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Pastor Jan Paulsen and his wife, Kari (centre), taking part in one of the "Let's talk" recording sessions with young people from around the South Pacific Division.

South Pacific youth question GC president

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Jan Paulsen, took time to discuss a variety of topics with young people of the South Pacific Division on September 5.

"Let's talk" . . . South Pacific was filmed at Adventist Media, Wahroonga, NSW, and broadcast live on Hope Channel.

Totally unscripted, Pastor Paulsen gave on-the-spot answers to issues such as why women are not being ordained, online business and the Sabbath, living "in sin" before baptism and worship styles and the use of drums in church.

Participants also had the opportunity to ask Pastor Paulsen's wife, Kari, questions before the session was wrapped up with Pastor Paulsen asking participants, "What

do you want from your church leaders?"

A second "Let's talk" recording session also took place earlier in the day, consisting of an Avondale College student audience, and will go to air on Hope Channel on November 21. Pastor Paulsen was pleased with the productions. "These were good sessions," he says. "It was different to the others. There was more interaction among the participants."

Both sessions were hosted by Andrew Robertson, community relations officer for Central Coast Adventist School, NSW, and the host of the 2002 live REZ10 broadcasts. "I think it's great that the conversation has been opened," says Mr Robertson. "It's a gutsy move."—**Scott Wegener**

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Fiji's record Pathfinder camporee



Knowing where we came from makes our existence more meaningful.

Past, present, future

WE'RE INUNDATED WITH QUIZ shows. They're all over TV, even the ABC. Melbourne, at least, has a nightly 20 questions radio quiz. The winner gets a CD from some obscure artist. For answering the same questions on Channel 9's *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*, well, you would be a millionaire. Of them all, I prefer *Millionaire*, because you know the answer is in there, and you have a one-in-four chance of getting it right.

In fact, I could have won the British million-pound variant—the one where the ex-guardsman cheated his way to the prize. Everyone knows a “google” is 10¹⁰⁰—the one-million-pound question. (All of those zeros were a big hint.) It brings satisfaction knowing you know ahead of a contestant, which is the appeal of quiz shows.

So here, for your pleasure, and there's no million-dollar prize, is an Adventist history question: Which of the following came to Australia as the first missionary? (a) John Corliss (b) Mendel Israel (c) Henry Scott (d) William Arnold?*

History used to be taught as lists of facts to be memorised, but it's really much more than that—it's the whys and wherefores, the what could have been, and impact of those facts on society that make it interesting, especially when it's rounded out with anecdotes of real people who made a difference.

As we get older, history becomes more important and interesting to us. I know this from my days as a teacher, trying to teach it, and before that, as a disinterested student.

We want to know our roots. Knowing where we came from makes our existence more meaningful. That's one reason why we in the Antipodes, with only a derivative culture, perform the obligatory pilgrimage to London once in our lifetimes. And it's my guess that this is why the second and third generations seek their ancestral roots.

One of the good things about my job is that I am literally close to history. Right outside my office door I'm reminded of it daily, as the Signs Publishing Company's heritage display—an old press, the lead type and galleys, old cameras and photographs, books and magazines—is housed there. Spending a bit of time browsing gives insight into how the church was established in this country through the eyes of one institution, and helps develop an interest in it.

Because it owes so much to literature work, I've come to appreciate the central place of our publishing house, the books and magazines it produces, and those who distribute them.

But how much about our church's past do you know? (Have you phoned a friend yet?) Are you interested in it? Do you see it as irrelevant to the contemporary scene?

Recently I was required to produce a church historical piece for an event that led me to examine our old publications, dating from when the church was first planted in Australia, which piqued my interest in church history. I reviewed many old copies of *RECORD* and *Bible Echo* from different eras, discovering much of interest along the way. My short journey through the annals

was fascinating, and my interest was kindled. Now I want to know more. On my browser I bookmarked the Adventist Heritage Ministry** web site. It cares for church-related historical sites in the US, which I'm now determined to visit. The sites include the Battle Creek village and homes of Hiram Edson and William Miller.

Ignorance is not bliss. So much of who and what we are as a denomination was determined by its history, its roots in American Methodism, for example, and our present attitudes and future actions are influenced by that. Not surprising, then, that the Adventist Heritage Ministry's slogan is, “The past with a future.”

It's a cliché these days, but true nevertheless, that statement by Ellen G White that “we having nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (*Life Sketches*, page 196).

While in this passage Ellen White is speaking personally, telling of her life with James, her husband, reviewing their work together, it isn't unfair to apply it to our own lives and church.

But if you're going to live this statement, you have to know what our history is. It's my purpose to encourage members to study it a little more deeply.

*Answer: (a), (b), (c) and (d)—they arrived together in 1885, aboard the same ship.

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Lee Dunstan



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Signs and Edge magazines receive ARPA awards

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

Signs and Edge magazines received awards for artwork and design at the Australian Religious Press Association (ARPA) annual general meeting in Melbourne, on September 10.

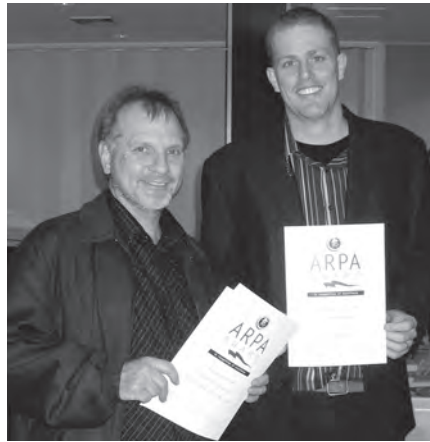
Signs of the Times was awarded “Best illustration” for a graphic by Signs designer Shane Winfield, who pipped recognised Melbourne Age cartoonist, Michael

Leunig, who had illustrated a feature in *The Melbourne Anglican*.

Receiving a “Highly commended” runner-up award was an Edge cover (pictured, left) featuring the issue of pornography, designed by former Edge editor Kellie Hancock.

Mr Winfield’s illustration (pictured, right) was part of a prophecy special edition in the July 2004 issue.

“This isn’t the first award Shane has received for his innovative artistry in Signs, and given the talent and creativity



Editors Lee Dunstan (left) and Nathan Brown represented Signs’s stable of magazines—RECORD, Edge and Signs—at the ARPA Awards night.

he brings to it, it won’t be his last,” says Lee Dunstan, Signs’s senior assistant editor.

“The look of the magazine is always commented on positively, and that’s all



Shane Winfield’s award-winning illustration for the Signs, which was part of a prophecy special in the magazine.

credit to Shane, but to be ahead of Leunig, arguably the country’s best-known artist—that’s a real achievement! As for *The Edge*, likewise. It’s up there with the best.”

Former editor of the *The Edge*, Kellie Hancock, says, “It’s great to see *The Edge* being recognised by industry peers. Creating that cover concept was a team effort. We borrowed a Barbie [doll] for the afternoon and my desk became the studio for the photo shoot. Nathan Brown helped strategically position Barbie in the mouse trap while I took photos. Then Kathy [a Signs designer] added the finishing touches with her great designer style.

“Although the topic may have been confronting for some, my aim was to create a cover that got people’s attention in a slightly cheeky way. The response we had to that issue suggests we were on the right track.”—RECORD staff



The cover that won The Edge magazine a “Highly commended” award for best cover.

