

# RECORD



*Disability, Housing and Community Services Minister Bill Wood (left) with Adventist Church representatives (L-R) Gary Christian, Julie Nagle and Chris Olafson at the signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the ACT Government and ADRAcare.*

## SDAs to provide emergency housing in Canberra

*Canberra, ACT*

**T**he Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) will provide temporary accommodation for the people of Canberra in future emergencies after representatives of ADRA–Australia’s national program, ADRAcare, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government on March 23.

“This is significant because it formally recognises the work of our volunteers,” says Chris Olafson, development manager for ADRA–Australia. ADRAcare provided temporary accommodation for the more than 500 people forced to leave their homes by the bushfires in Canberra last year. It has provided the same service in New South Wales for 29 years.

“The bushfires demonstrated the importance of having quick access to emergency accommodation, and this MOU is aimed at making any possible future response even better,” said Bill Wood, the Disability, Housing and Community Services Minister for the ACT Government .

ADRAcare will now help identify short-term temporary accommodation once the Government establishes evacuation centres for future emergencies. Housing ACT will coordinate longer-term accommodation and recovery activities.

“Signing the memorandum is part of a plan to take our expertise in disaster recovery to all other states and territories in Australia,” says Mr Olafson.—**Brenton Stacey**

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# Your TV or your life?

**C**hristian artist Carman sings a song that starts off something like this:

“Gone are the days of *Leave it to Beaver*./  
Matt Dillon and his sidekick Festus./  
Now we survive on the immoral lives./  
Of those of *The Young and the Restless*.”

What is it about “soaps” that sucks us in?

They usually focus on a small group of people who live an insular life. The dramas and problems they have to deal with are all out of proportion with what’s going on in the real world. Petty arguments take a lot of time and energy.

Hmmm—that sounds familiar.

They spend more time sitting in coffee shops talking about “what they’re going to do,” instead of getting out there and doing it. And who’s got time to actually get out there on the job, when there’s another cappuccino waiting to be sipped while listening to the latest gossip?

Ouch—is that too close to the bone?

And I’m not just talking soaps, but television shows in general. You know what I’m talking about—yes you, the never-miss-an-episode *Survivor* fan; and you, the closet *Home and Away* junkie; and even those of you who think your daily dose of current affairs programs keep you “well educated” and “up-to-date.” *Today Tonight*, *A Current Affair* and even the “hallowed” *60 Minutes* are often nothing more than thinly disguised sensationalism.

Don’t feel bad; remember, while I point at you, there are three fingers pointing back at me.

I confess there have been times when television has consumed more than a healthy portion of my time. A few years ago I was challenged by a business associate to stop watching TV every day. So I thought I’d get smart and record my

favourite shows. As a time-management tool it is certainly effective—by fast-forwarding the ads, you can watch a one-hour show in 40 minutes.

One week the tape filled up and came to the end before my pre-programmed shows did. At first I was devastated. I’d lost some episodes of my favourite shows. Then I was really busy that week and didn’t get to watch the whole tape before the schedule started again. So another week’s viewing was missed.

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Instead of staring at the brain-numbing screen, I was relearning the joys of reading. Communication with family and friends was easier. There was more time to write email letters, plan social outings, and encourage people in my life when they needed a listening ear. There was more time to spend talking to God, and listening back.

Instead of scrambling to get dinner ready in time for the news, my man and I have learned to eat at the table, instead of in front of the TV. This gives us time to share the events of our day, and to reconnect as a couple.

A friend once said to me, “You can’t change the news by watching it.” Once an event has happened it is news—history—over. Some people get upset when I talk about not watching the news or current affairs programs. “Aren’t you afraid of getting out of touch?” they ask. Others suggest we need to vigilantly watch the news to be aware of issues arising that may

suggest biblical prophecy coming to pass.

While keeping an eye on current issues makes sense (especially when you’re news editor for RECORD!), why do we feel we have to be bombarded with it every day? Sure, watch selective programs, or perhaps skim the paper or the Internet for headlines of interest, and read only those. There are some good TV programs to watch, email services you can subscribe to, or newspaper columns that will fill you in on the week’s headlines at a glance.

That old saying, “No news is good news,” rings true when you consider what the secular media dishes out every day.

God says, “Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is admirable or praiseworthy—think about such things” (Philippians 4:8, NIV). In this case the words *think about* suggest pondering over, or allowing your mind ample amounts of time to be saturated with certain information.

As Carman’s song continues: “If we want true contentment,/ Peace in our homes,/ With an end to marital

strife./ We must think on Jesus Christ/ The only guiding light/ Not one but all the *Days of Our Lives*.”



Kellie Hancock



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- Hope Channel connecting with community • Adventist education proving popular in Tasmania
- Carmel College shows it is all heart • Signs magazine reaches family of seven • and more

—Compiled by Kellie Hancock—

● Adventist Television Network's **Hope Channel** is connecting with members of the community. "Our neighbours are Jordanians who are Christians," writes **Joanna Westerink**, a member of the Parramatta church, NSW. "They've been worshipping with us for the past month and are **eager to find out more about Adventists because they've been watching Hope Channel**—they have a huge satellite dish in their backyard. They say the preaching on the channel is the most beautiful they've ever heard. Members of the adult Sabbath school have invited them into their small groups and are giving them Bible studies."—*Brenton Stacey*

● Television advertising offering a free viewing of the **Who is Jesus?** video has been broadcast in **Tasmania** and the **Orange-Dubbo** region of NSW over the past week with the campaign concluding tomorrow. A free viewing of the Search 6 video **Signs of Christ's return** will be offered to TV viewers in **Wagga Wagga**, NSW, from today until April 25.

● Are you a **tertiary student**? Do you know one? **Melissa Stojanovic**, president of the **Adventist Students Association (ASA)** in the South Pacific Division, wants to hear from you. "There is a document somewhere that specifies exactly how many young

## Community caravan upgraded



Zealand. "Significant remodelling has been completed on our caravan—both inside and out—to provide a self-contained facility that is already highly sought after by Nelson police, search-and-rescue teams, and other community groups," she says.

Some of the modifications include: generator/deep-cycle batteries, full gas-cooking facilities including microwave, fridge/freezer, stereo, solar hot-water heating, water purifier, pump for pumping from streams, a toilet and decontamination shower, radio communications with local authorities, satellite dish, sirens, flashing lights, a command tent and awnings.

