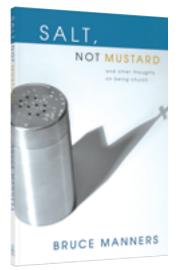
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he future direction in mission for the Western Australian Conference churches was the topic of discussion on May 15 at Livingston church, Perth, WA. Most of the churches in the conference were represented by the 140 who attended the forum.

The conference has been collecting weekly worship and Sabbath school attendance numbers from each church and has developed a baptismal survey that identifies the main reason people become Seventh-day Adventists. "The trends shown in this data collected had to be shared and the conference had to wrestle with the implications," says Pastor Glenn Townend, president of the Western Australian Conference. Warrick Long, the new secretary-treasurer, says, "You count what you value and if you are not counting you are only practising. We can't afford to practise with eternal-kingdom matters."

The attendance, membership and baptismal data had been discussed in executive meetings and with pastors, but it was decided more people needed to become aware of the challenges.

It was shared that, at best, only half the conference membership attend church on any given Sabbath—a fact that staggered the attendees of the forum.

In the ensuing discussion groups, the attendees took ownership of the problem and of finding a solution.

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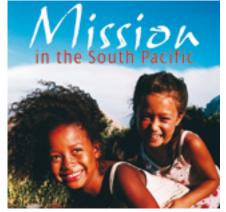
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ou may not have noticed but no longer are we asking you to just give to mission at camp-meetings. Now, each year two significant projects are selected for you to support," says the director of Leadership and Pacific Resources for the South Pacific Division, Dr Brad Kemp.

"Last camp we asked you to give to the development of a radio station in Tahiti, French Polynesia, and toward a new mission office building in Kokopo, New Britain New Ireland Mission."

The radio station in Tahiti is still operating and providing a meaningful ministry, and land has been secured in Kokopo, East New Britain, with plans for the new office building waiting final approval. Once these have been approved, building will be ready to commence. However, they still need help and support with these projects.

The level of support for camp mission offerings has dropped alarmingly in the past six years—from more than \$A160,000 in 1998 to \$A60,000 in 2003—more than a 60 per cent drop. "And the figures for 2004 are not looking any better," says Dr Kemp. "To date, only \$A40,000 of a budgeted



\$A70,000 has been raised for these two projects."

Beginning on July 1, two new projects have been selected: a new plane for the flying program in PNG, and a ministry training school at Kwailabesi on Malaita. More details will be released in a future edition of RECORD.

"Both projects are really needed," says Dr Kemp. "However, they will need significant money to make them a reality, and so we ask once again that you begin planning for this offering now in support of these projects. Your help will make a difference."—*Scott Wegener*

Apeal for Adventist school Adventist focus

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

vondale College education lecturers have appealed to teachers to sustain a Seventh-day Adventist focus in schools.

Speaking at meetings in Victoria and southern Queensland recently, dean of the faculty of Education Dr Peter Beamish and lecturer Malcolm Coulson emphasised the need for teachers to proactively set Adventist agendas within the schools.

"This is important," says Dr Beamish. "As schools have increasing numbers of non-Adventist Christians attending, it is important to keep an Adventist focus."

The Avondale Centre for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching plans to re-introduce professional development sessions for teachers.—*Braden Blyde*

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Prayers of confession were heard because the West Australian church had not discipled people to value church community and had not cared for people effectively. Ideas in developing effective care and discipleship systems for each local church were shared and the desire for a church that is an empowered community of vibrant faith was expressed.

The baptismal survey showed that most of those who joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church last year were young to middle-aged women, who become part of the church through family or friend networks and the work of the local church, with the pastor doing most of the Bible studies.

From this information the group highlighted four points: train people in friendship evangelism and giving Bible studies, so pastors don't have to do it all; discover ways to attract men to church; make the church an accepting place for sinners rather than a club for saints; listen to and involve young people in the church and mission.

Dr Russell Burrill had challenged the West Australian church during the Easter camp-meeting to allow the Holy Spirit to empower every member for effective mission-focused work. He called for an innovative return to our heritage. The conference forum capitalised on this by having churches share testimonies and ideas of what is working.

"We desire to become an Adventist movement again," says Pastor Townend, "not an institution going backwards. I sensed the forum gave people permission to 'have a go,' be empowered to try something different to restore that Adventist movement."—*Scott Wegener*

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Former editor's book launched at Avondale College

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

ormer RECORD editor Pastor Bruce Manners has launched "a story of the [Seventh-day Adventist] church" over the past 17 years.