◆ For the first time in more than 100 years a **new church** has been planted in **Sydney’s CBD**. Funded by Global Mission, the **Hope for Big Cities** Offering and a major contribution from the Greater Sydney Conference, the Fountain in the City started on May 21. Led by Pastor **Gary Kent**, and with the help of a team of 18, the weekly Sabbath service has an attendance of some 70 people. Seventeen Bible studies are being given, and 50 contacts are receiving Bible-study videos. An estimated **200 homes** in the inner-city region now have regular contact with Seventh-day Adventists. Fountain in the

City can be found at the **AAP Theatre**, on the corner of Jamison and George Streets.—**Intrasyd**

◆ A traditional Sri Lankan water system stood tall while a nearby jet engine creation roared at **Gilson College’s** second **science fair**. Sponsored by Australand’s Watervale Estate, the fair showcased projects from students in different year levels, with 12 students awarded **cash prizes**. Among the judges were the mayor of Brimbank, **Peter Howren**, and principal **Mark Vodell**. **Andrew Claydon**, who won the first prize for creating a model of a working beach (pictured), says,



“We had big doubts if we would be finished in time. I’m glad that it’s over.”—**Michelle Mead**

◆ The **teens at Maroochydore**

church, Qld, have a post about them on the ABC-TV’s **Enough rope** web site. When three clergymen, guests on the show, were asked how many people Jesus raised from the dead, they didn’t know the answer. When asked the same question in their Maroochydore junior-teen Sabbath school, all the **children knew the answer**—three—and who they were. One child suggested four—because Jesus raised Himself. Moral of the story: “If you give our kids enough rope, they’ll show you they know the Bible better than many clergy.”—

Phil Ward

“No apologies” for Nunawading students

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

The Year 9 students of Nunawading Christian College (NCC), Melbourne, have been involved in “No apologies,” a character-based, values-driven program developed by Focus on the Family ministries, as part of their Spiritual and Personal Development classes.

The program teaches the consequences of high-risk behaviours, such as indulging in premarital sex, drugs and alcohol; the implications these choices may have on future careers, partner and life; and the myth of “safe sex.”

“We are constantly looking for new ways to engage our students in developing character and in strengthening their resiliency,” says NCC principal Jacques Calais. “We want to see our students become all God intends them to be, and leading a pure and healthy lifestyle is a key element.”

With a focus on encouraging the students to look at God’s plan for purity, the program is presented in an activity-based way. Topics explored include healthy relationships, goal setting, character development, consequences of premarital sex, HIV/AIDS and the importance of marriage.

A feature of the program is that it connects with the parents, involving them in partnership by having discussion questions

for homework. In the NCC program, parents responded positively to this aspect, commenting on the improved communication they are experiencing with their children, particularly regarding sex education.

The NCC program was as a combined initiative with Vic youth and Seventh-day Adventist Schools Victoria, with classes run by trained facilitators Rebecca Auriant and Tania Calais.

Mrs Calais, who helped to organise the program, says, “Overall, the program at NCC was a huge success, with all students participating in the complete program signing pledge cards on the final day, committing to abstinence until marriage. Most students stated that along with their parents, family, teachers and friends, God would be their source of strength in seeing through their commitment.”

Some of the student responses included: “This program meant a lot to me—I learned a lot”; “It’s made a difference in my life”; and, “I learned that you can stand up



Students and teachers from Nunawading Christian College, which ran “No apologies,” a program developed by Focus on the Family ministries as part of its spiritual and personal development course.

against sexual peer pressure.”

“The great thing about this course is that it is designed to be flexible: it can be run as a concentrated 12- to 15-hour seminar-type program or as part of a secondary school’s Bible, personal development and life skills curriculum. It can be run at a school or for a church youth group,” says Mrs Calais. “Plus, it is true to our Adventist lifestyle principles.”—RECORD staff

If you wish to have this program run at your school or church, or if you are interested in becoming a trained facilitator, contact Tania Calais on +61 3 9259 2310 or Rebecca Auriant on +61 3 9259 2157.



◆ **Hamilton**, a regional centre of almost 10,000 in western Victoria, has an annual **Sheepvention**—an agricultural show of sorts—attracting thousands of visitors over two days. This year the Hamilton church ran a publicity booth offering a computerised **health age assessment** and also health courses from the Adventist Discovery Centre. Some 350 show bags containing a *Signs* magazine, a copy of the *Good*

Food brochure, Fruity Bix bars and invitations to enrol in two different Bible courses were distributed. At the end of the two days **more than 320 people** had taken the assessment and 135 signed up for health courses.—*Lynette Tung*

◆ Recent awardees within the Adventist Church are: **Jennifer Plahn, Rueben Richardson and Robin May**, students from Northpine Christian College, who were awarded the **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme’s** highest award—the Gold Award; **Rhona Walker and Liz Forward** received public thanks for the “**Feed the**

hungry” bus ministry operating from Rosny church, Tas, at a reception given by the Hobart City Council Lord Mayor; **Chantelle Lamplough** was the first civilian to receive an **ANZAC Award** from the Gwabegar Veteran Ex-services Club for her efforts in **STORM Co** ministry.—*Katy Bidmead, Tasda News, Ray Boyce*

◆ Warwick church, Qld, had **nine of its youth** group brave cold and windy weather in a sleep-out to experience what it would be like to **be homeless**. Cardboard boxes were collected and uniquely fashioned into individual shelters for



the night. **Dianne Roberts**, recently returned from overseas, told stories and experiences of her time helping at a homeless shelter in London. All participants appreciated anew the comforts and of **living in a warm home**. “We don’t know how lucky we are,” said **Jade McGrady**, one of the nine children involved. “I don’t think I’ve ever

Adventists work together to help hurricane victims

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

As relief in the hurricane and flood-damaged Gulf Coast region of the southern United States continues, Seventh-day Adventists are also surveying churches and schools that have been damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Satellite photos have revealed varying levels of flood and wind damage caused to Adventist churches and schools in and near New Orleans.

However, Adventists from across the USA have been working hard to help those in the areas affected by the hurricane.

Students from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, are actively involved in relief efforts in Mississippi and other areas. A number of other Adventist schools and colleges are also involved in raising funds for victims of the hurricane or sending volunteers to the area to help with the clean-up. Adventist churches throughout the United States are also offering help to as many as possible.

Media reports indicate that it will be at least early to mid-October before water is significantly drained from the city of New Orleans.—**ANN staff**

slept so badly in all my life.”—**Mary Fedorow**

◆ **Jim and Edel Stirling** have been establishing “Stirling Station” as a little piece of **Australia in Norway**. It is also a centre where guests come for health treatments, spiritual education and woodworking classes. Its lodge, which is used for Sabbath services, has **grass growing on the roof**, which is grazed by a **goat**. Among the farm’s residents are a sulphur-crested cockatoo and a **dozen emus** bred on the farm. Mr Stirling earns a living by making Australian leather hats, oilskin coats, **crafting boomer-**

angs and teaching visitors how to throw them. He also draws a crowd by standing on the roof of his trailer playing the **bagpipes, digeridoo or guitar** and singing his compositions of Christian songs or those of his friend **John Williamson**. Australian-born Jim married Edel, a Norwegian, and has lived in Norway for 17 years. Mr Stirling (pictured, second from



Australian youth involved in CQ album

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

An album consisting of Adventist-originated music and spoken word has been produced by the *Collegiate Quaterly (CQ)* Bible-study guide. A number of artists and speakers on the album, *KaleidosCQpe*, are Australians, including four musical contributions.

CQ editor Gary Swanson says, “I liked the idea right off. It sounded like something the *CQ* would do.”

Falvo Fowler, who works in the Office of Mission Awareness at the General Conference, came up with the idea

for a *CQ* album to showcase Adventist musicians and said it was *The Edge* magazine that got him looking into what youth in the South Pacific Division were doing. “That, and conversations with my Australian boss, had me looking into the Adventist music scene.

