

# RECORD



*Pastor Darren Slade with four of the 112 students at Prescott College, SA, who asked for Bible studies, and are receiving them this term thanks to a restructured timetable.*

## Students giving God a go at Prescott College

*Adelaide, SA*

**A** Seventh-day Adventist school in Adelaide will restructure its timetable to accommodate the 80 per cent of students who are studying the Bible this term.

Some 112 of the 139 students at Prescott College asked for studies following a Week of Spiritual Emphasis at the school. The chaplain, Pastor Darren Slade, then presented a seven-week evangelistic series during the school's assembly time.

"I've never had 100 people to study with at the one time," says Pastor Slade, who is currently working two days a week at the school—he also ministers at the Adventist churches in Trinity Gardens and in Murray Bridge. He says he may have to increase his time at the school to complete the studies. "God's been good."

Principal Carel Neuhoff says the school gave time for the 25 students who had asked for Bible studies this past term to complete the studies in class. But he says the increase in the number of students who will begin Bible studies this term, and the lack of spare classrooms, would have caused problems but for a \$A10,000 grant from the South Australian Conference to refurbish a storage room.

"I want to thank the leaders of the conference," says Mr Neuhoff. "They're committed to our chaplaincy ministry."

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# Why Adventist schools?

Societies need schools to teach their values and beliefs, and to show children how to learn, how to protect the earth, and how to live. But why Adventist schools? Isn't it enough that we have Sabbath schools, GraceLinks, Pathfinders, family worship and church life? Why not any schools for our children?

I was fortunate to pay my respects to the Queen Mother in George's Chapel Windsor Castle the day after she was laid to rest, and before the queues lengthened. After I filed past her coffin, I gazed down over the wall at the playing fields of the famous Eton School next door, and remembered how much of England's history was shaped on those fields. Many of her greatest scholars, teachers, leaders and even royalty were educated right there. It is no accident that a great school sits next to Windsor Castle.

Schools like Eton are strong forces in creating nations and churches. The gymnasia of Austria remade Austria, and the Jesuit schools greatly strengthened the Catholic Church. If we turn to Australia, we find some renowned schools like the Melbourne Grammar School, where numerous prime ministers, premiers, leading jurists, academics, scientists and state governors have been educated for more than 150 years. Its network of old boys has permeated Australian society and shaped it.

The human networks in Adventist schools can also influence nations and bring our church into prominence. Our schools and colleges in the Pacific are noted for educating nation builders. In Australia and New Zealand they also enjoy a good reputation. Wherever they are, all have the potential to lift the community profile of our church—and to gain legendary status as a crucible of Christian faith.

A better reason for our schools lies in the nature of genuine learning. We learn well by immersing ourselves in knowledge over time to internalise it and apply it. But we always learn in a particular culture that also teaches us how to live. This is why Melbourne Grammar does so well—its education is a way of life.

Schools and religions both set out to show people how to live. Through Jesus' power, our Adventist religion enters lives

the prime reason our schools exist, is a long-term process. Spirituality is that part of faith that makes God present to us and God's time frame is eternal. In our spiritual journey the Holy Spirit gently speaks to our minds and connects with us to make us aware of God. In turn we touch God and eternity in prayer, stillness, worship, relationships, and in awareness of His providence, beauty and design. Joy, awe, creativity and our identity as God's sons

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and takes over. It can ground students in God's compassion, change society and save the world. But like all religions, it is best learned long-term through the leisurely give-and-take of loving human relationships, consistent behaviour management, good personal models and clear reasoning about faith and life. All these are elements of school life that collectively translate into a social culture that is woven into the fabric of young lives over time, rather than being caught in brief snatches.

As part of their culture, people live and die for the way they see the world. They fly planes into buildings, take drugs, waste themselves or perform heroic feats because of the web of ideas in their heads, their world view that grows over years. Our Adventist world view is most effectively taught by parents and by committed Adventist professionals, rather than haphazardly in small snatches anywhere, in a game that can resemble Russian roulette. Seeing that we Adventists develop our children for life and eternity, we dare not take chances.

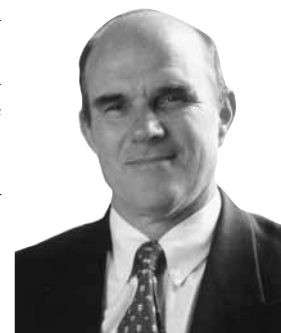
Likewise students' spiritual formation,

and daughters are also parts of our spirituality that are modelled and taught patiently in our schools. In summary, deep learning takes time.

Adventists possess a great tradition of education that has worked well. We can even consult inspired prophetic advice. In our classrooms we bring our Adventist philosophy and relationships together in our curriculum to teach our faith. This is a three-way process that can work wonders in theory, but sometimes falls short in practice because we are all human.

But in reality, our schools are fulfilling their core mission, baptising students in a steady stream, and sometimes a rush. When Adventist schools, churches and homes work together well, they are a formidable force.

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—Compiled by Scott Wegener—

● The **Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission**, Papua New Guinea, will establish a first-of-its-kind **resource centre for evangelism** (pictured). Located on the campus of a training school for church members, it has four wings which will house: the admini-



strative office of the district; a branch office of the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence school; a conference room; and a library for church leaders and members. The Homu District Resource Centre bears the name of **Peter Knopper**, a former Homu district director murdered 16 years ago on the campus of the adjoining training school. The proposed date for the opening of the centre is September 9.—*ANN South Pacific*

● The “**Pinnacle of terror**” program is now **celebrating four years** since its conception and is continuing to grow with Pinnacle number six now being developed—a new concept with a totally different design, possibly for the Northern Territory. Once threatened with closure from public-liability issues, an insurance inspector who visited Delhantie Park recently—the birthplace of the Pinnacle—saw and heard so many of its success stories and decided to give a huge discount on the policy. “Toward the end of the year we’ll be embarking on an outreach trip to outback Western Australia,” says **Elwyn Scale**, Pinnacle program founder and manager. “We plan on covering more than 12,000 kilometres to give indigenous and

## “Jungle bungle” at Ocean Shores

My kids are counting down the days for next year’s Happy Holiday Hour!” says a mother whose son attended a Happy Holiday Hour program, run by the Ocean Shores church, NSW.



