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Mission focus begins meetings

Wahroonga, NSW

Members of the South Pacific Division's (SPD) executive committee could have no doubt about the focus of their year-end meetings, November 18-20, after spending the first morning hearing reports highlighting the mission of the church.

Pastor Anthony Kent, the Ministerial Association secretary, introduced the reports to illustrate the division's response to the worldwide church's Year of Evangelism 2004.

The report featured a drama—illustrating the differences between the Go One Million and Sow 1 Billion projects—and live music interspersed with testimonies and promotional videos. Pastor David Jack spoke of the success of planting the new Mile End Community church in Rouse Hill, Sydney.

Lecturer Dr Graeme Bradford and student

Stuart Clark spoke of the mentoring and practical training program for theology students at Avondale College, NSW.

Pastor Gilbert Cangy, the director of Youth Ministries for the SPD, reiterated the aim of the small-group movement, Underground—to encourage young adults to step up to a higher level in their relationship with God.

Also speaking were Barbara Reynolds in her role as the SPD Global Mission coordinator, and Janet Rieger, the director of Children's Ministries, who reminded committee members "not to judge a person by their body size, because their souls are the same size."

Pastor Barnabas Shelley, the minister of the Campbelltown, NSW, church, spoke of how a couple had joined his congregation after responding to a Bible-study invitation letter-

boxed by a church member.

Pastor Jerry Matthews, president of the North New Zealand Conference, spoke about the Easter satellite uplink from the Papatoetoe church of a program featuring Bruce Marchiano, the actor who plays Jesus in the four-hour movie *Matthew*.

The church is challenging all members to participate in at least one evangelistic program during the Year of Evangelism. "All members" includes Pastor Laurie Evans, Dr Barry Oliver and Dr Paul Petersen, president, general secretary and field secretary of the SPD.

Pastor Evans will help Pastor Kent present a field school of evangelism and an evangelistic program in the Solomon Islands. Dr Oliver will do the same in Papua New Guinea, and Dr Petersen will run an evangelistic program in Kiribati. Dr Erika Puni, the SPD director of Personal Ministries, spoke of eight evangelistic programs he will present in 2004.

At the end of his report, Pastor Kent asked committee members to form a circle to symbolise their commitment to the Year of Evangelism. The members prayed in pairs then joined hands to sing the hymn, "Spirit of the living God."

Pastor Lowell Cooper, a vice president of the General Conference, prayed before committee members sang the hymn, "Jesus saves, Jesus saves."—**Brenton Stacey**



Health series proves popular

Wahroonga, NSW

About 190 churches across Australia and New Zealand have registered to show *Taking Charge of Your Health*. Seventy per cent of the churches will show the seven-part, magazine-style DVD series in February and March next year.



An image from the *Taking Charge of Your Health* promotion.

This is according to Jonathan Duffy, the director of Adventist Health Ministries, who reported on the progress of the series to the church during the year-end meetings.

The church produced *Taking Charge* to help Adventists in local churches make contact with members of the community.

"The series is not overtly religious in its content but strongly promotes the church's principles of healthy living, family values, spirituality and relationships," says Mr Duffy.—**Brenton Stacey**

New office to rise from under ash

Wahroonga, NSW

The South Pacific Division will give K175,000 to help rebuild an office buried by a volcano in Papua New Guinea. Ash from the eruption of the Rabaul volcano buried the headquarters of

the church's New Britain New Ireland Mission in 1994. This forced the mission to move to Kavieng on New Ireland and to open a branch in Kokopo, which is about 30 kilometres south-east of Rabaul.

Kokopo will be the location of the new office. The Papua New Guinea Union Mission will also help fund the rebuilding by giving a K110,000 appropriation.

The appropriation will be financed from legacies and bequests members have given to the mission field. Each year bequests are received for general or specific projects in the mission field.—**Brenton Stacey**

Sanitarium growth forces change

Wahroonga, NSW

Sanitarium Health Food Company has changed the structure of its management to capitalise on a growing number of overseas business opportunities. The health-food company has split the role of the chief operations officer by appointing a general manager—Australia and a general manager—international.

