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*Dr Tom Ludowici (at left) is featured in a special "This Is Your Life" hosted by the TV program's long-time compere Roger Climpson (right) part of Sydney Adventist Hospital's centenary homecoming celebrations.*

## Hospital celebrates centenary homecoming

*Wahroonga, NSW*

**H**undreds of retired staff members as well as nurse graduates from as far back as 1938 returned to Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH) for its Centenary Homecoming Weekend celebrations, June 27 to 29.

"The Centenary Homecoming weekend was a huge success," says Dr Tom Ludowici, director of Mission at the hospital and organiser of the centenary events. "It was a joy to see so many former nursing graduates and staff join with present graduates and current colleagues in celebrating 100 years of Christian caring. I was particularly pleased to see that so many people had made the long journey from across Australia, New Zealand and USA to participate."

Highlights from a packed calendar of events included the naming of a theatre extension building to commemorate a notable past medical director, a satellite Sabbath service beamed across the South Pacific and a special "This Is Your Life" hosted by the TV program's long-time compere Roger Climpson.

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# The search for Christian spirituality

**S**pirituality is one of those words with a scrubby definition. Its popularity means it has been bent in various directions to the point that it can mean almost anything.

The New Age movement has taken the term and commercialised it. New Age shops tend to be like an ecumenical spirituality shop, with a variety of spiritual experiences on offer.

The search for spiritual experience is driven by uncertainty for the present and fear for the future.

But, in Western societies, the search has tended to take people away from Christianity: A wide variety of spiritualities are now on offer, including: Wiccan, eco-spirituality, Earth Mother, feminist, Celtic, North American Indian and Aboriginal. Some also refer to "secular spirituality."

Also quickly apparent is that spirituality and organised religion are seen to be virtually incompatible. Because spirituality tends to be a personal, inward experience, how can it be an organised experience? Besides, organised religions are felt to be rooted in the past, not part of the present.

## Challenge for the church

These are challenges for the church as it attempts to convince people it has relevance for today. What can its message and purpose offer those who feel spiritually challenged? What limitations should there be in allowing people to follow their spiritual yearnings within the church?

Recent and current worship controversies can be seen as part of a spiritual quest by some to gain a more comprehensive personal experience from worship. In some places this has led to more "contemporary" forms of worship. At the same time there's a growing trend within Christianity to go back to its more

orthodox forms, because these encourage a sense of the transcendency of God.

It used to be that, within Protestantism, terms like "piety" and "godliness" were used for what is now called "spirituality." And, with the popularity of spirituality, there is now a renewed interest in the writings of the Christian mystics—those from the past who tended to internalise their Christianity and experience.

These may be helpful, but Christianity must always be based on an external—God. God is *outside* of ourselves and acts independently. He has creative and re-creative powers. Salvation is available only in Him. And, He has promised to intervene to bring harmony to the planet.

Any Christian spiritual life must be based on the actions of *God* and grow out of them. It is an acceptance of these externals that leads to growth of Christian spirituality within.

## Counsel from the past

Ellen White saw spirituality as something internal—"holiness of heart" (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 2, page 445). She warned, "There is no surer way of weakening spirituality than by cherishing envy, suspicion, faultfinding, and evil surmising" (*The Acts of the Apostles*, page 549).

"Spirituality is dying," she wrote. "Is this torpor, this mournful deterioration, to be perpetuated? Is the lamp of truth to flicker and go out in darkness because it is not replenished by the oil of grace? . . . Self-esteem and self-sufficiency are killing spiritual life" (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 5, page 538).

Paul warned against "weak and useless spiritual powers of this world" (Galatians 4:9, NLT). He prayed for the Ephesians,

"asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you might grow in your knowledge of God." He calls for "a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness—righteous, holy, and true" (Ephesians 1:17; 4:23, 24, NLT).

## Back to the Word

And it is to the Word we must go for a true understanding of spirituality. Eugene H Petersen says, "Reading the New Testament, we are immersed in the intricate tangle of human life as it is entered, addressed, confronted, saved, healed, and blessed by the living God—God's Spirit breathed into human lives. Spirituality.

"It is the great responsibility and privilege of Christians today to place this proven and essential source document on spirituality in the hands of those who are bewilderingly searching through a welter of spiritualities for something authentic, something true" (*New Testament Spirituality*).

Christianity offers something no other spirituality has—a connection with the living God who has shown His love in Jesus. He waits to develop a Spirit-filled life within any who accept Him. Real and ultimately satisfying spirituality can be found only in Him.



Bruce Manners



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—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● The Trans-Pacific Union Mission is now the **Trans-Pacific Union** (TPU) after its recent midyear meetings. The change was made because **the word mission** now seems **old fashioned or patronising**, says TPU president Pastor Bruce Roberts. They join other unions, such as the Middle East Union, in dropping *mission* from their title. The missions that form the TPU are also expected to be renamed.

● A couple in WA have **donated SA25,000** to the **Signs magazine ministry**—about 1500 subscriptions. The donation was a direct answer to specific prayer, according to volunteer *Signs* Ministry coordinator **Pastor Desmond Hills**. “After receiving only one subscription at the WA camp-meeting, **I earnestly prayed for more subs to lift circulation and the ability that would give to reach more souls,**” he says.

● The word from **Lee Dunstan**, senior assistant editor, is that **Signs campaign kits** have been sent out with this RECORD. “If you’re a Personal Ministries leader or Signs Ministry coordinator for your local church, ask your RECORD secretary for the kit. It will gear you up for the *Signs* campaign starting next month,” he says.

● Church members on the small island of Mauke in the **Cook Islands** took advantage of a visit from New Zealand Pacific Union Conference health director **Judy McAnulty** (pictured second from left) to invite women to a **cooking demon-**

## Adventist students enjoy success

Students at the Auckland Seventh-day Adventist High School (ASDAH), New Zealand, have enjoyed a string of successes during term two of this year.

Four students have had articles published in the *New Zealand Herald* writing competition. This was the highest number published from one school, and provided Jolisa Long, Elaine Bersaba, Joyce Lehauli and Zion Vaega exposure to the nationwide readership of 1.1 million readers.

Each student received a \$NZ250 prize and were presented with certificates for their achievement during a special assembly. “This achievement shows that our kids can match it with the best from across the country. We’re very proud of their achievement,” says English teacher Maria Carter. Principal Jack Ryan adds, “Miss Carter, Mrs Fernandez and their classes have helped to put Adventist schooling on the map in Auckland.”

