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Sanitarium's Certificate Level 3 graduates Arthur Kata (left) and Sepi Simi (right) with Warren Jackson, Sanitarium–New Zealand's manufacturing manager (middle).

Sanitarium–NZ recognises graduates

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

A graduation ceremony was held on June 30 for 65 staff of Sanitarium–New Zealand who had each achieved nationally recognised qualifications through the company's training scheme.

Human resources and training officer Cindy Cox says qualifications in Food and Related Products Processing are a huge achievement for the graduates. "For many of them, it is their first qualification. It hasn't been easy for some having English as their second language," she says.

The qualifications are the result of a scheme committed to ensuring staff are

able to gain some recognition for the skills they gain in the workplace. "Compliance with quality assurance, occupational health and safety and food-safety regulations was important. But we also wanted to build a system that was robust, that would last and continue to lift the skill levels of our trainees, as well as the people doing the training, to national standards."

As well as enabling people to gain formal qualifications, compliance with various regulations and increasing productivity were other reasons for setting up the training scheme at Sanitarium.

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Life found at Fountain in the City



To some extent, RECORD contributes to the “World Cup” view of church.

At a local church near you

LAST MONTH, MORE THAN 2 BILLION people stopped—or got out of bed early in the morning—to watch a game of football—known as soccer among us ignorant Australians. Italy’s victory in the final of the FIFA World Cup climaxed a month-long tournament involving teams from 32 nations in one of the world’s most followed sporting events.

Connecting with the interest in the sport generated by the World Cup, I visited an art gallery exhibition of photographs of football “moments” from around the world. Titled “Weltsprache Fussball” (“Planet Football”), the collection featured photographs from more than 30 countries. While a few photos captured big moments, full stadiums and famous faces, most focused on unknown players and supporters on junior teams, amateur soccer leagues, tropical beaches, playgrounds, city streets and backyards.

While often easily missed, these “moments” are the real heartbeat of the world’s most popular sport. Apart from a group of children kicking a ball in Cameroun, schoolgirls in burqas on a playground in Iran, a group of Buddhist monks watching a game in Cambodia, groups playing games on beaches in Egypt, France and the Caribbean, a young boy with a ball on a city street in Chile, and a group of football hopefuls training on a snowy pitch in Russia, the excitement generated by the elite levels of the sport would not exist.

Unheralded though they be, it is only because of these people and this popu-

lar involvement and love of the game at street level that the World Cup final has any significance.

But amid the hype, it’s easy to get it the wrong way round. We can be tempted to think that people play the game because they see it on TV. Of course, interest can be generated by a big event, reflected in increased involvement in local clubs and groups around the world, but we should not be fooled into believing this is the primary progression. Like a wave breaking on a beach, the “big event” might gain our attention but it is driven by the larger body of ordinary people, players and supporters, without which there would be no wave.

It happens the same way with church—and often with the same misconceptions. So much of what is considered church news are the big events, the professional personnel and the administrative leadership. They have their place as part of the wider church but they must not be mistaken for the church—or even the most important part of the church.

Instead—like football—the true significance of church and the most important level of church is seen at the street level—at a local church near you. Without this reality of church, the so-called elite levels of the church structure have no significance or purpose. And only insofar as they support, resource and serve local churches do they have continuing benefit.

The church structure we have today is more a necessary reality—reflecting the

demands of overseeing and coordinating a large corporate body—than a God-ordained formula. While church structure is not wrong in itself, the biblical view of church is more about community than corporation, something more organic than managerial, perhaps more friendly than fiscal.

That’s why church makes most sense as a group of believers worshipping and working together in a local community. And this is what we find when we read the Bible’s descriptions of the early church (see, for example, Acts 2:42-46). As the church grew, church structure soon became necessary (see Acts 6:1-7) but even this was in support of the church as a community sharing their lives and faith in practical ways.

To some extent, Record contributes to the “World Cup” view of church. We report the “big” and one-off events, the “important” leaders and the corporate “goals.” But to provide the balance of the local perspective, Record—in consultation with church leadership—is beginning a series of articles profiling healthy local churches.

While it is important for us to keep the big picture of the church and its mission in mind, this must happen most significantly in local contexts: in your church and in your community. That’s where week by week the real mission and life of the church happens—and that’s where each of us is called to play our part.

Nathan Brown


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Adventist Health Association tests students

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Adventist Health Association (AHA) of Western Australia has taken part in health expos in several schools around the state.

The AHA of Western Australia has been performing health assessments at shows and shopping centres for several years, but openings to present in schools have occurred only during the past few years.

A typical health expo includes organisations that provide health information or conduct health tests. They are individually invited to set up a stall for students to visit. Format of the expos varies. Some schools allow students to choose for themselves which stalls they visit over a set period of time, while other schools have the students move from one stall to another sequentially.

At full strength the AHA's expo team consists of several receptionists who invite people to take a health-assessment test, oversee the filling in of the initial information form, and measure their height and weight. Another two or three computer operators are involved and three or more assessors talk with participants.

Local church members fill some of the roles while the assessors are either professionals or those who have been trained for

the task.

"Working with the kids is great," says Beryl Carpenter, director of Adventist health ministries for the Western Australian Conference.

"They love to compare their scores with others, and encourage their friends to take the test. Most teachers line up with the kids—and many kids would like to see the teachers' scores! The kids usually have much higher scores than the teachers. Although we have had teachers with perfect scores—who brag to their students!"

The idea of taking the health expo to schools began a few years ago when the Cyril Jackson Senior Campus, a senior college where persons of any age could complete their secondary education, held their first "health expo." Each year since, there has been a gradual increase in secondary schools conducting health expos, and the word has been passed around about the AHA being available.

A program was run at Karratha Senior High School, a few days before appearing in the local shopping centre. When the



The Adventist Health Association assess students' "health age" in the library of the Karratha Senior High School.

shopping centre display was set up, children were seen leading their parents over to take the same health-age assessment they had done at school earlier in the week.

"We realise that the kids don't always tell us the 'whole truth' in filling out their forms," says Mrs Carpenter. "But, as far as possible in the time limitations, we cover these areas by congratulating them on what they say they are doing, and pointing out the benefits of what they are (hopefully) doing, and the dangers involved in other choices."

Many booklets are handed out to students during the expos, including *Stress*, *Who Needs Drugs?*, *Just One Cigarette* and *Alcohol*. *Good Food News* from Sanitarium and invitations to the "Taking charge of your health" course are also distributed to students.—**Scott Wegener**

◆ The Dandenong Polish church, Vic, marked its 25th anniversary on June 24. Guests, friends, members and former members filled the church for a program of praise and audiovisual memories. The program contained a historical outline and focus on the work and function of the church's many ministries.—**Margaret Kelly**

◆ Recently, six pastors met at Jigalong, WA, to sit, talk and listen with the elders and lawmen of the Aboriginal community for discussion on ways the church can help their community find the best

way of following God and still keep their cultural identity. Each night Pastor Glenn Townend, president of the Western Australian Conference, and Pastor Don Fehlberg, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries associate director, also conducted an evangelistic series that led to a church full of desert Aboriginal people praying and asking for forgiveness and recommitting their lives to follow "Mama" God.—**NewsWest**

◆ A teachers paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13 was written by secondary and primary teach-

ers at their Teachers Conference weekend retreat at Howqua, Vic, recently. This was written as part of a worship activity led by Lanelle Cobbin, guest presenter from NZPUC.—**Tania Calais**

1 Corinthians 13 for teachers

Though I speak with eloquence,
Have the best resources, perfect programs, most interesting excursions,
Spend hours in lesson preparation and marking,
BUT HAVE NO LOVE
I am like a school bell ringing in the holidays.

