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## Thousands attend first SIM youth congress

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

Up to 5000 young people and youth leaders arrived at the Solomon Islands Mission (SIM) headquarter's oval for an historic, first-ever youth congress for the mission, held from December 2 to 9, 2007. Young people from the 10 regions of SIM arrived by the hundreds and the camp site was soon filled to capacity.

Pastor Gilbert Cangy, director of Adventist youth ministries for the South Pacific Division, arrived in Honiara just before the congress's official opening on the Sunday afternoon. He was met by youth leaders and led to the congress oval, where a parade of young people were waiting.

The Solomon Islands' government minister for youth, sports and women's affairs, Augustin Tenako, was the guest of honour and officially opened the congress. The minister challenged the participants to live their congress theme: reclaim, rescue, retain. Mr Tenako highlighted that “thousands of youths in this nation need immediate action to save their lives. Youths are using harmful substances that are harmful to their health and need to be rescued.”

Trans-Pacific Union Mission youth ministries director Pastor Sione Ausage joined the congress team later in the week and

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“Gentlemen, we are waiting.”

# 30, single and seeking

IT WAS A SPIRITUAL HIGH DAY—THE SECOND Sabbath of campmeeting. Just minutes after watching 150 Juniors fix their commitment forms to an old wooden cross, I sat at lunch with my family and a couple of friends. The week of talks was finished, the family was together, the food was warm and the conversation was just getting started. This is what Sabbath is about!

It's at rare times like these—at some distant campmeeting, in the delegates' cafeteria—that the company and conversation achieve things they rarely can in ministry. It is not often ministers and teachers placed far afield are able to relax and reacquaint themselves with old friends.

The two friends sitting at our family's table have much in common. Both are single women in their 30s, accomplished in their professional lives, dynamic, beautiful—and spiritual leaders. My wife and I have known them for longer than a decade and care deeply for both of them.

One woman leaned in and said, “I've got an editorial for you!” She paused, as a moment of uncertainty flitted across her features. Then, putting both palms down on the table, she said, “Where are all the good Adventist men?”

I sat back, smiled and crossed my arms—thinking she was kidding. She wasn't. And she had an accomplice. The other woman became animated now, “Exactly!” She clasped her hands, released them, put them in her lap, then brought them back up above the table and clenched them to-

gether. I was so busy watching her hands, I hadn't noticed her eyes fill with tears. Resisting the desire to wipe her eyes, she looked squarely into mine and asked, “Why won't our Adventist men take their God-given rights seriously?”

The conversation then went into explanations. Evidently, there are plenty of single men in their 30s in our church but they are unaware that the women are waiting to be courted. Yes, courted. I know it's an old term that many would say has passed its use-by date. But not according to these forward-thinking, 21st-Century Adventist young women. They want to be courted.

It's more than a desire to be courted, really. As I listened to the heart-rending stories of these two friends, I realised it is a requirement. They don't want a one-night stand, a shotgun wedding or a broken marriage. Therefore, they value good-old fashioned courting. Why? Because marriage used to work. Because God intends marriage to work. And, at least for these two young brides-to-be, courting ensures a deep and meaningful prequel to a healthy, long-lasting marriage.

“I've watched grown men, who can hold forth passionately in the boardroom or fill a church with eloquent thoughts, turn to quivering tubs of jelly just trying to invite me to tea,” said one. The other cut in, “I'm just waiting for one to ask me. I have a wonderful friend who is not a believer and both he and I are looking for the right Adventist man for me! That's the kind of friends you

can find outside the church.”

But they don't want to marry outside the church. They want to create solid Adventist homes with two committed Christian parents. “I've only got 10 years or so, and then I won't be able to have children of my own,” said one woman. “And that's something I've always hoped for.”

Taking a risk in the sensitive conversation, I queried, “Do you ever think about being the second wife? Many marriages end in the first 10 years. Would either of you consider marrying a divorcee?”

To my amazement, they both nodded and the conversation got more animated. It was not a new consideration for either of them. They were willing but wary. If these two could speak for the single women over 30, they would say, “Gentlemen, we are waiting.”

So men, what's up? If I were single . . . (insert slap-of-wife here). Seriously though, what's holding you guys back? Are these successful women too intimidating? Are you too busy for love? Or too stressed by the thought of a serious relationship? If you are looking at these ladies, thinking they have settled for a life of solitude, think again.

So ladies, here's the editorial you requested. Feel free to cut this page out and slip it under an appropriate door.

Gentlemen, the challenge is clear—it's your move!

*David Edgren*



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# Adventist-run orphanage sees trouble in Kenya

NAKURU, KENYA

An orphanage run by Adventists in the town of Nakuru, Kenya, has been helping provide aid for people affected by the crisis following the presidential elections in the country.

The Mission in Action (MIA) orphanage is situated on four hectares on the outskirts of Nakuru, Rift Valley Province, Kenya, and cares for around 40 children, ranging in age from day-olds to four year-olds. MIA also recently established an Australian base in Alstonville, New South Wales.

Ivan and Mary Budulica, originally from Lismore Adventist church, went to Kenya four years ago to manage the orphanage.

Mrs Budulica returned to Kenya on January 26 after spending some time in Australia and, in the days prior to that, 60 people had been killed in the village. A curfew has been placed on the village, although many of the local inhabitants had fled.

Mrs Budulica writes on the Nakuru orphanage website, "It was strange seeing it all with my own eyes—burnt buildings

and land, the destruction, people on the sides of the road with all their belongings, waiting for transportation to safer areas. The streets in and around the town that are normally bustling with people were eerily quiet and deserted. . . . But I was glad to be back with my family."

Mrs Budulica's sister, Jenny Belford, attends Maroochydore church in Queensland, and says, "Mary texted me to say they'd arrived home safely. We weren't sure if they'd be able to get through. Since the election, there's been war. Things had settled down for a few weeks but it all flared up again.

"The orphanage has been giving out aid to people in the local area, such as blankets and food, to try to help people."

The orphanage has been receiving truckloads of clothes and food, donated by individuals and the Red Cross to help the displaced people in the community, with the Red Cross joining them to provide administrative assistance in the handing out of the provisions for around 400 to 600 people.

All of the people they are assisting have



*Displaced people from around Nakuru scramble for clothes and aid being provided through the orphanage.*

been made homeless by the rioting and violence. Tensions between different tribes has also played a part in the tension in the Nakuru area, with groups attacking and killing others, sparking fears of civil war and ethnic cleansing.

Mrs Budulica says, "Please pray for our safety and that things will finally settle down before too many more innocent lives are lost. At the moment we're safe, and both tribes on either side have promised to protect us but you never know what can happen."