ASDAH students also succeeded in winning the mural section of the Auckland ASB Secondary Schools Pacific Festival Arts competition. Benjamin Reynolds, Ashleigh Patia, Sarah Tuileutu and Sheila Strickland (pictured above) each won a \$NZ60 cash prize as well as a CD stereo system for their school’s art department. Art teacher Titia Tuoro explains, “We’re proud of the way the students worked as a team to achieve this excellent result.”



**stration.** Church members have an **aim of increasing the vegetable consumption** of the island’s 300 inhabitants. “With no dairy



products, limited supplies of green vegetables and eggs, cooking vegetarian foods with the locally grown foods was a challenge,” says Mrs McAnulty. Recipes were adapted using green pawpaw, taro, tapioca and other local produce.

1 Winners have been announced for the Sanitarium Health Food Company “So Good for your community” promotion, late last year. The winner from each state purchased the most So Good in Wool-

worths during the week of promotion. Winners received \$A300 worth of Sanitarium product for the community group they nominated and a \$A200 Woolworths voucher for their personal use. The winners were: NSW, Gary Campbell—Port Macquarie Pathfinder Club; Vic, Helen Reed—ADRA, Burwood church; Qld, Ngaire Chick—Sanctuary 7 Women’s Refuge; SA, Lery Ricchetti—ADRA, Morphett Vale church; WA, Peter Burnside—ADRACare, Gosnells church; Tas, Jeff Parker—Hobart Pathfinder Club; no entries came from NT.

● The **Journal of Pacific Adventist History** (JPAH) has a new **online presence**. *Journal* editor **David Hay** says, “God has established

and nurtured His work in the Pacific islands, and reading about His work in this area encourages us to move on with the task He has given us today.” To read articles on church history and the people who made things happen in the South Pacific, log on to <[www.adventist.org.au/pacific/history](http://www.adventist.org.au/pacific/history)>.

● **Dr Graeme Perry** (pictured) has been appointed Dean of the School of Graduate Studies for the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies north of Manila in the Philippines. Prior to the overseas appointment, Dr Perry taught at Macquarie Adventist College in Newcastle and his wife, Glenys, was a senior lecturer at Avondale College.



● Seventh-day Adventist Church representatives were among those noting the recent launch of a “**Christians in Politics**” (CIP) poster campaign at Premier Radio’s headquarters in London. The poster is designed to be placed on church noticeboards, and encourage churchgoers to discover more about the CIP campaign. “We’d be **failing in our responsibility as**

## New adventure program for Kiwis

What do you get if you put an American, two Australians and a Kiwi together for a year? No, not trouble. It’s the 2003 Adventure Plus Pinnacle Challenge team.

Adventure Plus was set up by ADRAcare New Zealand—based on the Pinnacle of Terror program founded at Delhuntie Park in Victoria—to address the issue of youth suicide through adventure-based learning programs. Participants are challenged to work together in a positive environment as they confront their fears and achieve their goals.

The highlight of the program is the Pinnacle Challenge mobile recreation unit. This eight-metre-high trailer consists of a rock-climbing wall, high-wire activity, abseil tower, and trapeze leap. In addition to activities on the trailer, students participate in classroom programs about health, team building and communication.

In the first four months of operation, the Pinnacle Challenge program has seen more than 4000 participants while working in schools and public venues, such as Christchurch’s Cathedral Square, a Rotorua touch football tournament and a youth camp. Pictured is a student from the all-Maori school in Whanganui getting the hang of being downside up.



**Adventist Christians if we did not listen to the voices of the world around us and then go beyond being concerned.** It was C S Lewis who said, ‘Christians, who have so much hope for the next world, are the most effective in this.’ Getting involved in local, or even national politics, is one way of being effective in our world,” said Adventist minister **Pastor David Neal**, who, along with **Pastor John Surridge**, communication director for the church in Britain, attended the event.—ANN

● **Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo** signed into law on June 23 a measure **prohibiting smoking in public places** and restricting the packaging, use, sale, distribution and advertisement of tobacco products. The **Adventist Church’s Health Department was actively involved** in the signature campaign spearheaded by the Department of Health urging lawmakers to pass the bill in Congress. “The Adventist Church in the Philippines mobilised church workers and health professionals to gather more than two million signatures in this campaign. We contributed the highest number,” says **Pastor Abe Carpena**, health director for the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.—ANN

● **Pastor Barry C Black**, a rear admiral and retiring chief of chaplains of the US Navy, was named on June 17 as **the next chaplain of the United States Senate**. Pastor Black will be **the first military chaplain, the first Afro-American, and the first Seventh-day Adventist to hold the post**. In announcing the posting, US Senate majority leader **Bill Frist** said, “Admiral Black has provided spiritual guidance to thousands of servicemen and women during his years of service. We’re honoured he has offered to bring his moral leadership and counsel to the United States Senate.”—ANN



### Days and offerings

**August 2**—Signs of the Times Rally Day  
**August 30**—Pathfinder Day

## Off the record

● Two cousins who haven’t been in touch for 35 years bumped into each other during camp-meeting in WA. **Maureen Tulloch** (pictured left), now living in Albany, inquired about the Scottish brogue of a woman standing near her in a meeting and in the conversation discovered that **Anne** was a long-lost cousin from the same home town of Peebles in Scotland. Both had become Adventists since they last saw each other. They live in the southwest of WA and plan to visit each other regularly.



● **Pauline Pahl**, who attends Nambour church, Qld, was given a **ride on a Harley Davidson motorbike for her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday** as a gift from family members. It was publicised in the local paper and executives of Harley Davidson spotted the story and asked Mrs Pahl to feature in photographs **advertising the upcoming centenary of the famous bikes**.



● The **Morphett Vale** church, SA, celebrated **Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day** in style on June 7. The local women’s ministries leader for the church, **Candy Oliver**, coordinated a program involving several women speakers. A highlight of the program was the ordination of three women—**Kate Croft, Hilda Ing and Sonia Vince**—to serve as elders in the Morphett Vale church.

# Hospital celebrates centenary homecoming

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The weekend began with a well-attended vespers service on Friday night, which highlighted the accomplishments of staff in the light of the hospital's mission.