LOVE is patient with the ADHD student,
Kind to the rebellious child.
LOVE does not humiliate a child or discipline in anger.
LOVE sees the best in each student and knows each one's name.
LOVE rejoices in each student's achievements, no matter how small.
Programs become obsolete,
But LOVE never fails.
Children may forget all they have ever been taught,
But they will remember if they were LOVED.

Life found at Fountain in the City

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Fountain in the City has finished their six-program series entitled “The mysteries of ancient Egypt crack the da Vinci code.”

Approximately 200 people attended each program, of whom about 80 per cent are non-Adventist community members. The series has been held in the most prominent cinema complex in city centre of Sydney—the Hoyts complex on George Street.

“It has been amazing to watch the people come in with their popcorn and Coke, munching and slurping away while listening to the message,” says Neale Schofield, manager of the Fountain in the City church plant.

Presented by Pastor Gary Kent, the presentation material was based on new leading-edge material that struck a chord in the community. “I think he has cracked how to handle these issues in a way that really works for the secular public,” says Mr Schofield.

“Our goal is not to debunk *The Da Vinci Code*. The Anglican Church is doing a good job of that here in the city. We are continuing the mystery that people are experiencing through *The Da Vinci Code*

and showing them more,” explains Mr Schofield.

The programs were designed to progressively walk through the symbology

Bible being an accurate source book, it was demonstrated that much of what *The Da Vinci Code* purported was true—about church tradition, but not the Bible. In the sixth, and final, presentation Daniel 9 was explained.

Some 150 bookings have been taken for the follow-on program—a 20-presentation prophecy seminar that covers the full Adventist message entitled “The prophetic code.”

The entire series has been designed from scratch to guarantee a contemporary presentation. “We are biased,” says Mr Schofield, “but we are really happy with how the materials have come out and Signs Publishing are printing our first batch this week, with the seminar starting in just over a week.”

With the advertising that has gone out and by word of mouth of those who attended the previous seminar, Fountain in the City are expecting more than 200 people. “This is very exciting for us because this is a direct Bible-based, decision-making program. We are planning a number of baptisms this year and next and are expecting even more!” concluded Mr Schofield.—**David Edgren**



presented in *The Da Vinci Code*, reflect on their ancient roots and then explore what the ancient text of the Bible has to say. On the fifth night, with the foundation of the

◆ Over the past four years **Toop-erang church**, SA, members have distributed 3500 Try Jesus cards to Meadows, Macclesfield, Milang, Middleton, Mount Compass and Clayton communities. Currently 2500 prophecy cards are being distributed between Stathalbyn and Goolwa. Each year **250 Signs magazines are distributed** to friends, relatives, laundromats and the remainder letterboxed along the country roads between the above towns. In two years the whole town of Meadows was letterboxed with Signs.—**Grapevine**



◆ Velvet (pictured), the **only guide-dog in Geraldton**, WA, is sponsored by ADRA, through the local Adventist church. **Denise Wann** (middle), a pensioner, was offered a guide-dog on the condition the dog have regular veterinary checks. This was a challenge to her limited income. **Ray Giblett** (right), Geraldton ADRA leader, offered to cover the veterinary fees

for the rest of the dog's life from **ADRA Appeal reversion funds** and a local vet joined in by offering lower fees. At Velvet's graduation as a fully trained guide-dog, Denise paid tribute to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and ADRA for their practical Christianity.—**News-West**

◆ On a trip to Melbourne, **Trent Wegener of Alstonville Pathfinder Club**, NSW, planned on taking a full box of fundraising chocolates to sell to family as fundraising for his trip to the 2007 Pathfinder Camporee. The chocolates

were identified when they went through **Ballina Airport's X-ray machine**. Security staff held the box up, asking who owned them. After Trent identified himself, several **security staff bought chocolates**. Once sitting on the plane, a flight attendant spotted the box of chocolates on Trent's lap and after inquiring about them, **announced to all passengers** about “a special guest who was selling chocolates to raise funds for a Pathfinder Camporee.” The box of chocolates was sold out before he made it a quarter way down the aisle of the plane.—**Scott Wegener**

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ AUGUST 26—ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

Carpenter's life follows Master's footsteps

HURSTVILLE, NEW SOUTH WALES

Pastor Peter Rollo, minister of Hurstville church (NSW) and chaplain of Hurstville Adventist School, was ordained to pastoral ministry on June 17. Many church members from Hurstville and Caringbah, where he served last year, were present to affirm his calling to ministry.

Peter Rollo testified of his journey from being a child of Catholic parents to being baptised in the Canberra National church while doing an apprenticeship in carpentry and joinery, to eventually recognising God's call to full-time ministry.

He served the first five years after graduating in the South New Zealand Conference. There he was introduced to Isabelle, whom he married and who is now his part-



Pastor Peter Rollo at his ordination with his wife, Isabelle, and son, Benjamin.

ner in ministry.

At the beginning of 2005, they—with two-month-old Benjamin—moved to Sydney to engage in ministry in Hurstville and Caringbah.

Those participating in the ordination service were Pastors Chris Manthey, Garth Bainbridge, Eddy Johnson, David Blanch and Michael Worker.—*Intrasyd*

Sanitarium—NZ recognises graduates

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The joint venture included technical advice, support, and funding from Competenz (food and beverage industry training organisation) to develop standards and qualifications. The Tertiary Education Commission helped with funding and support for a workplace communication program helping employees with English as a second language or who have not studied for some time.

Several light-hearted awards were also presented to celebrate the camaraderie and determination shown by the graduates. Included in the awards was "Most Competitive Graduate," which went to Sepi Simi, one of only two people to be awarded the Level 3 qualification—the highest level awarded. "Sepi has been totally committed to getting these qualifications, and there was no way that he wasn't going to go all the way and be the first one to achieve the Level 3 qualification. He's a great example and motivator to the others," reports Ms Lox.

She says it is Sanitarium's philosophy to give something back to its staff, and training provides an opportunity to do this. "It's a major morale and confidence boost and, most importantly, gives them a nationally recognised qualification that will remain with them for life."—*RECORD staff*



◆ Recently 1237 underprivileged fourth graders from San Bernardino and Riverside counties, California, USA, received a brand new bicycle and helmet. Each person who pledged \$US200 during a radiothon had the opportunity to personally award a bicycle and safety helmet to one of the children present at the event. Students were nominated by teachers and

school administrators based on exceptional attitude, behaviour, and academic skills or citizenship. The event raised \$US443,850 to benefit cancer patients at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.—*SCOPE*

◆ Adventists in Shrewsbury, UK, spearheaded a conference in Darwin's home town, attacking

the assumptions of evolution.

