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Attendees received certificates of general nutrition and cooking at the conclusion of a recent health outreach program in the Port Augusta, SA, region. Marek Jantos, director of Adventist Health Ministries for the South Australian Conference, is pictured far right. Port Augusta Mayor, Joy Baluch, is on the left along with some of the team who conducted the series.

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Port Augusta, South Australia

Bread baking, nutrition training, vegetarian meals and Sanitarium's waterplus® were the talk of the Davenport–Port Augusta Aboriginal community in South Australia when, as part of an Adventist Health Ministries project, some 20 Adventist volunteers recently conducted a week-long intensive health program for indigenous members of the Port Augusta community.

The primary objective of the *Mai Palya* Week (Good Food Week) was to address lifestyle-related health problems—such as diabetes, coronary heart disease and kidney disease—that afflict Aboriginal communities at a rate disproportionate to that of the white population. The project was designed to provide practical nutritional and health training that would encourage an improved quality of life.

The outreach project began with a Saturday-night music concert, where an invitation was extended to all guests for a free breakfast on Sunday morning. Some 50 women signed up for the week-long nutrition and cooking training program, which began with baking wholemeal bread. The bread baking was followed by vegetarian pizza making and by the first evening there were enough pizzas and fresh salads to feed more than 150 people. Each day new recipes were demonstrated, nutrition information shared and an evening meal served to members of the community along with complimentary bottles of waterplus.®

The food, however, was not the only important ingredient. Every day the community joined in fellowship to sing songs, participate in prayer and worship sessions presented by the minister for the Port Augusta and Whyalla churches, Pastor Don Fehlberg. (Continued on page 4)



Kiwi retiree helps school in Solomons

- Outdoor recreation leadership recognised in Qld • Members dock at new church in Port
- Children's video ministry shows initiative • Adventist real estate agents win • and more

● Pastor **John Wells**, (pictured) director of Youth Ministries for the Northern Australian Conference, was **nominated** recently for the **QORF Award for Fostering Training and Professional Development**. The Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation is the peak state organisation for promoting safety in outdoor recreation and training of outdoor leaders. The nomination recognises Pastor Wells's **commitment to outdoor leadership training through the church's NAOATAC program**. "It was nice to be recognised in this way," he says. While the award went to the Tropical North Queensland TAFE, Pastor Wells explains, "The awards were dominated by professional training providers, so **our presence** as a smaller, volunteer organisation **was an achievement in itself**."—*Nathan Brown*



PM offers invitation to SDA series



Some 36 people have joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church after attending, at the Prime Minister's invitation, an evangelistic series in Port Vila, Vanuatu, September 21–October 5.

Edward Nipake Natapei's invitation went further than the series venue, a soccer field in a suburb called Fresh Water. Radio Vanuatu's Nambawan FM 98 broadcast the Prime Minister's message live across the capital.

"The series turned out to be much bigger than I expected," says speaker Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, the general secretary of the Trans-Pacific Union.

Some 600 people signed commitment cards. Thirty are now in baptismal classes. And an entire village decided to become Adventist. "The chief even showed me the ground on which he wanted to build a new church," says Pastor Tanabose.

Attendance during the series grew as Pastor Tanabose presented more of the church's doctrines. "World events, such as the so-called war on terror, are challenging people to take their spirituality more seriously. It's the right time for us to be witnessing."

The Adventist church in Portoriki, which organised the series, is planning another baptism on November 15.—*Brenton Stacey*

their child, delivers the videos on a one-week loan.

At the end of the week it is replaced with another one. When a child has watched the entire series, **they receive a Certificate**



of Knowledge. Some neighbourhood children are inviting their friends to watch the videos with them, and their mums are also viewing them.—*Intrasyd*

● **Sissons estate agents** were recently awarded the Real Estate Institute of Queensland's prestigious **Agency of the Year award**. The company—owned by Peter and Paulene Sissons, members at Springwood church—has won the award three times in the past five

● The **first worship service** was conducted in the **new Port Macquarie church**, NSW, on October 18. The new church (pictured) is on the same property as the Port Macquarie Adventist School on Ocean Drive. Worship services had been conducted in the school hall for the past three months. The

new church seats 400 people and will be **officially opened on November 22**.