A joint worship service on the Sabbath between the two Seventh-day Adventist churches on the hospital campus—Fox Valley Community church and Wahroonga church—was broadcast live via satellite to 250 sites across the South Pacific.

The clinical extension theatre building was named the "A K Tulloch Theatre Block" in memory of one of SAH's outstanding medical directors and eminent surgeons, Dr Alan Tulloch. His skills in caring for patients for 34 years made a significant impact to the hospital's expansion and development.

On Saturday evening, SAH was the subject of a "This Is Your Life" program. In front of an audience of 400, compere Roger Climpson went through the story of the hospital by inviting 25 past and present staff members to share some of their favourite memories. These ranged from the historic to the hilarious.

Leone Plane was one of those who took part, describing how her grandparents brought their horse-drawn buggy from

Castle Hill to collect Seventh-day Adventist Church co-founder Ellen White to show her the Wahroonga property on which the "Sanitarium" was finally built in 1903.

On a lighter note, Lyn Knight—who began the SAH tradition of Carols by Candlelight in 1950—recalled how posters for the first concerts were stuck not only on trees and posts, but on passing cows.

The final event for the weekend was the Graduates Dinner, which saw the largest ever turnout with more than 300 graduates and their partners attending.

The oldest person at the dinner was 91-year-old Margaret Phillips, who graduated in 1938. "I've had a lovely time," she said. "It's been nice to see lots of old friends again."—**Sara Hinds**

## Three generations attend homecoming

Many families are linked to Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH) by generational ties.

Selwyn and Hilda Bartlett graduated from SAH 64 years ago, and are the last two remaining members of the class of '39. Their daughter, Judy Fua, was born at SAH and later trained as a nurse there, and has just hung up her nursing cap after 23 years of nursing at the Adventist Retirement Village in Brisbane. Mrs Fua's daughter, Julie Grolimund, was also born at SAH and trained as a nurse there.

While enjoying the trip down memory lane, Mrs Fua says she couldn't help but think of another homecoming that we're all invited to. "Only this one will be different," she says. "We won't need fewer places for the early graduates. History will become the present as we all sit down at the banquet table and compare our stories with the pioneers who began the journey so long ago. That's definitely one homecoming I don't want to miss."



Selwyn and Hilda Bartlett, Judy Fua, and Julie Grolimund—three generations linked to SAH.

SAH

## Australian Prime Minister meets with Adventist educator

Prime Minister John Howard has met the education director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia to talk funding.

"The Prime Minister knew a lot about Adventist education," says Dr John Hammond, one of the four heads of Protestant school systems in Australia represented at the meeting.

The Prime Minister had set aside 30 minutes for the



Dr John Hammond, Education Systems director for the Australian Union Conference, met recently with the Prime Minister to discuss funding for Adventist schools.

meeting, but talked with the education leaders for 90 minutes.

"He asked questions about our fees and our structure. He asked whether we are growing—the answer is yes—where

we are experiencing that growth and what our greatest needs are," says Dr Hammond.

"Prime Minister Howard also expressed support for the right of people to choose a Christian education for their children."

The federal government is reviewing its funding arrangements for government and non-government schools—the Adventist system receives more than SA\$30 million dollars—in the lead-up to the next quadrennium starting in 2005.—**Brenton Stacey**

# Four ordained at WA camp-meeting

Perth, WA

Four men were ordained for ministry during the West Australian camp-meeting on April 19. James Greensill, Steve Hebbard, John McLean and Brett Townend were challenged by the Australian Union Conference president, Pastor Chester Stanley, to be "reconciled to God" in their ministry.

The four come from a variety of experiences and backgrounds:

## James Greensill

Pastor Greensill was born in Brisbane, the youngest of five children. His mother became an Adventist when he was about three years of age. He attended the North Pine Christian College and Brisbane Adventist College.

"Through my childhood and teenage years I always wanted to work for God in the mission field," he says. "In 1991, I finally decided to go to Avondale College and do ministry after HSC."

In that same year he met Jennifer Pilko. They attended Avondale and were married in the Springwood church, Qld, in 1995.

"In 1996, Jenny graduated from primary teaching and I decided that four years was not long enough at college, so I decided to stay another year."

They began their ministry in Springwood in February of 1998 and stayed for two years when he decided to take a break to see if teaching might be a better option. It didn't take long for him to realise his real calling was to pastoral ministry.

They accepted a call to Albany, WA, in 2001 and have been actively involved in youth work while caring for the church.

## Steve Hebbard

Born into a dairy farming family at Sale, Vic, Pastor Hebbard always had a desire for learning. Even as a teenager he took extra courses in animal husbandry and went to WA to study agriculture at Carmel College, where he met his future wife, Jenny.

He returned to farming in Victoria and outback New South Wales. They married in Victoria where three of their children were born. They moved back to WA where he



The four ministers ordained were (left to right): Pastors Brett Townend, John McLean, James Greensill and Steve Hebbard.

worked as a machinist. They had two more children and a growing conviction to study for ministry.

They both graduated from Avondale in 1991, Jenny with a teaching degree.

They have ministered in country churches in WA: Manjimup, Busselton, Margaret River, Kalgoorlie, Moora, Bindoon and several city churches. They also had two more children.

Pastor Hebbard recently completed a Master of Arts in theology, specialising in Old Testament studies. He says he enjoys teaching people and sharing his passion for the Bible.

## John McLean

Pastor McLean grew up in the wheat belt of WA until his family moved to Geraldton when he was aged 13. At 22 he moved to Perth to work in the Burswood Casino. While there a friend said to him, "I don't know how people live without God."

The statement challenged him because he knew he was living without God. He decided to do something about it and, in June 1991, was baptised. Soon after he felt a call to ministry and began studies at Avondale College in 1994.

During the first midyear break he returned to Perth and met Rona. Two years later they were married. They have ministered in Broome, and currently at the North Perth and North Beach churches. He is also chaplain at the Landsdale Gardens

Christian School. They have four children, including twins born about a year ago.

John says he loves ministry, and is particularly excited about the direction of his current churches.

## Brett Townend

Growing up in a minister's home (Pastor Calvyn and Dawn Townend), Pastor Townend has a grandfather, father and brother who are ministers. And he lived in different parts of the division, including Papua New Guinea for five years. But his early career was with animals, training in veterinary science in New Zealand and spending several years breaking in and training horses in New South Wales.

