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These Fijian young adults gave up one day of their weekend to help ship beds and mattresses to a Seventh-day Adventist mission hospital in the Solomon Islands.

Young adults help furnish mission hospital

Wahroonga, New South Wales

A Seventh-day Adventist hospital on Malaita in the Solomon Islands will receive 24 new beds thanks to the generosity of six young adults from Fiji.

Nathan Vari, an elder at the Fijian Adventist church in Cabramatta, secured the beds from a nursing home in Sydney that has since closed.

Dr Lemuel Lecciones, the chief executive officer of Atoifi Adventist Hospital, says he needs the beds "because many of ours are falling apart."

One of the Fijian young adults, Nemani Bura, provided his own truck to transport the beds to the South Pacific Division (SPD) office.

Dr Percy Harrold, the associate director of Adventist health ministries for the SPD, prayed for the young adults after they delivered the beds.

"I'm impressed these Adventist young adults gave up their Sunday to help patients in a mission hospital when they could have been at home watching the Bathurst 1000 on television or been out with their friends playing touch football," says Dr Harrold. "These guys have big hearts . . . and muscles." —**ANN South Pacific**

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● The **Sydney Adventist Hospital** executive team hosted a **BBQ** across two days recently to thank staff for their hard work throughout the recent **high occupancy period**. In June the hospital's occupancy level hit an all-time high and since then occupancy figures have remained high, meaning a very busy time for all. "The past few months have been



hard for the hospital's staff," says CEO Dr **Leon Clark**. "The celebration BBQ was a way for us to show our heartfelt appreciation for their diligence and commitment to both the hospital and patients." Evening and night shift staff were also remembered, with food delivered to them in their shifts.—*Pacemaker*

● Some 47 women from **Pacific Adventist University (PAU)** boarded buses heading for the Bomana Centre for Independent Studies (CIS) Training College, PNG, for a two-day **Women's Ministries retreat** on October 8. The retreat, with the theme of "Give me your heart,"



featured topics such as how to pray for your children, how to pray for your spouse and grooming tips. The women also had an exercise session with jogging, walking, running and aerobics. A sacred concert was held on Saturday night with the ladies presenting messages in song. The **22 male prisoners**, who live on the CIS campus and joined the women on Sabbath afternoon for worship, were greatly encouraged and asked if the women could pray with and for them.—*Harina*

"Someone ordered a building?"

Riverland church, RSA, has successfully relocated the largest building ever to be transported in once piece in South Australia.

While making plans to construct extra rooms for Sabbath school and Pathfinders, two 32 metre x 10.1 metre buildings at Loxton High School were noticed advertised for demolition and salvage. The building was free but for the cost of removal, relocation and renovation. Inquires led to the conclusion that, while a tight squeeze, it would not be impossible to relocate. After a church meeting's acceptance of the idea and council approval, preparations were made.

On moving day, the normal 18-minute, 21-kilometre journey from Loxton to Berri took three-and-a-half hours and used the assistance of three police escort vehicles, two electricity company vehicles for negotiating powerlines and a convoy of vehicles that blocked and diverted traffic along the route. The relocation went without mishap.—*Links*



● The **Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)** in Australia is seeking the assistance of church members who wish to **assist it in its advocacy work against drug legalisation** in Australia. "Already ADRA—Australia has been credited with stopping the proposed ACT injecting room, and has contributed to stopping the ACT bill to legalise marijuana for medical purposes," reports **Gary Christian**, ADRA—Australia's national program director. Interested members should contact Mr Christian by email, <gc@adra.org.au>.

● **Edinburgh Adventist Primary**, Vic, students created a large heart from the **gold coins** they donated for the **National Heart Foundation**. The morning's activities focused on a "heart" theme beginning with worship based on Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart." Each term students participate in a "service to others" project, encouraging them to think of others' needs.—*Jacqui Knight*



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ADRA fights child trafficking in Thailand

Wahroonga, New South Wales

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has launched a DVD to raise awareness of a project to prevent the trafficking of children in northern Thailand. The DVD *Keep Girls Safe* uses the story of Nowarat to illustrate the issue of trafficking.



The DVD created to raise awareness of a child-trafficking problem in Thailand.

Two ADRA-Thailand employees installing a water system in Ban Maenawang in the mid-1990s noticed Nowarat appeared to be the only 12-year-old girl in the village. Most, they learned, had been “recruited” to serve as sex workers in the cities.