Local church member Peter Buzzard (pictured with the caravan) recognised a need within the Nelson community for such a facility and the opportunity the church had to take an active role in community services.

When not being used by community groups, the Haven church plans to use it in community outreach, including: soup, buns and casserole meals on winter nights, food parcels to the needy and providing breakfast in schools.



Adventists are studying at tertiary institutions throughout the South Pacific Division," she says. "But because I don't have this document beside me right now I'll just say that it's lots and lots!" She adds that ASA would like to **put names and faces to those numbers**. "We want to know who you are, where you are, and what you are studying. Tell us about yourself or **dob in a student** you know." If you're interested in joining with other students such as Jared and Michelle (pictured at the Noosa convention), send details to

**ADRAcare** caravans have a new benchmark in design and practicality with the \$NZ60,000 remodelling of the Nelson van, claims Marion Trail, communication secretary for the Haven Seventh-day Adventist church in South New

Ms Stojanovic by email: <dob\_in@myasa.org> or post to: 12 Railway Street, Southport, Qld 4215.

● Enrolment at **Hilliard Christian School** in Hobart, Tas, is at its **highest level for more than 12 years**. There is no room for any more students from Years 4 to 10. There is a waiting list for these classes, with one family hoping a vacancy occurs soon. Applications for next year are already being received.—*Tasda News*

● On February 13, Friday was anything but black at **Carmel Adventist College**, WA. The day before Valentine's Day gave the school prefects (pictured are: **Elyse Dartnall**, **Danica Panna-koek** and **Lucy Owen**) a chance to highlight the school's motto: Greatness through service. They organised the sale of roses and heart-shaped chocolates and

encouraged students to give these gifts of appreciation to friends and family. Shy and

**secret admirers** had their **gifts** delivered **anonymously**, while the less faint-of-heart participated in love-song dedications at lunchtime. Their efforts **raised \$A180** for, appropriately, the **National Heart Foundation**.





● As part of the “Breaking the silence” campaign of the Women’s Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, women in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, are **actively providing support for women who suffer discrimination and violence in the family**. “We should care for others even when it would be easier to not become involved,” says **Evelyn Nagel**, Women’s Ministries director for the South

American Division. Ms Nagel told Novo Tempo Radio Network that “God feels wounded when His children feel pain, and He becomes angry when someone abuses His children.”—ANN

● An **Ellen G White Research and Study Center** was officially opened at Southwestern Adventist University, Texas, in a dedication ceremony on March 26. There are currently **17 White Estate research and study centres worldwide** at Adventist universities and college campuses, and three White Estate branch offices in the United States, with the main office at the church’s world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. The estate is charged with maintaining records and preserving the writings of Ellen G White, one of the founders of the Adventist Church.—ANN

● The president of Australia’s peak Jewish body, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ), **welcomed recent condemnation of anti-Semitism** by Australian Senators as “timely, valuable and essential.” **Jeremy Jones** says, “In recent months, the ECAJ received a number of reports of harassment aimed at Jewish people in Australia.” In the first **10 weeks** of this year a total of **70 reports** of anti-Jewish acts were received. “The strongest defence against the development and growth of anti-Jewish racism is strong, public and unequivocal condemnations of the phenomenon from respected public figures, complemented by appropriate police action and successful legal prosecutions of hate-mongers and racist thugs,” says Mr Jones.—ECAJ

● **The Passion of The Christ** is moving many Muslims in the Middle East to tears. According to eyewitnesses, long lines have been seen in front of theatres in the Jordanian capital Amman, and **Arab audiences are deeply moved by Christ’s suffering**.—Assist News Service

## Days and offerings

**April 24**—Union Institutions Offering

—Christian Education Day

**May 1**—Tertiary Students Day

## Signs reaches family of seven

A South New Zealand woman is now sharing *Signs of the Times* with her seven adult children, and using Seventh-day Adventist books as resources when teaching Bible in schools.

While visiting family, Elaine found a *Signs* magazine in their home. Her daughter had picked up the November 2003 issue from an airport rack for something to read on the plane, and enjoyed it so much she took it home.

As Elaine teaches Bible in schools, she decided to invest in the advertised book *Everything a Growing Child Should Know*. She logged onto the online public interface for literature evangelist (LE) products—<[www.hhes.com.au](http://www.hhes.com.au)>—found the NZ 0800 number and ordered the book.



LE Collette Brown is now in regular contact with Elaine and plans to introduce her to a new book each month.

“This is just one of many stories of people whose lives have been impacted through *Signs* magazine,” says editor Nathan Brown. “It tells the reality—your outreach subscriptions *do* make a difference. Sharing *Signs* with others would have to be one of the easiest and most cost-effective forms of evangelism.”

## Off the record

● Seventeen-year-old **Ben Caukwell**, a member of Aranui church, Christchurch, NZ, has been singing choral music since he was 11. He has been selected as one of seven people from Christchurch to **join the 56-voice New Zealand Secondary Students Choir**. In July Mr Caukwell will travel to Vancouver, Canada, to compete in the International Choral “Kathaumixw.”

● The work of members from **Jacob’s Well Church**, NSW, was highlighted at a community day for Fairfield Public School (FPS) on March 17. Mariela Albornoz (pictured, right, with the FPS principal Ray Palmer) runs holiday programs at the school twice a year and teaches Bible there. Mrs Albornoz says she does this **so the**



**children will have an opportunity to know Jesus**. There are 700 students at FPS with 95 per cent of them coming from non-English-speaking backgrounds.—Julie Weslake

● A highlight of a recent children’s church at Ashfield, NSW, was the **children’s commitment ceremony** where 12 children said that Jesus is their best friend and confirmed their commitment to live for him. Church pastor **Cheonneth Strickland** presented them with a certificate and prayed with them and their chosen faith friends. **Daniel Dhiacou**, 13 years old, then presented the sermon. “The future of the church is in good hands,” commented one member after the special program.



# Zero tolerance legislation applauded

Wahroonga, NSW

The legislation passed in New South Wales (NSW) on March 16 that requires young drivers to have a zero blood alcohol level while at the wheel for four years after gaining a licence should be applauded, say leading Adventist health experts.

Dr Percy Harrold, associate director of Adventist Health Ministries in the South Pacific Division, says that Australia already has laws with some of the lowest cut-off points in relation to blood alcohol concentration while in charge



Dr Percy Harrold.

of a motor vehicle. He believes our roads would be safer if every driver responsibly chose not to drink at all if intending to drive. "In an ideal world, there would be no-one in control of a car, motor cycle, boat or plane whose capabilities were effected by alcohol," he says.