● **Tracey Wijeyesinjhe** and her son, **Samuel** (both pictured), from Waitara church, NSW, have developed a children's video ministry. Mrs Wijeyesinjhe contacts her neighbours and friends, offering their children the opportunity to watch a short Christian video. The church purchased a **set of 31 animated Bible stories** that is available to members. An adult, along with

years, creating an unprecedented level of achievement within the Queensland real estate industry. In accepting the award, Mr Sissons **publicly acknowledged the blessings the Lord** had bestowed on their company over the past year.



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Retiree helps Adventist school receive \$100,000 grant

Gizo, Solomon Islands

A retiree from South New Zealand will receive \$1100,000 for bridging a river that divides an Adventist high school in the western Solomon Islands.

Bruce Candy, 75, is the former owner of an agricultural machinery company. He sold a tractor to Kukudu Adventist High School about 15 years ago and donated another worth \$1200,000 about three years ago. He lives in Ashburton and is a member of the Anglican Church.

"The tractors are rusting because of the frequent river crossings they have to make," he says. "And the water is ruining the bearings."

The United Nations Development Program's Honiara-based sub-office offered the contract. One of its six focus areas is creating employment opportunities through the rehabilitation of infrastructure, including transport networks, in the conflict-affected areas of the country.

"Kukudu suffered financially during the ethnic tension," says Mr Candy, who also received \$160,000 from the European

Union to build a swing bridge at the school. "But it's well run. I enjoy working with administrators who are prepared to help themselves."

Mr Candy sold his business three years ago, but still makes regular visits (he has made more than 60 over the past 20 years) to the Solomons. He had just returned from the school where he had been installing a new motor in the older of the two tractors before approaching the United Nations.

"The principal of the school, Mettley Katovai, contacted Bruce to say that the motor had broken," says Dr Alex Currie, a retired minister who met Mr Candy at Kukudu about seven years ago. "He asked Bruce to find a new motor.



Bruce Candy, a retired businessman from Ashburton, NZ, has formed a special relationship with Kukudu Adventist High School.

Bruce contacted me and I said look for one that can be reconditioned. Bruce found a motor within a week and I said, 'Hold on until I can raise some money.' But he called before I could find the money to say he had purchased the motor, reconditioned it and shipped it to the Solomons." Dr Currie eventually raised the \$NZ6250 in engineering and transport costs.

"It's great to have people like Bruce who are prepared to give up a couple of months of their time to serve the church in this way," says Dr Currie. "The money he will receive to build the bridge for the tractors is recognition of the school's self-reliance policy and of a volunteer who is prepared to equip Solomon Islanders with building skills."—**Brenton Stacey**

KidSpeak—Adventist children speak about their world

Jan Bolst asked children from Castle Hill church, NSW, "What does your angel do for you?" and "What do you think your angel looks like?"



Name: Tanisha Elliott
Age: 7 years old
She looks after me when I am in bed. Why do you say she? Because I don't like boys.



Name: Melissa Laws
Age: 8 years old
Once I nearly got hit by a car because I didn't look properly. Mum said I should thank my angel for keeping me safe.



Name: Brett Samuels
Age: 6 years old
He keeps me safe from burglars and bad things happening to me. Angels must have wings.



Name: Jonathan Lagos
Age: 8 years old
He protects me from bullies. They wear white clothes and have wings. I know because I have seen them in books.

Volunteer ministry a winner with Aborigines in Armidale

Armidale, NSW

The volunteer ministry of a Seventh-day Adventist to Aborigines in Armidale, New South Wales, is about to bear fruit.

Graeme Kent has been organising what he calls Koori Fellowship, a program of praise and worship and fellowship on Saturday afternoons, since the beginning of the year. He has also been presenting a Bible study on Monday evenings for the past year and a half.

Three Aborigines will be baptised on November 15, because of Mr Kent's ministry. One is a woman named Lena.

"I nearly wrote her off," says Mr Kent. "She didn't show any interest in Jesus until I organised an evangelistic program in August. Now she's attending [the church's] Mamarapha College for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Perth. Her sister also wants to attend the college, and her daughter wants to attend church. Lena's witness has helped open homes."