The themed program, titled “Jungle bungle,” had some 130 kids aged five to 12 coming along each morning in the first week of their holidays, 10 of whom were from Adventist homes. A team of 37 carers provided singing, drama, quiz, games, crafts and stories for the 80 families that were represented.

At the closing evening’s concert, 124 children, 160 adults and 20 staff crammed into the small hall—figures far larger than the first time, 10 years ago, when 37 attended on the first day, six of whom were from Adventist homes.

“What a tradition! What commitment! What opportunities to openly speak of Jesus, of His Guidebook in the jungle of life and His love and hope in an area with high suicide rates,” says the newly appointed minister of the Ocean Shores church, Pastor Tim Kingston. “We pray that the seed sown will give them something to turn to and explore when they feel utterly alone.”

Outback youth an opportunity to build a sense of belonging and personal development.” The Pinnacle is a towable device, taken to schools and events as a part of the **Adventist Development and Relief Agency’s** “New Day Foundation” to prevent youth suicide. It contains six adventure activities to challenge participants physically and mentally, and includes the challenge of leaping off a seven-metre-high platform to a trapeze three metres away.

● A **Women’s Ministries meeting** held by the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference **raised \$NZ5000** for a women’s refuge. Some 400 people attended the event, from July 9 to 12 at **Longburn Adventist College**, which received **coverage in the local paper**. Pastor Anton Van Wyk said, “It’s the largest amount ever collected. They

got to \$NZ4600 and then challenged each other to make it up to \$NZ5000.”

● A small dedication ceremony was held on June 17 for the opening of **four new, self-contained modules**, consisting of eight rooms, completing the west wing of the Helen Baker Ladies Residence at **Pacific Adventist University**, Papua New Guinea. Dr **David Tasker**, head of the School of Theology, offered a dedicatory prayer for all the current and future occupants of these new rooms and Ms **Eli Keema Teomana** (pictured), the dean of women, cut the ribbon and gave a guided



tour of the new rooms.

● **Avondale Memorial church** went on their sixth **STORM Co** adventure to **Lightning Ridge** on July 2 with 17 young people. Kids club began with 20 children on Monday, building up to 40 on Friday. Stories, drama, songs, drawing, balloon sculpting, puppets and clowns were all used to provide a positive Christian message. Community service also took place, including weeding school gardens and four days cleaning, painting and providing company for a man who lives alone. A **local radio station** allowed the team to play their choice of Christian music in a 9 am to 12 noon timeslot for one day.



● On Sunday, July 11, a **Grand Day Out**, organised by the North England Conference Women's Ministries Council, was held at Somerfield Park in **Birmingham, England**, as part of a major public evangelism campaign taking place in the West Midlands. The day included sports, art and craft, a bubble-blowing competition, a tug-of-war and paper-plane making. Another event involved writing Bible texts on small pieces of paper, putting them inside balloons and releasing them into the wind along with prayers that someone might find them and receive a blessing. Hot food was provided by local

Pathfinders, raising funds in order to attend a camporee in Ireland. British Union Conference Women's Ministries coordinator Heather Haworth says, "We wanted to provide an event for those who wouldn't feel comfortable in a full-blown evangelistic meeting. That was the point of the Grand Day Out."—*BUC News*

● Number **0001**, the registration number granted to Seventh-day Adventists in **Turkmenistan** on June 1, makes them the first Protestant Christian congregation to be registered by the country's Ministry of Justice. Five years after it bulldozed a Seventh-day Adventist church building, the government of Turkmenistan has officially recognised the small group of believers remaining. Paul Fedotov, pastor of the Adventist church in Turkmenistan, says that now members have full right to hold meetings. At present, there are 60 Adventists in Turkmenistan.—*Mark Kellner/ANN*

● Christian researchers Barna Research Group (BRG) polled more than 1600 adults across the US, examining what impact Mel Gibson's ***The Passion of The Christ***, the eighth highest-grossing domestic film of all time, had on the lives of those who saw it. Some 16 per cent said it had affected their religious beliefs, but **less than one-tenth of 1 per cent** of the people who saw the movie said they responded to it by making a profession of faith or accepting Christ as their Saviour. Further, less than one-half of 1 per cent claimed seeing the movie had motivated them to become more active in sharing their faith in Christ with others. George Barna, founder of BRG and director of the research, says, "It does remind us that a single effort without **adequate reinforcement** is unlikely to result in a lasting effect." Ultimately, he contends, *The Passion of The Christ* cannot be faulted for failing to satisfy the "religious agendas that some people assigned to it."—*Agape Press*

## Days and offerings

**August 28**—Pathfinder Day

—Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day

## Off the record

● On July 10 the **Devonport Seventh-day Adventist church**, Tasmania, celebrated its **centenary**. The celebration was led by **Pastor Kevin**



**Amos**, the Tasmanian Conference president. Originally, from 1891, a church was located at LaTrobe but, once closed, a new church opened on July 9, 1904, in Oldaker Street and was ministered to by **Pastor E Hilliard** at that time. In 1969 the current church building (pictured), in Steele Street, was opened.—*Neil McGrath/DamirPosavac*

● It took **87 years** of **Eddie de Jongh's** life (pictured centre) for him to finally give his life to the Lord. He was **baptised** recently by Pastors **Gilberto Dias** (left) and **Tangi Tuaineiti** (right) at the Bankstown church, NSW.



● Recently, Central Coast Community church, NSW, attendee **Billee Duxbury** (pictured) was honoured with a **Pride of Workmanship Award** for her work as volunteer co-manager of the **Toukley op-shop**, which supports the Southlakes Women's Refuge. This was part of a **Rotary** dinner at Aunty Molly's Restaurant in Morisset, where some of the refuge board and friends were delighted to witness her honour.



## James Morrison brings Wallsend zest

James Morrison (pictured, right) attended and took part in the Wallsend Seventh-day Adventist church, NSW, worship service on July 10.

The church was filled for this day themed "Zest for life." "It was a concert for all ages," says Wallsend communications secretary Ray Boyce, "with some

of the hymns being the old, unforgettable favourites, including; "Just a closer walk with Thee," "The old rugged cross," "Swing low, sweet chariot" and "When the saints go marching in!"