"Time after time, research has shown that perceptions and skills while driving are altered adversely by even one drink of an alcoholic beverage," he says. "It seems strange, but understandable with today's high alcohol tolerance within society, that

train drivers, bus captains and airline pilots should have requirements for zero blood alcohol concentrations while carrying passengers, yet on the same transport routes there are others who may inflict permanent and fatal consequences because of their drinking, even within the legal range."

The Adventist Church in its 150-year history has long discouraged the use of alcohol for health and spiritual reasons. Dr Peter Landless, a fellow of the American Cardiology Association and associate Health Ministries director for the worldwide church, says, "Addiction remains a catastrophic consequence of alcohol use, not to mention accidents and violence associated with alcohol."

Barbara Lambert, president of the Wahroonga-Hornsby branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and member of Wahroonga church, says, "It's no wonder there's a shortage of hospital beds in NSW, because every week 1500 are taken up with alcohol-related problems." She adds, "It is encouraging to learn they have passed zero tolerance legislation for all learners and provisional drivers."

NSW Premier Bob Carr agrees the new legislation sends a message of zero tolerance to young drivers. "Anyone who drinks and drives is at a greater risk of a crash, but young drivers are especially vulnerable because their skills are still developing."

Dr Harrold suggests that the dry driver issue is not only relevant to young adults, but to everyone. "While this legislation in NSW focuses on alcohol and young drivers in an attempt to reduce the road toll, the hospital staff, primary medical carers, ambulance officers,

social services personnel and police have to deal daily with people of all ages suffering alcohol-related illness or death.

"Surely we as individuals and churches can support such brave and insightful legislation," says Dr Harrold. "We have a responsibility in our families, schools and church communities to educate, model and encourage responsible attitudes and behaviour in the interface between alcohol and every part of life.

"The health, social and relational benefits of abstaining from alcohol still far outweigh its use by individuals wishing to maintain the spiritual aspects of life."—**Kellie Hancock**



Dr Peter Landless.

## God wins over reluctant pastor

Lilydale, Vic

A youth leader who refused to respond to a call for commitment as a 16-year-old at the division-wide youth congress in Canberra (1986) was ordained on March 20 as part of a conference-wide youth rally at Lilydale Adventist Academy, Victoria. Pastor Stephen (Steve) Kane says he did not make a commitment in 1986 for fear of being led by the emotion of the moment.

"For the next couple of years I couldn't work out what I wanted to do. I felt an impression from God to do ministry, but I kept pushing it away," he says. "In Year 12 I realised God wanted me to be a pastor. Not only did the impression from God keep coming back, but people kept coming up to

me to tell me they thought I'd make a great minister."

Pastor Kane studied at Avondale College, NSW, from 1991 to 1997 with an 18-month break as a youth ministry volunteer on the West Coast of the USA, which included teaching for a year.

He was the associate pastor of the Avondale Memorial church, NSW, from 1997 to 2000, with a focus on teens. He's been associate director of Youth Ministries in the Victorian Conference since 2001.

"I know how difficult it was for me to find Jesus for myself," he says. "I want to help other young people to find the best friend they will ever need."

He adds that his wife, Ariana (nee

Albert), is a "fantastic help." They met when she was involved in youth activities in the conference. They were married in January last year.

The associate director of the South Pacific Division Youth Department, Pastor Andrew Kingston, and the directors of youth departments in the Australian Union Conference, Pastor Tony Knight, and Victorian Conference, Pastor Neil Thompson, participated in the ordination.—**Bruce Manners**



Pastor Steve and Ariana Kane.

# New technology to aid Korean farmers

Pyongyang, North Korea

A new technology trial will see up to 10,000 rural farmers in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), more commonly known as North Korea, able to keep their crops and livestock alive through the harsh winter.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), in partnership with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), have implemented the trial that will enable rural households to produce adequate energy for their own essential requirements.

The project uses biogas plants, a widely used process for energy production around the world, to produce a year-round energy supply. Biogas is a biological process that utilises the cycles in nature to produce energy.

This process has been used in the past; however, the production of gas often ceases in winter as the temperature in the plant falls below 59°F (15°C), the minimum temperature for efficient biogas production.

“The greatest obstacle to widespread biogas use throughout the DPRK is the harsh winter,” says Marcel Wagner, country director for ADRA–DPRK. “Currently,



Insulating the biogas plant and placing it in a greenhouse will ensure continued operation even during the coldest winter temperatures.

existing digester tanks are not insulated and are partially above ground, meaning they lose a considerable amount of energy production in winter or production stops entirely.”

The newly installed biogas plants will utilise both anaerobic processes for the fermentation process and aerobic processes to naturally heat and insulate. Insulating the biogas plant and placing the “digester” in a greenhouse also increases efficiency.

The greenhouse allows the family to extend the growing seasons of food within the greenhouse or keep animals warm during the winter months. It is the first household plant in DPRK working year-round without additional heating required.

“Our research has indicated that this

project will benefit participants in a number of ways,” Mr Wagner reports. “It will allow them to save money through substitution of energy from fossil fuels, avoid the cost of waste disposal, improve manure management, reduce the water polluting potential of wastes, reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, increase access to local, reliable energy, and improve food security throughout the year.”

The pilot project was funded by ADRA–Switzerland in collaboration with the Flood Damage Rehabilitation Committee. ADRA is present in more than 120 countries, providing individual and community development and disaster relief without regard to political or religious association, age or ethnicity.—ADRA/ANN

## Serbian Government Ministry pledges media defense

Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro (Yugoslavia)

Seventh-day Adventists in Serbia and Montenegro now have a new ally when the media falsely accuses the church of being a “sect” or a “cult.” The Yugoslavian Ministry for Human and Minority Rights says they “will be your defender in such attacks.”

Responding to a letter from Adventist leaders expressing concern about recent incorrect newspaper articles that mislabelled the church, minister Rasim Ljajic says his office “has scheduled a meeting with editors of various print-media to draw their attention to the inaccuracies” some reports have presented. Mr Ljajic says the ministry “will continue to fight for the rights of all

religious communities without regard to their size or duration of existence in our territory.”

The meetings have not yet taken place, says Pastor Radivoj Vladislavjevic, president of the South-East European Union Conference, but already the newspapers have stopped printing the negative articles, which had incorrectly suggested the church was a danger to society and mentioned along with satanist-related groups.