Adventist church leaders have appealed for calm in Kenya and encouraged the promotion of reconciliation. There are currently more than 560,000 Adventists worshipping in around 3500 congregations in Kenya.—*Adele Nash*

More @ <http://nakurubabyorphanage.com/trouble.html>



◆ The Croatian St Albans church, Vic, held its traditional Christmas concert on December 15. Among the 180 guests were prominent leaders from the Croatian community and many of those present had come to the church for the first time. After the concert, guests were invited to stay for refreshments and view Croatian nativity art and a Bible display. The church choir, under

the leadership of artistic director **Mira Jakopanetz**, sang both Croatian and traditional Christmas carols. A number of soloists and children also took part in the program. The program was professionally recorded and 20 minutes was shown on the Croatian satellite television program, which covers Australia and New Zealand.—*Damir Posavac*

◆ Student **Lesleigh Bower** (second from right) has successfully won one of two lucrative annual scholarships from the Western Australian government, to study



for 10 months at **Himeji-Dokkyo University** in southern Japan during 2008. Miss Bower (19) is a member of North Perth church and is entering her third year of a double-degree in Law and Asian Studies (Japanese Specialist) at **Murdoch University**. She received her \$A45,000 scholarship from Education Minister **Mark McGowan** (pictured middle) in a presentation ceremony

at Parliament House on December 13. After the first round of interviews (conducted in Japanese), Miss Bower was the only female who made the short list. The second round of interviews was conducted in front of an eight-member panel. Miss Bower was asked whether her religious beliefs would interfere with her ability to participate fully in Japanese university life. She assured them her beliefs were at the core of her as an individual and, if anything, would enhance her interaction with other students at the university.—*Heather Windeyer*

# ADRA Solomons provides agriculture, catering training

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

**A**dventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Solomon Islands recently ran a seven-day catering and agriculture workshop for Solomon Island Adventist boarding schools, teaching participants about the importance of nutrition and how to provide a healthy diet for students.

The workshop was held at Kukudu Adventist College and was co-funded by Macquarie College, Newcastle, and ADRA Australia. The workshop is part of a pilot project that ADRA began late last year.

After discussions with a number of educators, it was discovered that students' health and learning would benefit if agriculture and catering personnel in these schools received updated training and support.

Limited training in the fields of catering and agriculture is a common issue in boarding schools throughout the Solomon Islands and ADRA members felt strongly that something needed to be done to resolve the problem.

The workshop also served to outline the needs of these two departments, and ADRA will continue working with schools



Course participants.

in providing resources and training as funds become available over the coming six months. A monitoring and support visit in July will analyse where further support can be offered to these schools and plan the future direction of this project to include additional boarding schools in the Solomon Islands.

"The wonderful thing about this project is that it encourages holistic living, which can enhance students' ability to learn, giving them a better chance to achieve in their school work," says project manager Bernice Brown. "It's wonderful to see church organisations working together to help each other and the wider community."

Participants expressed appreciation for the course and found the workshops to be valuable and encouraging. —*RECORD staff/Bernice Brown*

# Thousands attend first SIM congress

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blessed the young people with his morning presentations, while Pastor Cangy challenged congress participants on the Word of God each night.

The young people were led to the streets of Honiara on Thursday afternoon for a clean-up program, which was appreciated by city residents.

During the Sabbath worship service, Pastor Cangy called for the young people of the Solomons to be enlisted in the "spiritual army of God," and hundreds made their stand as the program came to an end. That afternoon, 25 young people were baptised.

Participants thought that the most interesting part of the congress happened on the final day, when the main street of Honiara was again filled with young people, who marched from the Lawson Tama International Stadium to the SIM oval for the congress closing ceremony.

Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasa Sogavare officially closed the week-long congress, stressing his government's appreciation for what the Adventist church is doing for the people of the Solomon Islands—especially the young people. —*RECORD staff/Johnny Tango*



◆ Sanitarium Health Food Company retirees and members of Glenorchy church, Tas, **George and Joan Eiszele**, are both recipients of **Order of Australia** medals (OAM). They have worked voluntarily over the past 30 years to help resettle **100 refugee families** in Hobart. Joan received the award in 2006 and George in the Queen's birthday honours, 2007.

George worked in the Tasmanian Sanitarium factory for **36 years** as production supervisor/engineer, while Joan worked for 20 years in retail. Several years ago, **Bonnie Roberts**, also a Glenorchy member, received an OAM. —*Carole Stanton*

◆ **Prescott Primary Southern and Morphett Vale church, SA**, celebrated recently as a past student, **Nicole Woolfe**, and a current teacher, **Sara McLean** (pictured), expressed their desire to follow Christ through baptism, showing that Adventist schools



not only impact the students but also the teachers. Ms McLean had grown up as a Christian but had never been challenged in her beliefs. After a seminar at the South Australian Conference office, she began reading about Adventist beliefs, attending Morphett Vale church and studying with the pastors there. "From the moment I walked through the

double doors, I finally felt like I was home and have attended ever since," says Ms McLean. "For the first time in my life, I feel like I have found myself but more importantly, I have found God." —*Michelle Meyles*

◆ **TV advertising** for a free viewing of *The Search 6* videos will screen in the following regions: **Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Maryborough, Qld**, on Southern Cross Television, February 23 to March 2; and in **Brisbane** on Channel 7, February 23 to March 2.

**DAYS AND OFFERINGS:** ◆ MARCH 1—WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER ◆ MARCH 8—ADVENT WORLD RADIO OFFERING

# Church members safe in Queensland floods

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

The recent floods in Queensland, which followed weeks of rain, have isolated townships and caused millions of dollars worth of damage.

However, Adventist churches and members in some of the worst-affected areas have been safe throughout the course of the floods.

In what can only be seen as a providential move, both the Rockhampton Adventist church building and minister's residence were relocated to an area of the city considered to be a flood-free zone in 2005.

Andy Krause, pastor of Rockhampton church, said he and the church members were getting ready for Rockhampton's famous, "dry flood," which is when the Fitzroy River flows through the centre of Rockhampton. It can take some time for floodwaters upstream to reach the city, resulting in the town flooding when the rains are long gone.

Pastor Krause said, "Rockhampton's not been too badly affected so far and church members and their properties are alright."

Emerald church members, although cut



Flooding in the Queensland town of Emerald.

off and isolated by the recent floods for a number of days, are safe.

Peter Jaensch, company leader at Emerald, said, "Our church members are fine. The water's going down, and the bridge through to Rockhampton's been open for a while now, so everything's slowly getting back to normal.

"The water wasn't far from our front door at the height of the flood—perhaps another half a metre and we would have been flooded. One of our church families live out of town and was cut off for a few days by the flood waters. But there hasn't been any damage to the houses of church members or the church."—*Adele Nash/ David Edgar*

## PYM enjoys successful '07

AORE, VANUATU

Pacific Yacht Ministries (PYM) enjoyed a successful year in Vanuatu in 2007, with four teams completing successful tours. Five yachts were involved, three of them for the entire project period.

Dentist Dr Julie Tevi, oral surgeon Dr Mark Kalpukai and dental technician Masang, from the dental clinic from Northern District Hospital (NDH), provided dental care with three teams. Dr Sam Kemuel, also from NDH, worked with the other team.

In Torba Province, PYM was able to assist the provincial health manager, Henry Wetul, and his team to complete vaccinations of all eligible children and adults for the entire province for the year, which had never been done before due to costs involved in transport.

More than 1200 patients were seen and treated in Torba, Penama and Sanma provinces by the PYM medical teams, who also provided 1299 vaccinations to children, pregnant women and women of child-bearing age. The teams also conducted more than 1170 dental examinations, while also providing general health education. —*James Ward*

◆ **Bairnsdale church** member, Vic, **Darren Jacob** ran a **Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP)** last year for members, which saw marked improvement in members' health. The group's average **cholesterol** decreased by **23 per cent** and participants lost an average of **3.8 kilograms**. Participants reported increased energy levels and one commented that they were now sleeping soundly through the night, rather than always waking. The church will now run a four week program from February 11, which they hope many non-members

will attend. —*Joffre Gilchrist*

◆ Some faculty, students and staff are returning to the **University of Eastern Africa, Baraton**, after post-election violence in **Kenya** forced a January 6 evacuation of the campus. The school reopened on January 14. The school's vice-chancellor, **Nathaniel Walembe**, said he is expecting some **1600 students** of the full 2300-student body to return this quarter. Some of the lecturers have not yet returned from the church's regional headquarters in Nairobi after being evacuated.

