulthood. The children's evangelistic program saw many non-Adventists attending, with some now regulars at Sabbath school.

Kids catch buzz of God's love

Kellie Hancock

More than 190 children buzzed into Bug Safari—an evangelistic kid's holiday club—on the Nunawading schools estate, Melbourne, Vic, January 20-25. Adventist children were encouraged to invite their non-Adventist friends and 60 children who attended were from non-Adventist homes. Some of them are now attending Sabbath school.

“We chose to run the program in this format to demonstrate that even the smallest of churches can have the pleasure of running programs for community kids by combining with another church,” says Julie-Anne Truscott, children's ministries director for the Victorian Conference. Six local churches—Ringwood, Wantirna, Burwood, Nunawading, Ferntree Gully and Lilydale—caught the vision and ran the program as a team. Of the 99 volunteers who gave up their holidays and family time, 35 were high school and uni students.

At least one unchurched family has started reading the Bible together since their kids attended Bug Safari. “I love Bug Safari,” said one six-year-old boy. “I wish there were 1000 more days so I could keep going.”

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Keeping the dream alive

As you read this, I will be at the Kikhavn Convention Centre in Denmark, where youth directors and volunteers from various unions of the Trans-European Division are participating in a leadership convention. Word about the youth Underground movement has travelled afar, and the South Pacific Division has been invited to share this dream that has revitalised our youth and has the potential to reshape the church in our part of the world.

There is a sense of synergy across the ministries of the church with initiatives such as Homes of Hope, Natural Church Development and Go One Million; the Underground flows in the same stream.

Launched in 2001, the Underground is a movement of young people committed to knowing and experiencing God in the community of a small group. We're giving ministry back to our people, equipping and empowering them to serve, and to be Spirit-filled witnesses for God's kingdom.

Inspired by our rich church heritage and based on the principles of Acts 2:42-47, the movement was born as an urgent response to some trends that have crept into our midst over the years, namely:

Baptism—graduation versus beginnings: Scripture speaks of baptism as a "new birth" experience, as a time of beginnings where "newborn babies crav[ing] pure spiritual milk" (1 Peter 2:2*) are nurtured and taught to grow into maturity. In practice, however, we've tended to practise baptism as more of a graduation ceremony, where the candidates wear their graduation gowns and are given their certificate for having completed a course. Teachers then turn their attention away from the graduates to look for new students.

Believers—spectators versus servants:

Scripture says that "to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7) and that the role of leaders is to "prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:12). Again, in practice we have a large majority of our members functioning as spectators and depriving themselves of the real joys of kingdom life.

Spiritual life—seventh-day versus seven days: Going through my primary Sabbath school years, I used to sing, "One, two, three, four, five, six for us—the seventh is for Jesus. . . ." While conveying the special nature of the Sabbath, I wonder sometimes whether that song has not influenced us to pile up all our spiritual activities on the "special day" and breathe a sigh of relief when the sun goes down on Sabbath evening and we can resume doing our own thing. But Scripture speaks of spending our whole life, 24/7—all day, seven days a week—as a "living sacrifice."

Our youth—keeping versus sending: There's a lot of talk about "losing our young people" and our need to "keep them in the church," so—and too often—our youth leaders are tempted to jump through all kinds of hoops, burning themselves out in an attempt to find ways to be entertaining. But Jesus has a different solution: He said, "Therefore go . . ." and, again, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (Acts 28:19). His way of keeping youth is to inspire, equip and send.

The church—looking at us versus looking at God: A well-intentioned piece of advice that is often given to new believers is, "Don't look at us, look at God." The underlying message is, *With all your idealism as a new believer, you will encounter discouragement*

if you take time to consider how we relate to one another and how at times we might treat you. So you will be better off looking at God. On the other hand, Jesus points out that He has placed His church in the world as the evidence of His incarnation: "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me," and, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 17:23; 13:35). Jesus invites the world to look at us as a reflection of His kingdom.

The Underground movement is a deliberate attempt to respond to the above trends. It is challenging young people to draw from our church's heritage, to step up and by the Spirit to bring into reality a community of hope where God will be pleased to bring His countless lost children who are seeking meaning and purpose in a hopeless world.

Our purposes are: Building to be stronger; Seeking to be closer; Knowing to be wiser; Serving to be kinder; and, Reaching to be bigger.**

We need your prayers, your support and encouragement as we follow the dream that the Lord has planted in our hearts for this generation.

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—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● **Owen Ellis** is the new **education director** for the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC). He

was appointed last year, and took up his appointment at the end of January 2003. Mr Ellis brings to the role a good understanding of the New Zealand integrated education system along with a keen interest in the Cook Islands and the French territories. According to reports, Mr Ellis was “a very popular choice” in the NZPUC.



● **Jerry Unser** has joined the **Rocfish** team this year as **chaplain**. He is the founder of STORM Co, author of the Underground

leaders manual, and a youth consultant for the South Pacific Division. **David Reed**, Rocfish business manager, says, “We felt it was vital to **build a solid spiritual foundation** with our new US team [three young people have recently been selected to expand the Rocfish ministry internationally] before we take any further steps with this ministry.”



● Classes commenced for the first time this year at **Noosa Christian College**,

Qld. In December five portable classes and an amenities block arrived on 11 semitrailers and were lifted into place. “An



Medical missionaries answer Solomons emergency call



Dr Ronald Dierwechter and his wife, Jewell, a nurse, have travelled more than 12,000 kilometres to answer an emergency call.

The couple, from Iowa in the United States, have served for a third time as short-term volunteers at Atoifi Adventist Hospital in the Solomon

Islands. They also volunteered at the former Sopas Adventist Hospital in Papua New Guinea.

Dr Percy Harrold, the associate health director for the South Pacific Division, is impressed with the Dierwechters' selflessness. “Ron and Jewell aren't Adventists, but they've volunteered again to help us as we've been short of medical staff.”

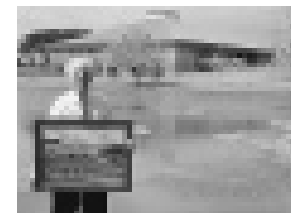
Dr Harrold challenges more Australian and New Zealand doctors to volunteer at Atoifi. “Dr Lemuel Lecciones, the medical director, is helping to change the lives of tens of thousands of people. He appreciates all the help he can get.”—*Brenton Stacey*

instant school, you might say,” says **Ross Reid**, principal. “The college is running a five-day-per-week Prep program along with Grades 1-6 this year, with one grade level added each year till we've grown to Year 12.”

● The Victorian **Pinnacle of Terror** has relocated to **Queensland**. Just before Christmas a Christian organisation called Higher Ground took ownership of the Victorian Pinnacle unit with the intention of operating it as a Pinnacle franchise in Qld. Now Pinnacle programs are in Tasmania, two in Victoria, and one in Queensland. “Higher Ground has been operating adventure-based programs for young people both in schools and at youth camps for a number of years in Queensland, so they have more than

enough experience to successfully operate a Pinnacle program,” says Pinnacle director **Brendan Scale**. A new Pinnacle is being completed by **Elwyn Scale** so the Victorian Pinnacle program can continue.

● Correction: The **cover photo**, RECORD, January 25, of Harold Peters standing in front of the new church at Pacific Adventist University (PAU), PNG,



was taken by **Mike Tarburton**. The painting held by Dr Peters was

painted by **Bryan Paul** (not Jeffrey Paul), PAU's fine arts lecturer, printing press manager, photographer and resident artist.

● Tweed Valley College, NSW, is the **first college in Murwillumbah to own a bus**.