Shrewsbury is the birthplace of Charles Darwin, and lectures were held directly opposite the glacial rock often said to be the inspiration for his interest in naturalism. Pastor Roger Neal invited Dr Monty White and his team, Answers In Genesis, for the second consecutive year to present a three-part lecture in the town centre. About 30 members of the public were attracted to the talks, following the high-profile debate between Intelligent Design theorists and Evolutionists in the media. Pastor Neal said, "There's a growing sense

in Shrewsbury that a Creation exhibition should be held in the town leading up to Darwin's 200th birthday in 2009."—*Richard Down*

◆ St Helena Hospital, California, USA, recently received a call from the White House, three days before President Bush was scheduled to arrive in the area, to review the medical services that would be available during the President's stay. While he never needed the hospital, they received a thank you letter and certificate of appreciation from the White House Medical Unit.—*adventisthealth.org*

Adventists call for peace and house refugees in Lebanon

BEIRUT, LEBANON

Joining earlier calls from other Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders, Pastor Bertil Wiklander, president of the Trans-European Division, said the current crisis must not endanger the hope for peace.

"I share the alarm and sadness of our church members in Israel and Lebanon, many of whom have had to leave their homes and flee for their lives. We entrust them and all other people who mourn the loss of lives and struggle for their own survival, wherever they may be, into God's hands and pray for their safety and for the war to cease," said Pastor Wiklander.

"We are in close contact with our church in the affected countries and are working on plans and initiatives to help where we can. For the Middle East in general, I pray that the dream of peace will not be shattered by these events. People must not lose hope. And our church has an important role to bring new hope to people," he added.

Pastor Wiklander concluded, "I encourage all of us to pray for our brothers and sisters in all the countries affected by war in the Middle East. Their suffering is

our suffering. And may this time of crisis strengthen our hope in the soon coming of our Lord."

More than 250 Lebanese Muslim refugees from southern Lebanon have been provided shelter at the Moseitbeh Adventist Secondary School (MASS), a 700-pupil school located in West Beirut. Many local schools have opened their doors to provide sanctuary as a result of the air attacks across the country.

"The government is assisting us to secure food and other basic necessities urgently, mindful that there are young children and even babies among the assembled group," says Pastor Levon Maksoudian, president of the East Mediterranean Field, which includes Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

"A lot of people are still leaving the country and there has been a run on the stores," says Dr Svein Myklebust, president of the Adventist-owned Middle East University on Sabtieh Hill, Beirut.

"The central bank and the private banks are restricting the outflow of money. Yesterday we decided to put the summer school on hold. If need be we will postpone the opening of the new academic year by a week or two. We still feel safe, but as you see the

infrastructure of the country slowly crumble and your movements become restricted you feel a certain amount of frustration. One can only hope and pray that the people capable of cooling things down will come to their senses," Dr Mykelbust added.

As a consequence of the situation the church has been obliged to provisionally evacuate its expatriate workers under advice from embassies and consulates.

"Our expatriates have expressed reluctance to abandon the people they have been called to serve at such a critical period, but we are powerless to act any differently in such a crisis," says Dr Kjell Aune, president of the Middle East Union. "We are duty-bound to take responsibility for the people we bring into our territory."

Meanwhile, the Adventist Youth Federation has initiated nightly prayer services at the Middle East University chapel, which are open to everybody. "It is encouraging to sense the courage of the people, and that one of their ways of getting through this period is by meeting for daily prayer sessions," says Dr Aune.

There are 300 Adventist members in Lebanon, and 1200 in Israel.—*TED/MEU/ANN staff*



◆ **Kel Richards's *More Aussie Bible*** was launched by the Bible Society NSW at a BBQ outside St

Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney on July 12. The **book is a follow-up** to the successful *The Aussie Bible (Well, bits of it anyway!)* released in August 2003, which has now sold more than 100,000 copies in Australia. While the first instalment was a retelling of the gospel narrative, this second book retells Genesis, some of the Bible's poetry and wisdom, John's Gospel and

John's first letter. The inspiration for the original Aussie Bible came from *The Bible in Cockney (Well, bits of it anyway)*—written by an English schoolteacher in the street language of the East End—Cockney rhyming slang—to help his students understand the message.—*sydneyanglicans.net*

◆ **The Catholic Church has decided** women who donate eggs and **scientists who do embryonic stem-cell research** are subject to the church's most drastic sanction—**immediate excommunication**. **Cardinal Tru-**

jillo told a Catholic magazine that stem-cell research is the same as abortion because it takes a human life.—*crosswalk.com*

◆ **A Pakistani Christian has received a religious persecution award** after spending eight years in prison on contested charges that he damaged a sign containing verses from the Koran. The International Society for Human Rights (IGFM) honoured **Ranjha Masih**, still serving his life sentence, with the newly established **Stephen Endowment Award** in recognition of Masih's "steadfast-

ness in maintaining his Christian beliefs." Masih was unable to accept the award in person at the IGFM annual conference in Frankfurt, Germany on May 6.—*crosswalk.com*

◆ **Church and culture analyst George Barna** says millions of Christians are leaving conventional churches to meet in homes. According to the researcher, about **50 million American adults meet in home churches** at least once a month, and the numbers choosing this option are on the increase.—*Natalie Harris*

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Outback Aviation Ministries soars

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

As usual, it's an early start for the Outback Aviation Ministries* (OAM) South-East Queensland team, as they warm the motor of their Cessna 206 before heading outback from Brisbane. What would usually be a gruelling 10-hour road trip to Charleville, in southern-central Queensland, aboard the Cessna it's an effortless three-hour flight. It's Sabbath morning; we'll return on Sunday.

Aboard are OAM president and pilot Kevin McDean; his wife, Jeanette, the copilot; Dr Don Pitchford, a Gold Coast orthopaedic surgeon; Dr Cherie Watts, a doctor with expertise in diabetes; and Nick Dunstan.

The team lands at Charleville, a regional centre of some 3000 people, and are greeted by Gary and Carrie Carr, OAM volunteers based in Charleville and the only Seventh-day Adventists in town.

On this weekend OAM will run a health seminar for the people of Charleville and surrounding areas, aiming to increase awareness of osteoporosis and diabetes. The programs have been advertised on local radio and by word of mouth, thanks to the Carrs. Dr Pitchford has also been interviewed on local radio to promote the seminar.

The Sabbath-afternoon seminars presented by Drs Pitchford and Watts are attended by mainly a female audience, and attendees include personnel from the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a local doctor and medical staff.

The OAM mission statement states that they will "provide fellowship and support to church members in remote South Queensland and share Jesus with those yet unreached." To this Mr McDean adds that the focus of OAM has changed to involve more young people in their mission work, and he encourages the younger generation to participate, given their creative nature

and energy.

In line with the mission statement, he says, OAM is involved in three focal ministries. First, are health seminars. On a trip to Goondiwindi in March 2006, some 57 attended, with non-Adventists outnumbering local church members. "This was very impressive," he says.

Second, is pastoral care. "With the assistance of local pastors," says Dr Pitchford, "we organise and run worship services in isolated communities, such as Cunnamulla, Roma and Emerald. Sometimes we take along musicians who provide beautiful

patients to hospital.

During the past year OAM have visited several regional centres including, Goondiwindi, Cunnamulla, Charleville (twice), Roma, Dalby, Gayndah and Monto.