While living in Murwillumbah, he sold real estate and became involved in the church there. He married Rae in 1986, and they have three children.

"After much encouragement from church elders and members, I finally decided that God was leading me into ministry," he says.

He graduated in 1999 and they have served in WA at Albany and Mount Barker before moving to Bickley and Morley.

"My family is critical to my success as a minister and provide a great support base," says Pastor Townend. "Rae complements me very well."

He adds, "I love to make the Word of God relevant and central to the lives of people." —**Wayne Stanley**

## Church members to push evangelism in PNG

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Papua New Guinea says its members will help present thousands of evangelistic programs during a month of evangelism next July.

Evangelists from other countries will present programs in urban areas of the country, while local evangelists will present programs in rural areas.

Preparation for the initiative started this past month (June). The church is encouraging each local Adventist church to:

1. Organise its own week of revival meetings
2. Organise its own week of spiritual gifts seminars
3. Organise its own week of prayer power seminars, and
4. Establish small-group ministries.

Church leaders in Papua New Guinea will present an eight-week training seminar for church members in the lead-up to the month of evangelism. The seminar is part of the church in Papua New Guinea's response to the worldwide church's Go One Million project, which aims to train one million Adventists to reach out to others.

The church will also encourage the leaders of each evangelistic program to observe a week of commitment leading up to the month of evangelism. The church will ask the leaders to fast and to pray during the week.

The church is planning a follow-up evangelistic program broadcast from Madang via satellite, October 11-23. The plan is to establish downlink sites in every district in Papua New Guinea. Mass baptisms will follow on October 23, November 27 and December 4. New members will join small groups at local churches.

—Brenton Stacey

2004 is the Year of

**EVANGELISM**



# New book chronicles Adventist health

Loma Linda, California, United States

Results from four decades of Seventh-day Adventist health studies have now been compiled in one reference, and are available from the largest university press in the world.

*Diet, Life Expectancy, and Chronic Disease: Studies of Seventh-day Adventists and Other Vegetarians*, was released recently week by Oxford University Press, a unit of Oxford University.

The book is being released as thousands of Adventists in the US are participating in a new health study even more extensive than those mentioned in the book.

Dr Gary E Fraser, the author and a professor of medicine at Loma Linda University's School of Medicine and a professor of epidemiology at the university's School of Public Health, says the book is based on two studies of Adventists in California in 1960 and 1976.

"We've been asked time and time again for results of [these] health studies," says Dr Fraser. "That's really what the book is for."

He says it was a challenge compiling all the previously published information since health-study results have appeared in some 320 publications in peer-reviewed journals for more than 40 years.

Having grown up Adventist and saying no to meat on many occasions, Dr Fraser says it was natural for him to explore the evidence for a vegetarian health advantage when he had the opportunity.

Many Adventists are vegetarian by choice and most abstain from alcohol and tobacco. Although there is a range of dietary habits among Adventists, church members are more uniform in areas such as not smoking, as well as very little alcohol

consumption. But there is more variance in the area of meat consumption, Dr Fraser says.

"If it did turn out that there were a large number of very long-lived healthy Adventists, and if our lifestyle really made that kind of difference, we seriously needed to tell this to others in a convincing way," he says.

"In an age of science with the expectation of empirical evidence, the collection and publication of strong peer-reviewed scientific results from studies such as the Adventist Health Study is necessary to persuade people and change official recommen-

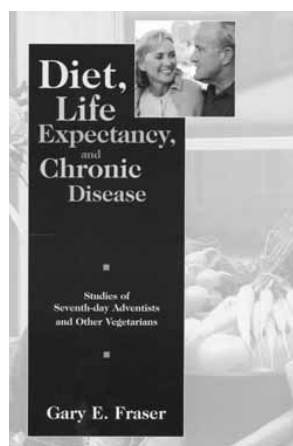
dations," he says.

Adventists typically are healthier than the general population, the book shows. Of Adventists studied in California, rates of heart attacks were half and cancer was 30 per cent less than the general population.

But why are Adventists healthier? It is hard to know for sure, says Dr Fraser, yet some general patterns have been discovered and are discussed in the new book. Past studies have suggested that meat was a factor in coronary heart disease while nuts and whole grains were protective against it.

DeWitt Williams, Health Ministries director for the North American Division says, "The time that this book comes out is very appropriate. It shows that being a vegetarian makes a big difference on quality and length of life.

"We [Adventists] have the same spiritual background. The only thing different is their diet," he says. "When you add as much as 12 years of active life, that's significant."—ANN



**This new book makes finding the results from four decades of Adventist health studies easier.**

# Community focus in Cooks

by Kellie Hancock

A group of 15 islands spread over an area the size of India, and found in the South Pacific Ocean about halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii, is the territory for the Cook Islands Mission (CIM). Pastor Uma Katu, mission president, says that CIM has a focus on connecting with the community.

In this Year of the Child, schoolchildren in the Cook Islands have been impacted by the church's focus on community. With the support of Sanitarium, the CIM has been providing free breakfasts at schools. Along with a selection of Sanitarium cereals, the breakfasts include local fresh fruit delicacies such as pawpaw and star fruit.

While teaching students the importance of starting the day with a good healthy breakfast, this program is also giving people a bigger picture of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"People now understand there is more to the church than worship on Saturday," says Pastor Katu. "They now see the church as making a relevant and practical contribution to local communities."

A certain island was very antagonistic toward the church. Then they experienced hardship when floodwaters threatened to ruin their taro crops. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) helped the mission provide pipes and other equipment to set up a drainage system that now keeps the gardens for this community



Breakfasts are provided for schools in the Cook Islands.

out of floodwaters and able to continue producing crops for them.

When this project was completed, the Adventist school sent a large student choir to sing for the locals. According to Pastor Katu, these efforts have provided a positive and practical connection with this community, and their antagonism has now turned to appreciation.

Environmental issues are important for sustaining future development in the Cook Islands. The church with the assistance of ADRA has implemented a coastal protection project to help minimise erosion. Culverts are placed along the shoreline allowing sand to deposit around them and rebuild the area. Once that stretch of beach is rebuilt, the culverts are moved along to a new position and the process continues.