In an interview during the service, compere Lidia Nowicki asked Mr Morrison, "What are you working for in life?" to which he answered, "It's more of why are you doing what you are doing? And have you got the ZEST for what you are doing? It doesn't matter what you do, you can enjoy it! Digging a ditch, and taking each day as it comes and the problems associated with it. We need a higher purpose than this life, and the worldly problems will seem so trivial!"

The speaker was African Yami Simankane, who spoke on "Why do we sing?"

"The day will long be remembered, not only by the members of the Wallsend church, visitors and friends," says Mr Boyce, "but also by the Wallsend Youth Band and Wallsend Youth Lead Singers."



# New Adventist college flourishes

Noosa, Qld

Noosa Christian College first opened its doors in 2003 with 37 students and finished the year with 55. Enrolments for 2004 stand at 91, which is a 149 per cent increase over 2003, making this the largest annual percentage increase of any Adventist school in the Australian Union Conference. The next highest percentage increase was 21 per cent.

"Judging by the large numbers of holiday-makers, including Adventists, who holiday on the Sunshine Coast, it is obviously the dream of a lot of people to live here," says Pastor Alvin Coltheart, chairman of Noosa Christian College council. He believes having an Adventist college in Noosa makes the temptation of a Sunshine Coast lifestyle even more irresistible. "Whether it be the coast or the lush hinterland," he says, "it is a great place to raise a family."

Already six families, with their 10 children, have made the move to Noosa Christian College from interstate and around Queensland, because of their desire for a good Adventist school plus a great place to live. The local township of Cooroy

is rural, quiet and quaint, yet only a short drive to the beaches and resorts of Noosa.

The college has an enviable 1:3 computer/student ratio with plans for a 1:2 ratio. "Information technology will play a prominent part in our children's development in preparing them for the future," says Pastor Coltheart.

Noosa Christian College enjoys a high reputation in the community and has strong local support. The college has attracted students from the Noosa, Nambour and Maroochydore Shires, making the need for a second bus an urgent priority.

This year will see the construction of four new classrooms to add to the five existing classrooms as they gear up for



**Some of these children and their families have moved from Sydney and Wodonga, NSW, and Rockhampton and the Whitsundays, Qld, to attend Noosa Christian College.**

adding one class annually until they offer up to Year 12.

"We ask for your prayers, support and children as we endeavour to grow a new Adventist college," concludes Pastor Coltheart.—**ANN South Pacific**

*The college will be offering Prep to Year 8 in 2005. Enrolments for all classes are already being accepted for 2005 with nine students already being accepted for Year 8. Contact <noosacc@tpg.com.au> for more information.*

## Students giving God a go at Prescott

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South Australian Conference president Pastor Garry Hodgkin describes it as one of the conference's major emphases. "Chaplaincy ministry has huge hidden potential. Young people are asking major questions about their life. What we're doing is providing answers to those questions."

Pastor Hodgkin says Prescott received the grant because it is combining academic excellence with spiritual development. "Teachers who are ministers in their own right—that's one of the secrets of the school's success."

Half the students at Prescott are non-Adventists, a ratio that is similar to other Adventist schools in Australia. Almost 40

per cent are unchurched.

"Evangelism is a major part of the school's program," says Mr Neuhoff. He speaks of staff members praying for one student and their family a day, of the 30 per cent of students in the school choir, and of plans to present the South Pacific Division's "Taking charge of your health" series later in the year.

Pastor Slade will not take credit for the renewed spiritual interest among the students at the school. "It's a combination of three factors," he says.

"The first is integration." Pastor Slade speaks of the teen camp organised by the South Australian Conference in January at which three of the school's students requested baptism, and of the Week of

Spiritual Emphasis presented by the Australian Union Conference's director of education, Dr John Hammond, in May, at which 11 students requested baptism.

"The second is that I have been chaplain at the school for three years—I've earned the trust of the students," says Pastor Slade.

"The third is that the staff members at the school are committed to evangelism. I've had no problems taking students out of class for Bible studies. Some teachers have even referred students to me."

Mr Neuhoff is proud of his staff members, describing them as "great role models." But he also speaks of receiving heavenly help. "The Holy Spirit is moving in this school."—**Brenton Stacey**

# Research centre officially opened

Wahroonga, NSW

A new research institute aimed at improving human health and wellbeing was launched at Sydney Adventist Hospital on July 20.



Dr Ross Grant, ARI executive officer, and associate professor Eric Magnusson, chair of the ARI Research Advisory Committee, at the launch of the ARI.

The Australasian Research Institute (ARI) is a joint initiative from a number of Adventist organisations, committed to improving health in the wider community

through research and development projects.

Dr Brendan Nelson, Australian Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training, shared the stage with well-known GP Dr James Wright as guest speakers at the launch dinner.

Dr Ross Grant, ARI executive officer, said the institute aims to make a significant contribution to Australia's research in regard to health and human physiology. "In addition to acute medical intervention, improving health through nutrition and lifestyle has been a key focus of Adventist health care throughout the world over the past century.

"We live in an ageing population, where rising obesity levels and the incidence of diseases such as diabetes will be placing a major strain on the Australian health system in years to come." He continues, "The ARI will use the combined resources of a number of Adventist health organisations to investigate new ways of combating community health and related issues."

Dr Grant says the ARI will look to team with a broad range of institutions, in-

cluding Australian universities, as well as drawing on the health resources of the international Adventist community.

"For the first time, the health care, social development, academic and nutrition resources of the international Adventist network will be available for the Australian research community to utilise," he says. "This resource is invaluable and we are very excited as to what new insights into Australian health we may uncover."

Sydney Adventist Hospital's CEO, Dr Leon Clark, says the hospital was delighted to be involved in the research institute. "Sydney Adventist Hospital has always supported research as part of its mission to provide for the health needs of the community.

"Over its 101-year history, the hospital has collected a great deal of health data and through the ARI, we can examine this data to uncover trends that may help improve clinical outcomes."

The corporate members of the ARI include Sydney Adventist Hospital, Avondale College and the Adventist Health Ministries Department for the South Pacific Division.—**Susannah Owens**

## Membership milestone for professional network

Adventist Professionals Network (APN) has reached the 6000-member mark, with presence in 145 countries.

APN—launched in 2000 by the General Conference and affiliated institutions—is a global electronic registry of Adventists who hold a college or university degree in any field.

The network helps Adventists find opportunities for volunteer service and employment in Adventist organisations, and assists Adventist institutions and organisations in announcing vacancies and locating qualified candidates.