The 12-seater commuter bus will be used for transporting students to the college from the Kingscliff-Tweed area, initially catering for pre-kindy, kindy and the younger students. The bus will also be used for transporting students to excursions and sporting events.—*Lee-Anne Dobson*



● The **Australian Gospel Songwriting Competition**, open to all Aussie citizens and permanent residents, closes July 31. More information is available online at <www.nationalgospelhappening.org/songcomp.htm>.

● Developing **tensions in the Middle East** are viewed with concern by Seventh-day Adventist leaders, said Larry Colburn, assistant to the General Conference president. "We're an international Christian organisation, established in nearly every country of the world," he said. "It is only natural for a **Christian community to be concerned about the human dimension** of any conflict, for our own believers and everyone that may be

affected. When a conflict develops, innocent people are affected." He said, "We pray, but we also plan ahead in order to be ready for emergency situations that may require special attention. While we do well to be prepared, as a Christian community **we should continue to pray** that the winds of strife would be calmed and the conflict will not develop into tragic consequences, often beyond control. War is always the worst option."—ANN

● Police and fire officials in Russia are investigating a **fire that destroyed an Adventist church** in the city of Saransk, east of **Moscow**, in February. After an initial inspection of the site, authorities concluded that **arson** was the most likely cause. Adventist leaders in the region say they are concerned about the **increasing violence directed against members of minority religions**. In November the son of an Adventist pastor was attacked by knife in the city of Nizhnekamsk, and in December a nightwatchman was killed at an Adventist church in Cheboksary.—ANN

● The **World Prayer Center** in Colorado Springs, USA, has launched a low-key initiative intended to fulfil its vision of mobilising global prayer for world evangelisation. The complex is home to the new World Prayer Team, a **round-the-clock Internet-based effort** to link millions of **intercessors around the globe**. Members of the team, who can sign up for free, receive weekly email prayer alerts, and can join with others in responding to prayer requests—including major current events and personal concerns—streamed live at the World Prayer Center's web site. Visitors there are welcomed by an inflation of Jesus' words: "Where two or three million are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

Days and offerings

March 22—Conclusion of Youth Week of Prayer.

April 12—World Mission Budget Offering.

Off the record

● **Cassie Brown**, a member of Maitland church, NSW, is **14 years old** and has **cerebral palsy**. In 2001 the Starlight Foundation granted her wish to **swim with dolphins**. Until that time she had no confidence in swimming on her own, yet after her dolphin experience she gained confidence and began swimming lessons.



In June 2002, Ms Brown began coaching with the NSW Wheelchair Sports Association, and on her first swim meet won medals in freestyle and backstroke. In August 2002, she competed in the State Swimming Championships for disabled athletes and won two gold medals while swimming two personal-best times. Ms Brown now **holds the Australian age record for backstroke** and is in training for the national title at the Junior National Games for the Disabled in Adelaide this coming April.—North Point

Both Canberra churches involved

Members from the South Canberra Adventist church, ACT, joined those from Canberra National to organise short-term emergency accommodation for victims of the bushfires in Canberra in January (Newsfront, February 8).

"The bushfires were a traumatic introduction to the city," says Pastor Graham Wynniatt, the new minister at South Canberra.

Pastor Wynniatt and his wife, Jean, and 15 members of the church—seven of whom were young adults—helped at the disaster-recovery centres under Julie Nagle. She is the **ADRACare** area coordinator elect for the Australian Capital Territory and south-east New South Wales, and a member of South Canberra church.

Pastor Wynniatt says some of his members have also been baking food for families who have lost their houses. "The bushfires have ignited a community spirit." Tony Bean worked with Ms Nagle to coordinate Canberra National's response to the bushfires in his role as that church's **ADRACare** leader.—Brenton Stacey

● Some **50 teens** of 107 attending the North New South Wales Conference teen camp at **Yarrahappini** this summer made **decisions for baptism**—a large number of them from a non-Adventist background. A pre-organised baptism was held at the beach on the last Sabbath of the teen camp. Pictured at the baptism are (L-R): **Pastor Wayne French, Fleur Clunne-Long, Courtney Phugh** and **Pastor Bevan Craig**.

The girls shared in their testimony that it was staff at the summer camps they'd attended over the past few years who had shown them what Jesus was really like. Pastor Craig says, "This is a tribute to our own young people and their enthusiasm for sharing their faith."



Adventist books translated to local languages

Moscow, Russia

Millions of citizens in Central Asia and the Caucasus Mountains region can now read Seventh-day Adventist books in their local languages.

“Our pastors and members were begging for materials in other languages, but we had nothing to give them,” says Pastor Wilmar Hirle, publishing director for the Euro-Asia Division. “So we set a big goal last year: to translate at least three books for each of these eight countries where Russian is not the major tongue. We didn’t even know where we would find translators in some countries. But somehow, with many miracles, we reached the goal and even surpassed it. Many of the books are already printed.”

During the past nine months, Adventist books on health, family and spiritual topics have been translated into the dominant languages of Armenia, Georgia,



Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan. Until now, the church in Eurasia had printed most books only in Russian, Ukrainian or Moldovan.

Most people in the former Soviet nations can understand some Russian,

but that is changing as new generations grow up speaking the original national languages of Central Asia and the Caucasus region.

Nadezhda Devyatkina, publishing director for the Southern Union Conference in the Euro-Asia Division, says that more than 30 per cent of the nearly 55 million people who live in that territory do not read Russian. “We have two urgent needs,” she says. “One is for literature in local languages, but the other is for literature evangelists who can speak these languages.”

Pastor Hirle says the next step will be to continue translating other books and to develop new materials that more precisely meet the needs of various people groups. “We need to do even more,” he says. “People need to read about God in the language that touches their hearts.”—*Rebecca Scoggins/ANN*

Aussies bring men’s choir from Philippines to Australia

Brenton Stacey

Two expatriate Australians are bringing a 30-voice men’s chorale from the Philippines to Australia in the next two months.

Harley and Judith Stanton are the honorary president and the choral director of Men of Praise.

“The group brings a rich sound that builds a sense of confidence in people and brings fulfilment to the men themselves,” says Dr Stanton, a former associate health director of the South Pacific Division.

Mrs Stanton has formal qualifications from a number of music colleges in Australia and the United Kingdom. “It’s rewarding seeing the members of the chorale reach their full musical potential and perform at such a high standard,” she says.

Men of Praise will perform at concerts in Brisbane, Alstonville, Cooranbong, Sydney, Canberra, Launceston, Hobart and Melbourne over 12 days in April and May.

The accompanist and associate director is Harold Galang, a concert pianist who has performed in Europe and studied in Japan and the United States. He is currently Officer in Charge of the Philippine Women’s University College of Music.

Fourteen-year-old soprano Jen Jen Dayo is also performing with the chorale. “Her voice is a rare gift,” says Mrs Stanton.



Men of Praise will be in Australia during April and May.

The chorale, formed in 2001 by an Australian Filipino who sang in a similar group under Mrs Stanton in Sydney, has already performed at the Philippine International Convention Centre. It has also released an album, “At Break of Day,” recorded at the Trinity Cathedral in Manila last year.

Tickets for all concerts except Cooranbong and Sydney are \$A10 for adults, \$A5 for children and \$A25 for families. Visit the Events section of the Adventist Church’s web site <www.adventist.org.au>.