Like any area, there are challenges to deal with. Pastor Katu is concerned that a tall-poppy syndrome seems to be creeping into the culture. "When people see others progressing, many are doing all they can to try and pull them back down," he says.

Instead of encouraging people in new successes he fears there is an attitude of negativity toward anything new. "While we must respect traditions and the wisdom of older generations," he says, "it is important that we allow for changes where appropriate, as that is the way to growth."

Pastor Katu says it is a positive thing to see young people today becoming involved in the church. Despite differences of opinion between the older and younger generations, he reports that youth in the Cook Islands want to be active in their church. Even though their methods are different, he enjoys seeing them express their relationship with Jesus in ways that are meaningful and relevant for them.



Pastor Uma Katu.

K Hancock

Lack of participation among the members, and personal criticism aimed at church leaders can, according to Pastor Katu, be interpreted as lack of support for the church. However, on a positive note, Cook Islanders are supporting their church financially.

In fact, despite a decrease in membership due to the emigration of students seeking further education, and skilled workers moving to countries like New Zealand for wider job opportunities, offerings and tithes remain at the same level. Pastor Katu says this shows commitment and faithfulness on the part of church members and that, he says, is positive.

His vision for the future of the Cook Islands is to see "a living church—a group of people who are living out Christ in their lives. That is the missing piece," he says. "I hope for a church that shows in the lives of individual members and how they live their life, that what they believe in—Jesus Christ—makes a difference in their lives."

When church members comment on the size of the mission, Pastor Katu reminds them that regardless of their small size they still have the same task. "Don't look at the size of our mission," he says. "Rather, look at the size of our commission." r

*Kellie Hancock is the assistant editor of RECORD. This is the first in a series of interviews with presidents within the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.*



# "There's no hurry"

by Pat M Fretten



It was Mother's Day. I'd gathered small posies from my garden for the mothers on our Meals on Wheels route. Tying ribbons on the bunches, I wondered how each woman was spending her day.

My heart felt warmed by thoughts of the happy ones content with their lot in life, but saddened by the shut-ins, some of whom were quite sad and remote. They had no one to care or offer a warm hug.

Mrs Haughton\* was one mother who remains larger than life in my memory.

"So-o-o," she began disapprovingly on our first visit. She'd fixed her steely grey eyes on my husband, John. "So you're the new vicar in town."

She gave a superior sniff, dragged her gaze to a spot just above his head. "I like to meet all the new vicars and try to frustrate them with my theological questions."

Agatha Haughton was a tall, well-groomed woman of over 80. Apart from her advanced arthritis, she could have been mistaken for someone much younger. We knew of her before we met her—she owned most of the real estate that formed the somewhat isolated community.

Her house was an imposing place with ivy-covered pillars flanked by majestic cedar trees, set on grounds manicured daily by a gardener.

"I hope you're not expecting to collect my wheel-meals money," she looked irritated. "I always pay on Friday!"

She waved a jewelled hand to indicate a straight-back chair and ordered John, "Sit down here while your wife fixes lunch." Then she added, "I hope it isn't cold."

"Now listen young man, I know my Bible very well, but there is a question that's never been answered, to my satisfaction, by any other man of religious persuasion. Tell me, what did Paul mean when he said women should be quiet in church?"

John's answer was simple and clear. She looked surprised: "Well, I've never heard it

explained so sensibly before. That's understandable given the conditions women were forced to live under in Bible times."

Each Sunday visit followed the same routine. Mrs Haughton would be waiting, almost in ambush, with another of her "trick questions"—as she called them. Initially, she seemed to use these questions to flaunt her knowledge of the Bible, and then as a kind of religious rolling pin.

"Why did Jesus condemn the so-called 'foolish virgins' of Matthew 25 just because they ran out of oil," she asked once. "Nobody's perfect. You see, I know that Bible parable, too."

"Yes, I can tell," said John. "But it's all about relationships. Jesus is trying to show us that we really need to know Him ourselves—as a friend. To be able to go the distance with Him, with enough 'oil,' not some on-again-off-again type of religion."

"There needs to be a direct connection with the Holy Spirit, through prayer and a closeness with God."

For just a few seconds she was silent, a faraway look in her eyes. She snapped back to reality as John asked quietly, "Do you know the *Lord* of the Bible? Do you have a special relationship with Him?"

Her eyebrows shot up and she sat back in shock: "Of course I do. I've already told you, my brother's a canon."

Driving home we thought it sad that, despite her head knowledge, she didn't appear to know Jesus for herself. It seemed

that she expected, almost demanded that she, Agatha Eugenia Haughton, should coast into heaven on her brother's coat-tails.

At the door, Mother's Day posie in hand, I was surprised at no reply to my knocking. We entered through the side door and found her sick in bed. Her darkened house seemed lonely. There was no sign, not even flowers, from her two wealthy sons who lived locally.

My flowers created, for a few seconds, the tiniest chink in her cynical armour. "Thank you," she said. "You are very kind."

We fixed her lunch, ran an errand, refilled her hot-water bottle and left her sleeping. I drove home thinking she had everything money could buy, but no-one who really cared about her.

Next Sunday she was her usual self. But she seemed to be waiting for the right opportunity to say something. We chatted and fixed her meal, then prepared to leave.

"Better bring your Bible again next week," she said. "You'll really need it this time."

"Tell me today," John suggested. "I might be able to answer you now."

"No, no. It'll keep."

"But we're going on leave for two weeks."

"Doesn't matter. There's no hurry."

While away, we prayed that her question would be something that would help her find real happiness for herself and peace of mind in the Lord.

The Sunday after we returned we prepared for our Meals on Wheels round.

"One less on your route today, Pastor," the cook shouted above the clatter of pots and pans. "Mrs Haughton passed over."

And I could still hear the old woman's confident words, "Doesn't matter. There's no hurry." ✞

\* The name has been changed.

Pat M Fretten writes from Kallangur, Qld.

# Wanted: Adventist professionals

by Brenton Stacey

**D**r Leon Clark and Kevin Jackson manage almost 4000 people as chief executive officers of the South Pacific Division's two biggest entities—Sydney Adventist Hospital and Sanitarium Health Food Company. But a growing number of these employees are not Adventists. Are suitable qualified Adventists hard to find?

They both say yes, and they have helped the church fund a new position, recruitment promotions officer.

"The appointment is recognition we do have special character and need to maintain that special character," says Mr Jackson, CEO of Sanitarium.