For more information, visit <<http://apn.adventist.org>>.—**ANN**

## Session web site now online

The web site for the 2005 General Conference session has been launched.

The web site—[www.gcsession.org](http://www.gcsession.org)—provides preliminary information about the session, which is the top international meeting of the 13.5-million-member church. It also features photos and information about the convention facilities and the host city, St Louis, Missouri, USA.

The site will play an increasingly important role

as the event draws closer, says John Beckett, web master for the site and



Adventists from around the world can find out about the General Conference session on a recently launched web site, <[www.gcsession.org](http://www.gcsession.org)>.

assistant director for the General Conference's Communication Department. "The site will provide essential information for delegates and visitors, as well as Adventist Church members around the world who want to be kept up to date on agenda items and other pre-session news," he says.

During the session of 2000 in Toronto, the session web site received more than 5000 daily visitors, says Mr Beckett, and he predicts those numbers will be even greater for the St Louis event.—**Ansel Oliver/Bettina Krause/ANN**

## Youth magazine winning friends

Warburton, Vic

The *Edge* magazine and web site, a youth supplement to *RECORD*, is winning friends outside the Adventist Church.

Take the following emails, for example: "Could I help with *The Edge*?" asked Kylie. "I write about youth issues in a major country paper in Victoria. Please don't pay me as I enjoy volunteering."

Kylie is disabled. An Adventist friend shared copies of the magazine with her before she wrote to *Edge* editor Kellie Hancock. She has since written a feature about living with disability for the magazine.

Steve wrote to say, "*Edge* should be published more regularly. I read it from cover to cover, but then maybe I'm a little abnormal." Steve is a parent of a young adult who is currently studying the Bible to prepare for baptism.

Finally, this, from *Mission* magazine editor Falvo Fowler: "Gary Swanson [editor of *CQ*, the church's Bible-study guide for young adults] introduced me to your magazine. It rocks! Young people need to know the Bible relates to their lives and the spiritual walk with God is not just something that occurs in cloistered moments of Christianity. God has blessed your area and hopefully it is contagious enough to reach the rest of the world sooner than most other such blessings!"

"*The Edge* is expanding its influence beyond this division and our church," says Mrs Hancock. "I think that's exciting. People are paying attention because we offer something unique for young Christian adults."—**ANN South Pacific**

If you're a young adult, look for your copy of *The Edge* with this week's *RECORD*.

## First vegetarian restaurant opens in Kiribati

Bairiki, Tarawa Atoll

The most isolated, northern outpost in the South Pacific Division is focused on outreach during 2004, the Year of Evangelism, with the opening of Kiribati's first vegetarian restaurant.

Food for Life has been established on the second floor of the recently renovated mission office in Bairiki. It is open for meals on a Wednesday and Sunday night and diners include expatriates from the United States, Britain, New Zealand, Australia, Africa and Germany, along with members of the local community.

Customers also take advantage of a variety of health-food products, such as Sanitarium, that are sold on the premises. Kiribati Mission president Pastor John Horvath says he's delighted at the interest in healthy food. "Their visit to our mission compound gives us an opportunity to network and to simply make friends. One visitor asked if she could attend our church services and prayer meeting."

Opportunities are opening up to run health programs such as cooking demonstrations, massage and quit smoking.



More than 100 children attend the preschool. One class is pictured here at graduation.

"Surely the prophetic counsel of Ellen White is even more relevant to us today," adds Pastor Horvath. "She says, 'The right hand is used to open doors through which the body may find entrance' [*Medical Ministry*, page 238], and talks of restaurants being a means to save souls [*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 7, page 120]."

The second ongoing evangelistic program for the Kiribati Mission is a preschool. Five days a week, an English preschool is run on the mission compound. More than 100 children are brought to the compound by their non-Adventist parents. "This is a great opportunity to mingle with the people, build friendships and show them Jesus,"



Food for Life operates out of the second storey of the Kiribati Mission office.

says Pastor Horvath. On occasions workshops are also held for parents on topics such as parenting, nutrition and sewing.

Two volunteers from New Zealand, Dulcie King and Janneke Kraaijenhof say they enjoy working with the Kiribati teachers on this challenging and rewarding project. A recent attendee at a preschool workshop said that the Adventist workshop was "one of the most effective."

"It is exciting to have opportunities to be 'salt' in the community," concludes Pastor Horvath.—**Kellie Hancock**



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# A hub of church life

by Barry Hill

Glen King says his school of 750 students directly impacts more than 3000 people. Glen is principal of Macquarie College in Wallsend (NSW). I asked him what makes his school a hub of church life.

## **How do you rate Adventist schools as an evangelistic agency of the church?**

Our school impacts a large group of Newcastle people, and 80 per cent of these are non-Adventists. There are 50 student Bible studies going on here now. Over the last six months, it feels like I have been to a baptism nearly every week, because there have been 20 of them. One year I was at Northpine College [in Brisbane, Qld], more than 100 Bible studies were going.

## **Why do you claim that Adventist schools should be the hub of church life?**

The best ministers of the larger denominations today link churches and schools together. In the 1960s and 1970s, churches and schools worked together closely but a number moved away from this model. Now they are coming back because they understand schools' potential to reach into communities and support and grow churches.

## **How does it all work?**

Pastor Keith Jackson and I have developed a school impact model of working with our local churches and community. For example, our Years 7–9 students go to Wild Yak, while many older students attend the Newcastle Youth Church run by Pastor Casey Wolverton. The Wallsend and Charlestown Pathfinder Clubs have doubled in size in three years. Of course we conduct school programs in churches and we have been running the musical pageant "Road to Bethlehem" to benefit the community. About 2000 people attended the last program.



Glen King with students at Macquarie College.

## **What do you mean by Wild Yak?**

Ben and Brad Rae, theology students from Avondale College, have been running a Friday-night program in the Charlestown church hall. This is a fun-type evening for small-group Bible study. Parents bring their teens and chat together on the side. About 100 students have been attending every second Friday night.

## **How do you reach out to your wider community?**

Our church activities involve our wider community. Wild Yak evenings attract many of these students and parents. We promote Pathfinder clubs at school orientation days. Consequently many non-Adventist students join clubs and parents come to Pathfinder Days in churches where they then feel more relaxed about mixing with us. Senior non-Adventist students are also involved with the Duke of Edinburgh program. Also our chaplain visits students' homes. If someone is sick, he introduces a minister for follow-up visits. We have conducted funerals for several of our school family members.