“I was talking with Gary Swanson about ways in which *CQ* could expand its min-

istry into other media. Because we share an appreciation for a wide variety of music, we decided on producing a CD sampler featuring Adventist musicians from around the world. It just seemed to be such a perfect extension of the spirit of *CQ* itself—creation, participation and inspiration.”



The KaleidosCQpe CD.

The album took some six months to compile and produce, and features 16 artists.

The pastor of Mount Colah church in Sydney and chaplain at Sydney Adventist College, Jean-Pierre Martinez, was one of the people who had a “spoken word” segment on the *KaleidosCQpe* album.

“It was an awesome opportunity to contribute to a worldwide family—a real privilege,” he says. “I’m thrilled with the album’s sound, because it’s much more representative of our world church family and there’s something for everyone.”—**Adele Nash**

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To be in the running to win a copy of the CD, visit <www.edgeonweb.org>.

left) and his son, **Espen** (second from right), were recently baptised in a cold lake in Norway. Although a graduate nurse of Sydney Adventist Hospital, Jim’s conversion occurred only this year.—**Mike Brownhill**

More @ www.stirling.no

◆ At a ceremony on August 29 at Government House, Bangkok, **Mission College** was honoured with one of the Thai Government’s **most prestigious awards**, the 2005 Prime Minister’s Export Award, for being an outstanding higher education provider to international students. Mission College was the



only educational institution out of 30 other organisations honoured at the ceremony that was broadcast **live on national television**. Mission College actively supports the government’s initiative to make Thailand an educational hub for the South-East Asian region. It draws students from 36 countries, with almost half of the 972 student body coming from outside Thailand.—**Julie Cook**

Avondale homecomers challenged to focus on “big picture” faith

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Australia's leading panoramic photographer captivated Avondale College homecomers during a two-hour concert in the Chan Shun Auditorium on Avondale's Lake Macquarie campus on August 27.

Ken Duncan, who refers to himself as “an average photographer with a great God,” shared images, stories and sounds from his personal collection. Among the images were stills from his book, *America Wide: In God we trust*, and the Mel Gibson film, *The Passion of the Christ*. Mr Duncan was a set photographer for the film.

Mr Duncan, who once suffered from agoraphobia, said many people are afraid of leaving their safe place. “I wouldn't be able to show you these beautiful images if I were unable to leave my lounge room. God is interested in giving us things beyond our ability, so we can rely on Him more. It is the trust in Him that gives you strength for the troubled times ahead.”

Mr Duncan shared stories of grizzly bears, broken bicycles and a new-found faith in God, and following the concert stayed on to talk and autograph his books.

The Avondale Alumni Association held a “Back to Avondale” festival the following day, sharing the Lake Macquarie campus with the local community. The Cooranbong Community Centre and Sydney Adventist Hospital handed out free merchandise at the festival, and the Avondale Acro-Masters held watchers in awe as they performed gymnastic routines.

Athol Bazely received the association's Outstanding Alumni Award for 2005 during the Sabbath worship service in the College church.

Alumni president Pastor Calvyn Townend said the choice of Mr Bazely as the recipient recognised the contribution of those not employed by the church to the “finishing of the work.”

Mr Bazely returned to his family's dairy farm in Monto, Queensland, after graduating from accountancy at Avondale in 1962. His parents hosted worship services in their home until the local Seventh-day Adventist congregation purchased a vacant building for a meeting place. Mr Bazely has held many offices, including that of head elder and often preacher, at the church since.

The graduation classes for each of the



Harry Neale

Australian landscape photographer Ken Duncan shares his images and testimony during the Avondale Homecoming concert.

Homecoming honour years also honoured a class representative. Receiving citations were Olive White (1935), Ian Wilmoth (1945), Lionel and Doreen Smith (1955), Ken Boehm (1965), Adrian Craig (1975), Sharon Duncan (1980), Graeme Frauenfelder (1985) and Wayne Krause (1995).—**Brenton Stacey/Makushla Kontaxis**

◆ **Franklin Graham**, president and chief executive officer of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, told a gathering at the groundbreaking of the **Billy Graham Library** how reluctant his father was to have a “monument built to himself.” Franklin Graham assured him that the library will be a “living crusade” meant for evangelism, to illustrate how God can work through anyone. Earlier this year, Billy Graham announced his June crusade in New York City would be **his last**, passing the mantle to his son. An extended standing ovation greeted the 86-year-old as he stepped onto the stage with the

aid of a walker. Graham, who has prostate cancer and Parkinson's disease, spoke in a strong voice but quipped that his hearing had gotten so bad that he needed an interpreter to speak with his wife, **Ruth**, who is almost totally blind and unable to walk. The 3700-square-metre library, to be **free to the public**, should be completed in 2007. Franklin Graham says it is a fitting tribute to the humility of his father's life—the story of a farm boy who rose to world prominence, eventually sharing the gospel with **210 million people** in 185 countries and hundreds of millions more through his broadcasts.

In a recent survey of clergy, 34 per cent of pastors feel Billy Graham had the **greatest influence on American churches** today, and an even larger group—58 per cent—see him as the most trusted spokesperson for Christianity.—**Jody Brown, AgapePress; Baptist Press**

◆ “Faith chips”—actual colourful, round **poker chips**—have been created to carry around as a personal reminder of God and as a mini tract to hand out. Five designs with messages, such as: “Don't gamble with eternity. Accept Jesus before you cash in your chips,” and

“Jesus knows how to hold 'em. No one can take you out of his hand” are on sale. The messages are designed to persuade nonbelievers **against gambling** with their souls, but might also be used to help a believing gambler kick the habit.—**Michael Ireland, Assist News Service**



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ADRA helps community house in Wagga Wagga

WAGGA WAGGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has donated \$A12,000 to help set up an employment unit of Sunflower House, Wagga Wagga, NSW, which provides assistance and services for people suffering from schizophrenia and other mental-health disorders.

The pastor of the Wagga Wagga Adventist church, Nicu Dumbrava, and one of its members, Adrian Laws, applied to ADRA—Australia for financial assistance for a refurbishment of the building.

The cheque from ADRA—Australia was officially handed over on September 10.

“This has been a partnership between the local church, the local community and the local TAFE” said Adrian Laws, member of the Wagga Wagga Seventh-day Adventist Church and the TAFE teacher coordinating the project.

“The Mental Health Fellowship committee who were behind the project were very pleased with the donation” he added.

A major refurbishment of the 100-year-old building is being completed by Wagga Wagga TAFE pre-apprenticeship carpentry and joinery students.

Additional funding has come from local charities, such as Rotary, and local suppliers have donated much of the building material needed in the renovation.—*Adele Nash*



Donated material and equipment clutter the interior of Sunflower House, Wagga Wagga, NSW, which is being refurbished, in part, with funds donated by ADRA—Australia.

Kamah! performs for Coronella Retirement Village fundraiser

NUNAWADING, VICTORIA

On the Monday afternoon of August 15, well-known singer Kamahl sang at the Karralyka Centre, East Ringwood, to raise funds for the Victorian Conference’s Coronella Retirement Village in Nunawading, Victoria.

“This was a very special occasion for the residents who were able to get along to the event,” says Ann Gilmore, fundraising and public relations coordinator for the retirement village.

Tickets sales came from both church and community members. Many retirement villages and seniors clubs in the eastern suburbs were invited to attend. The money raised will go to a new hostel and dementia-specific wing.