David Iredale, the current chief operations officer, has accepted the position of general manager—international. The company is currently recruiting for the position of general manager—Australia.

Seventh-day Adventists fill almost 90 per cent of the management and professional positions and 80 per cent of the top 100 positions at Sanitarium.—**Brenton Stacey**



David Iredale.

Missionary's wife thanks church

Wahroonga, NSW

The wife of murdered Australian missionary Lance Gersbach has thanked members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific's executive committee for helping her and her family "ease the pain and loss."

"These past few months have been tough, very tough," wrote Jean Gersbach in a letter to Peter Brewin, the associate general secretary of the South Pacific Division.

"Yet I have come to experience . . . an outpouring of love and concern I [have] never experienced before. . . . I have felt listened to and supported. . . . I would like to thank the committee for making it possible to bring Lance home. This was so important to me, and I am aware that it would have been very costly."—**Brenton Stacey**



Jean Gersbach.



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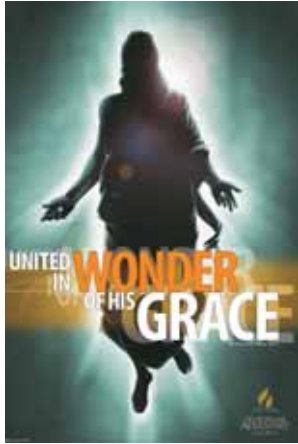
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These meetings occur twice a year to overview the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its activities, providing a forum for nominated members across the South Pacific to contribute to policy and future direction.



Seventh-day Adventists will celebrate **Unity in the Warmth of Fellowship** next year. The theme is part of the worldwide church's five-year strategic plan. Church members celebrated Unity in the Word of God in 2001, Unity in Worship of God in 2002 and Unity in Wonder of His Grace this year. They will celebrate **Unity in Witness of Truth** in 2005.

Adventist Aged Care is the new title for the church's Adventist Retirement Village system. The change reflects industry practice. The church's **19 aged-care facilities** (which will retain their individual names) in Australia and New Zealand have almost 1800 beds between them.

Bible correspondence courses are an **effective evangelistic tool**. This is according to a report presented by Adventist Media during the South Pacific Division's year-end meeting, November 18-20. Some **7-10 per cent** of people joining the church in Australia and New Zealand through baptism each year have completed at least **one Bible correspondence course**. A total of 1155 people joined the church in Australia and New Zealand through baptism in 2002.

Children's leader impacts church

Children attending Seventh-day Adventist churches in the South Pacific Division are losing one of their greatest supporters. Janet Rieger, the director of Children's Ministries for the division, plans to retire next year after 34 years of denominational service.

Members of the division executive committee gave Mrs Rieger a standing ovation after voting during their year-end meeting, November 18-20, to accept her resignation.

The assistant to the South Pacific Division president, Pastor Ray Coombe, read from a citation commemorating the ministry of Mrs Rieger "to the boys and girls . . . of the South Pacific" as a teacher, lecturer and children's leader.

"We honour you, Janet, not only for what you have done, but for who you are," said Pastor Coombe.

The division president, Pastor Laurie Evans, spoke of Mrs Rieger's passion for children. "You've pioneered children's ministries in the South Pacific," he said. "You've given it a profile and a focus." —*Brenton Stacey*



The **Henderson church**, North New Zealand, will receive a **\$A50,000 grant** to help construct a new worship building. The money comes from the Church Building Reserve of the South Pacific Division. The church's executive committee gives the grant to a local church in Australia or New Zealand each year.

Young people, get involved in the **Year of Evangelism 2004**, urges Pastor **Gilbert Cangy** (pictured), director of Youth Ministries for the South Pacific Division. "Over the past two years, we've been intentional in taking specific steps to create an environment for discipleship," he comments, referring particularly to the



Underground. Pastor Cangy sees this as a significant foundation upon which to build in the coming year. In the new year, a new study guide will be released for use by small groups, introducing their friends to the **God of Bible prophecy** and the hope that can be found in Him.