## **What is your relationship with the local conference Youth Department?**

Good. Our Pathfinder clubs come under its umbrella and our students love their STORM Co trips. The department also

runs top summer camps and the big camp program at Stuarts Point is dynamic too. We do a fair bit together.

## **What do you do for students from the wider community in the school itself?**

We look for every opportunity to make Adventist values evident and promote a Christian flavour in everything we do. Our Bible program is strong. Redemptive discipline is important. Lifestyle issues also provide a practical forum for valuing. For example, our canteen has a limit on fat and sugar and no meat pies.

Our Adventist student minority feel strong ownership of the school and lead in music and drama productions where we teach Adventist values. Both students and parents get a buzz out of these presentations, which have become a high point of chapels and other programs. Most days are rewarding as we see spiritual awakening among students. Overall we are always linking our values with our policies and asking "Why do we do what we do?"

## **How do you interact with pastors?**

We realise we have to come back to the pastors and not work apart. The chaplain and I have organised school breakfasts where we interact with our pastors and plan ways to work together. Each year we work with churches on plans and goals for supporting each other. Pastors are finding we can give them a lot of work.

## **How would you sum up your attitude to school and church?**

I believe our church evangelistic program will be strongest when Adventist churches and schools work together. 📍

Barry Hill is director of education for the South Pacific Division, based in Wahroonga, New South Wales.



# A week or an eternity?

by John Hammond

**A** week or an eternity? What is the value of holding a Week of Prayer in a school? Does it really bring students to Christ or are we simply providing entertainment? Read on and judge for yourself.

I take many Weeks of Prayer and what follows would typify any Week of Prayer in one of our schools. Names and locations have been changed for obvious reasons.

## Preparation

A school will generally contact me at least 12 months prior to a Week of Prayer and it is locked into my diary.

**Three months before:** The school chaplain contacts me, already wanting to discuss a possible theme. I have questions relating to demographics and numbers and where the meetings will be held. We agree that the theme will be "Jesuslovesme@comingsoon.au." At least the students will identify with the Internet language but I wonder how many will realise that "au" really means "hey you."

**Six weeks before:** The chaplain phones again with a request for my daily themes. She is wanting to organise the student worship teams who will be supporting the program.

**One week before:** The principal phones to tell me the staff has begun praying for me and for the students. They have been praying for particular students every morning for the past few weeks. I am greatly encouraged.

## The week

**Day one—Monday:** This is it and I am a bit nervous. I know a speaker has a very limited time in which to engage an audience of teens. I also know they are experts at summing up a visitor and can smell insincerity upwind. Therefore I have not dressed up to look "with it." I realise that my look is "past it," but will instead trust that God will be able to use

me anyway.

As I arrive at the school, a senior student walks up to me and asks if I am Dr Hammond. He welcomes me and tells me they have been praying for me. I later discover this encounter has not been scripted and my nerves start to dissipate.

Staff members greet me warmly. I suspect they are glad to see me visiting the school for other than professional reasons. They have been praying and preparing for this week, which is clearly a high point in the school program.

I walk over to the hall and meet the worship team. They are excited and also a bit nervous. We have prayer together and just as we finish the doors fling open and several hundred students burst through. They and I begin eyeing each other off. The song service is a rousing one. Students who sing well will respond well, so this is a great start. A hilarious quiz follows. Hoots of laughter greet original but wrong answers and everyone seems relaxed.

Suddenly I find myself standing before a large group of teens whom I have never met. Experience has taught me you have about 90 seconds of full attention during which you will either engage or lose a teenage audience.

People of any age love a story and the story I have today is of the encounter between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. Mary understood the value Jesus placed on her



*Dr John Hammond (left) being interviewed by Pastor Mau Tuaoi, youth director of the South Australian Conference.*

soul and the story engages my audience. I have long since decided that stories based on the life of Christ are the most effective in bringing them to make the right decisions. I don't bother much about squeezing morals out of the story because they are generally smart enough to make the connection themselves.

At the conclusion, I invite students to come and see me during the day in the chaplain's office, which has been made available to me for the week. However, I don't expect many visitors during the first day and this proves to be the case. I am still a stranger in their eyes and it generally takes two or three days to establish any degree of trust.

**Day two—Tuesday:** These kids can really sing. It usually takes me about 10 seconds to work out what is happening in a school and I now realise that these teachers love their students and the

students know it. Teachers and students merge into a happy worship hour. Somehow the penalty for me giving a vague answer while being interviewed by a senior student is having to sing one verse of the theme song—as a solo. The students unravel in laughter and it is time to speak. Today I speak about the encounter between Jesus and the woman at the well in Samaria. Christ's ability to interact with people seems to register with the students because they love the story. I am always

humbled to note how the story of Jesus will always connect with young people.

During the afternoon while classes are in progress, two girls appear at my door. Sensing that they want to say something but are not sure how to go about it, I let the conversation drift with them. The quiet one has a very deep issue and her friend is there for support. Finally it comes out and I am simply stunned. Priscilla\* is struggling with something I said yesterday. Again I have to wait until she can tell me.

Apparently I had indicated that Jesus often talked about His Father when illustrating love and trust. She then tells me that she finds it painful to hear me talk like this.

It takes a long time and many tissues before she says, "How can I believe in a heavenly Father who loves me when my own father used to come to my bed from the time I was nine till I was 14, when he was arrested?"

There are now three people in tears and I am sure our angels are weeping too. I try

## Learning with God

**K**ylie Hall enrolled in Year 10 at Northpine Christian College (NCC) in the northern suburbs of Brisbane (Qld). She decided to make the move because her mother had identified Northpine as a place where it was possible for children to reach their academic potential. Once the decision was made to move Kylie's younger brother, Alex, four children from the Hall family enrolled.

This has been a journey for the whole family in acceptance, understanding, trust and faith. Kylie had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists before she came to NCC. From a close and caring family she had received a strong value system without a specific religious framework. She had a vague notion that God was there somewhere, but no sense of a personal involvement—no structured faith.