So, what makes Outback Aviation a worthwhile cause? These were some of the responses:

Dr Watts says: "There aren't too many avenues left for Adventists to share the health message and for professionals to make a difference due to our institutions closing. These trips offer an opportunity."

For Mrs McDean, it's the thrill of fellowship with isolated Adventists who rarely find the chance to share God's Word with fellow Adventists. "Seeing people that don't have a church and having a Sabbath with them, it's a buzz they enjoy our company and just love to talk to Adventists. And where there are no Adventists, you can see and feel that you are planting some seeds," she says.

Although Mr McDean really enjoys flying, his real passion, he says, lies in maintaining and growing the institution of OAM and serving and meeting those who don't have much contact with church members.

"You get the feeling you're doing something really constructive," he says, "by delivering a pack of DVDs, a *Signs* and invitations to health programs, and when you hear people say, 'It's excellent to have some fellowship out here. We were here nearly two years before another Adventist family arrived; its spiritually refreshing to have some people of like belief visit and talk about spiritual things. In a place like this, devoid of spiritual connection, it's easy to slip out of our beliefs. To have you guys come, it gives you a boost!' It's emotional, and these are the reactions and comments that make this ministry worthwhile." —**Nick Dunstan**



The OAM team (left to right): Kevin McDean, Jeanette McDean, Dr Cherie Watts, Dr Don Pitchford, Nick Dunstan.

music for the day."

OAM's third ministry is to enter unrepresented areas, which they do through letterboxing. Mailbox parcels typically include *Signs of the Times*, *The Search* DVDs, and health or lifestyle brochures. Says Mrs McDean, "This year we decided to go to places that may not have been visited by Outback Aviation Ministries to distribute literature that offers opportunity and promise to people in remote areas, and also so they could meet and talk with Adventists."

Mr McDean explains some OAM opportunities: "We would consider flying to offer any service that would contribute to a community in a positive way, given that funding is available." OAM has assisted in a drought-relief drive. It is also a member of Angel Flight, which transports isolated

* OAM is a designated *Signs* Five-star Ministry Project. Other chapters exist in NSW and WA. You can sponsor *Signs for the Outback* for \$A17(\$NZ23).

Local church: Springwood, Qld

BY NATHAN BROWN

THE SPRINGWOOD CHURCH, IN THE southern suburbs of Brisbane (Qld), is one of the largest Adventist churches in Australia. One does not need to look too closely to discover what is both Springwood's greatest challenge and good new story: not enough space. From beginners Sabbath school to their simultaneous worship services, Springwood church is bursting at the seams.

"The problem is we are an 850-member church working with a facility designed for about 300 people," says senior pastor Andre Van Rensburg. "This is a problem that has grown over time and we have been restricted in the past by council limits on development."

But, according to the pastoral team, the time has come to extend. "We just don't fit," explains Pastor Travis Manners. "Constantly we have cars parking each other in, line-ups for the toilets, crammed Sabbath school rooms, young families leaving after Sabbath school because they know there won't be any room for them and their prams during the worship service. And there is no room left during our

church service time. I recently preached in the hall—there were people sitting on the platform where I preached, standing room only in the hall itself, with the back windows wide open with another two or three rows of people outside.

"If we don't fit, how can we effectively invite those who don't know Jesus to come and join us? As a church we simply could not let this situation continue. Hence we have been working hard designing new facilities, and negotiating finances and policies."

The plan is to expand the existing church hall into an auditorium that will seat about 750 people and they hope work will begin next year at a cost estimated above \$A2 million.

"In the Adventist Church, we sometimes seem to have had a mindset that big is somehow bad," comments Pastor Van Rensburg. "But we need to be able to include as many people as we can."



The Springwood pastoral team: (left to right) John McMurtry, Pastor Andre Van Rensburg and Pastor Travis Manners.

Growing Springwood

It was a similar problem that gave birth to the Springwood church 35 years ago. The nearby Eight Mile Plains church was overflowing and a group of about 30 began meeting at a community hall in the suburb of Kingston in February 1971. The weekly rent was just \$1 but use of the facility usually required church members to

clean the hall of the cigarette butts and beer cans from the previous night's function.

The next five years engaged the young families of the church in a dedicated round of fundraising—farming, pic drives, street stalls, wedding catering, concerts and offerings—and building. The Springwood church was officially constituted on May 3, 1973, with 103 charter members, and their continued efforts culminated in the first worship service held in the church hall at the current site in January 1976.

Fundraising and development continued toward the building of the church, which was officially opened and dedicated on March 26, 1988.

Long-time members recall the real "family" feeling of the church in its early days and believe this laid a strong foundation for the current church that, while growing significantly, has maintained a strong sense of community. This "pioneering" spirit has also seen Springwood spawning new churches in the neighbouring suburbs of Park Ridge, Beenleigh (now known as Edens Landing), Carbrook and Logan Reserve.

A “double-yolk” church

Head elder Greig Lipman has been a member of Springwood church for more than 30 years. He describes the church as continuing to have a “very dynamic and developing culture,” with continual “innovation in relation to worship, outreach and church growth.” He also comments that Springwood “has never had a major controversy over theology.”

Pastor Van Rensburg also highlights the unique harmony within the large church community, in which traditional and contemporary worship styles coexist in what he describes as a “church that is like an egg with a double yolk.”

Another church elder and member for 17 years, Lee Cameron, echoes this observation. “My wife and I first came to Springwood as it seemed the place where things were happening,” he recalls. “It also had fantastic Sabbath school programs for our kids. We quickly assimilated into the church scene as the members were very accepting of us as newcomers.

“I believe this ability to accept anyone wherever they are on their spiritual journey has continued to be a major strength of Springwood as a whole. This may be the reason why the church has grown so rapidly and continues to grow.”

A place for youth

A strong emphasis on young people has always been a priority at Springwood church. According to youth pastor John McMurtry, this is a continuing emphasis. “We are creating a church home and community

for an increasing number of youth and teens,” he reports.

This has been a particular challenge of the church’s limited facilities, says Pastor Van Rensburg. “We had youth Sabbath school meeting outside and had about 10 or 12 regular attenders,” he explains. “After finding them a room to meet in we now have 40 to 50 young people. And they are committed, focused and involved.”

SYC (Springwood Youth Church) is a monthly Friday-night program focused on young people but is increasingly being recognised as a third worship service of the church. “We have an average attendance of around 80,” says Mr McMurtry. “For some of those who attend this has become their church and there are plans to begin this on a fortnightly basis later this year.”

Jacqueline Gredig is a leader of Springwood’s youth ministry. “I have the opportunity, at 22, of being the youth elder to a dynamic, passionate group of young people from all sorts of backgrounds brought together by their love for God and their sense of community at Springwood,” she explains with obvious enthusiasm.

She is excited by the growing attendance at youth Sabbath school and SYC.

“But,” she says, “the growth in numbers is insignificant compared to the growth in community, ownership and involvement of our youth. Springwood—a church known for a big



Springwood’s children’s Sabbath school rooms are packed each week. The church has as many as 80 children in the beginners age group alone but many of these families do not stay for worship services because there is no room for them.

crowd and a big show—has become home for many people looking for somewhere to belong.”