Mr Walembe says the campus is now peaceful. "The government has sent some security reinforcement, including police; they are not always visible but they are there."—*ANN Staff*

◆ A Seventh-day Adventist **law professor** was sworn in as one of the 18 judges of the **International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague, Netherlands**, on January 17. **Dr Daniel Ntanda Nsereko** was most recently a professor of law at the **University of Botswana**. Previously, Dr Nsereko worked as a trial lawyer in Uganda, and was later

named an ICC bar counsel, which allowed him to represent clients at The Hague. Dr Nsereko, a prolific writer on international and criminal law and human rights, has taught related subjects at university level for more than 25 years. In 1996, the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law awarded Dr Nsereko a medal recognising his contributions to international human rights and criminal law reform. Dr Nsereko serves as an elder, Sabbath-school teacher and director of **Christian education** at the Broadhurst church in Gaborone, Botswana.—*ANN Staff*

# South Seas Museum sees change of management

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Adventist Heritage Centre of the South Pacific Division (SPD) has recently attained management of the South Sea Islands Museum collection in Australia.

Rose-Lee Power, the centre's curator, sees the change as a natural transition. "The centre collects, preserves and exhibits the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its entities in the region. The South Sea Islands Museum is an extension of what we do," she says.

The South Sea Islands Museum has been recognised by renowned curators as having the best private collection in the world. The museum displays a wide range of artefacts acquired by Adventist missionaries and others, dating from as far back as the 1800s.

Ms Power hopes to introduce changes to some of the museum displays this year and is searching for tapa cloth pieces from around the South Pacific as part of that.

Tapa cloth, made from the inner bark of certain trees, is one of the most distinctive products of the Pacific islands. With some 300,000 Adventist church members living in the South Pacific, Ms Power hopes to receive



Ms Power with some tapa cloth, which once belonged to Reuben Hare.

donations of tapa from them.

"We are looking for small pieces of tapa, about the length of a person's arm, to form part of a bigger display," says Ms Power. "We also accept bigger pieces, so donors should not cut their tapa up."

Ms Power also hopes to introduce displays about the activities and the impact of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific. The hunt is also on for Maori and early New Zealand missionary artefacts, documents and photographs. The museum currently has only one authentic Maori item in the collection.

—Melody Tan

More @ <http://heritage.adventistconnect.org/>

# Suspected arson damages church in NZ

MASTERTON, NEW ZEALAND

Two German shepherd dogs prevented the Masterton Adventist church from burning down, when they alerted their owner to billowing flames and smoke emanating from the church premises on January 27.

The church, on the corner of Archer Street and Park Avenue, was the latest target in a string of arson attacks in the town over the past month.

A Samoan group, which stores its music equipment at the church, was using the hall until 11 pm that night, only hours before it was set alight, said church deacon John Dyson.

"The fire was started outside the building but it got into the walls and loft, so the fire fighters had to take all the cladding out. The power is off as well because all the electrics are burnt out," said Mr Dyson.

Mr Dyson said the insurance assessors are still to inspect the building but the damage is likely to be in the tens of thousands.

Masterton Fire Service station officer Mike Cornford said the fire is being treated as suspicious.—Times Age

◆ A church made completely from ice in Romania has proved so popular it's had to ban candles to stop it from melting. Managers of the church in the Carpathian Mountains have been flooded with requests to carry out weddings and baptisms. So many services were taking place that the candles were burning almost nonstop, damaging the church interior. The 60 sq metre church was built near Balea Lake, 2033 metres above sea level, by local businessman Arnold Kingleis. He also built a nearby ice hotel. Inge Florea, spokesman for the ice church, said: "We have

been flooded with requests for baptism ceremonies, weddings or other religious events. It's a novelty for people and something special they can look back on." —Ananova

◆ Ending a long era of discrimination against non-Hindus, the government of India has cleared the way for all religious communities in every Indian state to legally adopt. Until now, Christians and other non-Hindus could only be "guardians" of adopted children and did not enjoy the full parenthood that Hindus had. It is estimat-

ed that only about 5000 children a year are adopted in India, even though there are more than 56 million orphaned and destitute children. "This has ended a long wait by the Christian community, which, for many years, has been urging the government to grant them the right to adopt," a representative of the Christian Legal Association said.—Ramon Williams

◆ A priest has seen his flock grow three-fold after he started offering parishioners money to attend Mass. Father Burkhard Westphal hands

out envelopes containing five euro notes to people who come to Sunday Mass at his church in Collinghorst, Germany. He said the usual number of people attending mass was about 60 but 189 turned up when word spread he would be giving out money. He said: "The aim is to provoke and raise interest in the church. I wanted to bring as many people as possible to talk about the Bible." He added that most people had put the money back during the collection anyway—adding, "God's message of giving seems to have got through to most."—Ananova

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# Flags remind president he's safe in home church

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

The newly-elected president of the South Pacific Division has been reminded he has a safe place to return during his tenure—his home church.

Members of Avondale College church prayed for Dr Barry Oliver on January 19 as he stood on stage with wife, Julie, between two red and yellow flags borrowed from the Soldiers Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

"These flags are symbols," said senior pastor, Dr Bruce Manners. "You swim between the flags and you're safe. Our gift to you is that we want this church to be a safe place."

"It is a safe place," replied Dr Oliver. "Thank you for the privilege of being part of this church."

Four members of the congregation prayed for the Olivers. Casey Herman, seven, represented the children, Leanne Kirby represented the parents and Dr Ray Roennfeldt, dean of the theology faculty and a colleague of Dr Oliver's when Dr

Oliver lectured at the college, the others.

Avril Lockton, as the wife of a husband who spends time away from home because of church work, prayed for Mrs Oliver. Dr Manners then appealed to the congregation to commit to making the church a safe place for everyone.

The Olivers have worshipped at Avondale for 23 years. "We've been nurtured and loved and cared for," said Dr Oliver, in reply to a question from Dr Manners about what the two now wanted from the church. "We don't want anything different."

Dr Manners said of the flags, "We were attempting to signal that whatever pressures were elsewhere, whatever roles Barry and Julie had to play in their new calling, they were safe in their home church. At home, we want them to relax and be who they are."

"I said to Barry this doesn't mean I, or we as a church, will always agree with decisions he and his administration makes. He replied he wouldn't always agree with decisions I make. But what we were committing to was bigger than this."—*Kristin Thiele*

# Land found for new Aboriginal school

BREWARRINA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A suitable location for the establishment of an Aboriginal school has been found in north-west New South Wales by the North New South Wales Conference (NNSW) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) representatives.

The property, currently known as Currawah Station, is situated 50 kilometres south of Brewarrina and fronts onto the Bogan River. Despite the drought, water levels remain high because of the land's proximity to a weir.

Since pastoring in the Burke area, Pastor John Lang, now NNSW Conference president, had the dream of establishing an education centre for Aboriginal young people in the region.

The school is planned to have a focus

on practical skills training. Steve Pieze, ATSIM director for the Australian Union Conference, says, "With this focus, it's fitting that the Aboriginal word 'Currawah' means 'fixer.'"

It is planned that the school will offer a Kindergarten to Year 10 education, and provide boarding facilities to students from upper primary levels onward. While it would follow the state syllabus, there would also be an emphasis on spiritual development and vocational training.

Pastor Murray Chapman, ATSIM director for the NNSW Conference, says, "We have seen many evidences of God's leading, which gives us confidence as we move along."

ATSIM leaders are excited about this venture and foresee that its success could lead to the establishment of similar schools in the country.—*Good News/Steve Piez*

# "Ucan2" Adventist church tells Australia about giving blood

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Seventh-day Adventists throughout Australia will appeal to the nation to donate blood to the Red Cross Blood Service in the lead-up to Easter this year.