Up to 25 Aborigines attend the fellowship program and up to 15 the Bible study. Mr Kent hires a bus to transport them to a "non-threatening" venue, Kent House ("no, it's not my house").

In his fifth year of ministry, Mr Kent presents home Bible studies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and is planning to start another on Sunday evenings. He says the knowledge that he is working for God keeps him going. "I'm 69. I want to do as much as I can in as short a time as I can."

—Brenton Stacey



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Health course improves lives

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One regular attendee, Jean Wood, who is on dialysis, says, "I'm really enjoying every part of the *Mai Palya* program. I feel good on the food we are getting." During the week she had to go to hospital for her regular dialysis treatment. "I usually shake after the treatment," she says, "but I was real good today. My sugar level was good, and my blood pressure better."

The attendant asked her what she'd been doing. She replied, "I've been going to *Mai Palya* and eating *Mai Palya* food." The attendant said, "Well it's certainly been doing you good. You'd better get me some of this *Mai Palya* food."

Non-Adventist leaders of the community brought in potted plants to decorate the hall for the Sabbath, which they knew was a special day for the volunteers. Friday evening the community gathered for a candlelit dinner.

"It was evident from the neat clothing that the community members wanted to show their respect and reverence for the Sabbath," says Marek Jantos, Adventist Health Ministries director for the South Australian Conference.

The community chose to join volunteers for a thanksgiving worship time on Sabbath. Many shared testimonies of the impact the week-long program had made on their health. Some confirmed that not only did they experience renewed energy



Margaret McKenzie, Virginia Crawford, Simone Oldfield and Jackie Crawford practise the art of making bread.

Don Fehrborg

and health, but their doctors found that their blood-sugar levels had stabilised.

The worship service focused on the relationship between health and spirituality, and volunteers shared testimonies of the blessings they received from the friendship and spiritual focus of the local Aboriginal people as reflected in their songs and prayers.

One volunteer said, "As God's children we all realise that the spiritual things that bind us together are stronger than culture or skin colour."

"I praise God for the wonderful health ministry He's given to our church," says Mr Jantos. "It has the potential of opening doors that will lead to opportunities far greater than anything we may expect. Our church's contribution is unique and without parallel. Not only do we have a vegetarian focus and promote drug and alcohol abstinence, but the ultimate focus of our health message is not only quality of life, but a holistic existence in which spirituality is a key element."—Kellie Hancock

Marketing agency chases *Utopia*

The multimedia outreach of the South Pacific Division is on the verge of going global, says president Pastor Laurie Evans. A multinational marketing agency has become enamoured by *Chasing Utopia*, a series produced by the Adventist Media Centre, and is about to conclude a deal to syndicate the shows worldwide, with potential income equal to the series' production costs.

Offered as a community-service initiative, this series seeks to promote the welfare of people in the urban centres of the world and facilitate their search for happiness and deeper meaning in life.—ANN

See <www.chasingutopia.com>.

Cool school idea

Pat Hunt, NNZ

Gary Krause's editorial about the girl who didn't know of Jesus—she'd "probably only heard His name as an expletive" ("I hope Jesus was shot," September 13)—caught my attention. Also, that a "whole generation of young Australians, New Zealanders, Americans and Europeans have no knowledge of Jesus." How true!

Global Mission is endeavouring to address this with a study centre in Florida. We need this, but in Australia and New Zealand we're fortunate to have effective programs operating and open to members of Christian churches. They're able to enter public schools and give to children a knowledge of God's love.

The curriculum covers a wide range of Bible stories—even one on "How Jesus kept the Sabbath." It would be wonderful if Adventists could rise to the challenge individually, in our own communities, so every school in Australia and New Zealand is reached with the gospel.

It requires only half-an-hour a week in each classroom. Materials and lesson ideas are provided. I feel privileged to have been involved in this work in a school near my home for nearly six years. It's rewarding and I've met many wonderful people. God gives us all we need to do His work of feeding His lambs. Contact the Council for Christian Education in Schools (at least in Victoria) or the Churches Education Commission in New Zealand.