The employees found Nowarat would prefer to attend school rather than look for work. ADRA had discovered a new need.

“Parents who live in these villages, like those anywhere else in the world, love their children,” says Joy Butler, director of women’s ministries for the South Pacific Division. “But many are addicted to opium, own little land, struggle to feed their children and certainly can’t afford to educate them. They’re so desperate for money they

sell their children as sex slaves.”

More than 115,000 females and 65,000 males worked in sex venues in Thailand in 2002, according to figures from the Ministry of Public Health. The country’s Office of National Statistics estimated at the time that one-quarter of these sex workers were underage.

“These children are living in horror,” says Gail Ormsby, ADRA-Australia’s director of marketing and public relations. “Many return to their villages with HIV/AIDS, basically coming home to die.”

ADRA-Australia has donated \$A155,000 to the Keep Girls Safe project, almost one-third coming from one donor. ADRA will use the money to help the community provide education and support of these issues, as well as establish a refuge and support for those leaving the sex industry.

ADRA-Thailand, in its role as the implementing agency, has now helped Nowarat and 83 other children and teenagers who live in the mountains in the north of Thailand attend school rather than serve as sex workers. “They now have hope and a future,” says Mrs Butler.

The five-minute DVD was created to

raise awareness of these issues, and is useful in promoting this project. Contact ADRA by phone (02) 9489 5488 or email <adra.info@adra.org.au> to receive a free copy.—**Brenton Stacey**

PNGUM children active in evangelism

Lae, Papua New Guinea

Children have been actively involved in evangelism efforts this year in the Papua New Guinea Union Mission.

In Lae, PNG, the Buaku branch church had a children’s Sabbath where the children ran Sabbath school and the church service.

After lunch they went to Tent City marketplace and proceeded with an outreach program. One speaker was five-year-old Junior Francis, whose mother died when he was only one year old. While



Children in the Tent City marketplace preaching.

he was preaching he was reminded that one day he would meet up with his mother in heaven and was brought to tears in front of the crowd, prompting them to cry too.

In East New Britain Province, 30 United and Catholic primary, juniors and teenagers have been attending evangelistic meetings presented by the East New Britain district area supervisor, Pastor Watman Nennek. At the conclusion, half of them stated to Pastor Nennek, “The Catholics and United congregation don’t involve us in church so we asked our parents to come to the Seventh-day Adventist church.” They then requested sermons so they could preach to their parents.

In the Eastern Highlands Province, seven-year-old Jordan Wesley withdrew from school and has been travelling around the Eastern Highlands with his father doing evangelism work (Flashpoint, September 11). Using the story of Noah as his illustration, Jordan spoke for 55 minutes on heaven for a church service during a week of evangelism meeting in Kainantu with Pastor Peter Yorio.—**Jeanette Selan**

New book features Adventist writers

Warburton, Victoria

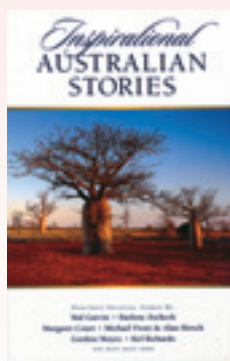
A new book of Australian Christian stories features four Adventist writers. *Inspirational Australian Stories* is the fourth in the *Australian Stories* series, compiled by Strand Publishing. Among contributions from well-known Australians such as Gordon Moyes, Margaret Court, Kel Richards and Darlene Zschech, stories by Adventist writers Grenville Kent, Lynden Kent, Brad Watson and Nathan Brown are included in the collection.

Three of these four are employed by the Adventist Church. Grenville Kent pastors at the Kellyville church in Sydney, Brad Watson is a lecturer in international development studies at Avondale College and Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD. Lynden Kent is retired in Tasmania.

“Of the 62 stories in the book, 12 are from these writers, most of whom have been previously published in RECORD or *Signs of the Times*,” says Nathan Brown. “I think this much representation acknowledges that we are producing high quality material in our magazines.”

“It’s also good that we can contribute to the wider Christian community in venues such as this,” says Mr Brown.

—**Scott Wegener**



Inspirational Australian Stories features stories from four Adventist writers.

School's caring makes news

Sydney, New South Wales

A Seventh-day Adventist school's concern for two of its students now living with their mother in a detention centre is creating news.