It is hoped around 5000 Adventists in the country will take up this challenge and visit their local Australian Red Cross Blood Service Donor Centre throughout February and March, to help meet the nation's demand for 21,000 blood donations every week.

"As Christians, we decided to donate blood during the Easter period in remembrance of Jesus, who died and shed His blood in order to save humanity," says Pastor Chester Stanley, president of the Australian Union Conference. "Donating blood is something most people can do and so we want to appeal to every Australian that 'you can too.'"

The project has been initiated by the Adventist Media Network.

Dubbed the "Ucan2" campaign, the donations by Adventists in the lead-up to Easter will meet the increased demand for blood and blood products over the public holiday period.

Julie Psaralagos, National Communications and Public Affairs Manager for the Australian Red Cross Blood Service, has wished Seventh-day Adventists luck with the blood drive. "We are always looking for groups and organisations to get together to donate blood," she says. "Often people like to donate with friends, colleagues and fellow members, to catch up and give each other a bit of moral support."

Pastor Stanley emphasised that the blood drive will not be a once-off event. "Of course, Adventists will continue to donate blood regularly after Easter, too."

"One in three Australians will need blood or blood products during their lifetime. Adventists have a commitment to serving the community," he says.—*Melody Tan*

More @ <http://www.ucan2online.org.au>

# Preventing cancer

**T**HE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS TO reduce our cancer risk have just been released and the advice to limit our meat intake has strengthened.

The highly respected World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) has spent the past five years reviewing 7000 scientific studies to develop a series of recommendations that can reduce our cancer risk by between 30 and 40 per cent. The new report—known as the Expert Report—was prepared by 21 leading academics and updates the previous recommendations made by WCRF in 1997.

## So what did they find?

The evidence that red meat, especially processed meat, increases our cancer risk is now even stronger than previously thought. Red meat contains substances that are linked to colon cancer. Because of this, they recommend we limit red meat to no more than 500 grams per week and avoid processed meats, such as bacon, ham, salami, corned beef and some sausages, altogether.

They also found that since the 1997 recommendations, the evidence that alcohol increases cancer risks—including breast cancer—is much stronger. Because any amount of alcohol increases risk, the report urges caution and recommends that, if you do drink alcohol, to limit it to one standard drink a day for women and two for men.

For cancer protection, the report's advice is to eat a wide variety of vegetables and fruits every day, and to include wholegrains, such as brown rice, wholemeal bread, wholemeal pasta, and legumes, such as beans, lentils and chickpeas, at every meal. Along with these food recommendations, the report advises us to be physically active for at least 30 minutes every day and to maintain a healthy weight.

When looking at the WCRF recommendations, it is interesting to consider how similar they are to health advice for preventing other diseases, including heart disease and diabetes. The consistent message is that to enjoy good health and protection from serious disease, following an eating style based on minimally processed whole plant foods is definitely the way to go.

## Sanitarium's tips:

- Take snacks with you like fruit, nuts and wholegrain crackers to avoid having to buy takeaway foods.
- When preparing meals, make vegetables, whole grains and legumes the centre of the meal and try to think of meat as a side dish.
- Enjoy more meals without meat. To help you get creative with legumes, call us in Australia on 1800 HEALTH (1800 432 584) or 0800 100 257 in New Zealand.
- Make water your main drink. Try to take a water bottle with you when you go out and, if you do need to purchase a drink, avoid sugary drinks.
- Be as active as you can every day.

## Does being overweight affect your risk of developing cancer?

Yes, it does. According to the latest recommendations, our goal should be to be as lean as possible without being underweight. While this can seem a big challenge, if you are following the recommendations to reduce your risk—including basing most of what you eat on whole plant foods, limiting red meat, avoiding processed meat, takeaway foods and alcohol, and exercising every day—you will find your weight naturally drops to a healthier level.

## Is there any benefit to using supplements to protect against cancer?

The latest recommendations caution against the use of supplements because research shows that some supplements can, in fact, increase cancer risk. If you can, it is best to try to get all your nutrients from food. However, there are some groups of people for whom supplements are advisable—such as pregnant and breastfeeding women—so it is best to talk to your health-care provider. **R**

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## Spiced potato and lentil curry

- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 small Spanish onion, finely diced
- 1 red chilli, split lengthways, deseeded, diced (optional)
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tbsp ground coriander
- 1 tbsp ground turmeric
- 6 medium potatoes, cut into 5 mm thick slices
- 2 x 400g can lentils, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups vegetable stock

1. Place a medium-sized heavy based saucepan over medium heat and add oil. When oil is hot, add onion, chilli and garlic, and cook for 3-5 minutes.

2. Add ground spices and potatoes and cook for 5 minutes.

3. Add lentils and stock, then simmer for 20 minutes, or until potatoes are cooked and stock has evaporated. Serve with a green salad.

Serves 4.

*Per serve: 900kJ (215 Cal); Protein 10g; Total Fat 4g; Saturated Fat <1g; Carbohydrate 30g; Total Sugars 2g; Sodium 630mg; Potassium 905mg; Calcium 25mg; Iron 2.9mg; Fibre 7g.*





# Abandoned

BY LEEROY ELISHA

**S**TORIES OF BABIES ABANDONED SOON after their birth are far too common. But a few months ago, I was reading the *Sydney Morning Herald* online and came across separate news articles about three babies who had been abandoned by their respective mothers. The three separate incidents happened in three different locations in Australia at about the same time.

The first baby was found dead at a rubbish dump. According to the report, police were still attempting to find the mother. The second baby—Catherine—was abandoned in the psychiatric wing of a hospital. She was soon cared for. The third baby was found on the steps of a church in suburban Sydney. She was named Joan by those who found her and attempts were being made to encourage the mother to identify herself.

I wonder what thought processes went through the mind of each desperate mother as she planned how and where to abandon her child. Perhaps each mother acted out a worldview embedded within her.

The first baby was thrown on the rubbish dump—helpless, innocent and with no name or identity. It speaks of the value people place on a human being today. The unspoken rule is “if another life is a threat or will be a burden to you, you have the right to get rid of it.” Life is simply what you make of it and nothing more. Death is not seen as a curse but something that can be manipulated to one’s advantage.

I sympathise with the mother of the second baby. Her actions show that at least she

placed some value on the life of her child. She abandoned her at a strategic location. The hospital is not simply a service institution but is highly symbolic. It represents the structures and systems society has established over time, in attempting to meet various issues and problems we all face. For many today, these human institutions are their source of security and hope.

Finally, I can’t help but admire the action of the third mother. I believe that as she tried to deal with her predicament in confusion, there was only one place in the city that night where she was convinced she could abandon her baby with the certainty that her child would have a fair chance to grow up and live a meaningful life. It was on the doorstep of a church!

After reading the news, I thought of people around the world and the value we place on others’ lives. I asked myself, *Where am I placing my confidence and trust? Like those three mothers, where do I go to “abandon” my problems? Do I give up? Am I depending on human strength and wisdom? Do I see God as my source of help?*

Baby Joan’s cry for help on the steps of the church perfectly symbolises and echoes the cries of many people seeking meaning in life. They are searching for something or someone to meet their deepest needs. Although secular people may not publicly admit they need God, there are probably moments when they at least consider the thought that churches may have answers to the deep questions of life.