This description is of the book *Salt, Not Mustard—And other thoughts on being church,* a compilation of editorials from Pastor Manners's 17 years as an editor of the church's weekly news magazine.

"It's kind of a 'best of'—at least from my perspective," said Pastor Manners during the book launch, held in the foyer of the Avondale College church on May 28. Pastor Manners is the senior minister of the church. "I never did believe everything we published—read the letters page sometime. But I can confirm that what we have here is a collection of things I do believe."

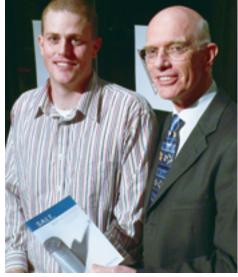
More than 50 friends, associates and students attended the launch. Current RECORD editor Nathan Brown led a closing Sabbath devotional and college chaplain Dr Wayne French prayed a prayer of dedication before the dean of Avondale College's faculty of theology, Dr Ray Roennfeldt, presented the keynote address. ing, but a Christian's response to the challenges of the world and the church," said Dr Roennfeldt.

Pastor Manners discovered his love for writing during his fourth year of theology study at Avondale, in 1974. He even studied journalism at the then Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, but never finished the course, a decision he regrets. He saw his role as RECORD editor as a pastoral one, describing his readers as his "new parish."

"What is evident in looking at RECORD is the diversity within the church," said Pastor Manners. "While I didn't notice it at the time, I wrote so many editorials in an attempt to call people back to a centrist position."

Inspiration for the title stems from an editorial Pastor Manners wrote in 2002. "I was steamed up when I wrote it," he explained. "Some fringe Adventists had published anti-Catholic material in New Zealand and Papua New Guinea and linked it to the church. I was angry, and for good reason—read the book."

Salt, Not Mustard has been published by Signs Publishing Company and was dedicated by Pastor Manners to the staff at the church's publishing house, with whom he



Signs editor, Nathan Brown (left), with former editor, Pastor Bruce Manners, at the launch of Salt, Not Mustard—a collection of Pastor Manners's writing from his years as editor of RECORD.

worked for many years. "It was a gesture greatly appreciated by Signs staff," says Mr Brown. "We shared copies of the book with them in the week before the launch."

Salt, Not Mustard was also highlighted at the midyear meetings of the South Pacific Division's executive committee, of which Pastor Manners was a member for 12 years.—*Braden Blyde*

"[The book] is not just challenging read-



More than 300 women met at Watson Park, Qld, for their 10th South Queensland Conference women's retreat. The first retreat was in 1996, with almost 700 women attending, 200 coming from PNG and the Solomon Islands. Robyn Stanley (pictured, centre), who helped organise the first retreat, came along for the anniversary and spoke at morning devotional times. Tamyra Horst, author and speaker from the Pennsylvania Conference, USA, was the guest speaker. A Saturday-evening program **raised \$A2300** toward ADRA's "Keep girls safe" program in Thailand.—**Focus**

The Landsdale Gardens Christian School, WA, has doubled its size from 38 students in 2002 to 76 students in 2005. The growth has



resulted in the appointment of an additional two teaching staff and plans for an extra classroom. Principal **Mark Campbell** feels the growth could be attributed to word of mouth and the positive attitude of the school's family community. The completion of a **new kindergarten playground** at the end of this year is hoped to promote continued growth with lower age group enrolments.— **NewsWest**

 Currently meeting in a vacant room under the youth hall on the Samoas–Tokelau Mission compound for church, the Samoa



Upolu English church is fired up. It's not only from winning the men's youth touch football finals for the third year in a row, but also because two pieces of land are helping them develop their first church. One block of land in Tiapapata has been donated for the church to be built on while another block in Aleisa has been loaned for the purpose of raising funds using it to plant food crops for sale.—Levi Mote

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ASA New Zealand launched

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

• he New Zealand chapter of the Adventist Students Association (ASA) was launched by a group of university students, professionals and pastors at the Victoria University of Wellington, SNZ, on May 22. The New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) youth directors, Pastor Nick Kross and Pastor Steve Kane, and the ASA president, Dr Sven Ostring, initiated this inaugural meeting due to the growing vision for university student ministry around the South Pacific Division (SPD). ASA New Zealand is the second branch of ASA to be established this year, following the launch of ASA Fiji on April 3.

A new focus on mission from the ASA has captured the attention of New Zealand university students at the meeting. The newly elected ASA New Zealand president, Dianne Sika-Paotonu from Victoria University of Wellington, says that the concept of a national initiative to reach out to the 160,000 university students studying at tertiary institutions throughout New Zealand has transformed her perspective on Adventist student ministry. She was also delighted to see the amount of goodwill and financial support of student ministry that exists within the university graduate and professional members of the Adventist Church. She leads the interim ASA New Zealand executive team with vice-president Raetea Ngatama from the University of Otago.