Kamah! entertained the audience with his music and personal anecdotes. His



L-R: Pastor Ken Mead, event MC; Ann Gilmore, program coordinator; Kamahl; Robyn Stanley, Coronella chaplain; Ruth Welling, CEO of Adventist Retirement Villages (Victoria); and Ruby Gomarsall, a Coronella resident.

personal warmth shone through the songs he had chosen and in the giving out of 30 red carnations to women in the theatre.—

Ann Gilmore

Fiji Mission’s biggest ever local Pathfinder camporee held

SIGATOKA VALLEY, FIJI

More than 2000 Pathfinders gathered at Waiyala Seventh-day Adventist Primary School in the Sigatoka Valley, Fiji, from August 21 to August 28, for a camporee

The Fiji Minister of Youth and Sport, the Honourable Isireli Leweniqila, was a guest of honour in the opening ceremony, and the Fiji Police Band led a

march-past.



Guest at the Fiji Pathfinder camporee was the Minister for Youth and Sport, Isireli Leweniqila.

The theme of the camporee was “Let Christ lead.” The devotional program was cared for by Pastors Kepereli Lawedrau and Wapole Talematoga.

A local prison officer, Jo Vosani-bola, who had been recently



A group of Pathfinders and their leaders at a camporee held at the Waiyala Primary School, Fiji.

baptised with his family as a result of the witness by his son, a member of the Labasa Pathfinder Club, praised the organisers, saying, “I haven’t seen anything like this in my entire life.”

Meetings were held in the open air, as there was not enough room in local buildings to accommodate the Pathfinders.

There is an ongoing need in Fiji for a larger permanent venue to accommodate such events as the camporee and for camp meetings, and a 22-hectare camp site is about to be secured. The Fiji Mission is currently awaiting funding to start the project.—*Peni Dakua*

Unity and mission

BY NATHAN BROWN

AFTER SERVING IN THE ROLE FOR almost seven years, Dr Jan Paulsen was re-elected as president of the General Conference at the recent General Conference session. Dr Paulsen—together with his wife, Kari—was a special guest of the recent South Pacific Division session in Melbourne. He took the opportunity to talk with RECORD.

Congratulations on your recent re-election. What does it mean for you personally?

I have been doing church administration for many years now, both in Europe and at the General Conference and I have reached a certain stage in my life that it's not a professional drive that says, "I have this one more thing to achieve."

Instead, I'm honoured—truly honoured—that the church should have asked me to give leadership in the role I am doing now and that even at my fairly advanced age in life, that they should feel they could ask me to carry on a bit longer. I think that is an honour.

But there are two sides to it. They can ask and I have to respond. My response is quite simply because I don't know how I should say to the Lord, "No, I've had enough." So I do this because I think this is what He would like me to do.

At times, it must be a challenging and wearying responsibility. How do you maintain your motivation?

It is a challenging assignment. But it's not a thing where I wake in the morning and think, *What a dreadful thing that I still have to carry on with this.* I really do find a lot of fulfilment in what I'm doing. I enjoy my work and I have a lot of well-qualified, excellent colleagues with whom I share responsibility.

You have visited this region a number of times in your role. What is unique about Adventism in the South Pacific?

What I find in so many parts of the world is that you have the developing

world with the rapidly growing church, and you have the Western world—very secular, postmodern, whatever term we may use. God has a job on His hands to come across in that kind of environment as having an attractive option to offer people who think they have so much. I see here in the South Pacific Division all of these people groups and values together, and that is a very special challenge for the church.

How can the church meet the very different challenges of rapid growth in some areas and little growth in others and still remain a unified group?

There is no easy answer. The challenges of rapid growth and the challenges of virtually no growth are both very real for the church. They're very different but very real. We have to remember that the Lord's command to us is not to convert the world—that's His job—He has just asked us to be witnesses.

In some places, the fruit of that witness is rapid, enthusiastic and almost takes His breath away, and the church has a job on its hands to know how to cope with this rapid response. In other places, there may be 1 per cent, if you can measure the response as growth, as compared with the rapidly growing.

In one part, the question is how can we get an adequate infrastructure in place? How can we get adequate leadership in place? How can we get adequate ministry trained to take care of the growing responsibility of a church that is in rapid development? How can we do that?

The challenge to the other world of faith is how can we find a new spark, a new element, something that can say to the jaded, Western, secular mind, "Hey, God has got something also for you. Listen to it."

In meeting the challenge in secular countries, how creative can we be?

I don't think there is a limit on that. I think creativeness has to be explored to



Dr Jan Paulsen.

whatever the limited may be. As long as you are constantly conscious of the fact that when you walk the path of newness—creativity—you do not lose your identity along the way, that you do not sacrifice values that are sacred to you, and that in fact you find yourself being ever so creative but not the same person or not the same church that you started out as and in fact want to be.

In the faster growing areas of the world, how is the church keeping up with growth?

In most places they are doing very well. Maybe the strongest growth the church has to deal with you find in Latin America—the South American Division and the Inter-American Division. We have a rapidly growing church but we also have a very fine infrastructure.

In Brazil today, we have 1.25 million baptised members and we have a strong higher-education system, a health-care system, the whole infrastructure of publishing, health foods. All that we have historically identified with as a church, as services and ministries to a growing church, it's there. They are doing it well.

If you have rapid growth, you have a tough job to get the infrastructure in place. This is true in many parts of Africa. They have a big job on their hands. From the General Conference, we are in constant communication with these parts of the world and are asking ourselves and them, "How can we help you?"

There is particular concern that is impor-

tant to me in areas of rapid growth and that is that the growth does not undo the unity that we have as a church. You know you can grow and become so big and think that we can carry on on our own, that we don't need anybody else and that is not a healthy development. I think God wants this church to be one global family; that's His model, and that's what I want to see.

Is the church organisation adaptable enough to meet the varied challenges around the world?

We have to ask ourselves, "Is the structure of organisation and of leadership the best we could have for today?" You set up a structure when you are half a million members. Is that also going to be sufficient when you are 20, 30 or 40 million? It's an important question to ask. The General Conference with the world divisions is exploring that question today. We're going to have a serious effort this five-year period at looking at the structures of the church, so we don't get locked into something that is so inflexible that in fact it isn't capable of encouraging and housing the dynamics of a growing community.

You have made a number of statements recently about being an inclusive church. How can we be an inclusive church and still stand for the core of who we are?

When you are a global church, you have people from all kinds of cultures. They think differently, they look different, they speak differently, they come with different values. These are not of themselves necessarily anti-Christian or anti-Adventist. We have to acknowledge that everyone is a child of their place, of their time, of their culture, and they must not be uprooted from that to be a Seventh-day Adventist.

There are a number of core values that are fundamental Seventh-day Adventist core values that are transportable to any and all cultures, languages and nations of the world. And we do that actually quite well.

But wherever you come from—male, female, black, white, whatever—you must be recognised as having an equal place, being of equal value in the church, and given the opportunity to share your gifts and your resources and your capacity, participating in the life of the church.

You have spoken regularly on involving young people in the church and will be taping another edition of "Let's talk" while you are here in the South Pacific Division. How important is involving young people in the life of the church?

It is very important. There is no future for a church that doesn't want to bring its younger generations into the heart of the thinking and planning of the church. I'm not talking about being symbolically present at worship; I'm talking about having a place at the table when we begin to think and plan strategically.

But we have to also keep in mind that it's a democratic process. You can appeal, you can speak, you can lay out the plan and it would be affirmed by all—"What a wonderful idea." But to accomplish it, you have to have the assent and the participation by the people who are going to make the decisions.

For example, when you select delegates to go to the General Conference session, we said to the divisions of the world field, "Keep in mind that you have some youth also." Youth meaning people 30 or below, or in the early 30s. Some divisions were able to do better than others. The South Pacific Division did quite well.