These news stories also remind me of a

story found in the Bible about a crippled man. The Bible says he was normally “carried to the temple gate called Beautiful . . . to beg from those going into the temple courts” (Acts 3:2, NIV). His friends knew where to strategically “abandon” their friend. It had to be at the temple gate. And their effort was rewarded but not as they expected. The crippled man received what he really needed. He received Jesus and was healed.

I don’t condone the acts of the three mothers and am shocked by such desperate decisions. But the story of little Joan and her mother reminds me of the primary role of my church: to seek and save the lost. Baby Joan is asking whether my church is one that is caring, loving and willing to accept those abandoned in life into our own families, church and society.

Is your church such that guilt-ridden sons and daughters of God could walk in with the certainty of finding love and acceptance?

Let us give hope to the hopeless. Let us pray that our eyes may be opened to the futility of trusting human devices and institutions. Rather, let us help them find Jesus as the ultimate source of true joy and hope, who will give them a second chance in life. **R**

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*Leeroy Elisha is from the Solomon Islands, currently studying at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines.*

# Local church: The Haven, Nelson, NZ

BY CHRISTINE MILES

**T**HE HAVEN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST church in Nelson (South Island, New Zealand) is on a mission. Their goal is to demonstrate Christ's character, make known His salvation and provide nurture. And they're actively doing exactly that: making their church a safe place for people in their community, introducing them to a God who cares about each one of them.

There's simplicity in the stories that people tell but there's also evidence of an Almighty Power at work, transforming the efforts of an ordinary church with a heart for God into a vibrant, caring community.

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Lorraine Rennie was, by her own admission, so good she didn't need church. Married to a church member, she visited occasionally over the years but saw no need for a relationship with God. Then her husband became unwell. Church members provided support in a myriad of ways, right to the end of his illness.

After her husband's death in 2005, Mrs Rennie wanted to thank the church. She volunteered to help provide breakfast for schoolchildren and later worked with the Sunday-night soup caravan.

In July 2006, Mrs Rennie was baptised. "They got me," she says cheerfully. "The fellowship is wonderful. I had always been a know-it-all but when I made the decision to have Bible studies and be baptised, I experienced such peace. I love the church so much."

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When Avon Wastney's wife joined the Salvation Army Quilters almost four years ago, he found himself at a midwinter Christmas dinner with other quilters and their husbands.

"One guy there owned three rest homes and did men's ministry at the Salvation

Army," Mr Wastney says. "Numbers were dwindling and he was growing discouraged. We ended up joining forces and now, our combined efforts provide an active ministry for men."

At MensZone, the blokes do real "bloke" things. Mr Wastney recalls the first MensZone evening. "We had a 'Blokesh'n'Sheds' night. We invited men we knew through our daily interactions and headed out to visit a guy who restores vintage cars and motorbikes. Our next stop was another shed, in which was stored an incredible model train set-up. The evening concluded with a five-minute spiritual talk over hot drinks."

The most recent event was a Christmas barbecue. "Eighty people attended the Christmas barbecue," Mr Wastney says. "There were heaps of non-Christian men, and their wives and kids. Father Christmas turned up on a John Deere [tractor], a full sit-down meal was provided and we sang Christmas carols together."

And MensZone is moving up a level in 2008. Not only will non-Christian men be included but plans are afoot to encourage teenage boys to join the group, in order to provide male role models to kids who might not otherwise get positive male input.

The relationship continues between the Salvation Army and the Seventh-day Adventist men. Each year, the men visit each other's church as a group. While the majority of community contacts end up at the Adventist church, there are also men who become regular attendees at the Salvation Army's worship services.

"We trust each other," Mr Wastney says. "Each group is sensitive to what the other believes and neither group will do anything to offend the other."

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Perhaps one of the most exciting spin-offs of the MensZone ministry is unchurched



*The Haven is focused on involving children, young people and members of the community in their worship services.*

men making The Haven their church home. Not only do the men become interested in studying the Bible and worshipping God, they bring their families with them.

People new to church culture often struggle with listening and learning, while also monitoring their children's behaviour. Their tendency was to bring their children to Sabbath school and not stay for the worship service. As a result, The Haven looked at how they "do church."

Children's ministries leader Susan Piket had a suggestion. Her plan included incorporating children's action songs and a story into the worship service. And, when the sermon begins, children up to the age of 10 are invited to go to the hall. While the parents listen to the sermon, the kids have their own Kids Club.

"It works," says head elder Tom Harvey, "because we are a church that is focused on making people feel at ease."

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The Haven has not always enjoyed idyllic times. Nearly a decade ago, the pastor was asked to leave and, for six years, the Nelson church kept its doors open, with church members preaching and leading. Other contentious issues saw one-quarter of members leave, and a mass resignation of the church board did nothing to improve morale. But, through it all, God was working for the Nelson church.

"At that time, there was an unpleasant spirit in the Nelson church," Mr Harvey remembers. "As part of the healing, we realised the function of our church needed to change. We agreed that our role was to

meet the needs of the community, rather than what we want for us. We realised we needed to have more humour, be more relaxed and spiritually focused, and maintain reverence.”

Several changes were made to The Haven’s worship style. Nobody sits up the front; participants come from the congregation. And the style of music has changed. There are two worship groups and young people lead the singing. A worship committee has planned each service for the past two years, so that when the preacher preaches, the people are ready to listen. And the pews have gone.

“We bought 126 padded chairs to replace the pews,” Mr Wastney says. “The pews will be recycled into coffee tables. The rows are slightly curved and there is no aisle down the middle. The atmosphere is more comfortable for everyone.

“I’m an old person; I was the organist,” Mr Wastney says. “And I have never experienced worship like it before. It’s great.”

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Two women were sent by God to provide for the Nelson church during the hard days. Lorraine Harvey stepped in at the deepest, darkest moment, stood behind the scenes, filled the gap and gave the members hope.

Alison McDonald was a recent law graduate. She had a passion for prayer ministry and encouraged the church members to keep a prayer diary, to meet once a week for prayer, and eventually established a team of 16 “prayer warriors.” It’s a ministry that has continued and is recognised as the engine room of their church.

Finding a volunteer “pastor” became a matter of prayer. They had a succession of short-term volunteers but decided the time was right to look for a volunteer with more maturity.

More prayer followed. And, in 2004, God sent their volunteer from the other side of the world. Phil Leenhouders is a trained but unordained minister. He’s honest about his past; he’s positive about his future. When he was asked to provide a strategic plan, he said, “I will visit the people and the Lord will bring them along.”

And that is what happened. Mr Leenhouders’ specific focus is networking—encouraging and empowering people to tell people, and creating contacts from

the activities The Haven does.

“We haven’t run a typical evangelistic campaign,” he says, “yet the church continues to grow through networking. It’s people talking about church.

“Our church members are happy to bring the people they meet to church. They’re not reserved or restrained. Visitors are comfortable and happy to go on to Bible studies.”

His method is simple. Usually, he does personal visits and Bible studies in people’s homes. There is a class for new believers at church. He plans to train church members to do Bible studies in the near future, and there are plans afoot to establish a preschool and a young mums group.

“The people who comprise The Haven are tolerant, progressive and visionary,” Mr Leenhouders says. “They are not afraid to do new things.”

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Some churches have an ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) caravan but The Haven’s caravan could be the most-used. With a \$NZ67,000 refit, it has become a vital piece of equipment at emergencies and community events alike.

The Rural Fire Service, Civil Defence (in conjunction with the Salvation Army) and Search and Rescue all use the caravan with the support of The Haven. “It’s about creating networks,” says Mr Wastney who, with his wife, has played a vital role in the development of the ADRA caravan in their community. “People want to know who ADRA is, who runs ADRA and why. We go on training exercises and have to be able to function in all conditions. We’re considered professionals.