The **Adventist Media Centre** reports that they have been contracted with the British Union and begun preproduction of a **LIFEdevelopment.info** program to be broadcast live from **Newbold College** church from March 1 to 12, 2004. The Media Centre will also be involved in a follow-up program in October.

The nameplate on the office of Adventist Health Ministries' **Melissa Harris** (pictured) is changing. At the year-end meetings she was promoted from assistant director to **associate director**.



An **Institute of Worship Enrichment** has been established and based at Avondale College. The director of the institute, Pastor **Lyell Heise**, will serve in that role on a half-time basis and also work as a lecturer in the Theology Faculty. Pastor Heise is completing a **DMin on worship**. The institute is funded by the South Pacific Division.

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The mission and finances challenge

Wahroonga, NSW

Tithe in the South Pacific Division continues to increase, but financial support for mission continues to decrease. This was among several issues considered in the treasurer's report to executive members at the division's year-end meetings.

The increase in tithe for the year to the end of August is 3.9 per cent, said Rod Brady, the division treasurer. And he pointed out that there is a cumulative increase in conference tithe compared to the Consumer Price Index.

"While concerns exist on the potential tithe that could be received," says Mr Brady, "we must not forget to recognise the faithfulness of so many members that does see tithe increasing faster than inflation."

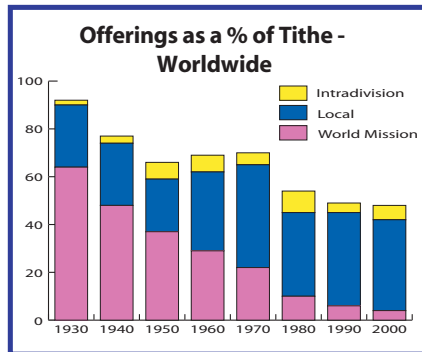
A declining trend in giving for world mission means an average of about \$A10 per capita a year is given by church members in this division, with most collected at Sabbath school. If Sabbath school offerings were the same percentage of tithe as in 1994, an additional \$A1.5 million would have been collected this year.

In the past five years, mission offerings taken up at camps have almost halved from more than \$A140,000 in 1998 to about \$A75,000 in 2002. World mission offerings in various forms are a major part of the General Conference budget.

"The downturn is having a negative impact on the General Conference as it tries to support divisions with appropriations, project funding, support of expatriate staff and entering new areas," says Mr Brady. "The General Conference is excited about areas of the world now opening to the gospel, but is worried about the resources available to support those opportunities."

A mission offering focus group met during the meetings to consider the decline in mission offerings and to suggest possible solutions.

The Year of Evangelism receives an injection of \$A500,000 in the new year



from the current budget to support initiatives in each union. The unions, conferences and missions are also making budgetary provisions for the Year of Evangelism in 2004.

Local conferences are set to retain a total of \$A550,000 next year following a review of the monthly tithe percentage allocations that are sent to the division.

"We were able to reduce the level of tithe percentage allocated because of changes in the way in which the church receives

income from its institutions," says division associate treasurer, Kelvin Peuser.

"Based on current figures, we anticipate conferences will be able to retain up to \$A550,000 for their budgets with similar savings expected for subsequent years."

Mr Brady believes that next year's (2004-05) budget will have a modest increase. A significant negative impact will be the decrease in the value of the American dollar and thus the value of General Conference appropriations. Another item that will need to be dealt with is the escalating cost of supporting expatriates working in island territories.

"We must strive to manage the church's resources both efficiently and effectively," says Mr Brady. "Despite the many issues encountered in operating the church on a day-to-day basis, we rejoice in seeing a positive scorecard for what really counts—the spreading of the gospel and decisions being made for Christ." —**Bruce Manners**

Missions plan to become conferences

Wahroonga, NSW

At least three of the missions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific aim to become conferences by 2006. Central Papua, Fiji and Samoa have indicated their interest in becoming conferences.

Dr Brad Kemp, the director of Leadership and Pacific Resources for the South Pacific Division, has produced a guidebook and a training manual to help missions become conferences, and a brochure explaining conference status to church members. He and the church's Human Resources Department will begin presenting leadership workshops in the Pacific islands next year.

"Missions are still missions," said Dr Kemp in his report, "but we aim to have at least one become a conference by 2005."