Rwanda pastor found guilty

Adventist News Network

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) sentenced a former Seventh-day Adventist administrator, Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, to 10 years in prison and his son, Gerard, to 25 years in prison for their roles in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

In a statement about its February 19 decision, the United Nations tribunal said that Gerard Ntakirutimana, 45, a medical doctor practising at the Mugonero Adventist Hospital, was convicted of genocide and of crimes against humanity (murder), and Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, 78, was convicted of aiding and abetting in genocide.

“The Rwandan tragedy—the senseless loss of thousands of lives—cannot be forgotten,” says Ray Dabrowski, communication director at the General Conference. “Christians should reject violence as a means of conflict resolution. The heart of the Christian message is reconciliation, compassion and love, which transcend any differences of language, race or nationality.”

Since allegations against the Ntakirutimanas first surfaced, Adventist officials have urged a resolution of the charges through appropriate legal forums. The church has cooperated fully with the United Nations tribunal and with defence lawyers for the Ntakirutimanas.

Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, a Rwandan national who had lived in retirement near Laredo, Texas, since 1994, was indicted by the ICTR in June 1996. He was arrested in September of that year and extradited from the United States in early 2000 to stand trial in Tanzania. At the time of the Rwandan war, he served as president of the church’s South Rwanda Field.

According to the ICTR, the Ntakirutimanas jointly faced two indictments: the “Mugonero” indictment with five counts and the “Bisesero” indictment with seven counts. The indictments charged the accused with genocide, in the alternative complicity in genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide as well as crimes against humanity.

The father and son allegedly participated

in killings and attacks against “a large number of men, women and children” who sought refuge in the Mugonero Adventist complex as well as in the area of Bisesero, both located in Kibuye Prefecture.

The statement said that the tribunal judges “examined in detail all of the prosecution’s allegations against the accused and found that there was insufficient evidence against either of them on the counts of complicity in genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide, crimes against humanity (extermination), crimes against humanity (other inhumane acts) contained in both indictments, and the count of serious violations of the Geneva Conventions contained in the Bisesero indictment.”

Throughout the 12-month-long trial in Arusha, Tanzania, the Ntakirutimanas have argued their innocence.

The ICTR said the judges delivered a unanimous verdict and, subject to any appeal, the father and son will serve their sentences in the prisons of one of the countries with which the tribunal has an agreement for the enforcement of sentences. The tribunal has now convicted 10 accused and acquitted one.

Leaders from the General Conference and the church in Rwanda have worked on reconciliation among church members and the general community. In March 1998, a series of major “reconciliation conferences” were sponsored by the Adventist Church, and were aimed at promoting frank discussions and rebuilding trust between rival tribes.

Adventist minister Esdras Mpyisi, once adviser to the former king of Rwanda, led out in the talks in which representatives from warring factions determined to work together toward mutual tolerance and understanding.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has some 350,000 members in Rwanda and operates three schools, one hospital and nine clinics around the country. An estimated 10,000 Adventist Church members lost their lives in the intertribal conflict of 1994.

Baptisms the aim of new life-development seminar

Brenton Stacey

Pastor Peter Jack is developing a follow-up to the Taking Charge of Your Life and Living Your Dreams seminars. Taking Charge of Your Future will focus on prophecy.

“We felt we needed a series of doctrinal presentations that would result in decisions for baptisms,” says Pastor Chester Stanley, the president of the Australian Union Conference. “We’re impressed with the drafts we’ve seen.”

Adventist Media and the Australian and New Zealand Pacific Unions are funding Pastor Jack—whose title is now interunion media evangelist—over the next two years.

Pastor Jack says Taking Charge of Your Life and Living Your Dreams appeal to a different group of people—such as professionals and students—from those who attend archaeological or health seminars.

“The relational style of the seminars [Taking Charge of Your Life focuses on relationships, while Living Your Dreams focuses on spirituality] appears to be part of the answer to the question about how to communicate effectively in this postmodern era,” he says.

He will continue presenting and training others to present Taking Charge of Your Life and Living Your Dreams.



Pastor Peter Jack.

Cafe church reaching unchurched youth

Helsinki, Finland

In a cafe in Helsinki, Finland, a young man discovers the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He has visited this place several times and, after talking with the people there, indicates that he wants to become a Christian.

Café-Seed is an example of a growing network of church-planting projects across the Trans-European Division of the Adventist Church. This Christian meeting place, the first for the church in Finland, provides programs targeted for unchurched youth and young adults. There are also similar cafes in Copenhagen, Denmark.

A team of young Adventist church members brings to Café-Seed gospel bands, music programs and concerts, seed forums, spiritual programs, art exhibits, international programs with worship services in English and Russian, an Internet cafe and reading corner, and invites those present to attend small-group meetings. They also hold discussions on cultural and religious issues.

The live concerts include contemporary gospel music in a variety of musical styles, instrumental and vocal soloists, troubadours and African music. "The artists are not paid," says Sibrina

Kalliokoski, secretary for the Finland Union Conference. "They come because they want to perform in Café-Seed.

"The aim is to [become] friends with them and then lead them into the Café-Seed church, which is in the process [of developing]," she says.

"The Wednesday- and Saturday-night programs are Seed-Live programs and can be viewed live on the Internet at <www.café-seed.net>. It is network evangelism, get-connected evangelism, small-group evangelism. It makes it easier for a secular person to cross the line of religion. It gives young people the possibility to witness in a way they feel at home with."

Café-Seed is one of five church-planting projects in Helsinki that has, so far, established a network of 15 small home groups with more than 40 attending, according to Pastor Peter Roennfeldt, church-planting coordinator for the region.

"The small groups are doing well," says Pastor Atte Helminen, a Helsinki minister who is coaching and directing the Café-Seed team. "They are all building up their



Café-Seed—a church plant project in Finland—targets unchurched young adults by presenting gospel bands, music programs and concerts, spiritual programs, art exhibitions, international worship services, an Internet-Café and reading corners.

identity as evangelistic small groups."

Pastor Helminen adds that regular training for leaders, coaches and coordinators is vital for the effective small-group network developing throughout the city.

According to Pastor Roennfeldt, pastors and church planters in Helsinki are planning to hold an evangelistic worship service for all of the groups. "The idea is that a carefully planned service will provide a setting to invite cafe contacts, small-group members and friends," he says.—ANR/Wendi Rogers/ANN

Breakthrough in Cambodia; hundreds baptised in Phnom Penh

The first-ever public evangelistic series to be held by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cambodia was held recently.

Over the two weekends of the series, nearly 800 people were baptised, increasing the number of Adventist believers in the city of Phnom Penh by 400 per cent.

Dr Jan Paulsen, General Conference (GC) president, and Dr Michael Ryan, director of the GC Global Mission operation, were the main speakers for the 11-day event. Dr Paulsen spoke of the years of suffering that the Cambodian people have endured, and told the 1800

people present that peace, forgiveness and hope for the future can be found only in Jesus Christ.

During the past three decades this South-East Asian country has experienced the horror of wars, genocide and famine. Beginning in 1975, communist dictator Pol Pot instituted a four-year regime of terror.

The handful of Adventist believers in Cambodia scattered during these years of terror and subsequent famine. The Adventist Church in Cambodia dates from only 1992. Since that time, a Global Mission initiative has seen a community of just over 3000 church members established in

congregations around the country.

Nightly attendance at the evangelistic meetings varied between 1700 and 2000 people—figures that surprised local church leaders. In this predominantly Buddhist country of more than 12 million people, only a small number are Christians.

"None of these people had ever seen an evangelistic series before," says Denzil McNeilus, president of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries, which joined with Global Mission to sponsor the event. "The atmosphere was phenomenal; people are thrilled with the message," he says.—Bettina Krause/Ansel Oliver/ANN

Developing a passion for God

by Bruce Manners



You find the newest president in the church in Australia in the South New South Wales Conference, based in Canberra.