"This was an exciting day for the church in New Zealand," says Pastor Kross, who will be mentoring the ASA New Zealand team with graduate adviser Dr Elizabeth Eliot. The interim ASA New Zealand executive team agreed on a number of measurable objectives, including raising the awareness of Adventist student ministry throughout the church, developing a database of Adventists studying at New Zealand tertiary institutions, and organising a national ASA convention in New Zealand. "We are committed to supporting this new chapter of ASA," says Dr Ostring, "specifically by providing the necessary leadership training and opportunities to network with Adventist university student leaders in Australia.'

Tertiary students in New Zealand can find out more about ASA New Zealand by contacting Ms Sika-Paotonu by emailing her at <sikadian@student.vuw.ac.nz> or calling her on (04) 232 2554. She would also be interested in hearing from parents and friends who would like ASA New Zealand to contact and support tertiary students.— *Scott Wegener*

Wild winds in West

GOSNELLS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

he mini-cyclone that developed through the early hours of May 16 in Western Australia provided several close calls to the Western Australian Conference office.

The winds caused havoc with the trees on their property, blowing several large trees over, and some even took advantage



of the free parking offered by the conference office. Much to the surprise and relief of staff who arrived for work, no damage had occurred to any of the buildings.

Power was lost to much of the Gosnells area for three days, making it a frantic time as conference office staff had to find alternative ways of going about their business.

"It was quite a disruption, but we appreciated the good attitude of our staff in helping through this time," says secretarytreasurer Warrick Long. "Our apologies to any members who tried to phone or email at that time as the telephone and email services were also out of order and beyond our control."—*Scott Wegener*

◆ Galston church, NSW, member Peter Butcher recently received the Galston Rotary Community Service Award for his outstanding service to the community, totalling almost 40 years. Mr Butcher's community services have included being the founding member of the Berowra Creek Catchment Committee, Berowra Estuary Management Committee and Berowra



Valley Regional Park Trust, a 17year member of Galston Fire Service, volunteer for Operation Hope—Wesley Mission Programs for disadvantaged children—and the treasurer of Galston church.— **Tom Tompson**

◆ Dr Paul Crawford was awarded a PhD by the University of Technology in Sydney, NSW, on May 4, with his thesis "Aiding aid: A monitoring and evaluation framework to enhance internal aid effectiveness." Dr Crawford began overseas aid programs with ADRA and has given many years of service in countries such as Rwanda, Sudan,



Kosovo and Kenya. Dr Crawford and his wife, Michelle, have both received **Government recognition** for their overseas work.

◆ If all the Weet-Bix eaten in Australia during 2004 were laid end to end it would be a very expensive exercise and a logistical nightmare. However, if it were actually accomplished, it would stretch almost three times around the equator. Also, if a football field measuring 100 metres x 40 metres were covered with the Weet-Bix made last year from Sanitarium's Cooranbong factory alone, it would be enough to cover the field to a depth of approximately 4.5 metres. Mix that with the almost **10 Olympic-size swimming pools** of So Good produced each year and you've got a super serve of seriously soggy cereal!—**Scott Wegener**



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Weddings

Aston—Eakins. James Roger Aston, son of Ian and Helen Aston (Canberra, ACT), and Sarah Elizabeth Eakins, daughter of Fred and Christine Eakins (Lilydale, Vic), were married on 24.4.05 at Inglewood Chapel, Kangaroo Ground.

Wayne Boehm

Kol—Megevand. Mark Russell Kol, eldest son of John and Valda Kol (Castle Cove, NSW), and Angelique Megevand, only daughter of Claude and Stephanie Megevand (Waitara), were married on 24.4.05 at St Marks church, Darling Point, Sydney.

Boak Jobbins, Bruce Price

Newton—Liggett. Daniel John Patrick Newton, son of John Newton (Auckland, NZ) and Margaret McElhinney (Hamilton), and Elesha Kaye Liggett (aughter of Terry and Narelle Liggett (Auckland), were married on 1.5.05 in the Royal Oak Adventist church.

Martin Luke

Radde—Dobson. James Kurtis Radde, son of Jon Radde (Springdale, Arkansas, USA) and Sandy Martin (LaQuinta, California), and Lynelle Krista-lee Dobson, daughter of Rowan and Heather Dobson (Lake Munmorah, NSW), were married on 13.3.05 at Crackneck Point Lookout, Bateau Bay.