"The goal of becoming a conference challenges and excites mission leaders," he said. "But I've been emphasising to them that they can't achieve the goal without the help of their members."

"Mission leaders should be reminding church members that they have a part to play, and that's to be faithful in what God has given to them." —**Brenton Stacey**

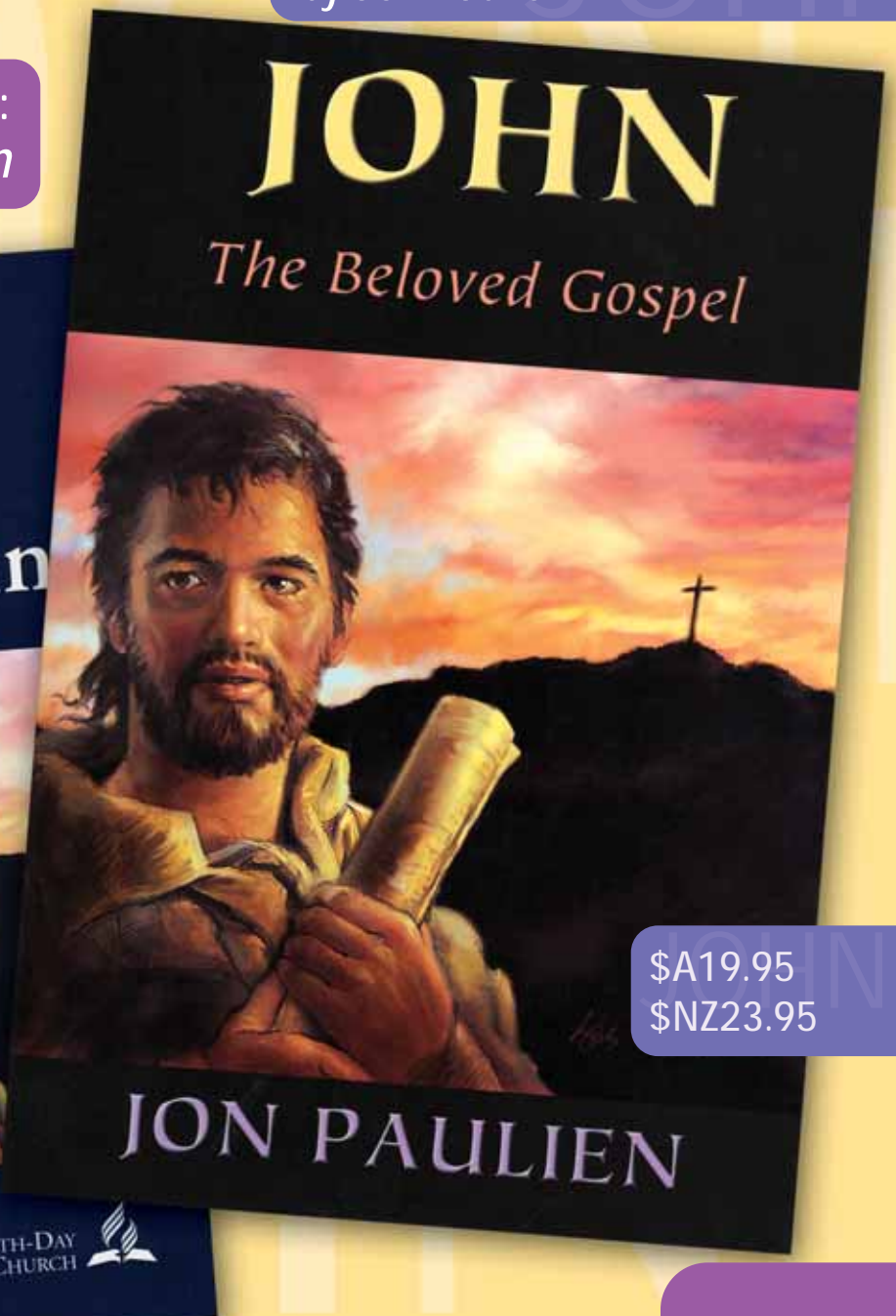
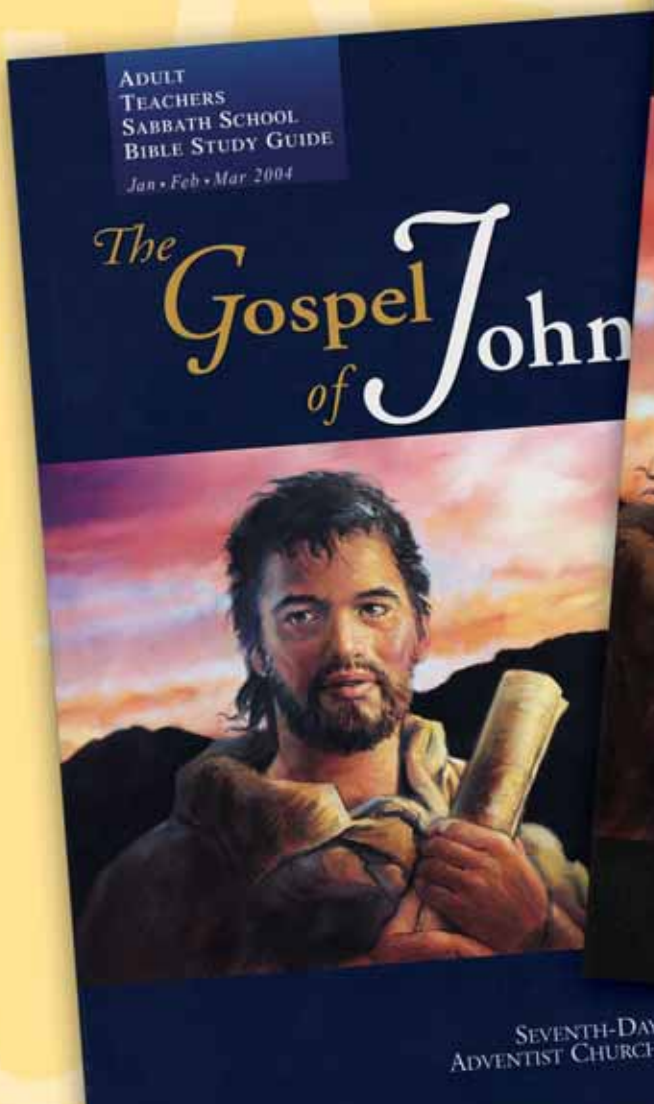