Pastor Gary Webster began his new role in September last year. Before this he was the pastor of the South Canberra church.

“Believe me, it was right out of left field to be asked to take on this responsibility. It took everyone by surprise, including me. ‘Gary who?’ they asked, when my name was read out.”

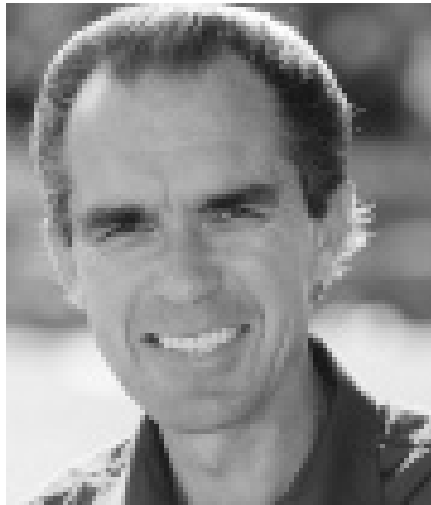
He says he’s excited about his new role because he senses God’s Spirit at work in the conference: “In the past two years the conference has seen the strongest growth per capita of any conference in Australia and New Zealand.”

He points to a number of reasons for this: “First, we have spiritual pastors, principals, teachers and lay leaders in our churches and schools. That’s critical. Members and students seldom rise higher than their leaders.

“Second, our pastors and members have been involved in many forms of outreach. Public evangelism and prophecy seminars are alive and well—just last year 27 people were baptised in the Griffith church largely as a result of two evangelistic campaigns. There has been letterboxing of Adventist Media correspondence courses; *Search* videos offered through TV advertising; and youth STORM Co outreaches—one helped establish a group of believers at Walaga Lake near Cobargo.

“We’ve seen success among indigenous Australians—in Dubbo a number of people were recently baptised through the faithful work of Pastor Nemani Toga and his wife. Health outreach is continuous through health assessments at country shows, and the Cedervale Health Retreat has led people to Christ and His church, with two helping to plant a new church in Tumarumba.

“Church members and pastors have



been the hands and feet of Christ through ADRAcare activities, especially during the recent fires in NSW and the ACT. Even the Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the help Adventist church members gave during the fires that destroyed more than 500 homes in Canberra.

“Third, our teachers and pastors at our four Adventist schools team up to make disciples of the children who attend. It’s exciting to hear from our principals of schoolchildren being baptised.”

He’s also excited because small groups and church planting is taking off in the conference. “Just last Sabbath (February 22) we organised a new church in Tumarumba. This was largely church-member driven, as is another church plant in the Yass area. Other plants south of Wollongong and along the coast are growing. God is at work and it’s thrilling to be part of His action,” he says.

But he believes God wants more, much more of his church. “While we’re so grateful for what God has done and is doing, it’s only the beginning. People all around us don’t know Christ, and unless they hear and accept the good news of God’s love, they will be lost—eternally lost! That matters to God, and it should matter to every Seventh-day Adventist.

“The church must always remember that

it exists for only one reason—to make disciples, to reproduce Jesus in the lives of everyone everywhere! To make people who, like Jesus, love God passionately with everything they have, and who love others as Jesus loves them.”

He stresses that the key to bring this about is genuine spirituality in our churches through people who themselves are disciples of Jesus, with a passion for God and compassion for others.

“The number-one priority of church pastors, lay leaders and administrators must be to help our people develop such a deep passion for God that they are willing to ask, ‘God, I love you so much. What do You want me to do or stop doing in order to bring glory to Your name?’ Without that, nothing will ever happen!

“One of my major objectives will be to encourage and help our people read more of the Bible and Ellen White’s writings so they might know God better and discover His will in all areas of their life. Sounds old fashioned, but it has a proven track record.

“Our mission is about active love for those inside and outside God’s family (Christ’s second great commandment),” he says. He sees small groups playing a critical role in fulfilling Christ’s second command.

“Thank God, small groups are forming around our conference. For example, both head elders of our two churches in Canberra are actively involved in a small group that’s attempting to plant a cell church following a city-wide evangelistic campaign this year. That’s exciting!”

To further help care for church members and reach lost people, he points to two initiatives, requested by the conference pastoral team: “The conference has been organised into four districts in order for the pastors in those regions to meet more regularly to encourage each other.

“And the pastors requested the opportunity to work together on outreach

Right, wrong, right

by W A Townend

projects each year. Two projects are planned this year. They're fantastic initiatives. Our pastors are modelling the idea that church is about building each other up in the Lord and bringing others into the family."


How would he like to see the conference in five years time? "I see churches with many small groups building each other up and reaching out to lost people. In my mind I picture warm churches where members really care about each other and are reaching out in a multitude of ways to their relatives, neighbours, friends and school- and work-mates.

"I see various forms of health outreach playing a critical role. I see members bringing their friends to evangelistic campaigns in places such as Parkes, Cowra, Canberra, Albury-Wodonga, Wagga Wagga and Dubbo where they accept Christ and become part of God's family. I envisage new churches planted in Canberra and down the coast from plans now being put into motion. New schools are being added, schools that really make a difference in the lives of pupils, parents and the surrounding community."

He sees a number of challenges in fulfilling this dream.

"We desperately need more literature evangelists. As a church we must recapture the importance of our health message and its place in touching lives, as it did in the ministry of Jesus. And we need to help our schools reach their evangelistic potential.

"One of our greatest challenges is the need to help our churches to be less dependent on our pastors. Our pastors' time must be freed up so they can follow Jesus' model of ministry—to proclaim the gospel themselves, and train and equip others for service.

"However, the greatest challenge is our own individual priorities. Many of us are so busy that we have no time for our Lord and His children. Most of us need to change our priorities to have more time to know God better, and to do the one thing we were all called into Christ to do—to make disciples. 

Bruce Manners is the editor of the RECORD. This is one of a series of interviews with conference presidents of Australia.



Made right; went wrong; put right; kept right; forever right. The full circle of your life and mine as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ is on display in this nutshell of truth.

Seven times God said and it happened: light; then "expanse" and dry ground; vegetation; lights in the sky; sea creatures and land animals (Genesis 1:3-25).

Again God spoke, but this time it didn't happen. That wasn't a breakdown in creation, but a definite and dramatic change in the process. When God said "Let us make man" (Genesis 1:26)*, he didn't immediately appear, for God formed him from the dust of the ground. He not only made him right; He also established an intimate, personal relationship with us.

As surely as we were made right in Adam we went wrong in Adam, totally wrong (Genesis 3:1-7). This bewildering mess—sin—is everywhere. *Sin* is an unpopular word, but it's as real as it is unpopular, and as present as it is nasty. Sadly, we're all part of the sin scene (Romans 3:20-23).

God has a plan for making us right again. Totally right, righteous—the character or quality of being right and just at all times and under all circumstances. That's beyond human reach: "But now a righteousness from God . . . has been made known. . . . This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe . . . justified [put right] freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:21-24).

It's what Jesus has done for us, not what we have done, that puts us right. This is humanly incredible, but divinely true. This is often called justification: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

To be *put* right is one thing, but what about being *kept* right? This is a dilemma in view of Paul's admission, "I know that

nothing good lives in me" (Romans 7:18).

We are put right by God, not ourselves, and we're kept right the same way. This experience is referred to as sanctification.