He's concerned Adventist professionals aren't considering Sanitarium as an option for employment because of a long, but mistakenly held stigma attached to the company. "Sanitarium has two of the top 100 brands in Australia. It has the fifth largest umbrella brand in Australia. It's one of the top 20 food companies in Australia."

Dr Clark sees it differently: "We've been



Kevin Jackson.

training nurses at the hospital—in an Adventist institution, Avondale College—for the past 90 years. But we can place an advertisement in the RECORD for nurses and not receive a single applicant. The main reason is nurses move. They can't afford to live on the North Shore of Sydney and, like most of us, don't want to travel long distances to work."

Peter Wrangmore is the recruitment promotions officer, a job that comes under the church's Human Resources Department. His job is to promote church employment and to develop a database of Adventists from which the church and its entities can choose names to fill vacancies.

He says those who ask for their names to be added to the database are not obliged to accept a position if offered one.

"But it does mean we can consider them again for other positions."

"Peter's role is to encourage Adventist professionals to express an interest in working for us," says Mr Jackson, "so when a job becomes available, we can tap them on the shoulder and say, 'We may have a job that would suit your skills. Are you interested in applying?' Expressing an interest is not the same as saying, 'I want to make a lifelong commitment to working for the church.'"

Appearing on the database does not guarantee employment either. "The basis for employment is still on choosing a quality person best suited to the position," says Mr Wrangmore.

So, what if an Adventist and a non-Adventist applied for the same job and the non-Adventist is more suited to the job?

## Clark and Jackson on . . .

### . . . trade unions

**Jackson:** Our philosophy is simple: The relationship we have with our employees should be good enough so there is no need for a third party to be involved.

**Clark:** We've just entered into an enterprise bargaining agreement with our nurses. The process of negotiation involved representation from nurses who do not belong to a union and those who do.

### . . . human resources

**Jackson:** Our philosophy on performance is clear: We expect each of our employees to perform to the expected standard for their roles. If they don't, and we terminate their employment after due process, or if we make a particular role redundant, we would like our employees to be able to look back and say the company treated them fairly, with compassion and with dignity.

**Clark:** Each of our employees undergoes regular performance assessment. We encourage all our directors and managers to discuss issues of performance with their staff members. That's not a church culture, but it's an important culture, one the church needs to embrace more widely. The perception is the church's commercial organisations lack professionalism. That's not true.

"We would employ the non-Adventist," says Dr Clark, "but we would make them aware of the need to proclaim the mission of the hospital. It isn't about religious affiliation."

But it becomes important when a person begins working for the two entities. "Non-Adventists will defend the mission of the hospital strongly and publicly," says Dr Clark. "They expect Adventists to support the mission. Not meeting that expectation will eventually bring the hospital into disrepute."

"Perhaps Adventists don't recognise the importance of the role the entities and the institutions play in supporting the mission and the image of the church," says Mr Jackson. "Perhaps they don't realise how positively the community sees the church because of the products and services Sanitarium—and the hospital—offer. This constantly comes through our external market research."

He says he spends 50 per cent of his time talking about the philosophy of the church, as opposed to the company, when he meets with business leaders.

"I met with one of Sydney's top merchant bankers recently and spent two hours talking about the apocalyptic beliefs of the church and 15 minutes about business."

## Recruiter on a mission

**P**eter Wrankmore is the South Pacific Division's recruitment promotions officer. His job is to promote church employment and to develop a database of Adventists from which the church and its entities can choose names to fill vacancies. The role complements that of the church, Sanitarium Health Food Company and Sydney Adventist Hospital's Human Resource Departments.

Contact him to add your name to the database.

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Dr Leon Clark.

Dr Clark tells of a similar experience. "I visited a former prime minister recently. I wore my suit. He looked at me suspiciously perhaps thinking I wanted to sell him something. I said, 'I'm the CEO. Just came to say hello.' He opened right up. 'I just want to tell you this is the most fantastic hospital I've ever been in. Your staff members are excellent.' I'm amazed how many of our high-profile patients have had contact with Adventists before. Sometimes the contact's good, sometimes bad. I have an opportunity to build on that contact."

What are the other benefits of working for Sanitarium or the hospital?

Mr Jackson says a job at Sanitarium will add significantly to an Adventist's résumé. "Sanitarium offers careers in finance, marketing, manufacturing, operations and research and development. We can even offer these careers in Canada and the United Kingdom after establishing strong entities there in the past few years."

Dr Clark says the hospital will add value to an Adventist and their career. "We do this by exposing our employees to the learning experience, which, more than anything, involves an ability to adapt to change. Many people move into high-level positions in other organisations because of their employment here. Some return with the added value of their broader experience." r

*Brenton Stacey is the news correspondent for the South Pacific Division.*

## Student scholarships to boost number of Adventists in church work

**T**he Seventh-day Adventist Church is offering scholarships to Adventist tertiary students to support them as they prepare for denominational employment.

The scholarships are available to any Australian and New Zealand residents who have completed at least one year of an undergraduate course.

"We're looking for students who are committed to their study, show quality in their course work and, importantly, support the mission of the church," says Peter Wrankmore, the church's recruitment promotions officer.



Peter Wrankmore.

Students may use the scholarships, in accordance with the needs of the students' potential employers, to: help pay their fees for the remainder of their course; cover the travel and accommodation costs of visiting a potential employer; or cover the travel and accommodation costs and the wage of any work experience.

Students accepting scholarships work for the church in recognition of the support they have received. "Most will become long-term employees of the church," says Mr Wrankmore. "Some will move into other employment using the solid base the church has given them."

He says the type of students offered scholarships will vary according to the needs of the students' potential employers. "But an important part of the scholarship program is to collect the names of Adventist students and the details of their courses. Then as needs arise we can allocate scholarships to suitable students matching anticipated vacancies.

"Adventist students have a lot to offer the church, and the church has a lot to offer Adventist students."

Contact him (see "Recruiter on a mission") to apply for the scholarships.

# God, Gödel, and Grace

Clifford Goldstein has been pacing the corridors of the General Conference for about the past 20 years and largely during that time has produced 15 books, most focusing on aspects of the distinctives of Adventist belief. His new book—*God, Gödel, and Grace*—is something of a new direction, revealing a scientific and philosophical bent perhaps familiar to readers of his regular columns in *Adventist Review*. It's a useful excursion.