The “big” challenge

Springwood is a big and busy church. Despite the limitation of their facilities, they maintain a strong focus on community involvement and evangelism. Activities and events conducted and coordinated so far this year include family days, marriage and relationship sessions, health programs, a prophecy seminar, a Vacation Bible School and a youth mission.

“However one of the best ways our church reaches the community is through our Sabbath schools and small groups that take on service projects,” adds Pastor Manners. “Springwood has many and varied ministries, and new ones are appearing all the time as members and groups within the congregation take the initiative to reach out. Our response as pastors is ‘Great. What can we do to help?’

“When I first arrived at Springwood I saw it as a large church with big challenges and big opportunities,” Pastor Manners continues. “The exciting thing is, by God’s grace, we are overcoming many of the challenges and are grabbing hold of the opportunities. Springwood is an exciting church to be a part of.” **R**

This is the first part of a series of articles profiling healthy local churches in the South Pacific Division.

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.



Sabbath school is an important component of church life at Springwood, demonstrating both the unity and diversity of the church, with classes conducted in four languages.

What manner of man is this?

BY CLARENCE B O'NEILL

WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS," they asked, "whom the winds and seas obey?" He was asleep, we saw it all, yet there was nothing we could say Except loud cries of anguish, as we beheld our plight Our helpless situation filled us all with fear that night.

"Carest Thou not that we perish?" they cried unto their Lord, As the thunder pealed, and the lightning flashed and the rain upon on them poured. Then our Creator Jesus stood, the Author of all He saw. "Peace, be still," He loudly cried, and the wind did cease to roar.

In wondrous awe, we too may ask, "What manner of man is this?" Who by His word still changes lives from despair to hope and bliss, For the world is full of wretchedness, the pain and guilt of sin, And millions look to heaven, longing to be gathered in.

So how can we who tarry here perform this awesome task, To go out there and save their souls from sin's cold and wintry blast? The love of Calvary in the heart can achieve deeds of omnipotence, Our missionary zeal will cause surrendered recompense.

He sees the travail of His soul in every sacrifice we make, And we should be glad to give our lives in



Higher Clips

love for Jesus' sake,
For didn't He climb Golgotha's hill to deliver you and me
As sure as He did that fateful night in the storm at Galilee?

So we do have a part to play in God's great symphony of love
That there was a man called Jesus who came from heaven above
Who can bring peace to the stormy hearts of men and women still
As we point them to that bleeding Lamb up there on Calvary's hill.

Please lead us in the paths of service to a world in abject need,
That we may be faithful, reflect His love to every race and creed.
For surely in this age of violence affecting every land and town,
We can go forth, O God for Thee, to give the trump a certain sound.

So please stand up again for us, O Lord. Bring peace to every storm.
The world is dark and terror-filled, there are the hungry and forlorn.
We need Your Holy Spirit, O God, to finish faithfully the task,
The power of the One at Galilee to accomplish what You ask. **R**

Clarence B O'Neill writes from Little Mountain, Queensland.

Prayer keys: NDOT in review

WITH JOY BUTLER

CHURCHES ACROSS AUSTRALIA HAVE discovered the opportunity National Day of Thanksgiving (NDOT) provides for them to give positive leadership in the community. Outstanding results have been seen where the church has embraced the concept of reaching out to their community with acts of kindness, expressions of love and compassion, or joining in festivals and events that show appreciation and thanking each other.

This year in Brisbane (Qld), hundreds of Christians rose to the challenge of committing 10,000 hours of community service to their city by spring-cleaning 370 homes of those not able, for physical or other reasons, to do that for themselves. The Lord Mayor was ecstatic, the recipients unbelieving, and those who took part overwhelmed, that such blessing could flow to both givers and receivers. One lady summed up the feeling of so many: "I had given up on everything and everyone this week, even God, but then He knocks on my door today in the form of you people and my hope in Him and in my fellow human beings is restored."

Other events included: breakfasts with government leaders invited to be thanked; an honour parade; festivals; and fire truck and firemen attending church. One hundred thousand cards, ribbons, certificates and "dots" were sold and distributed this year with each becoming a personal opportunity to show appreciation to someone who had been a blessing to another.

If you or your church hasn't yet caught up with NDOT, don't miss out next year. It could change your life, the life of someone you say thank you to, or give a much needed boost to your congregation's involvement in your local community. **R**

Source: Australian Prayer Network Newsletter.

Week of Prayer is September 2-9. Plan for a time of spiritual renewal and dedication.

Joy Butler is coordinator of prayer ministries for the South Pacific Division.



Receiving names from TV advertising

BY JOHN GATE

ADVENTIST MEDIA HAS DEVELOPED A VERY EFFICIENT WAY OF collecting names from television advertising and delivering them to the local church.

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“My team of media response transcribers download names as quickly as possible and email them to the local church within 24 hours.”—Lorelley

Malletin, media-response secretary, Adventist Discovery Centre

- of the requesting person and matches them with the nearest Adventist church.
6. Names are emailed to the local church video-ministry coordinator. In most cases this is the church pastor. If not, the Discovery Centre needs to be notified who this contact person is.
7. At the local church, names are distributed to the video couriers.
8. The couriers deliver the video to the requesting person's home.

This is an efficient process: when TV advertising airs on one day, it's possible

to have the names of people requesting to the local church the next day. It depends on the size of the campaign and the number of requests to be processed, but usually names are delivered to the local church within two or three days of the TV advertising.

If there is a breakdown in communication or in the procedure, it's important that the local church video coordinator contact the Discovery Centre as soon as possible so it can be rectified.

The Discovery Centre team treats every response to TV advertising as a sacred trust. The aim is to process the name as efficiently and as quickly as possible, and we encourage the local church to deliver the video to the person as soon as possible. The longer the delay from request to delivery, the greater the chance the requesting person will lose interest in the video. **R**

This is part of a series of articles exploring video ministry and how it can work in your community.

John Gate is director of the Adventist Discovery Centre.

Record Roo's Kids corner



Hi kids,
God created the birds and animals for us to care for and enjoy. Can you think of ways to look after your pets and the wildlife around us too?

RR

Fill in the Blanks

“A _____ man regards the life of his _____, but the tender mercies of the _____ are _____.”

Proverbs 12:10 NKJV

Draw

Can you draw the missing animal from the picture below? Do you think it might be a dog, or a different pet?



Colour In Now you can colour in your drawing

Unscramble

Try and unscramble the groups of letters below to spell animal names.

- LOAKA ERAB _____
- NUINEPG _____
- RAFEGIF _____
- CODEROLIC _____
- RIGET _____
- SOMOSE _____
- TAPULYPS _____

Answers: koala bear, penguin, giraffe, crocodile, tiger, moose, platypus

Gender differences

BARB SADLER, NSW

I am pleased “exasperated woman” (Letters, July 8) has never lacked opportunities or been discriminated against. Sadly, I have found with many women in our church and community in Australia, with whom I have worked, this is not the case. Many are single, others struggle to raise their children alone, others have no family close to them when going through difficult times and have found the ministry of women their mainstay in being able to stay focused in their walk with God. Women’s ministries does much around the world to help children and families to rise above poverty and discrimination.

Look outside your comfortable box at the single and hurting women in your church and community, those affected by poverty and illiteracy, the majority of whom are women. Maybe ask someone how they feel when they are not allowed to take part in certain aspects of the church because they are a woman, or note the minority of women on committees, then maybe you will see there is a lack of opportunity and discrimination right here in Australia and New Zealand.