Eleven-year-old Sally Koroitamana and her brother, Jope, 10, are Australian citizens and have been attending Macarthur Adventist School in Macquarie Fields, Sydney, since January 2002. They have not returned since the school holidays in October, instead joining their Fijian mother and three other siblings, who have been living at the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre for two-and-a-half years.

Principal Jill Pearce spoke about the students on Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Radio Australia news on October 15.

"The school is probably the only stable place they've got at the moment—they love their friends, and they are secure here. The teachers are very concerned for them," she said.

Mrs Pearce, in a letter to the Migration

Review Tribunal, which found the children's mother did not meet the criteria for a bridging visa, promised to waive the children's school fees and provide transport to and from school.

Mrs Pearce describes Macarthur as a "caring, Christian community. So, we encourage the students to contribute to Sally and Jope's wellbeing."

The students have been writing letters to and praying for the Koroitamanas.

"I have a five-year-old in kindy, and he prays for Sally and Jope every night," says Mrs Pearce. She last visited the family on October 16. "Sally and Jope are grateful for the support. You should have seen the joy on Sally's face when she opened one of the letters from the students. Her eyes lit up."

"We aim to make prayer and support of each other a part of everyday life," says Peter Kilgour, director of the education system for the Greater Sydney Conference. "Jill is putting this into practice.

"I'm proud of the way she continues to support the children and the family."—

Brenton Stacey

SA looks to expand education system

Adelaide, South Australia

The South Australian Conference has voted as a major objective the expansion of its education system as waiting lists continue to grow.

Delegates attending the conference's 72nd triennial session held at the International Adventist church in Prospect, October 23, 24, passed the motion by a vote of 208 to four.

President Pastor Garry Hodgkin describes the decision as a "vote of confidence" in the evangelistic strategy of the church's schools. "Our teachers and chaplains have real spiritual direction," he comments.

The motion states any change may involve "the partial reallocation and or relocation of one or more properties."

Enrolment at the church's two primary schools and one high school is full. Waiting lists stretch to 2009.

Delegates returned Pastor Hodgkin and all other officers to their positions.

They also voted to change the church's constitution, giving the church the power to create companies to manage its operations and its schools. This protects the church and its leaders by limiting liability.

The church should receive more than \$A2 million in tithe for the first time this year. This is despite a less than 1 per cent increase in the number of church members. Tithe returned to the church totalled \$A1.5 million only six years ago. "This is a real turnaround," says Pastor Hodgkin.

In other news, the director of Adventist health, Marek Jantos, has announced the South Australian Conference will coordinate with the South Pacific Division an Australia-wide health and spirituality conference in Adelaide in July next year.—**Brenton Stacey**



Pastor Garry Hodgkin.

Stewardship stories wanted

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Contributions are being sought for a compilation of stories being developed by the South Pacific Division's Stewardship Department in partnership with Signs Publishing Company. Dr Erika Puni, director of stewardship, says that sharing stories of God's acts of grace in one's life is itself an act of stewardship.

"Biblical stewardship is the lifestyle of a disciple of Jesus Christ whereby God is acknowledged not only as the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, but also as Lord and Saviour of the believer's personal life," Dr Puni explains. "A 'stewardship story' then is a story of one's personal journey and relationship with Jesus in the context of a life situation. Stories may tell of personal struggles that strengthen one's faith in Him, but it may also be an expression of gratitude to God for his blessings and faithfulness.

"In short, a stewardship story is a personal experience from your life in partnership with God: the journey, the disappointments, the joy, the struggle, the blessings, and the hope in Jesus."

The planned publication follows on from a similar collection compiled by the North American Division. According to Dr Puni, the ultimate objective and purpose for these stories is to build faith among God's people in the South Pacific.—**Nathan Brown**



Dr Erika Puni.

For more information on submissions, see advertisement on page 31.

Uncorked! praise

Marjorie Entermann, Old

Thank you for the book *Uncorked! The Hidden Hazards of Alcohol* (Cover, October 9). The authors are to be congratulated on producing such a timely, informative and easy-to-read book.

This is a “must read” for every young person. No church library should be without a copy. It’s the least we can do to warn our precious youth of the risks associated with alcohol.

The Women’s Christian Temperance Union of Queensland has undertaken to donate copies to a number of educational institutions in their state. Maybe your church could put one in your local library. It would be money well spent.

Communion for kids too?

Harold Gotting, NT

“Children included” (Letters, October 16) takes Matthew 19:14 out of context. This verse is stating our need of a childlike innocence in order to inherit the kingdom of God; it has nothing to do with including children in Communion services. Jesus performed this ceremony for and with mature and understanding adults.