“In our opinion, similar articles that were published last year inspired the attack on Pastor Jovan Tikvicki (Newsfront, May 31,



Pastor Tikvicki after being seriously assaulted last year.

2003) and some of the other attacks on many of our church members and church buildings,” Pastor Vladislavjevic says. “We expect that the attitude of the ministry will give a positive contribution to protection of religious liberty.”

Such an expression of support for religious freedom is important in Serbia and Montenegro, a nation that split off from the former Yugoslavia.

An estimated 8300 Seventh-day Adventist Christians worship in 209 congregations in the region.—Mark Kellner/ANN



## European pioneer leaves broad legacy

Sydney, NSW

The founder of the first Slavic church in Australia died in the Sydney Adventist Hospital on February 17. Pastor John Borody was born in Austria and brought up in Romania, where he resided until the completion of his theological studies. He began pastoral work in Poland in 1934.

A gifted linguist, he could speak some eight languages. During his 25 years of



Pastor John Borody.

work for the church in Poland, he held a variety of positions, including editor at the Polish Publishing House. While the youth and Sabbath school leader for the East Polish

Conference, he met and married Danuta Wawrzonek.

In 1959 they migrated to Australia and organised the first Adventist Slavic church in Newcastle, NSW. After four years in Newcastle, he then cared for the Russian church in Sydney while overseeing the construction of the present church building. In 1971 he organised the Polish-Czech-Slovakian church in Sydney, now situated in Pendle Hill.

Pastor Borody was the first editor of the quarterly *Polish Adventist News* and wrote many articles. He also helped organised a number of Australia-wide Adventist Polish congresses.

He served as a member of a number of conference and South Pacific Division boards during his time of ministry in Australia. After retiring in 1978, he ministered to the Russian Adventist church in Los Angeles for five years.

Pastor Borody is survived by his wife, his daughter, Edith, son, Tom, and four grandchildren. He was a pastor of the Bible and prayer.

An obituary is recorded in Notice-board.—**Romauld Wawrzonek, Janusz Jagiello**

## Delegates to share hope at next SPD session

Wahroonga, NSW

Mission will be the focus of the South Pacific Division's (SPD) next five-yearly business meeting.

The SPD Session Steering Committee has approved "Sharing our hope" as the theme for the meeting, to be held in Melbourne, Vic, from August 30 to September 3 next year.

"We believe the theme encompasses the Great Commission we have to share our hope in Jesus Christ," says Peter Brewin, associate general secretary for the SPD.

The church invited staff members at its head office in Wahroonga, NSW, to suggest the theme for the meeting. It received more than 170 entries. Seventeen of the entries came from the eventual winner of the competition, Linzi Aitken, a departmental assistant.

"I wanted a theme that reflected the church's vision statement [to know, experience and share our hope in Jesus Christ] and that said, 'The Adventist Church is a doing not a being church.' What's the point of having hope if you're not sharing it?" comments Ms Aitken.

Other church members share Ms Aitken's vision.



Linzi Aitken's entry, "Sharing our hope," was chosen for the theme of the South Pacific Division session to be held in 2005.

"Sharing our hope means taking every opportunity to share our faith with members of the community," says Margaret Jackson, president of the worldwide Women's Christian Temperance Union and a member of the Adventist church in Cambridge, North New Zealand. "When I meet a person who shows an interest in religion, I ask a lot of questions, but I also talk about what being a Christian is like."

Nathan Dalton, a member of the evangelistic team at the Adventist church in Wantirna, Victoria, says the theme is an appropriate one for a meeting of Christians. "We have a responsibility to reach out to the community. I'm glad the church is doing this at session rather than solely focusing on itself."—**Brenton Stacey**

## Church planters X-change ideas

More than 100 Seventh-day Adventist church planters recently met in Riga, Latvia, to share their experiences and learn new ways of sharing their faith with the unchurched.

Pastor Peter Roennfeldt, Ministerial Association secretary and Global Mission coordinator for the church in the Trans-European Division, was one of the organisers of the X-change meetings. "It is very important that we keep establishing new churches to reach new groups of people for Christ," he explains, adding that "no one church can reach every person in a city or a town. We've found that if we develop many new groups and church plants, we can reach new groups of people."

X-change was designed to inspire people with the idea of church planting, to train groups of people from particular areas and to prepare project plans for church planting. "So it's not just talk," says Pastor Roennfeldt. "It's actually hard work, getting a plan organised."—**ANN**



Pastor Roennfeldt (right) talks with some X-change attendees.

# Arriving at Longburn

by Nathan Brown

For Brian Mercer, principal of Longburn Adventist College (NZ), his appreciation of the college is only beginning to move beyond first impressions. “I certainly can speak from experience having been here for all of 10 weeks!” he says.

“But I am very pleased to have been selected to be the new principal,” Mr Mercer is quick to add. “My family have been New Zealanders for many generations and I lived here for the first 17 years of my life. I have taught in the Solomon Islands and Western Samoa. But the past 16 years have been spent as a school principal in Australia.”

Taking leadership of the college, its 30 staff and the almost 300 students, including 47 boarding students is a new chapter. “But we are excited about the new challenge,” he comments.

## Beyond the classroom

And his first impressions are good. “Longburn is providing more than education opportunities,” he continues.

“The college is first and foremost about introducing Christ to students and starting them on a pathway of service,” Mr Mercer explains. “That’s why Longburn continues to attract more students

than its quota allows it to take. This is emphasised to me as I conduct business in the local community. When I am asked



The gateway to Longburn Adventist College, Palmerston North, New Zealand.

where I work, the response is very positive when I say “Longburn Adventist College.” Invariably the response is, “We hear it is one of the best schools in the Manawatu.” What a joy it is that we can be such a Christian witness to this community.”

Mr Mercer is encouraging greater prayer support for the school community. “We are praying for our families on a systematic basis this year,” says Mr Mercer. “We have also asked for special prayer requests and I have loved getting the responses, which as a staff we can present to God.”

According to Mr Mercer, this focus is also reflected within the school program in a number of ways. Having been at the school such a short time, he already has examples. The recent college Week of Prayer is one. Guest speaker, Pastor Mau Tuaoi—a former student of Longburn College—worked with current senior students to challenge their fellow students.

“It’s easy to think the students are a captive audience who must listen to the speaker,” says Mr Mercer. “But in this

instance the meetings were planned by the Year 13 class to complement the speaker.”