“It’s about growing God’s kingdom,” says Mr Wastney. “We want people to be familiar with our name and comfortable with us as a church, so that one day they’ll take that next step and want to know God.”

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Another special project The Haven began last year is its community counselling centre. Determined to be a church that



Members of The Haven serve breakfast at a local primary school.

is relevant to their community, a need was seen for Christian counselling.

Jeff Leenhouders has been an addiction counsellor for the past 20 years. While working at the Alcohol and Drug Centre in Nelson, he was invited to work with the new Community Counselling Centre. It was an opportunity he grabbed with both hands. “A Christian outlook affects self-image—the ability to forgive, love and so much more,” Jeff says. “It is good to be able to counsel people in the context of their whole being—physical, mental, social and spiritual.”

Peter Buzzard is chairman of The Haven Community and Counselling Centre. He’s also a local police officer. “Without God in the equation,” he says, “people are never going to get on top of addictions, depression and the resulting behaviours. By the grace of God, The Haven aims to fill a gap.”

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“What we do isn’t a program,” says Mr Wastney. “It’s a friendship. Our method doesn’t come from a book and it costs little besides time.”

When a church nearly doubles in numbers in the space of three years, when the church members are focused on the needs of their community, when the desire to serve is greater than the desire to be served, and when a relationship with God is the ultimate goal, it is obvious there’s something going on beyond the strength of regular humans.

Talk to the church members and they’re quick to identify the source of strength. “It’s the Holy Spirit at work.” **R**

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*Christine Miles writes from Auckland, New Zealand.*

# School disappointment

ROBERT WAREHAM, QLD

It is with disappointment that I learned of the closing of Warburton Adventist School, following 100 years of continuous operation. As a past student of this institution, I write with a certain amount of sentiment but also with a strong sense of professional concern. I am a practising teacher with 29 years of continuous experience in Adventist schools—a school system that I believe in.

My conviction regarding the eternal value of our church schools has only grown stronger with the passing of time. I know we have faults but I also know, without a shadow of a doubt, that God works in our classrooms to reach young lives for His kingdom.

I suspect God has also led us down a pathway where we now enrol a significant proportion of non-churched people into our

schools. I have seen numbers of such young people, even whole families, take a stand for their Saviour and be baptised—all as a result of the Holy Spirit working through the connection with our schools.

Adventist schools can be a powerful presence in the community for the saving power of the gospel, and the potential

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influence of a Spirit-led church and a school community working together is beyond our imagination. There are significant challenges associated with maintaining programs of such value but to hear of the closing of one of our schools, when it seems there were enough enrolments on the books to continue as a scaled-down operation, concerns me greatly.

**RESPONSE: BRIAN MERCER, DIRECTOR OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION, VICTORIAN CONFERENCE**

It grieves us to close any school but the decision was carefully made by the Board of Directors of SDA Schools (Victoria) Ltd, given the considerable financial constraints we are currently facing. We have also made every effort to provide a viable alternative, namely Edinburgh Adventist Primary School (EAPS) and have arranged specific assistance for this transition. As a result, more than 70 per cent of Warburton Christian School 2008 enrollees are now attending EAPS.

Our plan for Adventist education in Victoria is to place our new schools strategically in growth corridors to enable us to reach an even greater number of students with Adventist Christianity. This mean more students and their parents may be found in God's kingdom.

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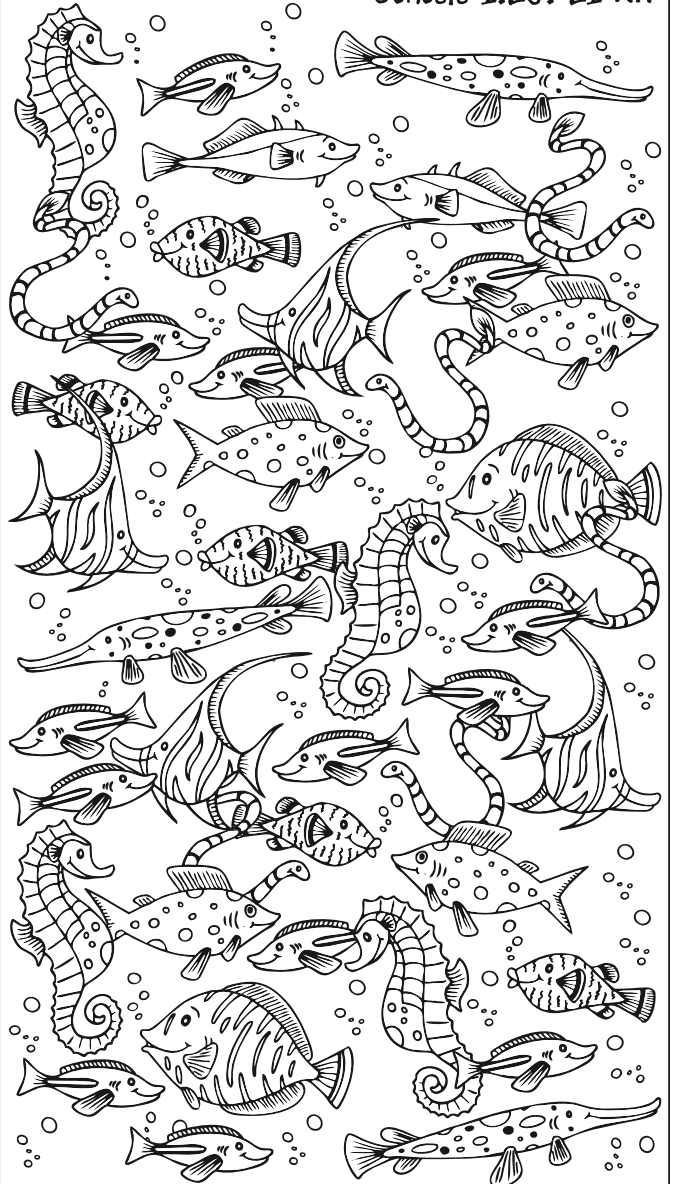
# Record Roo



Hi kids!  
This week we're looking at day 5 of Creation. Do you know what God created on the 5th day? Find out by reading Genesis 1:20-24.

## Bible Text

And God said, "Let the \_\_\_\_\_ teem with living creatures..." So God \_\_\_\_\_ the great creatures of the \_\_\_\_\_ and every living and moving thing with which the water teems...  
Genesis 1:20. 21 NIV



## Puzzle

How many different kinds of underwater creatures are there in the picture?

Answer: 8 different kinds

Peta Taylor

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## Appreciation

**Andrew,** Frieda Elizabeth. Libby, Peter and Joy, Glenn, Greg and Suzanne, Alexander, and Natasha, wish to sincerely thank all for your expressions of sympathy and love at the passing of our beloved Aunty Frieda. Your prayers, cards and beautiful floral tributes meant so very much to each of us. We, as so many do, now look forward to the Resurrection.

**Chapman,** Christopher Bevan. Jan, Neroli, Adele, Lorena and Verity, Gary, Ross, Brian and families would like to thank everyone

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who has been so kind following Chris's death. Your prayers, phone calls, cards and food have all been greatly appreciated.

## Weddings

**Bainbridge—Blow.** Garth Bainbridge and Aleta Blow, both from South Africa, were married on 8.12.07 in Fox Valley church.

Roger Henley

**Benard—Morgan.** Christopher Benard, son of Mark and Carolyn Benard, and Kellie Fiona Morgan, daughter of Tony and Debbie Morgan, were married on 7.1.08 under a beautiful big tree at the heritage-listed Wolston House, Wacol, Qld, surrounded by family and friends.