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Conflicting ideas

Greg Reed, Qld

Pastor Oliver's editorial ("A matter of allegiance," November 15) acknowledges that the church of today is "wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked." He says that if the church doesn't agree with "my point of view," then I am not to maintain it, as it may bring discredit to the church.

So, apparently, my point of view would cause dissension and disharmony. But anything that is in harmony with a church that is "wretched . . . blind and naked" needs to be examined. We also need to examine if the different point of view is, in fact, a way out of this condition.

It is too easy to brand different views as a lack of allegiance.

Paul Richardson, NSW

"A matter of allegiance" raises some important questions. First, we need to ask, what is the biblical purpose of church? Then ask, to what degree we are meeting that specific but very broad New Testament directive. This would include our acknowledging, believing and loving Jesus, then loving one another, plus listening to God and each other.

The biblical directive involves our receiving and sharing of the Holy Spirit, sharing the gospel, offering reconciliation of relationships and peace through repentance and remission of sins. Added to that is teaching, baptising, observing Christ's commands, regularly engaging in reading the Word, praise and worship, giving

tithes and offerings, encouraging one another and the making of disciples.

Perhaps the Christian community has focused more on teachings than discipleship, along with those other directed elements that are essential to a healthy, vibrant church community. From this we've grown organisations, which perpetuate addictive dependence, a consequence of which is the failure to focus on achieving its mission.

This has led to a situation in which a few

spiritual and more attractive as individuals are encouraged to share the truth of their perspective rather than "not maintain [their] point of view" ("A matter of allegiance") if it disagrees with a church position and so discard integrity.

In this way, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can grow in our understanding of truth, rather than get stuck in traditional and sometimes inaccurate ways of understanding.