And students responded. “Each day many students visited the ‘prayer tent’ to pray for the program,” he reports. “When Pastor Tuaoi asked for those who had never made a commitment to God to come to the front, more than 20 did. Following this, almost all the school stood in recommitment.”

Longburn students are also involved in a special service project. “The college has adopted a Seventh-day Adventist primary school in Rarotonga, Cook Islands,” says Mr Mercer. “Over the next few months our students will be fundraising for this project. Our proceeds will build toward two parts: the first for Bibles and classroom supplies, and the second is a Fly ‘n’ Paint next year.”

## Your support

“Longburn is providing this education to students from the Pacific region from Tahiti, through New Zealand and the islands of the Pacific as far as Korea,” says Mr Mercer. “These students not only receive an outstanding education, but take with them the knowledge of a loving God and His saving grace.

“By supporting the boarding program at Longburn [through your offering], you are—and will be—seeing young people won to the kingdom.”

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.



Mr Brian Mercer.

**Union Institutions Offering, April 24**  
**In the New Zealand Pacific Union—Longburn Adventist College**  
**In the Australian Union—Mamarapha College (see next page)**



# Mamarapha dreaming

by Gordon Stafford

**M**amarapha College has exceeded the dreams and plans of so many people. The idea of a Bible college was first voiced many years ago, and seen by indigenous people as a key to sharing the gospel with indigenous Australians.

The South Pacific Division (SPD) voted to set up the college as a two-year initiative to train a group of indigenous pastors, with no provision for continuing beyond that. The college is now in its eighth year of operation, with courses in Biblical Studies, Ministry Studies and Pastoral Ministry ranging from Certificate 1 through to a four-year Advanced Diploma level.

The Lord's leading has been clear:

1. The initial dreams in the hearts of indigenous people, found support in the then Western Australian Conference president Pastor Ken Vogel, who put the proposal onto paper and worked toward its implementation.

2. The SPD voted the proposal and found the initial Global Mission funding.

3. A retired teacher, Max Miller, wrote up much of the original curriculum.

4. Key personnel in government departments guided the curriculum through the

red tape for government registration and accreditation.

5. The old boys dormitory at Carmel College was available for classrooms and offices.

6. Offering the ministry-study courses through a block-study mode opened the door to a very wide range of students across Australia. The students range in age from 19 to 70 and their educational background has ranged from a formal Grade 4 to students with a degree.

7. A flexible approach in WA education policies several years ago enabled the college to do some major course restructuring quickly and easily.

8. The services of Dr Vic Gidley as a college consultant in government matters has been of enormous help.

9. Finding the current site out at Karragullen was an answer to prayer.

God's leading in the inception of this college along with ongoing growth, ministry and outcomes is both exciting and humbling. An immense amount of dedication has been shown by many in building this college from a seed idea to a mature tertiary training centre.

Many think an institution training Aboriginal people should be able to access a lot of government money. Students are assisted by ABSTUDY provisions, but because we run Bible courses, the college itself can access only limited government funding. Without financial backing from the church and the generosity of members, the college would have to close. **R**

Gordon Stafford is director of Mamarapha College.

## "I like Mamarapha"

"I came to Mamarapha College because I wanted to learn more about God and how to serve Him, especially in my local church and community. The teachers at the college are good and I like the people here, that's why I keep coming back. The knowledge and skills I have gained are so valuable and I take it back to my community and share it with others I meet."—**Kelly Ritchie, Kempsey, NSW (Year 2 Diploma Indigenous Ministry Studies).**



Kelly Ritchie.

"Mamarapha College is where I really met Jesus for the first time. I knew I had to come to the college. The skills I've learned have helped me socially, in my study and also in sharing Jesus with others wherever, whenever. I like the lecturers and the grace that they have toward the students, especially assignments! I'm convinced that Jesus is coming soon and that He's done everything for us to be saved, and we need to do our part in fulfilling the Great Commission. If we don't go, then who does?"—**Robert Dorante, Kuranda, Qld, originally from the Torres Strait (Year 4 Diploma Indigenous Pastoral Ministry).**



Robert Dorante.

## Quotable

"A key to the success of the college is its director, Pastor Gordon Stafford, and the assistant director, Lynelda Tippo. Pastor Stafford's dedication, experience and vision are integral to where Mamarapha College has come to today. His spiritual influence and his ability to balance the theological with the practical has ensured that the college's ministry has touched the lives of the students and prepared them to effectively serve God.

"Lynelda Tippo has been an enormous contributor with her faithfulness, her understanding of indigenous culture, her willingness to go the second mile and her love for the Lord. And there have been the volunteer instructors who, especially in the early days, assisted with the setting of directions, expectations and potential outcomes. God has used a multitude of people, committed to His work and committed to the development and progress of indigenous ministry in Australia."  
—**Pastor Ken Vogel, General Secretary, Australian Union Conference.**



Pastor Ken Vogel.

# Recognition

by Susan Johnstone

Someone knocked on the door. I walked over to open it, finding a man in a bright shirt. He grinned and said, “G’day! How are you?”

I wondered why this stranger was being so friendly toward me. I looked him up and down, noticing his grey-haired head (bald on top), trousers and leather shoes. He carried a small suitcase. I responded to his question and as he continued making conversation, he moved to enter the house. Then it hit me—this was my dad!

I’d seen my father only months before, when I was in Darwin, miles away from here. He was there for a job interview and had come to visit me while I was at work at a shop on the mall. This was my first year out of high school and my first foray out into “the big wide world.” I’d learned quite a few lessons in life—the hard way. I was selfish and irresponsible and had a chip on my shoulder. I thought the world owed me something. But I was changing. I was coming to realise how my actions affected others. Most importantly, I had discovered God, and my heart was turning from a stony one into a heart of flesh.

Meanwhile, my dad—who had divorced from my mother some time earlier—had been corresponding with a woman in Fiji. He too, was on a journey of self-discovery and fulfilment. He was searching for better job opportunities and he had been in Darwin for a job interview at a nearby mining town. After we saw each other in Darwin, he drove a rental car out to the interview and then returned to Brisbane. Unknown to me, he later went to Fiji to propose to his lady friend. They married and applied for a visa so Dad’s new wife could live in Australia.