Yes, there is no “gender, race or status” in Christ—it’s a shame that it isn’t always thus in society or the church. This is where women’s ministries is getting on with the job as we “touch a heart; tell the world.”

JUDY FUA, QLD

“Exasperated woman,” I congratulate you on your happy situation, having “leadership opportunities” and no sense of being “discriminated against.”

In my 15 years of involvement with women’s ministries in the South Queensland Conference, I have seen many hurting, broken women find renewed hope and peace in their lives, and take their first tentative steps with Jesus because of the gentle ministry of other women.

Women have a unique understanding of each other’s needs, and can minister to each other in a way that men never can. Our Creator made it so.

Women’s ministries is not about separating families. It’s about reaching out to the disenfranchised, and those who do not yet know how much they are loved by God. It’s

about empowering women and strengthening the family unit, of which they are the heart. It’s about continuing the ministry that Jesus Himself, modelled for us so successfully some 2000 years ago.

JIM DONALD, NZ

I fully endorse “An exasperated woman” (Letters, July 8). Why should we have separate men’s and women’s ministries? Isn’t

Women have a unique understanding of each other’s needs, and can minister to each other in a way that men never can.

there only one faith? As a person born into an Adventist home 61 years ago, I can recall the sermons preached years ago by wonderful pastors that we are all one family in Jesus and there should be no segregation between races, nationalities or gender.

Now we have churches for many different groups, races and tongues all over Australia and New Zealand. Not happy with that, we have men’s and women’s ministries. Will there be separate Sabbath schools for both men and women soon? Maybe separate worship services? It’s sad that we have to be segregated in this way. What will happen in heaven when we all have to be together?

Flying high

KEN WESLAKE, NSW

I was one of the “young, inexperienced pilots” trained on “Charlie” in Papua New Guinea (“Adventist Aviation farewells ‘Charlie,’” News, July 15). Charlie was indeed a delight to fly and the article brought back many happy and fulfilling memories—and a few terrifying ones as well!

I didn’t fully appreciate the contribution aviation was making to the spread of the gospel in PNG back in the early 1980s when there were three aircraft operating. However, during the past couple of years, its demise has seen pastors dying, schools and clinics closed and the morale of the people who rely on Adventist Aviation plummet to an all-time low.

I recently flew again on the newly restored “Sierra Delta Alpha” to visit our bush school in Karimui. “Alpha” is now referred to as

“*balus bilong mipela*”—our aeroplane.

As rising fuel prices impact our cost of living, we need to remember it has a greater impact for Adventist Aviation in PNG. Our financial support needs to be greater and more consistent. Adventist Aviation is vital to the support and spread of the gospel in PNG. I have seen it firsthand and can highly recommend it as a worthwhile kingdom investment.

Give peace a chance

MIGUEL SUMERA, NSW

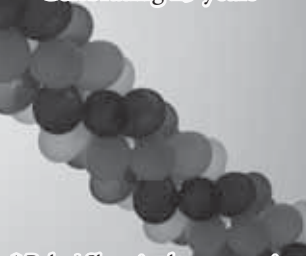
I am disheartened at the backlash shown against those advocating a solid peace stance within the church, misusing biblical texts to somehow apologise for the effects of war (“Just war or *just* war?” Letters, July 8). Did not Jesus say to Peter who drew his sword in defence, “Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?” (John 18:11, NIV). Regarding the methods Jesus sanctions when unjust times arise, Jesus often spoke in large rallies of men, women and children advocating peace. Many peace rallies today are similar to those Jesus was familiar with—a speaking out against evil and injustice in the world while promoting peace with a gathering of people to listen. If you really want to stop terrorism, there is really only one way—stop participating in it.

Having worked closely with many refugees from Iraq and Afghanistan I have yet to meet one who would support any action the West has taken to overthrow these regimes. They encourage us to work with peace movements inside their countries to peaceably amend their torn nations. The question has been asked by others: “Who would Jesus bomb?”

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Weddings

Barlow—Hodges. Anthony (Tony) Ray Barlow, son of Brendon Barlow (Atherton, Qld) and Carol Hill (Narromine, NSW), and Georgina Susan Hodges, daughter of Neil Hodges (Gympie, Qld) and Gloria Feather (Townsville), were married on 9.7.06 in the Townsville Adventist church, West End, Townsville. *Bob Possingham*

Dau—Cox. Stan Dau and Phillis Cox were married on 16.7.06 in the Harrisville Adventist church, Qld. *Ken Lawson*

de Klerk—McCamey. James de Klerk, son of Nicky and Mita de Klerk (Wentworthville, NSW), and Lynne McCamey, daughter of Pam and Lawrence Fagan (Sydney), were married on 6.6.06 in the Fairfield Adventist church. *Kerry Horlop*

Justins—Bacon. Loren David Justins, son of Lyndon (Brisbane, Qld) and the late Elaine Justins, and Emma Mae Bacon, daughter of Peter and Carol Bacon (Brisbane), were married on 1.1.06 at St Andrew's Anglican church, South Brisbane. *Allan Moore, Trafford Fischer*

Martin—Hester. Bryan Ray Martin, son of Daryl and Marjorie Martin (Cooranbong, NSW), and Janet Linda Hester, daughter of Graeme (Bridgetown, WA) and Joan Hester (Boypup Brook), were married on 16.4.06 at Jenny Dixon Beach, Norah Head, NSW. *Wayne Krause*

Romero—Jordan. Christopher Romero, son of Kevin and Wilma Romero (Bonville, NSW), and Ruby Jordan, daughter of Cheryl Hayes (Sydney), were married on 11.6.06 at Northville Lodge, Newcastle. *Eric Greenwell*

Roux—Van Staden. Derek Roux and Valerie Van Staden (formerly from Pretoria, South Africa, but now residing in Auckland, NZ) were married on 8.7.06 at Glenn Innes Adventist church. *Ian McKean*

Skinner—Millar. Dale Gregory Skinner, son of Wayne and Lucy Skinner (Epping, NSW), and Danielle Susanne Millar, daughter of Murray (Wollongong) and Ruth Millar (Melbourne, Vic), were married on 2.4.06 in Wairoonga, NSW. *Matthew Tompson*

Thiele—Dewey. Christopher Thiele, son of David and Jillian Thiele (Pacific Adventist University, PNG), and Kristin Dewey, daughter of Neil and Julia Dewey (Albany, Oregon, USA), were married on 16.7.06 at the Waitara Uniting church, NSW. *David Thiele, Ross Cole*

Wilbraham—Monson. Richard Wilbraham, son of June Croft (Blackpool, England), and Luella Joy Monson, daughter of Trevor and Carolyn Monson (Mildura, Vic), were married on 24.2.06 at Kellybrook Estate, Wonga Park. *Tony Knight*

Young—Burgoyne. Timothy Young, son of Brian and Kari Young (Auckland, NZ), and Sarah Burgoyne, daughter of Pastor Lyle (Murwillumbah, NSW) and the late Suzanne Burgoyne, and stepdaughter of Jennifer Burgoyne, were married on 26.6.06 at Totara Heights, Auckland. *Ben Timothy*