As believers we all desire the experience John writes about, "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin" (1 John 2:1). But we do sin—all of us. However, the promise is "if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One" (1 John 2:1).

It's still what Jesus does for us, not what we do—even when we don't sin! When Christ dwells in our hearts through faith (Ephesians 3:14), we're being kept right.

Right forever? Forever is a dimension we can't fully understand. It goes beyond where we live (in time) and reaches God's realm. In our first parents, Adam and Eve, we started life in a "very good" new world (Genesis 1:31) inhabited by two perfect people (Genesis 2:22, 23), but with the possibility of the world and the people in it being marred by sin (Genesis 3:14).

In the forever world of heaven, it can't happen again. Satan, the source of human failure and sin, has been destroyed and his evil angels with him (Revelation 20:7-10).

For all of us who were *made right* and *went wrong* and by faith in Jesus were *put right* and *kept right*, there will be the eternal experience of *forever right*.


Made right: Creation, God's work.

Went wrong: The Fall, human doing.

Put right: Justification, God's work.

Kept right: Sanctification, God's work.

Forever right: Glorification, God's work.

Let's hold firm to the hand of Jesus—our faith is in Him, not in ourselves. 

**All Bible quotations are from the NIV.*

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Doctrinal development studied

by Arthur Patrick



When I took up advanced theological studies in 1973, the issue of doctrinal change immediately caught my attention, “ Dr Rolf Poehler states in the preface of one of his books, entitled *Continuity and Change in Christian Doctrine** (Peter Lang, Frankfurt, 1999).

God changes not. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Should the Christian faith, therefore, be static? Not according to Poehler. And he has credentials that make his testimony impressive.

By 1975 Poehler had earned a Master of Divinity degree *summa cum laude* from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Michigan, USA). Three years later he wrote a study on early Adventist history that caught my eye, leading me to expect more from a researcher who demonstrated such thoroughness and skill.

But for long years Poehler seemed invisible, immersed as he was in pastoral and leadership duties back in Europe. Only one more of the 100 articles and book chapters he wrote filtered down to the Southern Hemisphere.

Finally, in 1995 Poehler completed a Doctor of Theology degree at Andrews University, supervised by Dr Raoul Dederen. University Microfilms International of Michigan has available almost every doctoral dissertation accepted in the United States since 1861. So the Avondale College library could secure a copy of Poehler's magnum opus: 591 pages of fascinating reading.

Better news still: Poehler has since published his dissertation in two volumes: the slim one named above and the other, *Continuity and Change in Adventist Teaching* (Peter Lang, Frankfurt, 2000).

This two-part study is exciting because Poehler has researched his 1973 issue of doctrinal change more thoroughly in

Christian and Adventist sources than any other mortal has chosen to do. Part of the proof of that is plain to see in his bibliography of 94 pages. Now, any diligent student can create a long list of relevant sources. But Poehler understands the vast literature that bears on his topic, and he stands on the shoulders of many competent writers who have already researched aspects of his theme.

No-one can claim any longer that Christianity is a static religion. Jesus was sensitive to what the disciples could “bear” while He was still with them and promised the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth (John 16:12, 13). The richness of truth embodied in the Scriptures has challenged His followers for 20 centuries. Adventist evangelists celebrate this reality as they invite people to accept “the truth as it is in Jesus” (to use a cherished refrain from Ellen White's writings).

What about Seventh-day Adventists? Poehler's second volume documents “the historical reality of doctrinal development” in our peripheral teachings, fundamental doctrines and distinctive beliefs. Then he explores the nature and direction of doctrinal development through seven eras of Adventist history, identifying three concepts we have adopted.

The static approach presupposes doctrine is “unvarying,” whereas the opposite stance opts for “unrestrained change.” Neither is adequate. By contrast, Poehler is drawn toward the “dynamic approach” with its built-in safeguards. In this choice he has a lot of sterling company, like F M Wilcox who wrote in 1930: “The pioneers of this movement never claimed infallibility, nor do we claim it for them. We do, however, believe in the sincerity of heart and honesty of purpose which prompted their lives. Instead of censuring them for their limitation of vision and their lack of understanding divine revelation, we



honour them for their loyalty to truth as they saw it, for their honesty of heart in renouncing error as it was revealed to them, and for their lives of labour and sacrifice in the promulgation of the cause they espoused.”

The most important chapter in Poehler's books is surprisingly short—a mere 20 pages. Entitled “Prophetic authority and doctrinal change: An analysis,” it claims that Ellen White “exerted a significant influence on the development of Adventist doctrines, being actively involved in the formation, preservation, and revision of the teachings of the church.”

Not only did she surpass her fellow believers in the depth of her understanding, “but also in striking a balance between the need for theological continuity and substantial identity, on the one hand, and the possibility of theological revisions and doctrinal changes, on the other.”

Adventist pioneer John Andrews had a similar attitude. He declared, “I would exchange a thousand errors for one truth!” Thank God that Poehler has enabled Adventist studies to take another leap forward, more accurately understanding and faithfully applying our heritage. **R**

** Poehler's books are academic works not readily available in Australia or New Zealand, but can be ordered through Adventist Book Centres.*

Arthur Patrick is a church historian and academic who lives in active retirement in Martinsville, NSW.

Healthy eating for your skin and hair

You can spend money on the top-brand shampoos, conditioners, facial treatments and all manner of beauty bits and pieces, but have you tried “treating” your skin and hair from the inside? It’s amazing the difference a healthy-eating plan can make to your body. Here’s what you can do:

1. Colour your day with a wide variety of fruit and vegetables. They’re packed with great things for your skin and hair: vitamins (C, E, A and B-group); minerals (calcium, potassium); phytochemicals and dietary fibre. The effectiveness of vitamins and minerals is increased when eaten as whole foods (for instance, eating a piece of fruit versus a vitamin C pill). Enjoy a wide variety of colourful fruit and vegetables, either fresh, cooked, canned or frozen.

2. Choose wholemeal or wholegrain cereals and breads. The wholegrains you see in breads have extra nutrition, texture and taste. Refine the grains and you lose most of the dietary fibre and up to 80 per cent of the vitamins and minerals. The “extra added fibre” white breads don’t have the outer layers of the grain still intact. These outer layers are like storehouses of vitamins (B-group, including folate), minerals (zinc, copper, selenium) and phytochemicals.

3. Drink plenty of water. Water is the fluid your body needs most and staying hydrated enables your body to function more effectively. For your skin’s sake, staying hydrated enables your blood to carry out its role in effectively removing waste products (including toxins) from your body. Additionally, plenty of fluids can also help your skin stay hydrated, lessening the wrinkled appearance.

For more on the basics of healthy eating, please contact the Sanitarium Nutrition Service in Australia 1800 673 392 and <www.sanitarium.com.au> or New Zealand 0800 100 257 and <www.sanitarium.co.nz>.



Dear “uncaring” friend*

by Pearl Grey

Thank you for your candid thoughts. I know how hard it is to come to terms with a divorce between Christians. My beloved and I once looked into each other’s eyes and told each other that it would never happen to us. I believe in marriage, and one of the hardest things about divorce for me was the belief that we were in this together, for better or for worse. I tried hard to make things work.

So, what can you say to the divorced person? This is what helped me:

1. My church family didn’t take sides. They accepted us both.
2. It isn’t important to know why. There are always two sides to every divorce, but the truth has a way of making itself known—even if it does take some time. Thank you to those who just loved me and supported me in my pain and confusion.
3. Thank you to those who took my children away with their’s on family outings so I could take a few moments for myself.
4. Thank you to those retired men who realised my son needed a male role model. He has enjoyed working in your sheds and learning how to use tools.
5. Thank you to good friends who were prepared to let me express my pain. They truly listened without preaching.
6. Thank you to those who helped me

realise I wasn’t a failure. And those who encouraged me to try new things.