Now, we have the General Conference executive committee. I asked the committee to reserve six places for young people, young professionals, aged between 25 and 32, whose only qualification is that they are active in their local church, they are committed to the church, to the mission and to the values of the church, for them to be brought in to experience the environment, the climate and the concerns and issues that global leadership address when we sit together, for example, in Annual Council.

Fear is common in life today and even impacts on how we treat each other within the church—we fear what is different. How can the church live above fear?

Fear is always a personal thing, because what is fear to one person is not to another. I think that society is very unstable and if you only look at what is happening around you, it is not a reassuring world in which we live. I think it is important that we are able to meet the public—in our preaching, in our teaching—that we are able to com-

municate that there is a God, He's the only one who owns the future and He has it securely in His hands. We will go through difficult patches but allied with God the future looks good.

Second, I think fear is also in terms of people who look at their own spiritual life and have anxieties created by what they see or by what they maybe have failed to accomplish, maybe they look to God as the judge who is scrutinising their daily behaviour. There is an element of fear in that. I think we need to remember that God has no hostility toward any of us. God is a salvific God, driven by love and compassion. He's going to save everyone He can put His hand on.

So what is your vision for the Adventist Church around the world?

I want the church to be one. The unity of the church is for me a critically important fact. I will work hard to preach the message of unity and address the elements that positively or negatively impact unity.

Second, it is important for the Seventh-day Adventist Church to be focused on mission. There may be many things with this church that we need to address and to set right. They are best set right in the context and setting of mission. By mission, I mean to reach out, to be what God wants this church to be, not a lodge or a society that lives for itself but a community that is an instrument of God's salvation acts in history.

So those are my hopes. This is not a battle that I have to work with people, to sort of convince them of this. I find with leadership and I find when I visit churches and when I speak, the "Amens" are loud. I sense in the church a great desire, a positive move to "Yes, let's hold together." We are bonded in faith, the Spirit is the unifying one. The Lord's last prayer to the Father was "Hold them together, for they are Mine."

So I sense that and I sense also that the church is saying, "Look, we want to finish our task. We want to be done with this." The church wants to go out and be a witnessing community. So I feel that there is very little headwind and a lot of support. **R**

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.

Ordinary People— Extraordinary God

REVIEW BY JULENE DUERKSEN-KAPAO

STEWARDSHIP IS CHOOSING TO LIVE life as a follower of Jesus, as a member of the kingdom of God today. That has practical implications for all aspects of our lives” (page v). *Ordinary People—Extraordinary God* takes a fresh and diverse look at what stewardship really is, what it means to Christians in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and how it becomes a part of our daily lives.

Throughout Scripture, as a reminder of what He has done, God asks His followers to give back. In Leviticus 27:30 one of these reminders is to give “a tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.”*

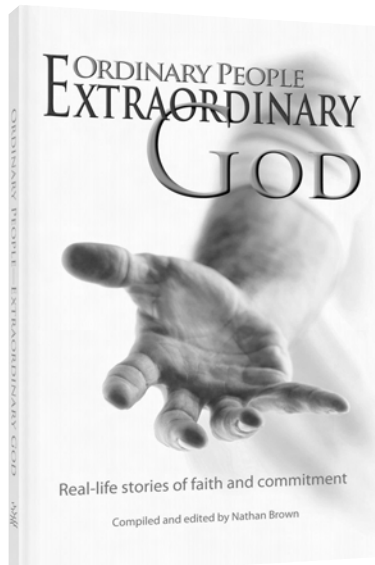
Ordinary People—Extraordinary God is a modern testimony that God still needs and uses all we give to Him. South Pacific Division director of stewardship Dr Erika Puni suggests, “Stewardship is about practical Christianity and allowing God to be in control of our lives daily. It is an expression of absolute trust in Him with all that we are in Christ Jesus, and submitting to His eternal rule” (page x).

So it’s not just about tithing? Is there more we need to do? Don’t be alarmed, but yes, stewardship is about much more than the monetary 10 per cent we give back to God. *Ordinary People—Extraordinary God* breaks stewardship into eight categories: time, others, creation, talents, finances, life choices and opportunities, trials, and sharing our faith. Fifty-five everyday, ordinary individuals share their perspectives in one of these areas, highlighting stewardship as our “love relationship with God” (page ix).

Colossians 4:5 says that we should “live wisely among those who are not Christians, and make the most of every opportunity.” Paul had it right and what a great way to start *Ordinary People—Extraordinary God*. The opportunity to meet and pray with

someone almost missed because of being tired and not wanting to meet someone new; the love of a newborn child; sharing one’s faith under unique circumstances, and many answered prayers are just a few of the stories. Through the diversity of 55 perspectives, this book provides inspiring and memorable stories that will challenge your perspective of stewardship and what God asks of you.

Sharing one’s faith isn’t always easy. Robert Granger shares an experience where his beliefs were pushed to the edge.



However he was able to answer each question intelligently and biblically and concludes by saying, “I have come to recognise that respecting both the individual and their freedom of choice are keystones in sharing our teachings on stewardship” (page 17).

Opportunities, both to demonstrate and talk about our faith, are times of stewardship. Rebecca Koolik states, “Opportunities are just one of the many ways I believe God knocks on our door” (page 36). Again and again, *Ordinary People—Extraordinary God* delves into the opportunities taken to share, experience and grow through the steward-

ship of being the hands and feet of God.

It’s not just about money or the “blessings” we will receive when tithe is dutifully paid. It is, however, about being faithful and allowing God to work through jobs, people, nature, prayer and many other things. From strokes, to car trouble; cheques from unidentified donors, to battered wives; dreams, to Bible in schools; shifting house and selling possessions, to cancer, *Ordinary People—Extraordinary God* is a fantastic compilation of how awesome God is. Nurses, pastors, administrators, parents and more, these 55 ordinary people provide incredible examples of our extraordinary God.

Compiled and edited by Nathan Brown, *Ordinary People—Extraordinary God* shares the “real-life stories of faith and commitment” as experienced by you and me, the ordinary people God uses to do His extraordinary work. Pastor Jeffrey Pum Lian Pau shares a beautiful testimony and states, “The more we put our trust in Him, we discover the blessings multiply exponentially” (page 94).

Inspirational, life-changing, and reflective, *Ordinary People—Extraordinary God* sheds a generous ray of light on the topic of stewardship putting real faces and stories into what traditionally many have viewed as a “money thing.” Regardless of how you give back to God, in Ecclesiastes 11: 1 He promises, “Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later.” **R**

*Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation.

Ordinary People—Extraordinary God: Real-life stories of faith and commitment, compiled and edited by Nathan Brown, Signs Publishing Company, 2005, paperback, 134 pages. Available from Adventist Book Centres, price \$A14.95; \$NZ16.95.

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A tribute

BY USAIA BARAVI

TO MERE MORTALS, A FLY'N'BUILD TEAM MAY APPEAR AN ordinary group of "misfits" from everywhere—retirees, a schoolboy, a mission pilot, a caretaker, a mother, an engineer, an electrician, a pest controller, a nurse—the list is always colourful.

I will not even dare to delve into their personal lives: problems, situations, experiences, families, health, wealth—or lack of it. Such a variety of factors are reasons enough not to rendezvous and fly somewhere as a team to build.