Obituaries

Brooke-Kelly, Doreen Patricia, born 22.9.1930 at Waverley, Sydney, NSW; died 8.6.06 in the Mount St Joseph's Home, Young, Pat, as she was known to all, was an accomplished organist at the Young Anglican church for many years. In 1950 she married Noel. She is survived by her husband; her children, Carolyn, Chris, Greg, Stephen, and twins, Vicki and Judy; and her 14 grandchildren. She was dearly loved by all her family. She was interred at the Young Cemetery after which a service was held in the Anglican church. *Tom Turner*

Hampson, William (Bill) Sydney, born 10.9.1923 at South Woodburn, NSW; died 29.5.06 in Lismore Base Hospital. On 1.5.54 he married Lima Coughran, who predeceased him on 10.12.2000. He is survived by his son, Warwick (Clunes); his siblings, Violet Poole (Sussex Inlet), Ron (Ballarat, Vic), Merv (Hervey Bay, Qld) and Gladys Bartley (Palmwoods, NSW); his eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Bill was one of 11 children and worked hard to support them. He was kind, generous, understanding and helpful; excelled at bowls. *Ernie Krause, Arthur Winter*

Hill, Cecil Maurice, born 25.5.1911 in Lismore, NSW; died 10.6.06 in Urbenville Multi-Purpose Unit. He was predeceased by his wife, Ethel, on 19.9.96; also his daughter, Enid, on 1.4.97. He is survived by his children, Bruce and Keith; and their families (Woodenbong); who together with grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many from the community, "rise up to call him blessed." *Harry Halliday*

Hobson, Tony, born 7.4.1943 at Bourne-mouth, England; died 15.6.06 at Murdoch Hospice, Perth, WA. On 25.9.78 he married Julia. He is survived by his wife; and his daughters, Natalie, Rosalind and Louise (all Hobson, Perth). Tony was a loving, dedicated husband to Julia, and dad to Natalie, Rozzi and Louise, and always supported them in every aspect of their life, including church activities. He enjoyed intellectual challenges and had a good sense of humour. Courageous throughout his illness, he felt blessed to have advance notice of his death. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. *Steven Goods, Clem Van Ballegoeyn*

Hopkins, Cecil James, born 25.6.1923 at Rockhampton, Qld; died 15.6.06 at Grace-mere Gardens Retirement Homes, Grace-mere. He was predeceased by his wives, Norma and Stella; also his brother, Edward. He is survived by his 12 children, Sandra, Raymond, Bryan, Helen, Kathryn, Peter, Cecil John, Anthony (Tony), Paul, Desmond, Noel and Robert. Cecil, one of seven children, is survived by his brothers, George and Jack; and his sisters, Veria, Helen and Joyce. Involved in the pioneering and development of the road transport industry (specialising in livestock transportation) in and around the Rockhampton area, Cecil is well known, loved and respected by many in the community. He was a man who gave his all to his family, his friends and to the people of his beloved city. He will be sadly missed by all. *Andy Krause*

Hunter, Rhona May, born 14.4.1926 in NSW; died 14.6.06 in Calvary Hospital, Hobart, Tas, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, John (Hobart). Rhona was a very gracious lady, whose kindness and generosity will be missed. *Manuel Espinoza, Kevin Amos*

Kriskans, Milda Alexandra (nee Heinrichson), born 9.6.1906 in Riga, Latvia; died 12.6.06 in Lady McCusker Nursing Home, Craigie, WA, having recently had her 100th birthday and received a letter from HRH Queen Elizabeth II. In 1937 she married Arvid, who predeceased her in 1989. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, John and Margaret; and her grandchildren, Roslyn and Bradley (all of Perth). Milda was a well-qualified and faithful librarian of the Perth church, a position she held for many years. She was also a lover of good music. She rests in the blessed hope of Jesus' soon return. *Cyrus Adams*

Madden, Jenel Ellen, born 19.3.1963 at Rockhampton, Qld; died 7.6.06 at home in Rockhampton after a long and debilitating illness. She was predeceased by her father, Hector. She is survived by her husband, Robert; their children, Amber and Rohan; her mother, Margaret Morris; and her brothers, Ross and Grant. Jenel was a special lady who loved her Lord, her family and people in general. She leaves a large empty space in the hearts of many. She will be dearly missed by all. *Col Friend, Andy Krause*

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Maletin, Petar, born 27.1.1923 in Serbia; died 30.5.06 in Sydney, NSW. He is survived by his sons, Danny (California, USA) and Petar; and his daughter, Emmy Maletin (both of Sydney, NSW). Petar was the youngest son of the first SDA pastor in Yugoslavia (now Serbia), Lala Maletin. Petar was dedicated to living a life of service and dedication to God and had a positive influence in the Liverpool (Hoxton Park) and Cooroy (Qld) churches. A celebration of his life was held at Hoxton Park SDA church on 7.7.06. *David Reilly*

Mason, Elsie Pearl, born 18.3.1917 to Ethel and Leslie Tranter at Raymond Terrace, NSW; died 9.6.06 at her home in Teralba. She was the eldest of eight children and when her mother died in 1936 Elsie took over the family duties. In 1938 she met and married James (Jim), who predeceased her. They had five children, Helen, James and twin brother, Cyril (dec), Robert and Kevin. She was an excellent seamstress and made wedding gowns and outfits for her two sisters and her niece, Margaret. In 1967 Elsie was the only member in her entire family who accepted the SDA message. She is survived by her children; her 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; her two sisters; one brother; and a host of family members and friends. The life sketch was read at the graveside by Pastor Tui Rosevear. *Tom Turner*

Moody, Doreen Marie (Dawn, nee Murphy), born 26.3.1929 at Parramatta, NSW; died 3.6.06 at Cleveland, Qld. On 11.9.64 she married Grosvenor, who predeceased her in 1982. She was also predeceased by her daughter, Karen Kidd, in 2000. She is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Christensen (Redland Bay); and her siblings, Elaine Lockhart (Elanora), Joan Parsons (Murwillumbah, NSW) and Arthur Murphy (Taree). Dawn was a loving, caring mother who loved her God and her family, and found pleasure in the simple things in life. *Judy Fua, Neil Tyler*

Potts, Pastor Thomas Ronald, born 16.11.1920 at Marton, NZ; died unexpected

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edly 30.5.06 in the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Qld. His funeral at Springwood church on 5.6.06 was a tribute to his life well lived and to a close and accomplished family. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joan (nee Cooling). His sons, Pastors Malcolm and Des; their families and their friends gave a heartwarming tribute to this missionary and indefatigable evangelist. Many church members from Toowoomba, where Tom and Joan had been members for the last 20 years, travelled down to pay their respects. He now awaits the Resurrection and a return to exuberant life. Our condolences go especially to Joan.

Clifton Maberly, Don Bain

Quakawoot, William (Bill) Bert, born 1.5.1923 at Mackay, Qld; died 15.6.06 in Palliative Care Unit, Mackay Mater Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Myra; and his children, Warren, Sylvia, Owen, Lloyd, Gerald and Gordon.

Rick Ferret

Scriven, Ilene Amy (Jane), born 1910 in India; died 11.6.06 in the Villa Gardens Hospital, Christchurch, NZ, in her 96th year. Jane lived much of her life in the South Island of NZ. She had no family, but many friends and church family took care of her needs. She had a very strong faith and was always ready to speak a word for her God. She was laid to rest in the Kaiapoi cemetery awaiting the call of the Life-giver.