7. Thank you to those who helped me realise that if the parent is healthy and cared for, then the children will be.

8. Thank you for realising that it is a long road to recovery.

9. Thank you for sitting with me outside the family court and then waiting while I endured the difficult procedures within.

10. Thank you to those who prayed with me and encouraged my faith.

My dreams were shattered. Do I believe in marriage? Yes. How do you recover from this broken heart?

A French proverb says, “Write injuries in the sand, kindnesses in marble.” I will express my pain in sand and let the water wash it away. My children need to have forgiveness modelled for them. Perhaps a forgiving attitude and a loving spirit is somehow writing kindnesses in their lives.

Please, we need to live life as normally as possible. Just accept us now as you always did—my children and I will appreciate that. Thank you for your Christian love. ☺

**Referring to “From an ‘uncaring’ friend” in the February 1 issue.*

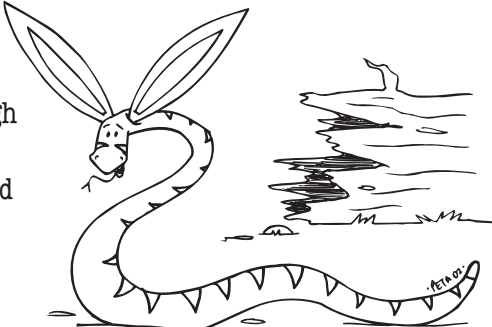
Pearl Grey is a pseudonym for a person who has been through divorce.

Just for children

WHAT IF ...

... snakes had rabbit ears?

Snakes don't need ears at all because they sense vibrations through the ground rather than hear sounds like we do. Big ears like these would make it hard to slither through the grass as well.



Sanitarium or Dick Smith?

Kevin Garrow, NSW

The alliance between the Sanitarium Health Food Company and Dick Smith Foods (DSF) raises a couple of interesting issues. First, will Sanitarium be changing its name to the Sanitarium Food Company, as DSF produces products such as jelly, biscuits and jams that are hardly health products?

Second, there have been advertisements in RECORD encouraging us to support both Sanitarium and DSF, so if one wishes to support the church and its endeavours, where should our allegiances lie when shopping?

Sanitarium responds: Sanitarium and Dick Smith Foods (DSF) operate as two independent companies with close ties. The Sanitarium brand will always maintain its stance on healthful eating choices and balanced diet. We recognise that consumers in general, as well as those conscious about healthful eating, will include treats such as biscuits in their diet occasionally. DSF provides some of these treats under the DSF brand. The church owns both companies, so please support both in your purchases and prayers.

Blessed assurance

Danny Bell, WA

I agree with the letter writer of "Salvation assured" (February 22) that in respect to this topic, the answers we give about salvation aren't good. There's mounting confusion, not a better understanding of the issue. Total redemption has always been a process and not an instant event.

When I accepted Christ and was baptised, I was saved from my past life of slavery to sin. If I'm asked the question "Are you saved?" in this context, I would have to answer yes (past tense), but now I face a different dilemma—the struggle with sin in the present. This still comes under the "saved" category, but it is something that is happening as I go along; it isn't finished yet.

Then there's the final procedure: if I endure unto the end in my relationship with Christ, then I will step through the holy

gates, mission accomplished—salvation.

So, please, don't ask me the obvious, for of course I'm saved—but I'm still here on this miserable planet awaiting the final processes, while all the while enjoying the freedom of my new-found friendship and care of Jesus along the way.

Gerry Leahy, Qld

There's been no shift in what we were taught 30 years ago in respect to salvation. "I'm being saved today, tomorrow—till harvest!" the late and great Pastor Bill Otto would retort when asked, "Are you saved?"

alternatives?" Letters, February 8), I would remind readers that this was once the case.

The vegetable garden at Kabiufa High School, Goroka, was once the pride of the Highlands and envy of other schools. Its produce was in demand throughout the country and even flown by charter to Port Moresby and other centres.

Run on sound business principles, it not only employed some 200 part-time students earning their fees and up to 30 permanent workers, it also returned a healthy dividend to the Papua New Guinea Union Mission. Why is this garden not still operating today?

Ponder Luke 15:2 and 1 John 5:13 and you'll have to suck a lemon to take the smile from your face.

his inference being the fact plus growth—the sanctified life. "Jesus is my Saviour," was the response of a former RECORD editor, Geoff Garne, when asked the same question by detractors, his inference being that with Jesus, it was game, set and match!

Ponder Luke 15:2 and 1 John 5:13 and you'll have to suck a lemon to take the smile from your face. In fact, there's been no change since about 4000 BC.

Another hi-tech annual

Glen King, NSW

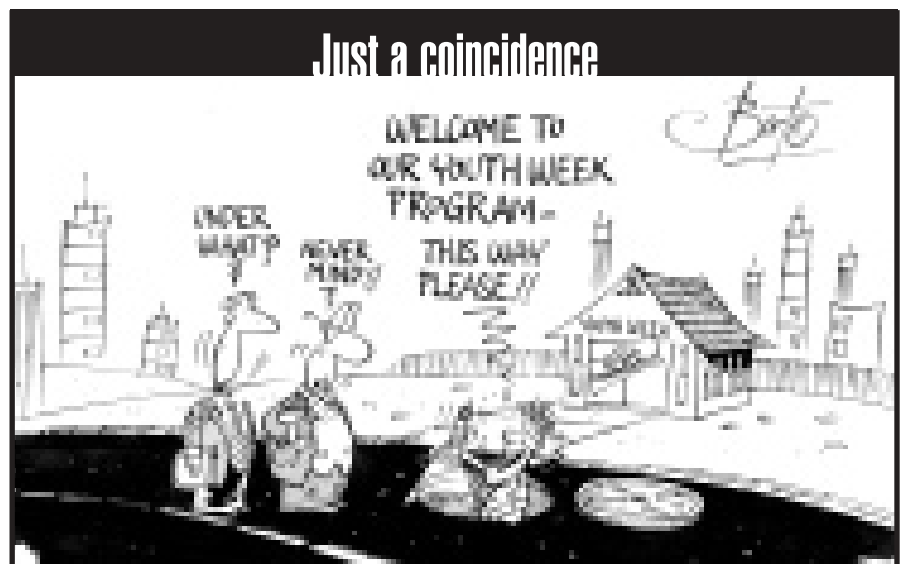
I congratulate Nunawading Adventist College (NAC), Vic, making the front page of RECORD (January 18) concerning their student memories CD. For the record, Macquarie College, NSW, also attached a multimedia CD to its 2002 yearbook, *Cooinda*. Art Department head Brad Cox and his team worked toward this goal over several years.

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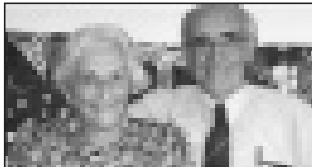
Peter Williams, Qld

In respect to industry helping finance the church in Papua New Guinea ("Financial



Anniversaries

Coombe, Les and Elma (nee Blair) were married on 8.2.43 at Ringwood Adventist church by Pastor Bill Hawken and gave many years of service to the church in youth ministry, church administration and pastoral ministry before their retirement at Alton Villas, Cooranbong, NSW. They cel-



brated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and relatives aboard the *Wangi Queen* on Lake Macquarie, on Sunday, 9.2.03. Their three children, Pastor Raymond, Graham and Glenda, with their spouses, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, join other family members and friends in acknowledging God's blessing on their marriage and wishing them His blessing for the future.