I have learned otherwise—from Scripture: "Abraham was old, Jacob was insecure, Leah was unattractive, Joseph was abused, Moses stuttered, Gideon was poor, Samson was codependent, Rahab was immoral, David had an

affair and all kinds of family problems, Elijah was suicidal, Jeremiah was depressed, Jonah was reluctant, Naomi was a widow, John the Baptist was eccentric, Peter was impulsive and hot tempered, Martha worried a lot, the Samaritan woman had several failed marriages, Zacchaeus was unpopular, Thomas had doubts, Paul had poor health, and Timothy was timid"*—all misfits as well.

Two of many fly'n'build teams to Fiji—Nandi (above) and Levuka (right).



Likewise, a fly'n'build team is a microcosm of God's people: saved and spirited, serving out of joy and deep gratitude for their Saviour; and, healed and blessed, they in turn want to help and be a blessing to others. The local recipients of fly'n'build generosity, in receiving, are blessed as well—witnessed to and participating with their brothers and sisters from across the sea, pursuing not self-centredness but meaning and purpose in serving God as they serve others.


That's Jesus' church, my church. **R**

*Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan, 2002, page 233.

Pastor Usaia Baravi writes from Fiji, where he has served as general secretary of the Fiji Mission.

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Kids corner



Hi kids,
Have you ever asked God to show you a sign? Sometimes it is hard for our human minds to believe without seeing. God is all around us and cares about every single one of us. Find out how Gideon tested God in Judges 6:36-40

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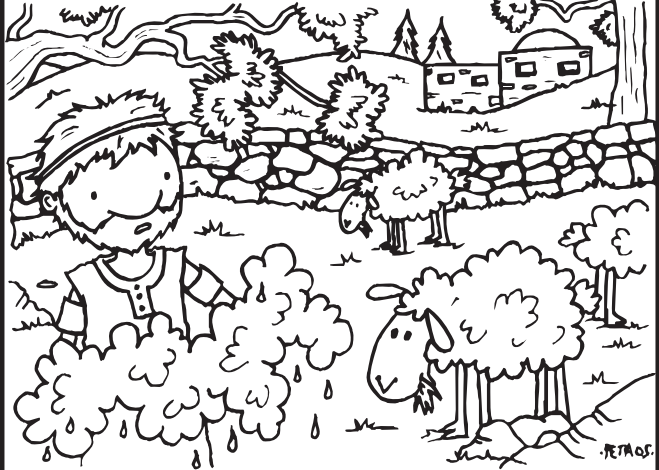

Fill in the Blanks

"Faith means being _____ of the things we hope for and _____ that something is real even if we do not see it."

Hebrews 11:1 NCV

Spot the difference...

Try and find the 12 differences

Colour in... both pictures once you have found the differences.

Usaia Baravi

Peta Taylor, Shelli Taylor

Baptism blue

HAROLD GOTTING, NT

I wish to comment on the news report "SPD backs alternative baptismal vow" (News, August 27) and ask as to where in the Bible does it state that one must make vows before one is baptised?

A person must be given Bible studies first, accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour, and then be baptised. The person will then follow the Bible and its teachings, as a result of the study undertaken before. When Philip baptised the Ethiopian, he first taught him from Scripture and then baptised him (see Acts 8:38-40). There is no mention of tithes and offerings etc. Let's get back to the Bible, shall we?

BILL GATES, NSW

The strength of our church lies in the distinctive doctrines and in the urgency of its message of the Second Coming. The first gives a person a reason to become a Seventh-day Adventist, as they realise that they need to come out of spiritual Babylon and see that we've been entrusted with taking the special message of the three angels to a doomed world. The second is obviously closely related, as it emphasises the nearness of the return of our Lord.

As I look at my baptismal vows given to me in 1971, I was proud to state my convictions concerning the distinctive doctrines we hold. I was proud to avow my allegiance to the remnant church as the only church to keep all 10 commandments and to possess the gift of prophecy. I was—and still am—proud to take the special message assigned to our church to anyone who will listen. I

cannot see a need to produce a baptismal vow that is silent on all of these matters.

We continue to water down our public statements to the point where, if I were to be baptised today, I can avow words that would sit so comfortably as an ecumenical baptismal vow that I could worship anywhere Christianity is espoused. I feel as though our leaders are betraying sacred trusts in order to not offend. Maybe I've got it wrong, but I don't like what I see.

that our final test as Christians may actually be more about how we are involved in the persecution of others; that is, do we participate or stand idly by as many suffer, or do we take a stand to defend the defenceless?

A few recent situations that come to mind are attitudes toward Muslims, the continuing plight of Aborigines and refugees, the AIDS crisis, and developments in Zimbabwe among many others. We are certainly living in a time of trouble.

I can avow words that would sit so comfortably as an ecumenical baptismal vow that I could worship anywhere.

Poor turn of phrase Take more care

ROB LINDQUIST, SA

I am curious to know why in the editorial of August 20 ("Finding God"), the writer referred to Christ as "a poor Palestinian preacher in the first century," especially as the term Palestine wasn't introduced until a later century, by Constantine, I believe. A Jewish preacher, perhaps, or even Galilean or Nazarean might have been appropriate.

I feel we move further from the richness of the church's Jewish heritage by employing such statements.

KEN MARSH, NSW

As an occupational health analyst, I noted the cover of the September 10 RECORD included a picture of an individual operating a pedestal drill while ignoring basic safety considerations. For example, the operator is not wearing eye protection.

And while I had reason to believe after seeing the page 4 story that this photo was not connected to our schools, I believe that anyone who failed to look past the cover could reasonably assume a connection.

Unsafe acts and conditions lead to injury and incapacity, regardless of what regulations may or may not say.

Many, perhaps most, readers would not have noticed anything wrong, but for anyone who is safety-aware the picture fails to portray a positive image of our Seventh-day Adventist Church. I believe that in all that we do, we should seek to always present a positive view of the church.

Testing time

DANIEL BROWN, QLD

As Adventists we have a clearly defined scenario as to how events will unfold in the time of the end that includes the persecution of the elect for their faith. In the light of recent events, however, I've begun to think

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Anniversaries

Bowden, Cliff and Margaret, of Greystanes, NSW, were married on 11.8.45 at St Stephen's Presbyterian church, Parramatta. They celebrated their 60th anniversary on August 13 with 22 family and friends at their



home, ending with a musical evening. Cliff and Margaret have entertained over the years with their music at community centres, nursing homes and churches. Congratulatory certificates were received from HRH Queen Elizabeth II, the Governor-General, and Federal and State parliamentary dignitaries.

On 29.8.45, ministerial intern Douglas **Hokin** married Mavis Brunt, colporteur and lady Bible worker, in the Papanui Adventist church, Christchurch, NZ. Pastor Griffin officiated. Sixty years later they celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary, enjoying a small family function that



included both the bridesmaids, Rosa Heath and Beryl Hodge. Pastor Douglas and Mavis Hokin are enjoying a well-deserved retirement, living in Cooranbong, NSW, after more than 40 years service in Australia, NZ and Fiji.

Dennis and Bevan Hokin

Appreciation

Parrett. The Parrett family wish to convey their appreciation for all your expressions of love, care and sympathy due to the loss of Bill. We are overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness, kindness and prayers, and thankful for a wonderful church family.

Weddings

Badea—Ion. Vasile Valeriu, son of Gheorghe and Elena Badea (Adelaide, SA), and Gianina Romelia Ion, daughter of Nicilaie and Tabita Ion (Romania), were married on 31.7.05 in the Adelaide City Adventist church.

Wolfgang Stefani

Bratovic—Hadji. Benjamin John Bratovic, son of Gino and Esther Bratovic (Geelong, Vic), and Luba Hadji, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hadji (Istanbul, Turkey), were married on 12.6.05 in Istanbul, Turkey.