Andre van Rensburg

**Brown—Swift.** Cyril Brown (Nowra, NSW), and Ivy Swift (Gympie, Qld), were married on 16.12.07 in Gympie church.

Malcolm Potts

**Clark—Howe.** Chadwick Colin Clark, son of Colin and Gail Clark (Cooranbong, NSW),



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and Pollah Howe, daughter of Sarin Howe and Khouern By (Siem Reap, Cambodia), were married on 18.1.08 and 19.1.08 at the bride's home and in the Sombua church, Siem Reap. Many family and friends from Australia, Thailand and Cambodia attended.

Tim Maddocks

**Hortop—Ballard.** Paul Stuart Hortop, son of Kerry Hortop (Morisset Park, NSW) and the late Pamela Hortop, and Marilyn Victoria Ballard, daughter of Linda Folmar (Nashville, Tennessee, USA), were married on 4.12.07 in a garden wedding at Castle Hill, NSW.

Kerry Hortop

**Hortop—McGovern.** Mark Andrew Hortop, son of Kerry Hortop (Morisset Park, NSW) and the late Pamela Hortop, and Andrea McGovern, daughter of Gary and Lolita McGovern (Ettalong Beach), were married on 9.12.07 at Pearl Beach.

Kerry Hortop

**Keddell—Creek.** Paul Keddell, son of Eric and Margaret Keddell (Millgrove, Vic), and Kim Creek, daughter of Robert and Kay Creek (Doncaster East), were married on 23.12.07 in the International of Brighton, Brighton.

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**Parkinson—Lynn.** Gary Phillip Parkinson, son of George and Gwenyth Parkinson (Young, NSW), and Allison Jane Lynn, daughter of Robert and Susan Lynn (Richmond Hill), were married on 6.1.08 in Alstonville church.

Ernie Krause

**Quintal—Christie.** Laurie Nathan Quintal and Carol Lesley Christie were married on 30.12.07 at Tumbulgum, NSW.

Colin Dunn

**Tewes—Raymond.** Craig Tewes, son of Terry and Lyn Tewes (Toowoomba, Qld), and Arlia Raymond, daughter of Michael and Robyn Raymond (Dakabin, Qld), were married on 23.9.07 in St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.

Roger Henley

## Obituaries

**Baker,** Lois Elsie (nee Cramp), born 25.7.1924 at Huntly, NZ; died 12.12.07 at Naenae. In 1966, Lois married Pastor Frank Baker, who predeceased her. She is survived by Janice Elsie Tenberge (Lower Hut) and Donald McKeating (Brisbane, Qld). She died peacefully after a period of illness. She is sadly missed by her family and many friends.

Lawrence Lane

**Bartley,** Gladys May (nee Hampson), born 18.12.1931 at Woodburn, NSW; died 21.12.07 at Byron Bay. In March 1951, she married Lambert (Bert) Joseph Bartley, who predeceased her on 28.8.1997. She is survived by her daughters, Annette Croudson (Toowoomba, Qld) and Gail Willmott (Mackay); her son, Ron (Mullumbimby, NSW); her brothers, Ron Hampson (Ballarat, Vic), and Mervyn (Hervey Bay, Qld); her 10 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and her nephew, Warwick Hampson (Clunes, NSW) who was largely cared for by Glad and Bert. After her schooling in Sydney, Glad's family moved to Mullumbimby in 1950. Following her marriage, she helped grow bananas and small crops. A real battler, Glad survived a cerebral haemorrhage and fought several forms of cancer. A dedicated, happy church worker, Glad

loved her family and the Lord, and confidently looked forward to Jesus' return.

*Ernie Krause*

**Bending,** Beryl Adelaide, born 19.3.1925 in Melbourne, Vic; died 19.12.07 in Coronella Nursing Home, Nunawading. On 9.12.1944, she married Des. She was predeceased by her son, Jeffrey, in 1964. She is survived by her husband (Nunawading); and her children, Bryan (Melbourne), Laraine Boulton (Melbourne), Neil (Brisbane, Qld), David (Melbourne, Vic) and Daryl (Hong Kong). Many relatives and friends gathered at the Dandenoong church to celebrate Beryl's life. She is now at rest after a prolonged illness. Family and friends spoke glowingly of Beryl's influence on their lives and she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

*Darrell Croft*

**Beveridge,** Elma May (nee Smith), born 28.3.1918 at Metung, Vic; died 19.7.07 in Lakeview Aged Care, Lakes Entrance. On 18.10.1938, she married Frank in the family home at Clyde Bank, who predeceased her in 1966. She was also predeceased by her sons, Alan and Campbell, and her daughter, Barbara. She is survived by her children, Ann, Donald, Roger, Robyn, Ross, and adopted son, David; her 28 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Alice Bartlett (Qld). Elma attended Bayles church for at least 40 years and held the position of church clerk for quite a few years. She was affectionately known to many as Grandma and loved gardening and sharing what she had grown. Elma's gift of hospitality, humble kindness and love of God has blessed thousands through her extraordinary family. She always said she could not wait for the Second Coming. Elma will be very sadly missed.

*Bud Beaty*

**Coetzee,** Edith Wilhelmina, born 9.12.1916 in South Africa; died 7.1.08 in Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. She was predeceased by her son, Stephen, in 1959, and her husband, John, in 1994. She is survived by her son and his wife, John and Peggy (USA); her daughters and their husbands, Dawn and Ray Jerrard (Cooranbong, NSW), and Jennifer and Johan Birkenstock (South Africa); her five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Baptised by Pastor Alvin Cook in South Africa in 1959, Edith has been a devoted, loyal Adventist, much loved by family and friends. Her life has been marked by good deeds, and spiritual and practical help to others. Her faith in Jesus and her hope of Resurrection were inspiring.

*Jim Beamish, Ray Jerrard  
Gilberto Dias*

**Dowson,** William (Bill) Joseph, born 27.2.1928 at Wonthaggi, Vic; died 18.12.07 in Mildura Base Hospital after a long illness. On 24.12.1961, he married Annette Dew of Daretton, NSW, at the Mildura church, Vic. He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Sharon; his sons, Christopher and Wayne; their spouses; and six grandchildren. Bill loved his wife, children and grandchildren dearly. He was a carpenter who took pride in his work and loved

working with wood. He was laid to rest in the Merbion Cemetery.

*Frank Tassone, Calvin Redman*

**Eiszele,** Leslie Harold, born 12.2.1926 at New Norfolk, Tas; died 8.9.07 at Snug, Tas. He is survived by his wife, Vi; his three sons and their spouses, Raymond and Sharon, Graeme and Julie, and Ian and Leonie; his 11 grandchildren; and his nine great-grandchildren. For years, Les decorated the Margate church, Tas, with beautiful flowers from his prolific garden, which produced six new roses recognised by the International Registration Authority for Roses. As a legacy, he named them after his sister, Corralyn; and his granddaughters, Diana, Laura, Melanie, Carolyn and Maria. Les was loved by his church, loved his Lord and family, and along with Vi, we'll look for him in the gardens of heaven.

*Graeme Brown*

**Kerk,** Jane, born 12.7.1920 at Mt Morgan, Qld; died 22.12.07 in Capricorn Adventist Retirement Village, Yeppoon, Qld. In 1941, she married Bert, who predeceased her on 20.7.07. She is survived by her sisters, Gladys Plahn and Jessie Stokes; and her children, Bert, Maureen Hatherly and Stephen. In 1946, Jane was baptised into the Rockhampton church, where she remained a member for 61 years. Jane loved to talk about the soon return of Jesus and eagerly looked forward to the Second Coming with great faith and hope. She is sadly missed by her family and friends, who look forward to the great reunion when the Lord returns.