Hayward, Athol and Audrey (nee Maunder) were married at Tauranga, NNZ, on 12.1.43. They celebrated their 60th anniversary at Deception Bay. Athol and Audrey spent many years living in Manaia



and Tauranga; then they were sent by Lockwood Homes to help rebuild Darwin after Cyclone Tracy. They then settled in Sydney, where Audrey was well known for her healthful cooking. Their children, Aureen, Elton, Milson, Merril, Derwin and Peter are scattered all over Australia.

Macdonald, Douglas and Muriel (nee Sheppard) were married at Keitsley Avenue Adventist church in Durban, South Africa, on 29.12.42. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The secret to their long and successful marriage has been "total love for each other; total trust in each other; total and open communication with each other and a compassionate forgiveness when one makes a mistake."

Miller, Henry and Roma (nee Holman) met at Avondale College and were married at Coburg, Vic, on 10.12.42. Pastor Henry Miller finished his church employment as a minister, and in retirement serves as a chaplain at local hospitals and actively works in the community. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary



at their home at Woody Point, Qld. Their family and friends lovingly congratulate them.

Needham, Pastor Arthur and bride of 60 years, Mavis (nee Rosendahl), celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary with their family and friends on 26.1.03 at Cooranbong, NSW. Their years together have been devoted to the one purpose of telling others the greatest news possible. The "war years" (1943) wedding at Townsville, Qld, in the old "tabernacle," was conducted by "Taubada" Lock, who later married Mavis's mother after her father died. Congratulations to you both!

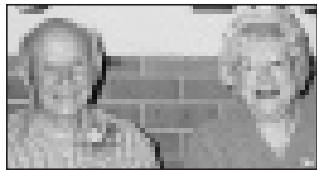


Roy, Eric and Nina (nee Stace) of Canberra, ACT, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on 26.12.02, together with their children and grandchildren and their respective spouses, in their home in Canberra. Surely we can praise God for this couple's selfless



work for others—17 years in Papua New Guinea—and dedication to each other. May God continue to richly bless them in their retirement years.

Smith, Don and Merle (nee Emmett) were married on 21.1.43 in Melbourne, Vic. They celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at the Windsor Adventist church hall, NSW, with their family and friends. They were presented with a beautiful crystal platter made by the Windsor pastor, James Fletcher,



cards and best wishes. Congratulatory messages were received from Her Majesty the Queen, the Governor-General, the Prime Minister, the Premier and other dignitaries. Don and Merle now reside at Bligh Park.

Tompson, Thomas and Peg (nee Turner) were married in Brisbane Central church on 20.11.52. Fifty years later, family and friends from the eastern states celebrated this couple's special commitment and their contribution to the Galston and Sydney communities. Sons, John and David, together with their families, led out in an afternoon of affirmation. Tom and Peg are

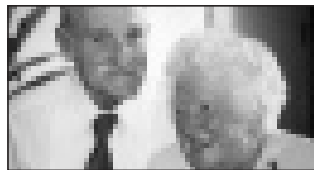
widely known for their Christian hospitality, friendship, humour and reliability.

Tully, Les and Nita celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 2.1.03 with family and friends at Casino, NSW, which was also the place of their marriage. Residents of Casino for the past 52 years, the couple have remained active in both the



church and community. Congratulatory messages were received from Her Majesty the Queen, the Prime Minister of Australia, and other dignitaries.

Walker, Harry and Dot were married on 22.9.42 by the late Pastor O K Anderson at the Morningside Adventist church, Brisbane, Qld. The Ipswich church family hosted a celebration dinner in their honour, which was attended by some of the original bridal attendants, as well as



relatives and many friends. Congratulatory messages were received from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, and Australian government officials.

Whyte, Moss and Marjorie were married at West End Baptist church in Adelaide, SA, on 24.12.42. Sixty years later, with 60



relatives and friends, they celebrated their diamond anniversary in the Trinity Gardens Adventist church. They parented two children, Ruth (deceased) and Alan; and have three grandchildren. Congratulatory messages from the Queen, the Governor-General and other notable identities were displayed at the celebration.

Wood, Ralph and Heather (nee Salmond) were married on 20.1.43 in Hamilton church, Newcastle, NSW. On 26.1.03, 72 family and friends gathered in Brisbane to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Alvin and Vernon. Pastor Wood is probably



best remembered by Avondale College students of the early 50s, when he was preceptor for four years. They are currently retired and living in their Kressville unit at Cooranbong, NSW.

Transfers

●**Fulori Bola**, from Fulton College, Trans-Pacific Union Mission (TPUM), to director of student services, Pacific Adventist University. ●**Neroli Devine**, from head of primary, Mountain View Adventist College, Greater Sydney Conference (GSC), Australian Union Conference (AUC), to assistant director of ladies residences, Avondale College. ●**Zane Edwards**, from departmental, AdCare and ADRA director, South New South Wales Conference (SNSWC), AUC, to associate departmental director, New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC). ●**Larissa Gredig**, an Avondale College secretarial graduate, to secretary, information systems and general conference audit services, South Pacific Division (SPD). ●**Anne Jackson**, from treasury department, SPD, to assistant accountant, NZPUC. ●**Kevin Judge**, from principal, Parkside Christian School, North New Zealand Conference (NNZC), NZPUC, to development director, Avondale College. ●**Gad Kioto**, from health director, TPUM, to health director, Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM). ●**Rein Muhlberg**, on permanent return from the Middle East Union Mission, Trans-European Division, to senior pastor, Parramatta church, GSC, AUC. ●**Talanga Pita**, from deputy principal, Fulton College, TPUM, to teacher, NNZC, NZPUC. ●**Colin Richardson**, from health director, PNGUM, to field minister, Parkes and Cowra churches, SNSWC, AUC. ●**Anton Selvaratnam**, from maths teacher, Sydney Adventist College, GSC, AUC, to maths teacher, Avondale College. ●**Graham Sutherland**, from field minister, NNZC, NZUC, to field minister, Tasmanian Conference, AUC. ●**Seti Tova**, from Tonga Mission, TPUM, to NNZC, NZPUC. ●**Douw Venter**, from field minister, South New Zealand Conference, NZPUC, to district director, Vanuatu Mission, northern district, TPUM.

Obituaries

Bates, Fay, born 25.3.1945 at Bundaberg, Qld; died 9.1.03 at home in Gunnedah, NSW. On 6.6.68 she married Ian. She is survived by her husband; her sons, Steven and Grant; her daughter, Veronica; her sister, Jenifer; and her brothers, Ian and Winston. Fay was a wonderful person, a loving friend, a practising Christian, and a devoted wife and mother. During her illness of five years she was a great example to all those who knew her.

Beth McMurtry
Maree Roach, Barbara Watson

Begg, Enid May, born 20.12.1927 at Murgon, Qld; died 13.12.02 at Newcastle, NSW. Enid married Bill, who predeceased


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her in 1997. She is survived by her children, Linda, Jeanette, Leone, Alvin and Anita; her 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Enid now rests in the hope that she will see Jesus with her family.