God, it seems to me, is not an

So far as tithing is concerned, cheap grace produces cheapskates.

try to do the task of the many, within a powerless church that experiences burn-out, discouragement, criticism and loss of both its ministers and membership.

Perhaps "allegiance" *per se* would be less of an issue if we followed the Bible's directive to the church.

R Joy Hallam, Qld

The celebration of multiculturalism by our young people (Newsfront, November 15) made me hopeful for the future of the church, as in the contemporary world there is growing recognition that culture is both real and makes for unique perspectives.

In our world there is increasing awareness that not just cultural groups but individuals have unique perspectives. I value the fact that the Letters section gives acknowledgment of this. I believe the Adventist Church will become increasingly

authoritarian Being who demands uniformity. Rather, He invites unity within diversity, with love.

Colin P McMahon, Vic

"A matter of allegiance" was intriguing, for it calls for allegiance to the authority of the church while admitting it is in a state of Laodicean blindness, which surely would affect the reliability of its decision making. Perhaps we have misrepresented the prophetic message of Laodicea and it isn't us at all. But admitting we got a prophecy wrong might be an even worse situation. Better to admit that we're just blind and liable to be clambering up any path.

Wanted: Cheerful givers!

David Pennington, NSW

I agree with Pastor Benjamin Maxson and Dr Erika Puni (Newsfront, November 22) that the 75 per cent decline in tithe receipts since the 1970s is a spiritual problem, but for different reasons. A quarter of a century of preaching against "works" can only have that effect. (After all, if tithe isn't a "work," then what is it?)

True conversion, rooted in "faith that works by love," is what many lack. So far as tithing is concerned, cheap grace produces cheapskates.

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Weddings

Davis—Barton. Shayne Vincent Davis, son of Donald and Colleen Davis (Bega, NSW), and Jodi Patricia Barton, daughter of Peter and Sandra Armstrong (Port Kembla), were married on 17.11.03 at Maryborough, Qld.
Phil Downing

Keath—Salmond. Andrew Stuart Keath, son of Frank and Wilma Keath (Yarck, Vic), and Sandra Leeann Salmond, daughter of Neville and Rosalie Salmond (Clayton, SA), were married on 26.10.03 in the Wantirna Adventist church.
Craig Gillis

Lynch—West. Cameron Lynch, son of Roger and Lynette Lynch (Bundaberg, Qld), and Sandra West, daughter of Brian and Pamela West (Bundaberg), were married on 16.11.03 at private gardens in Bundaberg.
Damien Rice

Moodie—Townsend. Jason Glenn Moodie, son of Robert and Sheree Moodie (Morisset Park, NSW), and Angela Jayne Townsend, daughter of Christopher and

Marion Townsend (Mandalong), were married on 9.11.03 in the Avondale College church, Cooranbong.
Paul Von Bratt

Pannakoek—Roskam. Robert James Pannakoek, son of Bob and Bernice Pannakoek (Rainbow Flat, NSW), and Nah-tanha Petronella, daughter of Ramona (Manurewa, Auckland, NNZ) and Bob Roskam (Vogelstown, Wellington), were married on 16.11.03 in the Manurewa Adventist church, Auckland.
Colin Standish, Ben Timothy

Obituaries

Bellchambers, Roger Lindsay, born 10.11.1945 in Sydney NSW; died 13.10.03 at Clayton, Vic. He was predeceased by his twin brother, John, in 1988. On 6.8.67 he married Margaret Hardy. He is survived by his wife (Wantirna); his daughters, Melissa Brown (Chadstone) and Emma Kate Rasmussen (Ringwood); his son, Justin (Caulfield); and his brother, Paul (Melbourne). Roger was a big man with a big heart and a love of God, family and life. His aim in life was to tell people about Jesus without judging them. He enjoyed music and loved to sing for people. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.
Morrie Krieg

Buchanan, Jessie, born 26.6.1916 at Murwillumbah, NSW; died 16.9.03 at Murwillumbah. On 16.10.40 she married Victor. She is survived by her husband