Cheryl Krauss, Qld

I recently returned to work full time and had to give up my time helping out at my daughter's state school. I'd been a volunteer Religious Education (RE) teacher to a Grade 1 class there. If anyone has a spare half-hour each week, it's well appreciated by the children. I got a real buzz out of going there each week, and the children absolutely loved the RE class. When children saw me at the school on other days, they'd come up to me and ask if they

from the first-century catacombs to the Waldensian caves to the contemporary "house-church" movement in Communist China, true followers of Jesus have often been the underground church, in a legal and sometimes literal sense. Real, radical Christianity has hardly ever been socially acceptable or safe.

Perhaps our youth will gain a sense of solidarity with these persecuted believers and catch a fresh vision of vital, unflinching Christianity as they spiritually

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were having religion that day because they loved it.

The curriculum is a non-denominational program—"Kazoo"—which starts with Creation and goes through the major Bible stories, and is quite suitable for Adventists to teach. In the past three years we've had more contact with non-churchgoers than ever before—and you never know where that may lead! We should be in secular schools. As Christ mixed with others, we should be doing the same.

grow within the Underground small-group movement.

Missed at work

Janelle Cuthbert, Vic

I read the obituary for Graeme Judd (September 20), which finished by saying he would be greatly missed by his family and church family. I would add to this that he will be missed by his work colleagues. I didn't personally know Graeme, but almost all my work colleagues had dealt with him and the team he worked with, and they all speak very highly of Graeme.

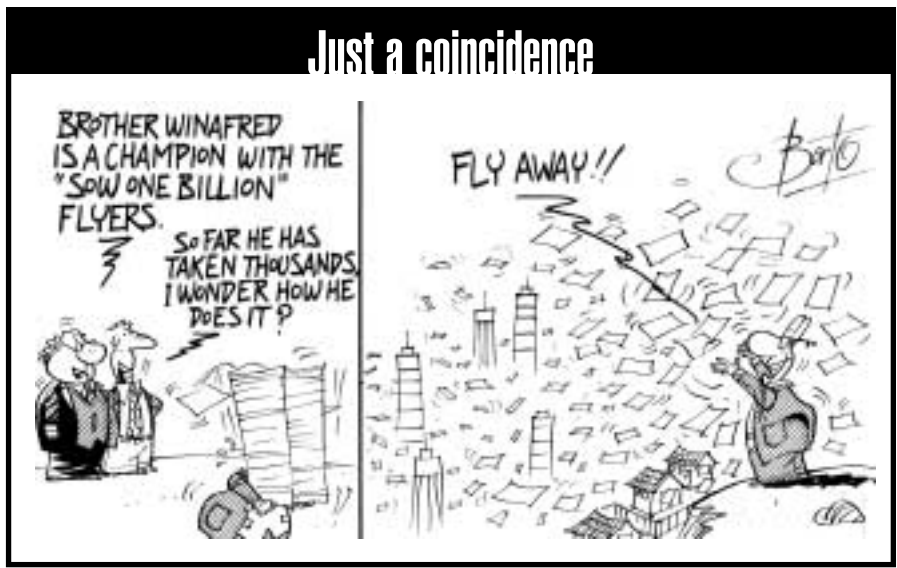
It wasn't until the funeral details were sent around our workplace that I discovered he was an Adventist. Everyone knew him as a committed Christian and that he lived what he believed.

Even though I never met Graeme, it was encouraging to know I wasn't the only Adventist Christian working in my building. At times you can feel as though you're the only Adventist in your workplace and this can be very daunting, especially being a young person relatively new to the corporate world in Melbourne. It's fantastic to know Graeme made a positive impact on my work colleagues. I hope I can do the same.