After another several months of living and working in Darwin, I threw in the

towel and drove my HJ Holden to Brisbane to be with family and friends. So here I was in my old home—a weatherboard Housing Commission place—yet actually a new person. I had been born again. My old life was fading away and my new life was just beginning. I looked at the world with new eyes; I looked at my dad with new eyes. Who was this man? He had changed, too. Here he was, straight off the plane from Fiji, bursting with good news. He had started a new life with a new spouse and a



whole different future was before him.

I guess I didn’t recognise my dad at first, because of these changes. So much had happened in the months since last seeing each other. We were both new people.

I have sometimes wondered how Mary Magdalene mistook Jesus for a gardener on that first Easter Sunday (John 20:15). Didn’t she know him well? Hadn’t it been only a couple of days since she’d seen him last? Surely even with tears in your eyes you would recognise a familiar friend. But after that experience of failing to recognise my own father I think I understand a little of how Mary felt when she went to the tomb of Jesus.

Her heart was broken; all her hopes were crushed as she grieved the death of her Lord and Master. Her life was altered irrevocably. There was no turning back


from this watershed event. As she stood sobbing in despair, she saw figures in the tomb. When they asked her why she was crying, the answer was obvious: “They have taken my Lord away” (John 20:13, NIV). Her Friend—her Lifeline—was gone.

Turning back to the garden she noticed another man, a stranger. He asked her the same question as the angels and yet she still did not recognise Him. She was looking at the world with different eyes. All her previous disappointments seemed trivial compared with the tragedy she was going through.

But Jesus also had changed. He had taken the whole world’s sins on His shoulders and endured the horrible sense of estrangement from His Father. He had borne the most indescribable mental and spiritual anguish—a trauma no-one else could ever truly comprehend. He had entered the dark tunnel of death and had miraculously come out the other end victoriously! He was dead,

but now was alive. The world’s salvation was guaranteed and Jesus could now look to a new future for all of us.

Thankfully, like me talking to my father, recognition suddenly dawned on Mary’s face. And it happened as Jesus spoke her name. “Teacher!” she cried (John 20:16). “Master! Friend!” And as realisation of the resurrection began to take hold in her mind, Mary would call Him another name also—Saviour. Joy and hope illuminated her heart and she raced to share the good news with others.

That Sunday was the first day of the rest of her life. That recognition was the turning point. 

Susan Johnstone writes from Stanthorpe, Queensland.

# Fighting the good fight

by Ewan Ward

It sometimes seems strange to me that God would describe King David of the Old Testament as a man after his own heart.<sup>1</sup> David could also be described as an adulterer, schemer and murderer. The episode that caused so much grief for David was his adulterous relationship with Bathsheeba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. David was so smitten with Bathsheeba that he plotted the death of her husband so as to be able to have her. So how could David, then, be a man after God's heart?

One only has to read some of the psalms penned by David for an answer.<sup>2</sup> He was a man after God's own heart because he was honest with himself about his moral situation. Deeply aware of his sin, he repented of it and fully accepted God's grace and forgiveness.

## A common problem

All of us struggle with temptation and sin, perhaps not as dramatically and publicly as David, but struggle nonetheless. Often we know what is right, but at the same time do the opposite. This was Paul's experience as described in Romans 7:3. The good he wanted to do he did not do; the wrong he wished to avoid became what he did. He knew right from wrong, and desired to do what was good, but he could not carry it out. He finishes the chapter on a note of pure desperation: "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?"<sup>4</sup>

Like David, Paul came face to face with what he was and called upon God for rescue. He was able to confidently claim there is no condemnation for those who know Christ Jesus.<sup>5</sup> His sins were covered; they were forgiven. And, like David, he too could be described as a man after God's own heart.

## An upward direction

Ellen White talks about the upward



direction of the Christian walk—the direction of our lives: "The character is revealed, not by occasional good deeds and occasional misdeeds, but by the tendency of the habitual words and acts."<sup>6</sup>

A friend of mine compares the Christian journey to a graph of the stock market. While there may be highs and lows (and some can be extreme), the general trend is always upward. A less-used term today describing this process is sanctification, the process by which the image of God is slowly restored in an individual under the influence of the Holy Spirit,<sup>7</sup> to be finally completed at the Second Coming.<sup>8</sup>

## But not yet

But Christians live between the first and second advents of Jesus, a time of tension, faith and hope. Tension because of the battle within, faith in things we do not yet have, and hope that one day the battle will cease and all will be fulfilled. John Stott, in

an article entitled "Balanced, biblical Christianity," discusses tension and balance in the life of a Christian.<sup>9</sup> He makes the point that while we have the promise of eternal life—we do not yet have it. We have the promise of a perfect physical body—but it is not yet ours. We are promised that one day we will see Jesus—but that day is not yet.

So we live with tension, at times even disappointment, between the promise and the not-yet. But we always live with the certainty of the promises being finally fulfilled.

## A growing conscience

It comes as no surprise that someone who is not a Christian may in some ways have a less troubled life. There may be no raging battle within. Sure, there will be the voice of conscience, like Jiminy Cricket in *Pinocchio*, but that little cricket can be easily squashed. As the Holy Spirit rebuilds



the Christian, the conscience—the still, small voice of God—starts to grow. That's when the battle really begins.

That battle lasts the whole life of the Christian, with little respite. At times this battle can break out into open warfare between the carnal nature and the new nature growing under the influence of the Holy Spirit.<sup>10</sup> And looking at other Christians does not often ease the tension.

**We've got it**

Many Christians fall into the trap of believing other Christians are better than



**Golf?**

by Malcolm Ford

Did you see  
That bundle of balls  
Bouncing on Mars?  
I suppose they'd be useful  
If anyone there played  
Soccer or basketball.  
But no! Must be global golf?  
'Cause when they fell apart  
Out there popped a little golf cart—  
A kind of mechanical mole  
That could dig eighteen holes.

Yeah! Aren't we smart,  
To get a little golf cart  
To planet Mars!  
Yet, we're only just  
Scratching the stardust  
Of God's backyard.

Malcolm Ford writes from Whangerei, North New Zealand.

they are. But comparisons with Christians having so-called ecstatic experiences can be discouraging. There are no grades of Christianity. You are either a Christian or you are not! One can't be "a little bit pregnant." It's all or nothing!

In their discontent, some Christians cry out for a deeper, more ecstatic experience with the Holy Spirit. But they are seeking that which they already possess. It is hard to ask for more when we already have it all: God's grace, forgiveness and the gift of eternal life!