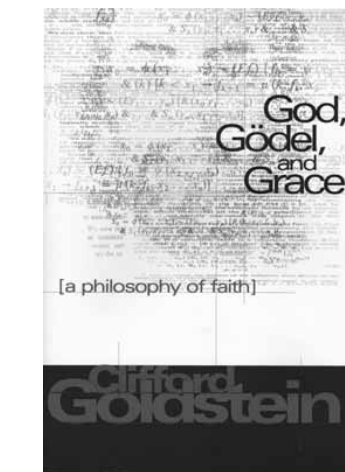
Beginning with an argument from morality, *God, Gödel, and Grace* initially wakes some echoes of Christian apologetic classics such as C S Lewis's *Mere Christianity*. However, Goldstein's book is firmly situated at the beginning of the 21st century and as such engages with an eclectic mix of 20th century thought, from philosophy, literature and science.

Almost obscured among this avalanche of ideas are the theories of an Austrian mathematician by the name of Kurt Gödel, who showed that "no system of thought, even scientific, can be legitimised by anything within the system itself."

In short, this argument recognises the inherent limits of any system of thought and the need for something beyond that system to give the system legitimacy, something that cannot be proved by experiment or reasoning and thus requiring an act of faith: "The same system that verbally refutes faith inherently implies it. Within the materialistic and scientific worldview, then, there reigns the potential for something beyond it, something outside of it." Goldstein suggests, "Something, perhaps . . . divine?"

But this almost feels like a minor point in the course of the book. Such is the breadth of argument presented that one wonders why—other than the alliterative value—Gödel gained prominence in the title.

Yet there is a downside to this plethora of ideas: this short book feels like it gives too



little attention to some big ideas. In this way, perhaps *God, Gödel, and Grace* would not work as an introduction to contemporary thought. Rather some prior knowledge or experience with some of these ways of thinking is assumed.

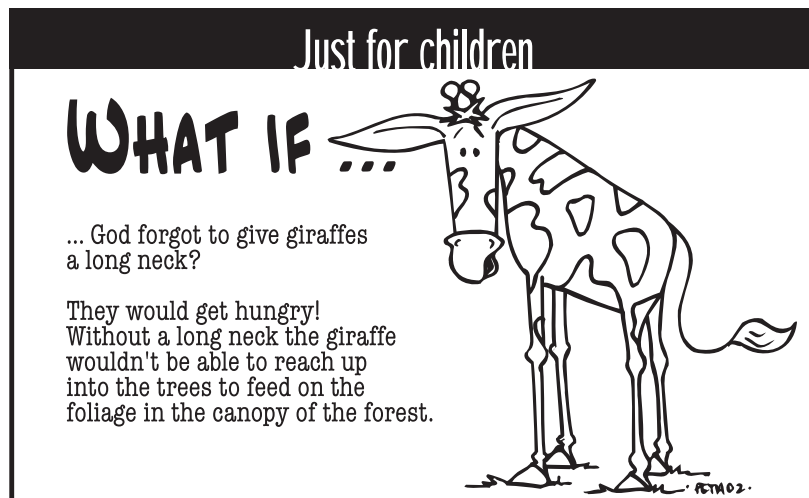
Yet it is largely an accessible and well-written work. Goldstein admits much of his inspiration for writing comes from poetry and at times in *God, Gödel, and Grace* the prose soars to meet the grandeur of his themes: "The issue isn't Christians, or churches, or councils, or creeds. The issue, instead and only, is the cross, the pivot point upon which human destiny hinges, the place where reality divided into two eternal options."

In this way, Goldstein strips Christianity to its core, where he finds an ultimate answer to the big questions of philosophy and our deepest humanity. Put simply, the heart of Christianity—Jesus Himself—is either true or He isn't, and we have a seemingly innate need to believe.

"Maybe, then, the best reason to accept isn't that of Christ's fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies such as Daniel 9:24-27 . . . but that without something to unearth the grave and undo death, our lives are off-key odes to meaninglessness, with nothing—not an echo, even—to show for all the preceding racket."

*God, Gödel, and Grace* is a worthwhile "philosophy of faith," and one glimpses possibilities for employing some of Goldstein's ideas in our attempts to relate Christianity in a meaningful way to our postmodern societies in which the church seems to struggle to make an impact. ✚

*Clifford Goldstein, God, Gödel, and Grace: A Philosophy of Faith, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2003, paperback, 111 pages. Available from Adventist Book Centres, price: \$A28.95; SNZ35.95; K58.95. Reviewed by Nathan Brown.*



## Worship and warmth

Robert Wolfgramm, Vic

I'm encouraged by Annette Jones's letter (July 5) questioning our church's concept of "moderation and balance" in worship. My observation of many Adventist congregations is that their view of "moderation" is something just short of comatose. Our worship is generally earnest, but so lacking in energy one could conclude we're on spiritual depressants. And we're told to be "moderate"?

What could that mean in the context of mumbled hymns and a steadfast refusal to show appreciation for worthy exhibitions of one's God-given talents with applause? (Some congregations are hard-pressed to murmur an "Amen" these days.) Yet the churches that are expressive (yes, noisy) in their worship, tend to be the ones copping it for supposed immoderation. Lukewarmness, thou art full of guile.

## Church branding

Phillip M Woolley, NSW

I felt saddened by Laurie Evans's comments about building the Seventh-day Adventist name into a trusted "brand" ("From the 'doable' to the impossible," June 21), although I was relieved by Bruce Manners's editorial in the same issue.

The inevitable problem of branding is that the image becomes more important than the product. In the new paradigm of branding mania, the product always takes

second place to the real product, which is the brand. The original notion of brand was quality of product, but now brand is a look, an attitude, a set of values or a lifestyle. As such, this is dangerous marketing territory for the church.

It isn't brand recognition or image we need, but reality. Only real people in real places can create a real culture and real changes in people's lives. Our once-unique church culture has long been an image for many of us, but, maybe, this has been the

perfect example of a positive Christian. The world is now a sadder place. Farewell, Lance, you'll not be forgotten.

## When humour isn't funny

Wendy Jakupec, Vic

When talking with some female friends about Berto's Women's Ministries Emphasis Day cartoon (June 7), I was surprised by their reaction, which was one of extreme

**The inevitable problem of branding is that the image becomes more important than the product.**

problem: we all have a facade or image we wish to project in a relationship.