The underground church of God

Kent Kingston, Qld

Contrary to the letter condemning the term *underground* for the youth movement ("Underground questions," October 4),



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Henry Miller

Knight—Geelan. Glenn Ross Knight, son of John and Sharron Knight (Napier, NNZ), and Michelle Louise Geelan, daughter of Barry and Heather Geelan (Sydney, NSW), were married on 12.10.03 in a beautiful garden setting at "Windy Ridge Gardens," Mount Wilson, in the Blue Mountains.
Kevin Geelan

Pearce—Woosley. Roy Neville Pearce, son of Margaret and the late Roy Pearce (Mackay, Qld), and Rosanne Woosley, daughter of Russell and Delma Cavanagh (Gympie), were married on 21.9.03 in the Maroochy Bushland Botanical Gardens on the Sunshine Coast.
Mark Pearce

Schriever—Hogan. Brett Anthony Schriever, son of John and Marilyn Schriever (Ringwood North, Vic), and Patricia Eileen Hogan, daughter of Eric and Barbara Hogan (St Albans), were married on 19.10.03 at Ballara Reception, Eltham.
Bruce Manners

Stacey—Howse. Dr Bryan Arthur Blundell Stacey, son of the late Arthur and Frances Stacey, and Judith Lorraine

Howse, daughter of Ethel (Perth, WA) and the late Eric Zeunert, were married on 12.10.03 at Matilda Bay Gardens, Crawley, Perth.
Rein Muhlberg

Steyger—Schofield. Mark Henry Steyger, son of Bernard (Cairns, Qld) and Kathy Steyger (Bellevue, WA), and Simone Jane Schofield, daughter of Trevor (Dun Craig) and Julie Schofield (Cairns), were married on 28.9.03 in the North Beach Adventist church, Perth.
Gervais Cangy

Obituaries

Drake, Ida and Arthur: Ida was born 7.9.1923 on Niue; died 20.8.03 in Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, NNZ; Arthur was born 4.3.1934 in NNZ; and died 25.8.03 at home in Mangere, Auckland. They are survived by their much loved son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Love; and Arthur's children, Charisse and Brendon. They were faithful servants of God who would share their faith in Jesus with anyone. This resulted in many, including family and friends, becoming Seventh-day Adventists. They are sadly missed by all.
Anthony Manu

Rowe, Thomas Herbert Darby, born 18.11.1930 at Wanganui, NNZ; died 14.8.03 in Whangarei Hospital. Darby married Maria. He is survived by his wife; his children, Louise, Wendy, Walter, Virginia and James; his grandchildren; and their families. Darby served as

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a deacon in the Whangarei church and was known to the community as "the helper to the unfortunate."
Ken Curtis

Seupule, Alofia Sootaga (nee Atoa), born 2.1.1946 at Vauala, Vailima, Western Samoa; died peacefully 16.9.03 at her home in Cooranbong, NSW. On 27.2.69 she married Tupuana'i Ulutoa Alofia. She is survived by her husband; her son, Vite; her daughters, Ainoama, Millie, Taeva, Sasulu Maleatikala and Juliette; and her 13 grandchildren. Sootaga was a sweet, spiritual, devoted mother to God's work and her family. She is known and acknowledged for establishing God's work at Eastamaki Samoa SDA church, Auckland, NNZ; at Minto Samoa SDA church in NSW; and also the Dora Creek Samoa SDA company, NSW. She was a strong, faithful, loving Christian who walked close with God. She will be sadly missed by family and friends.
Ativale Multalo

Sinclair, Grace Powell, born 1920; died 28.8.03 at Seaview Rest Home,

Whangarei, NNZ. She married Bill, who predeceased her in 2002. She was also predeceased by her son, Gary. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dr Ross and Natlie Sinclair, her daughter, Jeanette; and her five grandchildren. Grace was a much loved member of Lower Hutt church and later Whangarei church, where she willingly used her talents of hospitality, music and welfare work. Her bright smile cheered everyone who met her.
Ken Curtis

Sonter, Leonard Owen, born 2.4.1909 at Epping, NSW; died 13.9.03 in Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong. In 1931 he married Ida Mayell, who predeceased him in 1988. He is survived by his children, Robert (Wauchope), Allen (Toowoomba, Qld), Bertram (Mackay) and Letitia McMahon (Narromine, NSW); his 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Len will probably be best remembered for his work in literature ministry during the 1930s and for his management of the Avondale orchard and poultry departments between 1944 and 1952. He lived a long and active life, and now awaits the return of his Lord.
Allen Sonter

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