The Holy Spirit changes us slowly from within, over a lifetime. This is not to say the Holy Spirit cannot instantly empower a Christian for good works, nor does this imply that the Holy Spirit does not apportion spiritual gifts.<sup>11</sup> But the fruit of the spirit<sup>12</sup>—love, long-suffering, peace and the like—develop slowly, much like the fruit on the branch of a vine. And the branch must maintain its connection with the vine for there to be any fruit. Jesus said He is the vine and we are the branches.<sup>13</sup>

**The good fight**

We must recognise the battle for what it is: evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit. We need to be aware that the battle will go on in one form or another until the end of our mortal life or until the return of Jesus, "when the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality."<sup>14</sup>

We should also recognise the battle that may be going on in the lives of other Christians around us and be gracious,

supportive and understanding. Stott reminds us of the words of John Newton, the slave-trader turned Christian and author of the hymn "Amazing Grace," who said, "I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world, but thank God I am not what I once used to be and by the Grace of God, I am what I am."<sup>15</sup>

David, Paul and John Newton can all be described as people after God's own heart. We can be classified in the same way by accepting God's magnificent gift to us. We maintain hope and confidence in the One who can save to the uttermost—even while the battle rages within and around us. **R**

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2. Psalms 32; 51; 103; 139.
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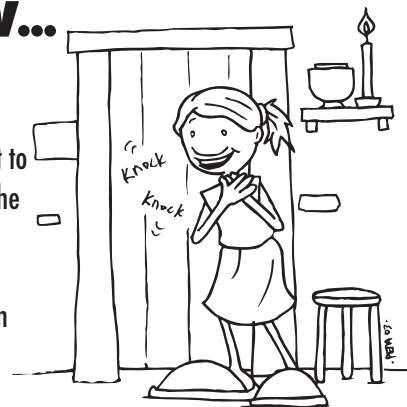
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**Just for children**

**Do you know...  
Rhoda?**

**Rhodah** was the girl who went to answer the door for **Peter** when the angel freed him from prison.

Read about Rhodah and Peter in Acts chapter 12



Peta Taylor

## Ellen White for today?

*Alan A Jones, NSW*

I applaud RECORD and Arthur Patrick. Honesty and openness are much healthier than a don't-rock-the-boat attitude.

Several letter writers appear to have confused the "spirit of prophecy" with the "gift of prophecy." The former, as indicated in Revelation 12, is the possession of every true child of God, including Ellen White. It refers to the testimony of Jesus. God's Spirit-filled children are best qualified to proclaim His gospel. "The gift of prophecy" refers to *one* of the gifts of the Holy Spirit not given to all but to whomsoever He wills only. It is this gift that is claimed for Ellen White.

*Kevin Ferris, Qld*

It's gratifying to see honesty and openness with respect to Ellen White. Yet in her role as an inspired guide to our church, her greatest contribution may be in the future. In her later years she began to define insights on righteousness by faith. "There is not one in a hundred who understands for himself the Bible truth on this subject that is so necessary to our present and eternal welfare," she wrote (*Review and Herald*, September 3, 1889).

She said of her church: "One interest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other—Christ our righteousness" (*Review and Herald*, December 23, 1890). Regrettably this is one prediction that's failed. And failed miserably. With a

courageous willingness to bring fulfilment to this prophecy, the greatest days of our church may yet be ahead.

*Milton Hook, NSW*

Bravo, RECORD and church administrators. You've taken Ellen White's advice and affirmed her fallibility in religious matters. The 1919 US Bible conference aired this but then threw a blanket over it. Since then the number of members who believe she was infallible in her writings has grown exponentially.

E G White apologists have been spin

White writings is wrong; over many years I've heard him uphold her and inspire confidence in them.

*Errol Singer, NNZ*

I write in total support for the open attitude of the current church administration regarding Spirit of Prophecy writings. My experience over 20 years of pastoral ministry is that this hasn't been the case in the past, albeit for good reason. Furthermore, I've witnessed a climate of cover-up, which has done irreparable damage to the church, and individuals,

***I'm grateful to RECORD and Dr Patrick for helping us understand what Ellen White and the church members of her day understood about her writings.***

doctoring far too long. We must be intellectually honest with others and ourselves.

*David Major, NSW*

After reading the editorial comment attached to Letters (March 20), I'm concerned the RECORD editorial staff may think it was a mistake to print Dr Patrick's articles. I'm grateful to RECORD and Dr Patrick for helping us understand what Ellen White and the church members of her day understood about her writings. Anyone who thinks Dr Patrick is undermining the importance of Ellen

many of whom are no longer members.

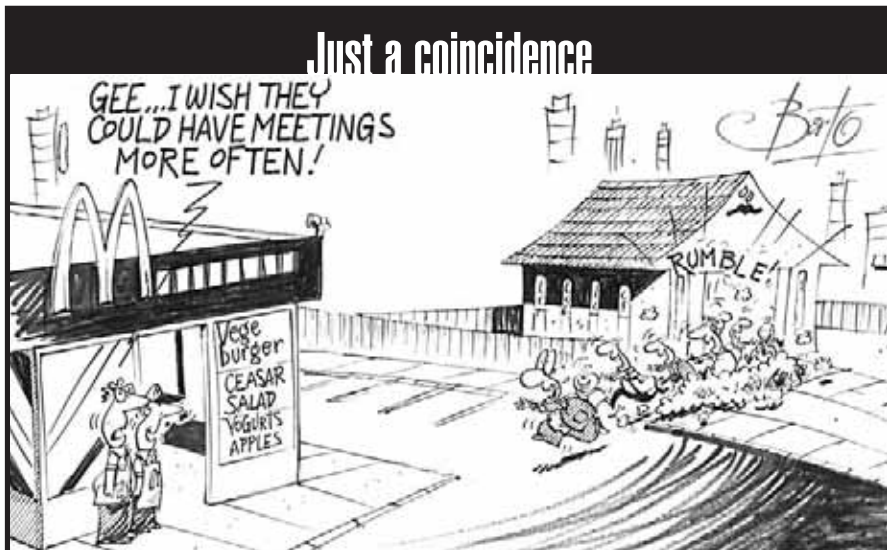
*Rick Ferret, Qld*

When we claim inerrancy for Mrs White's writings or the Scriptures, we assume more than she does or that Scripture intended. Are the Bible and Ellen White's writings inerrant? No. Are they trustworthy? Yes.