Like anyone entering a new social environment, Kylie struggled at first to make friends and fit in with new ways of doing things. Outwardly confident, but fragile like most teenagers, she shed some tears at times in the process of carving her niche in the class. A born questioner, Kylie challenged and analysed everything, but especially the concepts presented in her Bible classes. Some she rejected and others she adopted until she came to see a wholeness in the faith system she heard in class and saw lived out in the lives of her teachers.

The 2004 NCC Week of Spiritual Emphasis was a turning point in Kylie's journey. Murray Hunter, the conference youth director, pulled no punches in his presentation of Christ crucified, risen and returning, and she felt compelled to make a decision. Bible studies commenced and, along with the two youngest members of the family, she began attending Sabbath school at Caboolture. Kylie stayed for church and now feels a part of the Adventist family. She has requested baptism and plans for the big event are in the making.

Now Kylie is aiming to be a teacher, to join the growing ranks of those in Adventist schools who reach out from the church into



**Kylie Hall discovering the Bible with Northpine Christian College chaplain Richie Reid.**

the community to make a difference in the lives of ordinary children and their families.

And the impact of the school is not limited to its students. Whole families change. By trusting NCC with their children, the whole outlook of Kylie's family has shifted with that of their young people. They are happier, reaching higher academic goals, and the strong family values are being strengthened and extended, along with the development of their faith in Christ.

This story is not about adding to the membership of the local churches, though that may happen. It is not about children improving their academic results, though that happens too. It is about breaking down prejudice through service, demonstrating the love of Christ to others.—**David Rodgers**

to explain that God will lead her to trust Him if she can only reach out in faith. They leave after praying with me.

**Day three—Wednesday:** It is time to lighten up with the students. I tell them the story of Harry Houdini and how he deceived everyone except himself during his long career. I reveal some of his secrets and the students are entranced. I connect the story with the concept of a wasted or a fulfilled life. By now the students are comfortable about having me around and I realise just how much God has blessed me by leading me to this school where students and teachers share common values.

During the afternoon several younger boys come in a group. They begin by wanting me to teach them the rope trick I used in my presentation this morning. And then it happens. Ben says that he would like to be baptised but is afraid that his father will object. He is from a non-Christian family. I ask him if he would like the chaplain to pay a social visit to his home one evening. The look of relief on Ben's face says a lot.

**Day four—Thursday:** Time is getting precious because I have only two more presentations. Today I have chosen to speak of Christ's decisive meeting with the madman at Gadara and how He removed the shackles from the man's heart when all else failed. I broach the subject of making an appeal. Many a Week of Prayer has been ruined because an appeal at the end of the week was not handled properly. I tell them that I will make an appeal tomorrow and that they should not respond unless they truly feel that the Holy Spirit is urging them to. Making a commitment to God is a personal rather than a social response. I warn them that my appeal will last only about 10 seconds because I detest long, drawn-out emotional appeals. It embarrasses students and can be counter-productive.

Many students come and talk to me through the day. Some simply want to say hello, but others have deep problems ranging from difficulty with study to problems at home.

**Day five—Friday:** Staff members are praying really hard now and so are the

student leaders who have been working with me all week. I have chosen to speak about the boy who gave his lunch to Jesus when He was faced with the task of feeding a huge crowd. I remind the students that the little boy must have felt stupid making such an apparently insignificant contribution. However, because it represented all that he had, Jesus was able to multiply it into a fantastic miracle.

I make an appeal and dare anyone to be the first to stand in front of their peers to signify a commitment to Jesus. The first to stand is Simon, for whom the staff had been praying every day. It takes a lot of courage for a teen to stand alone like that. Many more stand, including Priscilla, who is smiling at last.

I then tell the students that I have a little gift for them. The doors open and the teachers bring in baskets full of little loaves of hot bread. Because our sense of smell is such a powerful reminder of events in our lives, I ask each student to break the bread open and smell it while I pray for them. They then eat the small loaves and I know that they will remember this moment for the rest of their lives.

The chaplain now takes over. This is important because I will leave, but the spiritual program must continue with her in charge. She hands around 100 commitment cards and more than 100 students have asked for studies to prepare for baptism.

After lunch, I meet with the staff for the last time. We rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit. I also warn them to be vigilant

against Satan who must be very unhappy at this moment.

**Sabbath:** The week finishes with a youth rally. Many of the students attend. At the end a young man singles me out. He is ashamed because he did not stand yesterday. I tell him that all heaven is rejoicing over him at this very moment.

**More than a week**

I suddenly feel very tired. It has been a special week and I leave content in the knowledge that our church will one day soon be in the hands our young people who have given their lives to Jesus.

A week later, I write to Simon and those who were the first to stand. In the letter I remind them of their courage and of my belief that they will receive a special blessing for having the courage to stand alone.

Priscilla sends me an email every few weeks. Her scars are very deep, but she is rejoicing in God and confides that she now has a boyfriend, her first. She has moved interstate, but is most anxious to keep in touch.

My list of email friends grows every time I visit a school. After many years of doing this, I know I have made friends for life and eternity. ®

*\* Names have been changed throughout this story.*

*John Hammond is director of Adventist education for the Australian Union Conference.*



Peta Taylor

## A timely issue

Name supplied

Congratulations, RECORD, for your openness in tackling the issue of pornography in "Lara, HIV and me" (Feature, July 3). It is timely, considering that the average age at which a boy first views pornography is 11 years, that an estimated 60 per cent of all web sites are pornographic, and that up to 64 per cent of Christian males struggle with sexual addiction or compulsion [sources cited].

However, the article failed to give practical strategies or hope to the person caught in the pornography trap. Don't leave such a person hanging, telling them

Seventh-day Adventist Church. But this church isn't the only one to infer that membership is the guarantee of salvation. Sometimes I wonder if the church struggles with an identity crisis.

Colin P McMahon, Vic

As spirituality declined in the Christian church, some notable changes occurred. The clergy-laity distinction became more noticeable; this was especially true of elders, where the doubly ordained clergy-class elder was looked to as a superior. This clergy-priest class took control of the tithes along with baptism, which was entrance into the church; they also

## A semantic solution

Robert Wolfram, Vic

Eric Hort (July 10) says "righteousness by faith is simply obedience by faith in God's grace." But how should I understand this statement? Consider two possibilities. It could mean "[my] righteousness [is acquired] by faith [and this] is simply [another way of saying that] my obedience [to God's law is achieved] by faith in God's grace [which is imparted to me]." Or, it could mean "[Christ's] righteousness [is imputed to me] by faith [and this] is simply [His perfect] obedience [to God's law on my behalf, which is imputed to me] by faith in God's [perfect exhibition of] grace [as manifested in the cross]."