Allan Matthies

Smith, James (Jim) Henry, born 2.5.1928 at Birmingham, England; died 14.6.06 at Rokewood, Vic. In 1961 he married Meryl, who predeceased him. He is survived by his children, Cheralee Smith-Arnold, Sharon Smith-Francis (both of Snake Valley), and David. Jim was humble and a fairly private person, but there were many at the service who expressed how he had influenced their lives. He will be missed.

Mike Francis

Smith, Keith Alwyn, born 28.11.1916 at Summer Hill, Sydney, NSW; died 17.5.06 on the Gold Coast, Qld. On 29.4.50 he married Dorothy Wiblen, who predeceased him on 21.12.84. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Smith (known as Faye, Brisbane); his son, Ross; and his family (Canada). Keith was a quiet and respectful Christian gentleman who will be sadly missed by his loved ones and his church family.

Geoff Donovan, Lloyd Robinson

Thwaite, Jean (nee Kirk), born 29.4.1923 in Townsville, Qld; died 23.12.05 in the Townsville Hospital. On 24.6.39 she married Claude, who predeceased her on 4.6.93. She was also predeceased by her son, Richard, on 12.7.77. She is survived by her daughters, Margaret and Mary-Lou (both of Townsville); her grandsons, Grant Caboolture, Bradley (Morphett Vale, SA) and William (Townsville, Qld). Jean was very active in church life; a Dorcas leader for many years. She will be deeply missed.

Ernst William

Walker, Isabella (nee Bruce), born 14.11.1914 at Tamworth, NSW; died 10.5.06 at Coronella Retirement Village, Nunawading, Vic, aged 91 years. On 30.3.40 she married Robert John Walker, who predeceased her on 5.6.96. She was a much loved mother to Robert (dec), Alan, Joan Gibbs, Ian (dec), Keith, and Ruth Glover; and their spouses. She is also survived by her six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Isabella had a wonderful faith in the Lord and now awaits the Resurrection morning.

Paul Glover

Wong, Peck Sun, born 25.10.1944 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; died 9.6.06 at Wahroonga, NSW. On 15.12.78 she married How Som Ang. She is survived by her husband (Cherrybrook); her mother, Lin Yin; her brother, Swee Teck Wong; her sisters, Swee Lan Wong and Peck Kwan Wong (all of Malaysia). Peck was an excellent nurse and worked for over 25 years at Sydney Adventist Hospital, in oncology, radiotherapy and maternity. She was awarded the Above and Beyond Executive Award. Her life's motto was "Always Others First." Peck was a faithful Adventist Christian who died in the blessed hope.

Bruce Grosse

Zaska, Peter John, born 19.1.1957 in Wahroonga, NSW; died 13.6.06 in Cooranbong. He was laid to rest at Avon-

dale cemetery with his mother, Leny, who died at his birth. He is sadly missed by his young son, Dylan; his sisters, Angela, Margot and Teresa; his brothers, Lew (twin brother), Kevin, Eric and Gary; his stepmother, Helene; his cousins, Tony, Raymond and Juliet van Schoonhoven; his niece and nephews, Shandelle, Glen and Raymond Hudson. This "gentle giant" now awaits his Lord's return.

Bruce Judd

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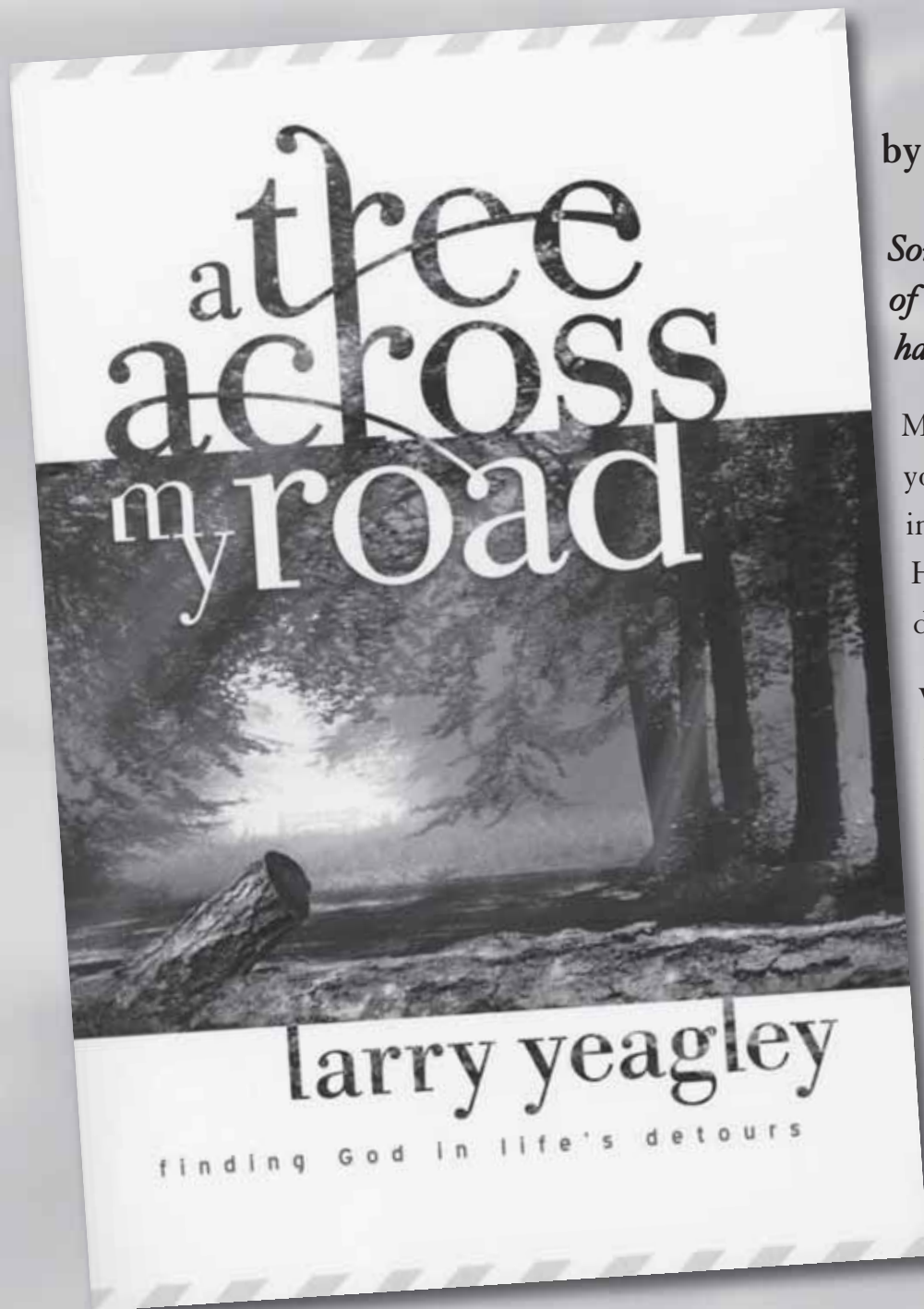
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