John O'Malley

Cooper—Carter. David Cooper and Leanne Carter were married on 26.6.05 at Carey Bay, NSW.

David Colheart

Lewandowski—Heck. Michael Lewandowski, son of Ed and Eva Lewandowski (Brisbane, Qld), and Cara Dawn Heck, daughter of Derek and Barbara Heck (Brassall), were married on 28.8.05 in the Ipswich Adventist church.

Sandor Gazsik

Magnusson—Lawson. Dr Eric Magnusson and Jane Lawson were married on 30.7.05 at Plantation House, Duranbah, NSW.

Desmond Ford

Shea—Brooks. Keith Shea (Penshurst, NSW) and Jennifer Brooks (South Hurstville) were married on 21.8.05 in the Hurstville Adventist church.

David Reilly

Venables—Anderson. Glenn William Venables and Lisa Margaret Anderson were married on 9.7.05 in a lovely garden setting on the banks of the Hastings River, Port Macquarie, NSW.

Bob Donaldson

Obituaries

Brown, Vera Mary, born 11.10.1914 in Auckland, NZ; died 7.7.05 in Sydney, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Pastor Ronald Pavitt Brown, former editor of *Signs of the Times*. She is survived by her daughter, Alison Ashby; her grandchildren, Michael and Cherie Ashby; Lisa and Gavin Currie (all of Sydney) and Jonathan and Georgie Ashby (Adelaide, SA); her son-in-law, Shane Henderson; her grandchildren, Antonia and Megan Henderson (all of Perth, WA); and her sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Hedley Dye (NZ).

Alex Currie, Michael Ashby

Douglas, Colin Harvey, born 17.2.1930 at Albany, WA; died 19.7.05 in Perth. He was predeceased by his siblings, Vivian, Frank and Dulcie. He is survived by his sister, Thelma Borgas (Narrogin); also his nine nieces and nephews. Colin studied at Carmel College with the ambition of building schools and churches in the island missions—an unfulfilled ambition.

Phil Rhodes

Eastham, Kathleen Marjorie Thornton, born 1.2.1920 at Oxfordshire, England; died 6.8.05 at Waratah, NSW. On 23.12.40 she married Allan, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her son, Phillip. She is survived by her sons, Allan and Paul (both of Newcastle); her five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Her consistent caring life has left a legacy of love.

Murray House, Benjamin Galindo

Edwards, Arthur Wilfred, born 27.5.1919 at Port Pirie, SA; died 6.7.05 at home in Whyalla after a short illness. He was predeceased by his son, Anthony. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Doreen; his children, Leonie, Charmaine, Denise and Kerry; his sons-in-law, Peter, Graham and Dennis; his 14 grandchildren and their partners; and his 10 great-grandchildren. Arthur was well known for his love for the Lord, family and fishing. He will be sorely missed by his family, church family and friends.

Graham Thompson, Tharren Hutchinson

Emmerson, Olive Blanche (nee Manners), born 21.12.1917 at Stirling West, Adelaide, SA; died 31.7.05 at her daughter's home at Glencoe. In 1936 she married Roland, who predeceased her in 1998. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Maurice and Jan, Raymond and Maralyn, Daryl and Debbie (all of Nairne) and Glennister and Roelf de Koning (Glencoe); her 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Olive

was a wonderful Christian who loved her Lord, her church, and her fellowman. She will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate to know her. Now at rest waiting for Jesus to come.

Dave Hamilton

Hebbard, Joan Esme (nee McCullough), born 2.3.1926 at Wodonga, Vic; died 29.7.05 in the Friendly Society Private Hospital, Bundaberg, Qld. She was predeceased by her husband, William, on 21.11.04; also her brothers, Neville and Ian. She is survived by her children and their spouses, John and Maxine (Bundaberg), and Vince and Rhelmae (Marburg); her siblings, Alec (Mount Beauty, Vic), Percy (Bundaberg, Qld), Doug (Maryborough), Merv (Brisbane), Ron (Bundaberg); her five grandchildren; her six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Alwin Hilton

Positions vacant

▲ **Principal, Darwin Adventist Primary School—Northern Australian Conference**. Ready for a sea change? Do you want to make a difference in young lives? Are you committed to Adventist education? Why not respond to the challenge of both teaching and growing a school in a beautiful tropical city. Darwin Adventist Primary School is looking for a principal in 2006. For further information and application contact Mrs Ruth Jackson; phone (07) 4779 3988; or email <rjackson@adventist.org.au>. Applications close October 21, 2005.

▲ **Lecturer in Accounting—Avondale College, NSW**, seeks to appoint a lecturer in accounting and related subjects to commence February or July 2006. The contract is for three years, renewable by mutual agreement and subject to a performance review after one year. Postgraduate qualifications to the level of a master's or doctoral degree desirable, but bachelor's degree and professional certification with CPA Australia or ICAA required. For further information contact Dr K Howson; email <keith.howson@avondale.edu.au>; or phone (02) 4980 2168. Applications to include at least three referees, to Sonya Muhl, Avondale College, PO Box 19, Cooranbong NSW 2265; email: sonya.muhl@avondale.edu.au; phone: (02) 4980 2284; fax: (02) 4980 2269. For a full job description and selection criteria, see Avondale College web site: <www.avondale.edu.au>. Applications close October 12, 2005.

▲ **Secondary Teacher—Macarthur Adventist School, NSW**, is seeking a qualified and experienced secondary humanities teacher to direct the secondary department and supervise the school's growth towards Year 12, commencing 2006. Macarthur Adventist School, in Sydney's south-west, is a growing K-8 school transitioning to Year 9 in 2007. The successful applicant will be a dedicated Adventist with a passion for ministry in the community; and have an interest in curriculum development and general administration. Applications in writing should be forwarded to Peter Kilgour, Director of Education, 4 Cambridge Street, Epping, NSW 2121; email <pkilgour@adventist.org.au>; mobile 0414 772 182. Applications close October 28, 2005.

▲ **Sales Representative—Sanitarium Health Food Company** is seeking a highly motivated person to join our NSW team, based in Wollongong. The position requires: a high level of responsibility and ownership; focus on and delivery of exceptional customer service; ability to drive product sales; introduce and range new products and merchandise products at store level. The successful applicant will require sound negotiation and interpersonal skills; high self-motivation and dedication; ability to work individually and within a team environment; competent computer skills; and a current driver's licence. Applications in writing should be forwarded to Group Human Resources, Sanitarium, Locked Bag 7, Central Coast Mail Centre, NSW 2252; fax: (02) 4348 7610; email <HumanResources@sanitarium.com.au>; no later than October 7, 2005.

▲ **Supply Chain Assistant—Sanitarium Health Food Company (Auckland, NZ)** is seeking a Supply Chain Assistant to improve and maintain customer service levels. The successful applicant will have administration/logistics experience; be assertive, methodical and a team player; and have computer skills, initiative and enthusiasm. Duties will include: monitor, advise availability and assist with deployment of stock; resolve discrepancies; compile, distribute and/or present reports. Applications in writing (including résumé) should be forwarded to Supply Chain Assistant Vacancy, Sanitarium Auckland, 108 Pah Road, Royal Oak, Private Bag 92127, Auckland, NZ; email <hrrsupplychain@sanitarium.co.nz>; no later than October 10, 2005.

For church-related employment opportunities visit the Employment section on the SPD web site <www.adventist.org.au>.

Volunteers!

Maintenance Supervisor. The NEW Mission College, located in exotic Thailand, is the senior higher educational institution for the Southeast Asian Union Mission. We are seeking a committed individual who is willing to volunteer to assist in planning a maintenance strategy, assist in its implementation, and training personnel, commencing asap. Must have a strong commitment to mission, excellent cross-cultural people skills, team leadership ability and a good command of English. Accommodation and stipend available.