As one of God's individual creations, I shall resist being branded either by or with the church (I am not a cow) and, with a name like mine, I can only ever be a sheep.

distaste. I thought it perfectly portrayed the negative perceptions of Women's Ministries inside church. As a member of a Women's Ministries team, I've heard the jokes about it being a "knitting club," an SDA feminist organisation, and have been asked if we burn bras at our events.

I take that lightly because I know what Women's Ministries is really about. However, there are members of our church community who are quite serious about it being some sort of unchristian feminist movement. To those who think it is of that nature, you really need to read more on feminism, find out what Women's Ministries is really about and check the major differences. Until you figure that out, it's fine by me that you be portrayed as sexist and narrow-minded.

## A true friend, departed

Dalton W Veitch, NSW

My wife and I were friends of Lance Gersbach ("Missionary murdered in the Solomons," June 7) for many years. We shared great times together: drove sports cars, went to concerts, parties and the beach. The shock of his untimely passing has been profound, as the sense of total loss is immutable.

Lance was a unique and lovely person, a

## Just a coincidence



## Missing metropolis

David King, SA

Having lived in Adelaide, SA, most of my life, I'm wondering if someone would explain why this great city wasn't included on the map on the back cover of last quarter's Bible study guide. I'm sure Adelaide people would be interested to know.

We would, too!

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Weddings

**Charles—McAuliffe.** Yorick Kamaza Charles, son of Stanley Charles (Grenada and Canada) and Elsa Ince (Middlesex, England), and Nicole (Ruth) McAuliffe, daughter of John and Mary McAuliffe (Bega, NSW), were married on 19.4.03 in Kensington and Chelsea, Fulham, England. *Robert Cook*

**Dodd—Robinson.** Stephen Trevor Dodd, son of Stuart and Marlene Dodd (Yorke Peninsula), and Michelle Kaye Robinson, daughter of Ronald and Kaylene Collins (Adelaide, SA), were married on 14.6.03 in the Para Vista Adventist church. *Jim Zyderveld*

**Fry—Rosewood.** Darryn Keith Fry, son of Keith and Beverley Fry (Booyong, NSW), and Gabrielle Rosewood, daughter of Marilyn Bramley (Lismore) and Eeun Hubbard (Armidale), were married on 6.6.03 at "Shamba," Lismore. *Paul von Bratt*

**Napper—Watson.** Kaden Lee Napper, son of Patricia (Folk, Qld) and the late Kevin Napper, and Tamara Jane Watson, daughter of Kym Watson and Marcia Nicolle, were married on 22.6.03 in the Burleigh Adventist church. *Peter Stojanovic*

**Parker—Gane.** Kenneth Ivan Parker Jr, son of Kenneth and Estella Parker (Takoma Park, Maryland, USA), and Kimberley-Ann Gane, daughter of Pastor Barry and Marilyn Gane (Berrien Springs, Michigan), were married on 1.6.03 in the gardens of the Gane's family home, Berrien Springs, Michigan. *Barry Sutton*

**Stockton—Sutton.** Esmond Henry Stockton and Lily (Billie) Irene Sutton were married on 22.6.03 at Strathfield,

Sydney, NSW, in a family ceremony and now reside at Kings Langley Retirement Village, Kings Langley. *John Silver*

**Sutcliffe—McGrath.** Ray Sutcliffe (formerly of England) and Maxine McGrath (formerly of WA) were married on 25.5.03 at Newport, NSW. *Roger Henley*

Obituaries

**Bailey,** Una Margaret, born 19.1.1913 at Ballina, NSW; died 24.5.03 at Kings Langley Nursing Home. On 12.4.41 she married David. She is survived by her children, Julie Hunt (Castle Hill), Paul (Casino) and Shirley Markew (Woy Woy); her eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. *Kerry Hortop, Jean Pierre Martinez*

**Baker,** Margaret, born 6.1.1944 at Bankstown, NSW; died 19.6.03 at Glen Innes, NSW, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Bruce; her daughter, Sandy Duke; and her son, John. Margaret suffered without complaint. She is sadly missed by her family and also her church family, who loved and appreciated her so much. *Barry Satchell, Ken Love*

**Beattie,** Eveline (nee Stace), born 20.4.1931 in Sydney, NSW; died 23.6.03 in Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga. In 1974 she married Andy. She is survived by her husband; her children, Rhonda Brown (Brisbane, Qld), Harold Macfarlane (Blackheath), Paul Macfarlane (Sydney); her stepdaughters, Jeanette Morton (Galston), Rosemary Morton (Port Macquarie), Margaret Smith (Sydney); her sister, Margaret Petrie; her brother, Clive Stace; her two granddaughters; her four stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren. For over 50 years Eveline was a faithful

member of the Waitara Adventist church. She was held in high esteem and loved by all who knew her. *Kevin Brown Ron Evans, Adrian Flemming*

**Davis,** Lionel Arthur ("Spot"), born 17.8.1933 at Grafton, NSW; died 22.6.03 at Ipswich, Qld. On 6.5.57 he married Del. He is survived by his wife; and his children, Leanne Ahern, Jennifer Rennie (all of Brisbane), Greg (Ravensbourne) and Scott (Esk). Lionel influenced many young people throughout his life, both as a teacher and especially through his many years spent in Pathfinder ministry. He was a great husband, great dad, great Christian and a great guy. *Bob Possingham*

**Jameson,** Robert James, born 22.5.1910 in Sydney, NSW; died 12.6.03 at Toronto. On 31.7.53 Bob married Barbara Shaw. He is survived by his wife (Cooranbong); his sons and their spouses, Greg and Bet-

tina (Ambarvale) and Brett and Maria (Maryland); his four sisters; his one brother; and his five grandchildren. He spent 45 years in Quirindi, where he was elder and deacon for some time. He was loved and respected by all who knew him and will be sadly missed. *Joe Webb*

**West,** John William Vincent, born 23.11.1927 at Granville, NSW; died 11.6.03 at Seven Hills. In 1947 he married June, who predeceased him in 1989. He is survived by his daughters, Rosemary Rampton and Michele; his sons, Robert and Philip; and his eight grandchildren. *Rein Muhlberg*



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