The former rendering points us to the *subjective* work of grace in the believer, whereas the latter points to the *objective* more forensic work of grace in the Christ event. Both are legitimate traditions in Adventism.

I prefer to give weight to the latter interpretation, and to thereby stand in the tradition of the Reformation. That we can have Hort's view (which is consistent with 16th-century Tridentine Roman Catholicism) so stated in RECORD suggests Adventism has become a broad communion, and that toleration on this subject has become a virtue rather than a vice.

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## Up to 64 per cent of Christian males struggle with sexual addiction or compulsion.

how feeble their Christianity is. When a person is trapped in this snare, he needs to hear about the hope that Jesus offers.

As the wife of someone who became ensnared by the false intimacy of pornography, I know firsthand the devastation it wreaks in a family. However, after 20 years of a rocky journey that began with a seemingly innocent curiosity, my husband has finally allowed himself to experience the wonderful love, grace and forgiveness of Jesus. He has been rebaptised, living a life of integrity for more than two years now.

Along with prayer, the main factor [in his transformation] was the knowledge we gained from reading Christian books.

controlled the Communion service, which had been a fellowship meal; the marriage and burial ceremonies. But when Paul discusses baptism in 1 Corinthians 1:14-17, he states, "For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel" (v 17, NIV). "I thank God that I baptised none of you, but Crispus and Gaius. . . . Also the household of Stephanas" (vv 14, 16, KJV). It seems that Paul is not overly concerned with who performs the act.

Wouldn't it be great to get back to the way things were in the early church, rather than emulating the hierarchy-based system of latter apostate Christianity!

## Baptism thoughts

Corran Vincent, NZ

The letter regarding baptism and church membership (June 26) highlights the problem of using baptism as a measure of church membership. Baptism should be a measure of one's commitment to Jesus and of the rebirth, with membership an option.

Many times I've heard preachers admit that members of other churches will be saved, but the subliminal message is that salvation is guaranteed by belief in the doctrines and membership of the

## Just a coincidence



## Appreciation

**Garrick,** Faye and family sincerely thank all who gave of their sympathy, love, prayers and support on the sad passing of Bruce. Kindness is the glue that binds friends together. Your cards, emails, letters, floral tributes, food and money gifts for ADRA (Bruce's favourite charity) were truly appreciated.

**Tipovich,** Peter and Jan would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, prayers and other messages of comfort at the recent loss of their mother, Esmae.

## Anniversaries

**Maunder,** Calvin and Valmai (nee Southen) were married in the Wellington Adventist church on 30.6.54 by Pastor David Ferris. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Tauranga, NZ, with their four children, 12 of their 13 grandchildren and some of their sisters and brothers-in-law. Calvin and Valmai spent time as volunteers at various times in Samoa, Kiribati and Papua New Guinea. They now live in Tauranga on their avocado orchard and worship at the Mount Maunganui Adventist church.

**Sampson,** Wally and Aileen (nee Twiss) were married in St George's Cathedral, Perth (WA), on 20.4.54. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an evening at the Osborne Park church (WA) and their family. Wally and Aileen have three children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Weddings

**Avramovski—Smith.** Adrian Avramovski, son of Milomir and Vesna Avramovski (Toowoomba, Qld), and Marcia Robyn Smith, daughter of Colin and Leanne Smith (Toowoomba), were married on 11.7.04 at Toowoomba, Qld.

*David Stojic*

**Dimitri—Rayner.** Joseph Dimitri (Gold Coast, Qld) and Nola Edith Rayner (Gold Coast), were married on 10.7.04 at Southport Adventist church, Qld.

*Peter Stojanovic, Eric White*

**McQuillan—Evans.** James Andrew McQuillan, son of Andrew and Jenny McQuillan (Sydney, NSW), and Nerise Merradene Evans, daughter of Bruce and Robyn Evans (Sydney), were married on 23.11.03 at Frazier Memorial Presbyterian church, Springwood, NSW.

*Bevan Craig*

**Winship—Remedio.** Christopher John Winship, son of Peter and Eunice Winship (Cairns, Qld), and Lauris Ann Remedio, daughter of Laurie and Monica Remedio (Cairns), were married on 13.6.04 at the Novotel Palm Cover Resort, Cairns, Qld.

*Wolfgang Kissener*

## Obituaries

**Blich,** Frederick Keith, born 14.7.1918 at Burnie, Tas; died 2.7.04 at Burnie. In 1940, he married Gwen Deacon, who predeceased him in 2001. He is survived by his brother-in-law and partner, Wal and Mavis Deacon. Fred was known throughout the Burnie district as a Christian who walked his talk and as a genuine gentleman.

*Graeme Brown*

**Chand,** Dr Sukhi, born 5.5.1938; died 8.4.2004 after a long illness at Townsville, Qld. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; and their children, Anita, Andrew, Sunita and Sonya. Dr Chand was a highly respected surgeon at Townsville Hospital for many years. He is greatly missed.

*Cranville Tooley*

**Guilhot,** Julie Marie, born 6.9.1928; died 4.7.04 at Redcliffe Hospital, Brisbane, Qld. She married Gilbert Guilhot, who predeceased her in 2002. She is survived by her children, Patricia Jutila, Renee Armitage, Josette Gilbank, Philippe, and their spouses; and her grandchildren. Julie suffered much pain in the last few years of her life but she never stopped loving the Lord.

*John Stehn, Dave Stevenson*

**Mewburn,** Clarence Hilton, born 1.2.1906 at Rye Park, NSW; died 22.5.04 at Dubbo, NSW. In 1929, he married Grace Francis. He is survived by his wife, Grace; and his sons, Edward, William, Bob, Max (all of Dubbo, NSW) and Ken (Brisbane, Qld); his six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Clarrie's life was guided by Bible values, his legacy to family and community. He was involved in the community where he lived and served on a number of local bodies. He loved his wife of 75 years and his five sons and their families.