(Murwillumbah); her children, Doug (Sydney), Charles (Kingscliff), Lyn (Brisbane, Qld); her nine grandchildren; and five great-granddaughters. Jessie was devoted to her family; a skilled dressmaker, knitter and needleworker; a keen bush-walker and botanist. She was a loyal church worker and served as church clerk for 14 years at Murwillumbah church.
Adrian Craig

Ferrett, Wilfred (Snow), born 28.11.1910 at Fernmount, NSW; died 24.9.03 at Wauchope. He was predeceased by a baby brother; also his brothers, Arthur, in 1985, and Martin (Bart), in 1995. The eldest of six children, he is survived by his sisters, Joyce Guidoux (Swansea) and Gloria Healey (Wauchope). Snow never married, but was always surrounded by family, including six nephews, six nieces, 20 great-nephews and nieces; and three great-nephews and nieces. He was a great mechanic, fisherman, lover of music and nature. He was baptised on 11.5.91 and joined the Wauchope church family.
Rick Ferret, Barry Satchell

Holman, Olive May (nee Rowe), born 22.9.1912 at Cobar, NSW; died 27.10.03 in the District Hospital, Young. In 1936 she married Samuel, who predeceased her in 1979. She is survived by her son, Brian; her daughter and son-in-law, Valmai and Geoff Hart; her three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.
Tom Turner

House, Fermina Rose, born 18.5.1915 at Fremantle, WA; died 31.8.03 at Victoria Point, Qld. She was predeceased by her husband, Pastor Eric House, on 31.3.03. She is survived by her sons, Kevin (Gold Coast), Bryan (USA) and Murray (Perth, WA); and their families. She is remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and friend. She is greatly missed by her family and by all who knew her.
John Lee, Jorge Munoz

Maslen, Leonard Robert, born 18.5.1942 at Raymond Terrace, NSW; died 20.10.03 at Newcastle. He is survived by his sisters, Ruth Maslen and Sue Lewis (both of Bobs Farm, NSW); and Francis Plaizier (Cardiff). Len had two loves: the family farm where he experienced God in nature, and helping people. He is greatly missed.
Colin Renfrew, Norm Tyack

Page, Gladys Anthea, born 18.7.1916 near Parkes, NSW; died 23.10.03 in Parkes District Hospital, after several months of poor health. She is survived by her sister, Ivy Aitken (Parkes); numerous nephews and nieces; and many who became "family" to Auntie Glad, particularly Pastor Frank and Meryl Gorry and their sons, Brent, Darin, Shane and Nigel (North Mackay, Qld). Glad never married and spent her life in service to others; her hospitality was legend. During the last months of her life, she was an enthusiastic participant in the Parkes handwritten Bible project. Glad was a faithful member of Parkes church. She loved her Lord and now awaits the Life-giver.
Colin Richardson, Allan Draper

Panckhurst, Margaret Amelia, born 11.8.1921 at Berrigan, NSW; died 17.10.03 at Nunawading, Vic. In 1953 she married Graeme, who predeceased her in 1963. She was also predeceased by her son, Lyndon, in 2001. She is survived by her son, Geoff (Ringwood); her daughters, Denise Kinghorne (Erina, NSW), Anne Rosenberg (Mooroolbark, Vic), Glenys Matassoni (NZ) and Kristine Ireland (Leongatha, Vic); her sisters, May Hennig and Myrtle Miller (Vermont, Vic); and her 12 grandchildren. Following the death of her husband, Margaret worked at the Warburton Health Care Centre and Hospital on night shift for 21 years. She was the only midwife during these years. Her efforts as a sole parent, training her six children, are to be admired. She was a loyal, caring and resourceful woman of faith.
Morrie Krieg

Price, Chrystal (Pat), born 20.8.1918 at Kempsey, NSW; died 16.10.03 at Cooranbong. She was predeceased by her brothers, Magnus, Ronald, Gilbert, Lloyd and Richard. Having suffered a nervous breakdown at 20 years of age, Pat was institutionalised for many years until her niece, Audrey Wills (Magnus's daughter), found her and lovingly brought her to Kressville. Pat is remembered as a very kind, gently spoken person whose memory is cherished tenderly by her niece and her carers.
Austin Fletcher