Add to this 1 Corinthians 13:11: “When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways” (NRSV).

A child cannot reason nor understand the seriousness and sacredness of the Communion service, nor do they need to, because children are innocent. Adults, however, need to be reminded about loving and serving one another, and to be humble before God and our peers.

Let us continue to educate children, teaching them the ways of the Lord, and when they’re old, they’ll not depart from it.

Name supplied

I totally understand the frustration of “Child discrimination” (Letters, October

Communion can be one of the happiest days in the Adventist church calendar.

9). My memories of enduring the Communion service as a child and young adult are similar. But I now attend a small church group and Communion time is a happy spiritual time for all age groups. We celebrate as a family as well as a church family as we all share the same room, where we wash each other’s feet as families, couples and friends.

I remember one particular Sabbath morning being more hectic than normal; there were no warm fuzzies in our family and we got to church and realised it was Communion. It was amazing washing our children’s feet and having each other’s forgiveness for the way we’d treated each other earlier.

Communion can be one of the happiest days in the Adventist church calendar.

M McMurtrie, J Cameron, NNZ

For the past five years, our church has run Communion services for the children. We separate after the praise service with the church family and meet in our youth room. We vary our program but include children’s songs, interactive activities and stories about individuals giving their life for others or taking punishment for others.

We explain the Communion service and its significance for our lives. We always have an elder present to bless the bread and wine. The children enjoy “ordinance day.”

The faith—works dichotomy

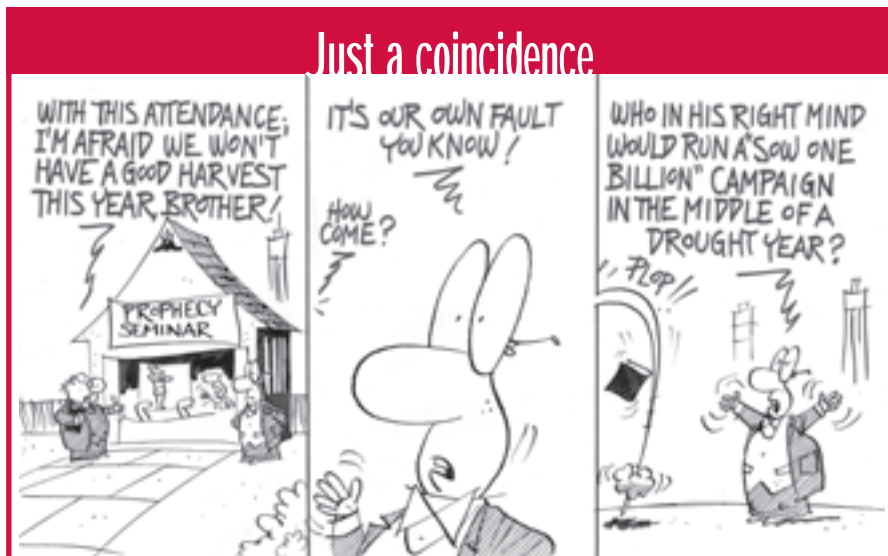
John Ralston, SA

As the trunk of an elephant is only part of the animal, likewise, grace is only part of salvation: “By grace you have been saved through faith. . . . For we are . . . created in Christ Jesus for good works. . . . You must no longer live as the Gentiles live. . . . You were taught to put away your former way of life . . . and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 2:8, 10; 4:17, 22, 24, NRSV).

“The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that . . . we should live soberly, righteously” (Titus 2:11, 12, KJV).

Matthew 25 says Jesus’ followers are judged by faithfulness and practical goodness. While He is “merciful and gracious,” if His grace is emphasised in isolation, we forget He won’t leave the guilty unpunished (see Exodus 34:6, 7). At some time grace will be past and the declaration will be: “Let the evildoer still do evil . . . and the righteous still do right. . . . I am coming soon . . . to repay according to everyone’s work” (Revelation 22:11, 12, NRSV).

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Obituaries

Allum, Wallace Arthur, born 2.1.1908 in Chung King, China; died 2.10.04 in Charles Harrison Memorial Home, Cooranbong, NSW. On 14.11.34 he married Enid Rosendahl. He was predeceased by his daughter, Lorelle. He is survived by his wife (Cooranbong); his children, Rodney, Elaine and Beverly; his grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Wally and family left the Wauchope district in 1960 and went to Sydney, where he worked for Sanitarium Health Food Company and later at Sydney Adventist Hospital. Later he resided in Cooranbong, where he was renowned for his market gardening, selling his produce to local residents. He was a loving, caring husband and father and will be sadly missed.