Those who elevate Ellen White's writings to a position she neither intended nor desired discredit her own testimony (see Letter 12, 1890) far more than those who genuinely seek to study and understand the incredible blend of the divine with human inspiration. Neither God, Scripture nor Ellen White's writings are on trial here; rather, we are. It is our personal views and presuppositions regarding inspiration that require examination and transparency. I commend Dr Patrick for being open and honest. For me, it confirms rather than discredits her role within Adventism.

*Lester N Hawkes, NSW*

We are again hearing the talk of plagiarism by Ellen White. It is usually suggested or inferred that her use of other people's words lessens or destroys her credibility as one inspired by the Lord. The opposite is the case. Her so-called



plagiarism is the strongest proof of her inspiration.

I once heard a doctor tell his students they were never to keep a medical text if it were more than 10 years old. Mrs White would have read many books on medical subjects from medicos, some of which we might now call quacks. She copied from those books, but the quotes she used, 100 years later, still stand. Should a doctor be asked to select from today's medical knowledge only that which would be considered correct 100 years from now, they would fail.

Her ability, as a non-medical person, to select only those statements that would stand the test of time, is, to me, the greatest evidence that God guided her.

### ***Burying our collective heads in the sand . . . is both disastrous and unfaithful to the counsel of Ellen White herself.***

***Dennis Martin, Qld***

I'm convinced Ellen White is a prophet because of the way she promotes Christian living. I'm convinced our church would be filled if we followed her counsel in regard to door-to-door work, for example.

Successful Christian living comes when we accept Jesus as our personal Saviour and live according to His counsel. Enoch was a prime example of following God's will.

***Mark Pearce, Qld***

The recent Ellen G White summit held at Avondale College attempted to honestly address issues—relative to the ministry of Ellen White—that are being spread by our enemies, especially via the Internet. The series of interviews with Dr Patrick in RECORD were a small step to bring these matters before the church membership in a constructive way. The experiences of the past, where much misinformation has come out without proper, well-balanced responses, has caused many to lose faith. Simply burying our collective heads in the sand, trying to ignore or avoid dealing with the real issues, is both disastrous and unfaithful to the counsel of Ellen White

herself. Speaking about Scripture she wrote: "The truths of the divine word can be best appreciated by an intellectual Christian. Christ can be best glorified by those who serve Him *intelligently*" (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 45, emphasis added).

Further, it saddens me that some respondents seem to have automatically taken the view that the candid, honest attempts to deal with the realities we face, are examples of undermining/attacking the ministry of Ellen White itself—despite specific denials of such a charge in the articles themselves. That is but another example of shooting the messenger.

I believe we should put our effort into understanding and dealing with the issues,

trusting that we all wish to uplift and draw close to Jesus. So let's think better of the other before we attack them.

***Name supplied, Qld***

In one of the flyleaf reviews of Graeme Bradford's *Prophets Are Human*, we were admonished to be "thoughtful." The book does contain some excellent thoughts and can be commended for bringing together useful information on how biblical prophets operated. But when I came to the section on science, I wished the author had spent a little longer in researching the document.

For example, there was the interesting question of "amalgamation." If due consideration had been given to other meanings of the word at the time of its use (and even now), and the predominant debate (outlined in Darwin's *The Descent of Man*) surrounding the issue of mixing races (intermarriage), then there would be no great difficulty in arriving at the reasonable conclusion that Ellen White was writing primarily of animals interbreeding with other closely related animals, and human races interbreeding so as to produce undesirable results.

Further, an injustice is done to every reader when quoting from unpublished

material about the accuracy of E G White's medical statements.

We note with interest that Drs Bradford and Patrick (Feature, February 28) differed in their estimates about her accuracy, leaving us to set aside both their assertions for later assessment, if and when someone is willing to put their reputation on the line by publishing.

### **The epic struggle with diet**

***John Prosser, email***

I agree with "Now starring in an epic struggle" (Editorial, RECORD/Adventist Review, March 13) in that our Christian characters are very important (after all they are all we get to take to heaven with us), but doesn't what we eat have something to do with them? Isn't it true that "we are" what we eat (or what we absorb out of the food anyway)? Mrs White tells us in *Child Guidance*, "There are few who realise as they should how much their habits of diet have to do with their health, their character, their usefulness in this world, and their eternal destiny" (page 398).

What we put *inside* shows through to the *outside*. Didn't Daniel's character have something to do with what he ate?

### **The senior partner**

***John and Marilyn Maxwell, NSW***

In response to the letter "A test of fellowship" (March 13), we would like to say how glad we are that our conference staff and administrators meet together in "paid time" to talk together to their CEO—God. Many are tired and weary from unpaid overtime, out-of-hours meetings and sermons, and time spent away from family and friends in the course of their duties. Our heavenly Father is their—and our—senior partner. Perhaps extra time spent in work-time devotions would benefit them even more as together we do the task our heavenly CEO has given us to do.

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**Hannah**, Bruce and Phyllis (nee Briden) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a surprise lunch in the church hall, the former church building, in Masterton, NNZ. They were married in Masterton SDA church on 25.1.54 by Pastor Les Blair. They made the Masterton district their home and have been faithful supporters of the church, where they still hold senior church offices. Present address: Riversdale Beach RD 12, Masterton, NZ.

**Lee**, Ron and Ruby (nee Pegler) celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, 21.3.04 with a group of friends and relatives at their home in Redcliffe, Qld. They were married on 21.3.54 in the old Launceston church, Tasmania, by Pastor Howard Rampton. Three of the original wedding party were present for the occasion, Pastor Bill Cross, who was the groomsmen, his wife, Peggy Cross, bridesmaid, and Dave Stevenson, best man.

## Obituaries

**Borody**, Pastor John, born 27.6.1912 in Austria; died 17.2.04 in Sydney, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Danuta (nee Wawrzonek); his daughter, Edith; his son, Tom; his grandchildren, Noela, Jason, Julie and Danielle. He was much loved and is missed by his family and also his church family. See life sketch page 7.

Romuald Wawrzonek, Janusz Jagiello

**Colliver**, Hazel, born 6.12.1920; died 9.2.04 at Coronella Retirement Village, Nunawading, Vic. In 1949 she married Arthur, who predeceased her in December 2003. Along with her husband, Hazel was known for her love, care and ministry to children. Words of comfort and encouragement were expressed to her extended family and close friends prior to interment at the Box Hill Cemetery.

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