Grenville Kent

Scott—Palenge. Dean Campbell Scott, son of Ken and Yvonne Scott (Frankston, Vic), and Erna Palenge, daughter of Esperanza (Philippines) and the late Enrico Palenge, were married on 8.5.05 in the Preston Adventist church.

Greg Evans

Obituaries

Adamovic, Nada, born 13.1.1924 in Pavlis, near Vrsac, Serbia; died 31.3.05 in Gold Coast Hospital, after a long illness. She was predeceased by her husband in 2000. She is survived by her daughter, Mirjana; her son, Zlatko; their spouses; her three grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

Zoran, Gajic, Nikola Trajkov

Angus, Warwick David, born 25.7.1941 in Qld to David Angus and Jan Dyson; died 8.5.05 in Casey Hospital, Berwick, Vic. He was predeceased by his mother. He is survived by his father; his children, Julie, Annette and Peter. He was a longstanding, active member and leader of Dandenong church and will be missed by his family and also his friends in the church. He rests until his best friend, Jesus, calls his name.

Stenio Gungadoo Andrew McCrostie, Errol DeSilva

Avery, Ernie, born 28.4.1927 in Melbourne, Vic; died 15.2.05 in Neringah Hospital, Wahroonga, NSW. During World War II he served 18 months in the Navy. He became an Adventist in 1967 after studying with Pastor Arthur Duffy. In 1975 he married Gwen and was an active church volunteer at the Adventist Media Centre; also giving cancer support at Elizabeth Lodge, Wahroonga; and loved to raise finances for church building projects. He is survived by his wife (Hornsby); and his daughter, Marilyn Harrison (Vacey).

Nataniel Pereira Geoff Youlden, Arthur Duffy

Millward, Joan Veronica (nee Townend, born 26.1.1915 in Wellington, NZ; second of seven children; died 13.5.05 at Port Macquarie, NSW. On 26.12.34 she married Alec, who predeceased her in 1971. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Vonnie and Sid Cole (Port Macquarie); her daughter, Caroline (Wahroonga); her grandchildren, Julie and Scott Hopkins (Brisbane, Qld), and Janelle and Ian Rosendahl (Port Macquarie, NSW); her four great-grandchildren; her brothers, Max and Brian; and her sister, Pansy. Joan lived in Lower Hutt, Christchurch, NZ, and Port Macquarie, NSW. She provided a home for many young women in the Wellington, NZ, area and was active in the life of the local church, especially in Lower Hutt. A fastidious homemaker and dressmaker, with a keen wit and hospitable heart, Joan will be missed by her family and friends.

Calvyn Townend

Niu, Solomon Jedidiah, born 27.12.1937 in Samoa; died 30.4.05 in his home at Port Macquarie, NSW. Solomon arrived in NZ from Samoa in 1962. In November 1965 he married Pearl. They left NZ and came to Australia in 1979. He was predeceased by his son, Anthony, in 2004. He is survived by his wife; his sons, Jerrell and Paul. Solomon was



a man who loved his family and Lord with a passion and enjoyed sharing the Scriptures with many. His faith in God and determination to press on through each day during his illness was an inspiration to many. Danny Milenkov

Stojanovic, Marija, born 3.8.1932 in Orehovo, Slovenia; died 19.5.05 in Brisbane, Qld, after a long battle with illness. She is survived by her husband, Milorad; her sons, Zlatan and Dragan; their spouses; and her five grandchildren. Marija was a loving and supportive wife, a wonderful mother and a caring grandmother.

Zenny Vidacak

Turner, Barry John, born 24.5.1940 at Subiaco, WA; died 15.2.05 at Peel Health Campus, Mandurah. On 21.2.62 he married Veronica Brooks. He is survived by his wife (Greenfields); his daughter, Karen (Swan Valley); his son, Trevor (Port Hedland); his brothers, Brian (Thornlie), Max (Rolleystone); and his sister, Dianne Hokin (Kilsyth, Vic). Dearly loved husband, son, dad, friend, elder and youth leader. Sadly missed, but we look forward to Jesus' return. *Clem Van Ballegooyen*

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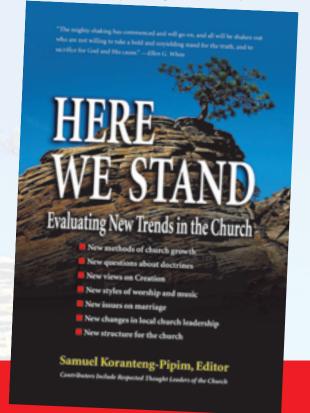
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