Rex Moe, Lance Hooper

Anderson, Robert Bruce, born 16.8.1929 at Mullumbimby, NSW; died 1.10.04 at Caboolture, Qld. On 23.1.60 he married Gwen Amey. He was predeceased by his son, Ricky, in 1993; also his brother, Noel. He is survived by his wife (Beachmere); his children, Jenny and Luiz Matteo (Toowoomba), Anthony and Adrian (Forest Lake) and Tricia and Bruce McIver (Brisbane); his sisters, Leone Bevan (Ballina, NSW) and Audrey Jackson (Bribie Island, Qld); his brother, Lester (Maryborough); and his eight grandchildren. Bruce was an easygoing Christian gentleman who loved a yarn and a joke. He worked for five years as a literature evangelist in Kyogle, NSW. He is sadly missed by his family whom he loved dearly.

Ted White, John Rabbas
Mike Brownhill, Lance O'Neill

Foley, Francis Wallace (Uncle Wally), born 14.5.1905 at Forest Lodge, Sydney, NSW; died 6.10.04 in Bankstown Hospital. On 22.9.35 he married Thelma Marlin, who predeceased him in 1985. He was also predeceased by his son, Kevin, in 2001. He is survived by his daughter, Beverley Meade (Sydney). Uncle Wally or Pop was a gentleman's gentleman, well loved and respected by all. He was a clever man with astute people skills. He had a wonderful life; always active in life and the church; also well read.

Nigel Ackland

Hallam, Mathew Fredrick, born 23.1.1976 in Brisbane, Qld; died unexpectedly 14.8.04 in Brisbane. He is survived by his parents, Kerry and Dysintra; and his brothers, Ben and Tom. Mathew was a loving son, who was thankful to God for his short life, a loving family and caring friends. He is greatly missed by all and awaits the call of His loving Saviour.

Keith Grolimund

Hastings, Madge (nee Rose), born 18.8.1917 at Ballarat, Vic; died 7.10.04 in Ferntree Gully Hospital. On 1.9.43 she married Bob, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her sons, Robert, Warren and Lynton. She is survived by Robert's wife, Merrilyn; Warren's wife, Merryn (England); her sister, Lorraine Wilson; and her five grandchildren. Madge was the second youngest of 10 children of the well-known Rose family.

From the extreme adversity of losing her entire family, she demonstrated grace, love and care for others. Her hope was in the resurrection.

Ken Mead
Russell Standish, Darrell Croft

Morgan, Charles (Charlie) James, born 20.8.1909 at Finch Hatton, Qld; died 7.10.04 in Nanango Hospital, Nanango. On 20.9.32 he married Kathleen Barnett, who predeceased him on 7.1.96. He was also predeceased by his sons, Robert, on 22.8.89, and Ian, on 30.8.04. He is survived by his sons, Cliff (Brisbane) and Rod (Nanango). Charlie was a committed Kingaroy church member and keen Bible student. He liked nothing better than to sit down and discuss some deep aspect of the Bible.

David Edgar

Overall, Frederick James, born 8.3.1918 at Newmarket, England; died 7.7.04 in Adelaide, SA, of a terminal illness. He was predeceased by his wife, Winifred, in 1973; and his wife, Hilda, in 1986. On 6.8.91 he married Oliver Fisher. He is survived by his wife (Ridgehaven); his daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Arthur; his stepdaughter and her husband, Brenda and Ken (Adelaide, SA); his stepdaughters, Joy Eden (Hobart, Tas) and Marianna Josephs (Perth, WA); and their families. Fred was a cafe proprietor in England. He loved travelling around Australia; he also loved singing, especially hymns.

Miguel Flamenco

Redman, Malcolm Charles, born 7.8.1920 at Childers, Qld; died 2.10.04 in Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane. In 1951 he married Betty. He is survived by his wife; his children and their spouses, Ian and Marie (Perth, WA), Robyn (Rockhampton, Qld), Sharyn (Gold Coast), Leon (Mackay), and Mark and Shellee (Brisbane); and his eight grandchildren. Mac spent the last eight years of his life in the Retirement Village at Victoria Point. He now sleeps in the Garden of Rest at Mount Cotton.