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Hooper, Henry Roy Hooper, born 28.11.1909 at Northam, WA; died 7.7.05 in Perth. In 1936 he married Gladys Bilkey, who predeceased him in 1943. In 1958 he married Pam Tracey, who predeceased him in 1998. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Geoff and Jan Hooper (Adelaide, SA); his four grandchildren; his seven great-grandchildren; his sisters, Betty Green (Perth, WA) and Muriel Gulliksen (Adelaide, SA); and his sister-in-law, Pat Hooper (Perth, WA). Henry was determined, humorous, generous and a true gentleman. His many years as a literature evangelist and support of Cottesloe church characterised a life focused on God.

Andrew Skeggs

Johnson, Stella Edna, born 16.4.1913 at Greens Creek, Vic; died 5.8.05 in Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Qld. In 1941 she married Bill Johnson, who predeceased her in 1990. She was also predeceased by her son, Malcolm. She is survived by her children, Dianne Wolf (Brisbane, Qld) and Leon (Ocean Shores, NSW). Stella went to Avondale College where her teachers included Mrs Faulkhead, George Greenaway and others.

Selwyn Bartlett

Miller, Zita (nee Murch), born 28.5.1921 at Greymouth, SNZ; died 5.8.05 in Auckland. She was predeceased by her husband, Pastor Graham Miller, who predeceased her while serving as youth director for the South Pacific Division. Zita was a great musician—an accomplished violinist and viola player, and loved to play with musical groups. She was also an accomplished artist and a talented writer. She spent her final failing years in a rest home, where she was dearly loved by both the residents and staff.

She was also deeply loved by the members of the Pakuranga church, which she attended practically right up to the end.

Geoffrey Garne, Kayle De Waal

Opo, Wuliia, born 20.9.1938 at Pukapuka, Cook Islands; died 2.7.05 in Wollongong Hospital, NSW. On 17.9.56 she married Manulele and the following year they were baptised together into the SDA Church. She was predeceased by her daughter, Lilinoa. She is survived by her husband (Bellambi); her brothers, Tutu (Fairy Meadow), Maroatu (Towradgi), Walemaki (Bellambi), Ayi (NZ); her sister, Akaea (NZ); her children, Paito (Qld), Vakingake (Townsville), Urumaru (Bellambi), Patakuria (Cook Islands), Eitaro (Towradgi), Apollo Day (Figtree), Nootai (Inala) and Nawauwi (Bellambi); her 28 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Wuliia was active in her church and folk were always welcome in her home. Her greatest desire was for her family to share her love for her Lord.

Kerry Hortop

Palmer, Merle Sarah, born 28.4.1944 at Angledool, NSW; died 17.7.05 in Murwillumbah District Hospital. She is survived by her husband; her daughter, Tracy Murray (Brisbane, Qld); and her brothers, Bill and Arthur Chapman (both of Purga). Merle possessed a very caring nature, a mischievous sense of humour, and a profound love of fishing. She has left many with fond memories of her life and a shared hope of Jesus' soon return.

Sandor Gaszik

Parbs, Lorna Antonia (nee Roennfeldt), born 22.11.1912 at Angaston, SA; died 26.7.05 at Charles Harrison Memorial Home, Cooranbong, NSW. On 8.11.39 she married Franz (Frank), who predeceased her on 8.5.2000. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Monica and Pastor Clive Nash (Singleton); her granddaughter, Adele Nash (Warburton, Vic); and her sister, Irene Taylor (Cessnock, NSW). Lorna was a faithful servant of the Barossa Valley church and numerous community organisations, being recognised as the Citizen of the Year by the Angaston Council on Australia Day 1987.

Clive Nash, Darren Slade

Redisch, Lore Ully (nee Steinger), born 5.1.1919 in Vienna, Austria; died 9.7.05 in Coronella Retirement Village, Nunawading, Vic. On 6.3.53 she married Siegfried, who predeceased her on 11.6.83. She is survived by her siblings and their spouses, Henry and Constance Stonnington (USA) and Helga and Stephen Anyal (Sydney, NSW); their families; and her nephew, John Waasz (North Balwyn, Vic). Ully was an outstanding ice-skater and tennis player in her teenage years prior to migrating to Australia. She joined the Adventist family 20 years ago and her love of music also caused her to support promising young musicians.

Robyn Stanley

Rose, Janet Mary, born 13.11.1936 in England; died peacefully 18.7.05 of a terminal illness while living at home in Brisbane, Qld. She is survived by her sis-

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ters, Valerie, Jennifer Harold, Audrey; her brother, Peter; and their families. A great deal of her life funds were spent sponsoring Asian Aid children. She chose to go without so little ones could be blessed. She will long be remembered for her gentle nature, loving acts; her sincere love for her Lord was inspiring to all.

Keith Grolimund

Stuart, Thelma Irene, born 17.10.1920 in Brisbane, Qld; died 8.7.05 in the Redlands Hospital, Brisbane. She was predeceased by her daughter, Shirley. She is survived by her daughters, Fay Jones and Heather (Brisbane); her four grandchildren; and her eight great-grandchildren. Thelma had a strong faith and loved her Lord dearly. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Ern Lemke, Jorge Munoz

Turton, Elizabeth (Betty) Ann, born 20.4.1911 at Fremantle, WA; died 11.5.05 in Freeman Nursing Home, Rossmoyne. In 1928 she married Mick, who predeceased her in 1981. She was also predeceased by her daughter, Raymond. She is survived by her children, Raymond, Francis, Valma and Colin (all of Perth). Betty was a resourceful and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Phil Rhodes

Vine, Linnette June (nee Sharpe), born 1.6.1932 at Osborne Park, WA; died 5.7.05 in Perth. On 30.3.72 she married Robert. She is survived by her husband (Duncraig); and her children, Jenny and Ramon. Lin was a very caring person and had a prominent role in helping to establish the Adventist Special Family home in Perth. She worked as a book-keeper/accountant.

Phil Rhodes

Wake, Thomas Charles, born 14.11.1925 at Brighton, Vic; died 31.7.05 at Wodonga, as a result of wartime service. On 10.4.50 he married June. He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Sharon (both of Wodonga); and his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Tony Bruce (Temora, NSW). Tom was the epitome of dedication and service. Since retirement

he served on 40 fly'n'build projects. The blessed hope gave him courage and peace.

Lawrence Landers

Williams, Dorothy, born 12.7.1900 at Blackburn, England; died 24.7.05 in Sherwin Lodge, Rossmoyne, WA. In 1917 she married John Sutton, who predeceased her in 1939. She later married Ernie Williams, who also predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her daughter, May Parkin, in 2000. She is survived by her children, Catherine Donegan, Gwen Cook and John (Jack) Sutton (all of Perth). Dorothy started a branch Sabbath school at Yunderup, which later became established as the Mandurah SDA church.

Phil Rhodes

Woods, Ethyl Jean (nee Scott), born 28.11.1923 near Nannup, WA; died 2.8.05 in Fremantle Hospital. On 30.10.45 she married Arthur. She is survived by her husband; her children, Ronald, Anne Reeve (all of Manjimup), Lorraine Haswell, Lyndon Woods (both of Perth); and her siblings, Lou Scott (Busselton) and Rose Ballingall (Harvey). Ethyl was quiet by nature, ready in humour and loyal to her convictions. For almost 60 years she was a faithful wife, mother and witness to Jesus.

Phil Rhodes

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Finally

I expect to pass through the world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.