Simon, Gladys Leigh, born 2.9.1921 in Sydney, NSW; died 8.10.03 in Sydney Adventist Hospital. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Michelle and George Hill (Ermington), Diana Simon (Weldborough, Tas), Anthony and Lisa (Carlingford), and Christine and Terry Smith (Derby, Tas); and their families. Leigh's love for her Lord and strong faith to the end was a witness to all her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.
Eric Greenwell
Lloyd Grolimund, Tharren Hutchinson

Stott, Glenalvie Blöse (nee Rowe), born 12.12.1913 in Melbourne, Vic; died 27.9.03 in Melbourne. On 2.3.36 she married Alexander, who predeceased her in 1967. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Graeme and Pam Stott (Mount Evelyn) and Margaret and Neville Wilson (Lilydale); her brother, Ted Rowe; her eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. A gentle woman at rest.
John Chan

Thomson, John Charles, born 30.7.1925 at Toowoomba, Qld; died 26.10.03 in Toowoomba General Hospital. He is survived by his second wife, Rita; his sons to his first wife, Robert and Warren (both of Brisbane, Qld), Melvyn (Vic) and Peter (Brisbane, Qld). John was a quietly spoken, but faithful friend who will be deeply missed by his family, church friends and countless people whom he and Rita served through Meals-on-Wheels for 15 years.
Chris Foote

Tomaskova, Olga (nee Sitar), born 20.11.1931 at Wolyn, Ukraine; died 2.8.03 in Cardiff Nursing Home, NSW. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law,

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Wolosiuk, Daniel, born 1.4.1975 in Melbourne, Vic; died 20.8.03 at Ormond. He is survived by his mother, Anne Medrzychi (Glen Waverley); his father, Daniel Wolosiuk (Melbourne), his sister, Estelle (Glen Waverley); and his grandparents, Stan and Stephanie Medrzychi (Silvan). Danny was a sensitive and caring young man. He was respectful and polite, especially to the elderly. His creativity was expressed in his poems and drawings that he loved to share. Danny's faith in Jesus gives his family a sure hope of reunion at Jesus' soon coming. *Morrie Krieg*
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Youth Volunteer opportunity of a lifetime, travel Tasmania with a team of youth volunteers.

Operate the PINNACLE OF TERROR. Be involved in the running of conference YOUTH EVENTS. Operate a "POSITIVE LIFE" program for youth in high schools. Experience a year of new friendships and memories.

POSITIONS INCLUDE:

- 1 Team Manager • 3 Team Members (ages 18-26)
- Remunerated under the Taskforce Volunteer Program.

SKILLS THAT WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE INCLUDE:

Music, Drama, People Skills, Outdoor Education (high ropes etc).

How good a year can you expect?

Jeremy Johnston
2002 Manager

"The most diverse and rewarding year of my life!"

Brad McGrath
2003 Manager

"Amazing year with many challenges and opportunities for personal growth"

Rick Herganhan
2001 Manager

"One of the most challenging and fun years of my life!"

Apply in writing to Pr Jeff Parker, GPO Box 1039, Hobart 7001
Or email jparker@adventist.org.au
Or for more information phone Jeff 0407 261 886

A hydrotherapy course is being offered by Cedarvale Health Retreat (2 hours south of Sydney) from January 18 to 23, 2004. This is an intensive 5-day course covering the theory and practice of hydrotherapy. Learn simple yet effective treatments that can be easily used to help many common ailments. Apply early as numbers are strictly limited. For applications phone (02) 4465 1362 <www.cedarvaleretreat.com.au>.

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Qualified mechanic required for expanding exhaust and cooling system workshop—Loxton, Riverland, SA. Husband-and-wife operators. Need honest and reliable workshop manager. Résumés to Phil Nuske, 20 Luther Road, Loxton 5333; phone (08) 8584 4877.

50th anniversary Wagga Wagga Adventist Primary School—May 15, 2004. We are seeking contact from all ex-pupils and teachers. Memorabilia wanted. Please phone Marilyn (02) 6925 4182 or <wwaps@bigpond.com>.

Finally

Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.