Jorge Munoz, Keith Miller

Schilling, Peter Max, born 22.4.1918 at Copenhagen, Denmark; died 28.9.04 at Bowral, NSW. He is survived by his children, Elizabeth (Mittagong), John (Melbourne, Vic), Peter (Sydney, NSW) and Eileen (Nowra); and his eight grandchildren. Peter came to Australia as ship's engineer at the outbreak of World War II. He was baptised after hearing Pastor Naden's radio program. He worked at the South Pacific Division office, maintaining vehicles and plant. He later farmed at Kiah on south coast of NSW. Peter had been a life-long believer and evangelist; more than 10 people were baptised as a result of his witness. He died with faith in his Saviour and in the hope of the resurrection.

Jeff Webster

Shepherd, Joyce Amelia Shepherd, born 6.10.1929 at Wentworthville, NSW; died 7.10.04 in the Maitland Hospital. She was one of six children born to Ernest and Lillian Booker. In 1950 she married William, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children, Annette, Bonnie, William and Ian; and her four grandchildren. For several years Joyce worked in the Sanitari-

um Health Company factory, Cooranbong. In more recent years she attended the Maitland church, where she was appreciated for her positive and beautiful attitude.

Austin Fletcher

Timms, Reginald Kenneth, born 6.11.1914 in Sydney, NSW; died 15.9.04 at the Araha Home and Hospital, Palmerston, NZ. On 12.12.50 he married Una. He is survived by his wife (Palmerston North); his children and their spouses, Carolyn and Jim (Cairns, Qld), Colin and Shirley, and Lester (all of Sydney, NSW); and his grandchildren. A dedicated literature evangelist for many years, even in his retirement, Reg now rests awaiting the call of his Friend and Saviour. Friends and family gathered at the Palmerston North Adventist church on 20.9.04 for a service celebrating and remembering Reg's life.

Lindsey Wells

Wilson, Norah Emma (nee Wright), born 23.7.1906 at West Croydon, in the County of Croydon in England; died 1.10.04 in Charles Harrison Memorial Home, Cooranbong, NSW. In 1957 she married Len, and they grew strawberries at Mount Gravatt, Qld. He predeceased her in 1967. She joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church about 20 years ago and remained faithful till her death. She had no children of her own, but is survived by other relatives. Norah was a woman of great talent, being a very good seamstress/dressmaker; gifted musically and played violin in an orchestra; also an artist producing many paintings in oils and other mediums, including china painting.

Leonard Tollhurst, Bert Grosser

Appreciation

Smith, Ian and family extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all who have expressed love towards their late mother, Nellie, both throughout her life and since her passing. Every thought and kindness is not forgotten. Special thanks to John McMahon for his professional and personal, loving care of Nellie; also to Pastors Denis Hankinson and Steve Goods, Kevin Varrall and Barry Cheswick.

Weddings

Butzbach—Harvey. Graeme John Butzbach, son of Peter and Lorna Butzbach (Toowoomba, Qld), and Laureen Faye Harvey, daughter of Ken and Jeanne Harvey (Pomonal, Vic), were married on 17.10.04 in the Botanical Gardens, Ararat.

Sandor Gazszi

Bylund—Jose. Terence (Terry) William Bylund and Roslyn (Rozy) Janet Jose were married on 17.10.04 at Padbury's Restaurant, Guildford, Perth, WA.

Lynn Weber

Fai—Brenton-Coward. Kevin Richard Fai, son of Harry and Sonia Fai (England), and Sonja Rochelle Brenton-Coward, daughter of Rick and Kerry Brenton-Coward (WA), held their marriage celebrations on 5.8.04 in Phuket, Thailand.

Laurel Wareham-Burns

Galindo—Kissener. Benjamin Galindo, son of Fabian Galindo (Wangi Wangi, NSW) and Catalina Robles (Morisset), and Cathy Kissener, daughter of Pastor Wolfgang and Jennifer Kissener (Mackay, Qld), were married on 26.9.04 at Apollo Resort, Wamberal, NSW.

Erika Puni

Tonkin—Belson. Adam James Tonkin, son of Pastor Kevin (Jim) and Lyn Tonkin (Armadale, WA), and Donna Lee Belson, daughter of William (Bill) and Elaine Belson (Morley), were married on 17.10.04 at Carmel Adventist church, Carmel.

Jim Tonkin

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