Max Hatton, Mark Venz

Bridge, Muriel Bernice Penglaze, born 22.12.1918 at Hampton, Vic; died 6.8.02 in Bethlehem Hospital, Caulfield. She is survived by her nephews, John and David Bridge (Vic); and her niece, Lyn (Tas). Bernice trained as a teacher, but during the war years worked for the government aircraft factory, Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund, and the Department of Defence. She later worked for Telecom until retirement. She had a passion for travel and visited 97 countries in her lifetime. She was a member of the Brighton church (Vic). *Paul Boeru, Randy Suson*

Carlson, Hazel Grace, born 18.12.1906 at Kenthurst, NSW; died 14.1.03 at Dubbo. On 19.12.28 she married Herman, who predeceased her on 23.8.80. She was also predeceased by her son, David, on 25.3.2000. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Colin Bennett (Dubbo); her daughter, Carole Kumar (Mount Colah); her daughter-in-law, Rosalind Carlson (Arcadia); her seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 25 foster children. Hazel was a gracious, friendly and caring person, and lived a very active and full life. She will be sadly missed by her family and the members of the Galston (NSW) church.

George Porter, Peter Theuerkauf

Chamberlain, Miriam Agatha Belle, born 5.8.1916 at Gawler, SA; died 17.1.03 in Southern Cross Care, Gawler. She was predeceased by her husband, Lionel, on 12.6.98; also her daughter, Helen Dekker, on 25.3.97. She is survived by her children, Lorraine Heinis, Ronald Chamberlain and Kaye Dodd (all of Gawler). Miriam was a wonderful mother, cook and homemaker; an accomplished pianist, a warm, outgoing and giving person; and served the church in various positions.

Will Grobler, Bryce Andrews

De Landgraft, Audrey Mavis, born 12.8.1926 at Goomalling, WA; died 20.1.03 at Sherwin Lodge, Rossmoynne. She is survived by her husband, Charles (Rossmoynne); her son, Rodney (Northam), her daughter, Helen Smith (Perth); and her foster daughter, Nannette Miller (Perth). Mavis was a musically talented lady (pianist). She loved her Saviour, her church and her family. *Keith Godfrey*

Dobson, Owen, born 12.8.1920 at Palmerston North, NNZ; died 3.1.03 at Nambour, Qld. On 12.8.41 he married Joan Coker. In 1983 he married Marge King, who predeceased him in 1999. He was also predeceased by his adopted son, Terry. He is survived by his children, Peter Dobson, Pauline Hewitt (both of Auckland, NNZ) and Lynette Coughran (Sydney, NSW); his brother, Phil (Kuluin, Qld); and his sister, Joyce James (Marton, NNZ). Owen never lost his interest in drilling (for water or oil) or in his love for his Lord. *Neil Tyler*

Volunteers needed

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Ferris, Ruby May (nee Chatman), born 8.11.1899 at Eugowra, NSW; died 22.1.03 in Brisbane, Qld. She was predeceased by her son, Ray, in 1946; also her husband, Norman, in 1958. She is survived by her daughters, Norma Crabtree and Marilyn Davey; her son, Ervin; her 13 grandchildren; her 38 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. In 1925 she married the late Pastor Norman Ferris, and together they spent many years in the Solomon Islands and Pitcairn. For five years, while Norman was preceptor at Avondale College, she became known as "Ma" to hundreds of college students. She lived a long and fruitful life; loved her family, her friends, her church, and most of all her God.

Ervin Ferris, Barry Crabtree

Glover, James Albert (Jim), born 11.4.1918 at Warragul, Vic; died 3.1.03 in Knox Hospital, Wantirna. On 15.7.46 he married Eileen Dawson. He is survived by his wife; his son, Neil; his sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and June, and Paul and Ruth; and his granddaughters, Katie and Rebecca. *Edwin Totenhofer*

Mackney, Eunice Alice, born 30.4.1929 at Mareeba, Qld; died 24.1.03 at Cairns. She was predeceased by her son, Bret, on 10.12.94. On 16.6.58 she married Hugh. She is survived by her husband; and her son, Breen (Picton, NSW). Eunice was a faithful member of the Cairns Adventist church. She will be fondly remembered for her gift in music and singing.

Kevin Robinson

Maynard, Josephine Vana, born 4.11.1928 in Fiji; died 4.1.03 at Redcliffe, Qld. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Marianne and Pastor Lance O'Neill. Lance studied with her in 1994; she accepted the Adventist faith and was baptised in the same year. She faithfully attended the Redcliffe church until her passing. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Lance O'Neill, Clarrie O'Neill

Miles-Smith, Grace Frances Agnes, born 2.4.1906 at Lowestoft, Suffolk, England; died 12.1.03 in St Vincents Hospital, Sydney, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Alex. Grace was mother to Violet and sister of Norma. After setting up a practice in Macquarie Street, Sydney, Grace transferred her physiotherapy practice to Bondi Junction, where she continued for 35 years. Much of her work was a labour of love. Grace was deeply loved by

many professional people and Christian friends, as well as by members of Woolahra church, where she was an active member. Her faith in Christ and the Resurrection were unshakable.

Milton Krause, Gary Kent

Raymond, Sylvia Ada (nee Trafford), born 18.7.1920 in Melbourne, Vic; died 18.1.03 at Coronella, Nunawading. She was predeceased by her husband, Bill, in 2002. She is survived by her sons, Barry (Canada), Michael (Brisbane, Qld) and Neil (Rosedale, Vic). Sylvia was a long-time supportive member of Ringwood church; consistent in witness to her faith; and beloved in her family and church.

Dean Giles, Margaret Manners

Smart, Bryan Frederick, born 15.1.1923 in India; died 15.1.03 in Perth, WA. Bryan never married, and lived in Perth. He was a church member in Burma, until coming to Australia 35 years ago. He came back to the Lord in May 2001 and was baptised the following November in Perth city church.

Larry Laredo

Tarling, Liesel Dona (nee Mason), born 4.9.1910 at Port Louis, Mauritius; died 31.12.02 at Hornsby, NSW. In 1940 she married Rowland. She is survived by her husband; her son, Lowell; and her two grandchildren. Liesel is remembered for her industry and courage in adversity, her love of the truth and devotion to prayer, and for bringing a number of people into the Adventist faith.

Kevin Brown, Colin Coleman


Wall, Minnie Irene (Aka or Rene), born 28.1.1919; died 8.12.02 in Adelaide, SA. She was predeceased by her husband, Brian; also her daughter, Jennifer, in 1954. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Natalie. Rene was a member of Melrose Park church.

Dariusz Kuberek

Wilkinson, Ruth Emma (nee Hill), born 12.7.1930 in Sydney, NSW; died 10.1.03 at Cooranbong. On 20.12.53 she married Ray Wilkinson. She is survived by her husband; her children and their spouses, Roy and Genevieve, Gwen and Steve Sleight, Enid and Kevin Choong, Helen and Todd Heares; her Fijian daughter and spouse, Lucy and Waisea Vuniwa; her sister, Lola; and her 10 grandchildren. Ruth passed to her rest in the sure confidence of God's saving grace and care.

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Wilson, Valerie, born 6.7.1940 at Kerang, Vic; died 19.12.02 at Mildura. She was predeceased by her parents, Arthur and Jessie Wattie. On 25.2.1968 she married Neville. She is survived by her husband; her sons and daughter-in-law, Graeme, David and Dee; and her siblings, Margaret, Dorothy, Barry, Barbara and Geoffery. Val was a tireless worker for the Mildura church and school for the past 25 years.

Albert Piez, Loren Pratt

of the special session will be a proposed legal restructuring of aged care services, the education system and the Western Australian Conference general operations (as recommended by the South Pacific Division, Australian Union Conference and Western Australian Conference executive committees) along with those constitutional changes such restructuring necessitates.

Stephen Whitson, Secretary-Treasurer

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