*Lawrence Landers*

**Schmidt,** Clayton William, formerly of "Gladys Downs," Augathella, born 12.4.1917 at Newcastle, NSW; died 30.4.2004 at Toowoomba, Qld. In 1947, he married June Sommerfeld in Charleville. He was predeceased by his wife, three sisters and two brothers. He is survived by his children, Kelvin (Brisbane) and Judith and son-in-law Garry; and two grandchildren (Toowoomba). Clayton was a longstanding and well-respected grazer in the Augathella district. He also had a lifelong association with his church. He will be sadly missed by his family, his church and his many friends and associates.

*Clifton Maberly*

**Smith,** Olga Lydia, born 13.3.1917 at Motukarara, NZ; died 15.7.04 at Christchurch. She is survived by her husband, Ross (Christchurch); daughters Tricia (Townsville, Qld), Karen (Christchurch, NZ) and Paulette (Christchurch) and her loving grandchildren. Olga was a faithful and loyal church member, who preferred to work behind the scenes. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, she will be sadly missed.

*Paul Gredig*

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▲ **Director of Nursing—Avondale Retirement Village (Cooranbong, NSW)** is seeking a full-time Director of Nursing. The successful applicant will need to be a committed, baptised and practising Seventh-day Adventist, NSW registered (List A), RN8 or higher (preferably with postgraduate qualifications in either management or aged care), and have a minimum of three years senior aged care experience in a nursing home. As DON, your main tasks will be managing the nursing home, and overseeing the legal and policy aspects of the hostels. **Applications in writing** should be forwarded to John Kingston, PO Box 105, Cooranbong NSW 2265; email <ceo@aacnsw.com.au>, no later than August 7, 2004.

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**Sparke,** Laurel Edith (nee Scotton), born 9.8.1923 at Armidale, NSW; died 17.6.04 in Alstonville Adventist Aged Care Facility. On 4.4.57 she married Les, who predeceased her in 1997. She is survived by her children, stepchildren and their partners, Robin and Edith Sparke (Moura, Qld); Pam McKay and Ian Cannon (Tintenbar, NSW); Brian and Margaret Sparke (Alstonville); Ann and Roderick McInnes (North Star); Helen Gaff (Sydney); Kerry

and Julie Sparke (Alstonville); Gavin and Julie-Maree Sparke (Lismore); Neil Sparke (Alstonville); Linley and Ray Bielby (Adelaide, SA); her brother and sister-in-law, Owen and Verna Scotton (Tenterfield, NSW); her sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Errol Thrift (Narara); and 23 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and four great, great-grandchildren. She was a courageous woman who served as manager of the operating theatres at Sydney

Adventist Hospital for a time. She also served in her local church—a "mother in Israel."

Ernie Krause,

Beth McMurry, Frank Pearce

**Swift**, Arthur George, born 3.1.1923 in London, UK; died 12.7.04 at Yass, NSW. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy, in 1972, and survived by his wife, Ivy; and his daughters, Jenny (Kooralbyn, Qld) and Trish (Yass, NSW); his stepchildren Karen (Gympie, Qld), Steven (Emerald) and Sandra (Glenwood); 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Arthur was baptised in 1955 and "kept the faith." He was a gentleman who was always helping others and will be greatly missed. He was a talented musician and wordsmith who brought happiness and laughter to others. He is sleeping peacefully until the resurrection morning.

Graham Wynniatt, Mark Pearce

**Valentine**, Leonard Maxwell, born 3.3.56 at Wanganui, NZ; died 23.6.2004 at Christchurch. He is survived by his sister, Faye Garrick, and brothers, Richard, Gilbert and Dennis. Len was known for his affectionate, playful nature, his simple love for Jesus and for his cheerfulness in spite of the intellectual handicap that made him dependent on special care all his life. He will be missed by his family and by the many who through the years took time to understand and lovingly helped in his care—and for whom his family is deeply grateful.

Anton Van Wyck,

Lawrence Lane, Dennis Valentine

**White**, Sylvia Frances Maud (nee Pearce), born 15.11.1935 at Dunedin, NZ; died 13.7.04 at Victoria Point, Qld. In 1959, she married Pastor Graham White, who survives her. She is also survived by her children, Fiona Jennings (Sydney, NSW) and John and Vicki White (Brisbane, Qld). Sylvia was a very supportive wife to Graham during their more than 40 years of literature evangelism and ministry. She served at conference level in the youth department, treasury and Adventist Book Centre. Sylvia was a great musician, winning a number of sight-reading competitions, and she used her gifts in her local church. A true daughter of God.

Bob Possingham, Gordon Oaklands,

Ken Lawson

**Yee**, Selina, born 30.10.1911 in China; died 9.6.04 at Sydney Adventist Hospital, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Poy Chin (Percy) Yee. She is survived by her children, Lawrence, Bryan, Gregory

and Barbara (all of Sydney, NSW). Among the quiet achievers who fashioned the character of Sydney Chinese church, Selina is lovingly remembered as having fed, sheltered, clothed and taken in the poor wanderers in our community.

Victor Lee

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**North New Zealand Conference Triennial Session.** Notice is hereby given that the 87th Session of the North New Zealand Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held at the Auckland Adventist High School, 119 Mountain Road, commencing 7 pm with registration, Saturday, October 30, 2004, until Sunday, October 31, 2004. The Business Session will include presentation of reports from administration, departments and institutions. The election of president and executive committee for the ensuing triennium will also take place. Proposed changes to the Conference Constitution will also be considered.

**South New Zealand Conference Triennial Session.** Notice is hereby given that the 61st Session of the South New Zealand Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held at the Ilam Adventist church, 26 Ilam Road, Christchurch, commencing 2.30 pm with registration, Saturday, October 16, 2004, until Sunday, October 17, 2004. The Business Session will include presentation of reports from administration, departments and institutions. The election of president and executive committee for the ensuing triennium will also take place. Proposed changes to the Conference Constitution will also be considered.

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**Bundaberg church opening**—the Bundaberg church members would like to invite all former ministers and members, and any visitors, to the opening of their new church on August 21, 2004, at 11 am.

The praise service will be followed by lunch and fellowship. The official dedication of the church will take place on November 27 and all are invited to this special regional day. Information (07) 4151 3285 or <alwin53@tpg.com.au>.

**Class reunion—Victoria Park Adventist High School, WA** (now Carmel Adventist College), 1974 (Year 10). A reunion is being organised for October 2, 2004. If you attended or know of anyone who did, please contact Richard Swannell on email <richard@swannell.net>.

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