*Alvin Colheart*

**Oakes,** Marjorie (nee Darvill), born 28.8.1911 at Coleshill, Buckinghamshire, UK; died 5.1.08 peacefully in Fremantle Hospital, WA. On 17.6.1937, she married Albert Edward "Ted" Oakes at Clapham and they immigrated to Australia on 29.7.1949. She was predeceased by her husband on 29.11.1995. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Wendy and Ron Millen, Linda and George Drinkall, Leonard and Matti, Rosemary and Reijo Karvinen, Victor and Robyn, and Julie and James Sutherland; her 16 grandchildren; and her 18 great-grandchildren. Their first contact with Adventism was at a mission program run by pastors Stuart Uttley and John Wade, which led to their baptism and membership at Queens Park church, then later, Gosnells and Rossmoynne. She loved her Lord and died in the certain hope of the Resurrection.

*George Drinkall*

**Pontey,** Edworth Alexander, born 17.12.1916 at Paddington, NSW; died 14.1.08 of cancer in the Mater Hospice, Newcastle. He was predeceased by his first wife, Ellen, in 1949. On 31.1.1953, he married Martha Wroblewski. He is survived by his wife (Mt Hutton, NSW); his children and their spouses, Peter and Annette (Charlestown), and Hetty and Noel Cislowski (Roseville); his four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Ed was a foundation member of the Charlestown church. He was a builder who loved Australian poetry and became a renowned raconteur.

*Graeme Loftus*

**Pratt,** Theodora Gilberta, born 4.6.1917 at Korumburra, Vic; died 1.1.08 in the Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. In 1960, Theo attended Geoff Ratcliffe's City Mission in Melbourne, took Bible studies with Pastor Austin Fletcher and was baptised. From 1971 to 1987, she worked in the Sydney Adventist Hospital and eventually retired to Rosedale Retirement Village and then to the Adventist Retirement Village in Cooranbong. Theo was skilled in the culinary arts, loved reading and good music, and travelled throughout Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. She died strong in the faith that Jesus will soon come again to bestow the crown of righteousness on her as one who cherished that blessed hope.

*Austin Fletcher*

**Robbie,** Francis Alexander, born 14.11.1923 in Melbourne, Vic; died 1.12.07 in Wyong Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Enid (Dorrington) (Bonnells Bay); his son, Terry (Skipton, Vic); his daughters, Gailyn Wood (Numurkah, Qld) and Laurel Hay (Bonnells Bay, NSW); their spouses, 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. To these precious family members we extend our condolences and the assurance of the glorious Resurrection day.

*Bert Godfrey, Clive Nash*

**Roberts,** Robert Leslie, born 10.11.1915 in Melbourne, Vic; died 7.12.07 in Hobart, Tas. On 18.8.1940, he married Dorothea Joan, who predeceased him on 2.5.1992. On 14.9.1993, he married Diana. He is survived by his wife (Blackmans Bay, Tas); his children, Jenese West (Bellerive), Shirley Bolton (Oxley, ACT), and Geoff (Wanniassa, ACT). Les joined the SDA church in 1940 through the ministry of WMR Scragg, and was active throughout his life as a lay preacher, teacher, writer and long-serving member of the church executive committee. He designed and oversaw the construction of the Margate church and saw it grow to its present vibrant membership. He lived a very active and healthy life right up to the last six months. He will be greatly missed by his family and his church family.

*Alfredo Campos*

**Robinson,** Audrey Elizabeth, born 25.5.1925 at Merewether, NSW; died 8.1.08 in John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle. She is survived by her children, Patricia, Elizabeth, Maureen, Raymond and John (all of Newcastle); and her three grandchildren. Audrey was a kind, caring, practical lady, whose hope was firmly centred in Christ. She loved to share her belief in the statement "God is caring."

*Kevin Amos*

**Roy,** Glenn Donald, born 22.2.1922 at Cooranbong, NSW; died 11.11.07 in the Wyong Hospital. In 1944, he married Joan Gall in Brisbane, Qld. He is survived by his wife; his sons, Anthony (Tony) and Trevor; his older brother, Ron; his younger brother, Bob; his sisters, Ivy Butler and Valda Blair; his four grandsons; three granddaughters and six great-grandchildren. Since retirement, Glenn and Joan have lived in Cooranbong, spending the last three years as residents of Avondale Retirement Village.

*Gavan Grosser*

**Smith,** Vera Constance (nee Aldred), born 5.2.1911 at Auckland, NZ; died 7.1.08 at Victoria Point, Qld. On 30.8.1937, she married Gordon Smith, who predeceased her on 13.4.1983, aged 98. Vera's sweet smile, her patience under suffering, and her daily experience with God prepared her to meet the Saviour on Resurrection day.

*Neil Tyler, Gordon Gilbert*

**Totenhofer,** Dallas, born 6.4.1918 in North Sydney, NSW; died 1.11.07 in Toronto, Canada. She is survived by her sister, Pearl Toepfer (Cooranbong, NSW); and her brother, Lindsay Totenhofer (Clacton-on-Sea, England). Dallas served as secretary at Signs Publishing Company, Sanitarium Health Foods (Cooranbong, Adelaide), the South Pacific Division, and North York Branson Hospital as payroll supervisor until her retirement. She was completely dedicated to her church and her God. She visited Australia every three years while her parents were alive, then at regular intervals to see her sister. A memorial service was held at Willowdale church, Canada, on 7.11.07 and her ashes were buried in her mother's grave in Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong, NSW, on 16.1.08. A dedicated, caring, loving daughter, sister, aunt and friend. Reliable, honest, humble, sincere and intelligent, the world could use more like her.

*Ken Schander, Elma Coombe*

**Townend,** Irene Barbara (nee Maberly), born 26.6.1915 in Sydney, NSW; died 10.12.07 in the Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong. On 25.10.1937, she married Austin Townend, who predeceased her on 27.10.04. She was also predeceased by her son, Wayne, on 15.5.1977. She is survived by her brother, Dr Norman Maberly (Angwin, California, USA); her children and their spouses, Calvyn and Dawn (Morisset), Leonnee and Rod Allum (Port Macquarie), Colleen and Eric White (Castle Hill), Bill and Robina (Singapore), and Don and Glenis Dickins (Northmead); her 14 grandchildren; and her 18 great-grandchildren. She was a supportive partner in ministry and a resourceful, caring homemaker, providing a refuge for the extended family. She will also be remembered for her craft work, love of animals and unassuming dedication to the Lord. She now rests in Avondale Cemetery, awaiting the call of Jesus.

*Bill Townend, Calvyn Townend  
Eric White*

**Wegener,** Joan (nee Kakoschke/Carrick), born 6.9.1928 at Burra, SA; died 6.1.08 in Glenhaven, Sydney, NSW. She was predeceased by her husband, Cliff, in 1977. She is survived by her sisters, Lois Sinclair (Sydney), Shirley Kimpton (Melbourne, Vic), Joy, Elaine and Rhonda (SA); her brothers, David (Buderim, Qld), Colin and Owen (SA); her children, Graham (Sydney, NSW), Rodney (Auckland, NZ), Clinton (Lake Macquarie), Jillian Nolan (Sydney), and Mark (Sydney); and her 16 grandchildren. Along with her interest and love of gardens, Joan had an empathy for others that was seen by her involvement with the child adoption program operated by Pastor Hon in the 1960s. Many of these children eventually became an important part of her extended family. Her life was one that revolved around her church and her faith in Jesus

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