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ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

On June 14, the South Australian Conference held its second annual "Kids Rally," attended by more than 70 children from all over Adelaide and the Riverland. The theme of the rally was "Look to Jesus," and the children spent time listening to special presentations, making craft projects, playing and singing.

The "Kids Rally" was held at the Prospect International Adventist church, and children were encouraged to have fun as they learned more about trusting Jesus. Pastor David Edgren, associate editor at Signs Publishing Company, was the guest

speaker and "thrilled" the children with his stories about looking to Jesus, how a boy's lunch fed 5000 people and how Jesus helped Peter walk on water.

Games helped the children understand trust, and the crafts section gave them the opportunity to colour and decorate a picture of Jesus walking on the water, to take home as a reminder of the day. At the end of the singing, games and interaction, the children were given a "boat" made of half an apple, with a cheese "sail" and jelly baby "Jesus" to eat on the way home.

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In a world created and loved by God, beauty is never pointless.

Consider beauty

IN *BREATH*, THE MOST RECENT NOVEL by Australian writer Tim Winton, one of the characters describes his first glimpse of surfing and compares it with the apparent absence of beauty in the everyday world of Australian masculinity: “I couldn’t have put words to it as a boy, but later I understood what seized my imagination that day. How strange it was to see men do something beautiful. Something pointless and elegant, as though nobody saw or cared. . . . We never spoke about the business of beauty . . . but for me there was still the outlaw feeling of doing something graceful, as if dancing on water was the best and bravest thing a man could do.”

But, in describing surfing as “pointless and beautiful,” perhaps Winton misses the point of beauty—that in a world created and loved by God, beauty is never pointless. Beginning with a creation that was “excellent in every way” (Genesis 1:31*) to the Old Testament poetry that exults in the wonders of the Creator and to Jesus’ pointing to the flowers on the hillside (see Matthew 6:28-30), beauty is always a glimpse of the power, goodness and love of God, and an awakened appreciation of beauty a step toward connecting with that reality.

The pointedness of beauty is why theologian N T Wright insists on beauty as a key component of what the church should be pursuing in the world: “the church should reawaken its hunger for beauty at every level. This is essential and urgent. It is essential to Christian living that we should

celebrate the goodness of creation, ponder its present brokenness, and, insofar as we can, celebrate in advance the healing of the world, the new creation itself. . . . The arts are not the pretty but irrelevant bits around the border of reality. They are highways into the centre of a reality which cannot be glimpsed, let alone grasped any other way” (*Simply Christian*).

In our churches and communities, we need to find ways to encourage art in its many forms. Our church foyers can be exhibition spaces; our worship can be more than just singing and speaking; our artists need our prayers and practical support; our engagement with our community can include shared projects of creativity and beautification.

We need to make space for our painters and photographers, sculptors and poets, novelists and filmmakers, musicians and storytellers, dancers and actors, scrapbookers and knitters, designers and animators. In turn, our artists must be serious and joyous, honest but redemptive and hopeful.

But our understanding of beauty also needs to expand beyond the arts, to encompass so many other things we easily take for granted. Beauty is also created by our gardeners and cooks, our builders and homemakers, our tree planters and professionals, our carers and counsellors, our surfers and explorers, our mothers and friends.

And we are all part of it: there is engage-

ment with beauty—and a contribution to it—in any moment of recognising and appreciating something beautiful. Then, in pointing out or sharing beauty with another, we become evangelists of beauty and thus agents of the kingdom of God.

As human beings, we create in these and many other ways because God created, continues to create and will re-create a world in which beauty is never pointless: “He has surrounded you with beauty to teach you that you are not placed on earth merely to delve for self, to dig and build, to toil and spin, but to make life bright and joyous and beautiful with the love of Christ—like the flowers, to gladden other lives by the ministry of love” (Ellen White, *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*).

Because of the reality of Jesus and His resurrection, and the promises of God and the hope they give us, we are part of a new kind of life in the world and “nothing [we] do for the Lord is ever useless” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

This includes the creation or appreciation of beauty, which we might otherwise be tempted to consider pointless. Amid the pain, fears and sorrows of life, perhaps “dancing on water”—or whatever your creative gift or passion—is among the best and bravest things a Christian can do.

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SPD web network connects

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

In one year, more than 150,000 unique visitors have visited the 949 websites belonging to Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools, conferences and various ministries of the South Pacific Division (SPD).

The SPD Web Network project was launched on July 21 last year and features interconnecting individual websites. It is an initiative of Adventist Media Network (AMN), and the websites were provided free of charge for 12 months to churches, schools, conferences and ministries thanks to the annual Media Evangelism offering collected last year.

Many local churches have already reaped the benefits of having their own websites.

“At Riverlands, we have proof of the value of having a website,” Stew Presnall, webmaster of the Riverlands Adventist church website, wrote to AMN. “Three weeks ago, a family who had become believers in the Sabbath attended our worship service. They wanted to find a Sabbathkeeping church to attend, so they searched on the net, found our site, came to church and have attended the following two Sabbaths. The father has also joined a prophecy seminar that was just about to start. We’re thrilled.

That’s easy evangelism.”

With 400 news and events items being published every month, news from Seventh-day Adventist administrative offices and churches in places such as Vanuatu and French Polynesia have increased, facilitating the exchange of information within the South Pacific more regularly than before.

The introduction of the web network and the ease with which churches are able to use the websites has increased communication, enabling churches to share information with members, the local community and the wider church as well.

According to Scott Wegener, web developer of Adventist Media Network, the Web Network Project has proven beneficial in promoting ministry resources in the SPD. “Ministries such as the Adventist Discovery Bible school, *Signs of the Times* and the *Sabbath School Bible Study Guides* and podcasts, to name a few, have all seen an increase in exposure and traffic as a direct result of their ‘plug in’ being shown on church websites,” he says. “One year on and we are even more convinced the Web Network project needs to continue.”

The netAdventist software used to operate the Web Network Project will be upgraded to Version 3 at the end of this year. Besides providing better flexibility and



Adventist websites in the South Pacific Division have attracted more than 150,000 visitors in the past year.

new features, it will also enable the SPD to collaborate with other divisions using netAdventist around the world, and further develop the software to the SPD’s needs.

Churches or entities that have not signed up to the South Pacific Web Network project can do so at <<http://web.adventist-connect.org>>.

Part of the funds collected from the annual Media Evangelism offering this year will continue to go toward meeting the costs of providing the fully-functional websites free for 12 months, including hosting requirements.—**Melody Tan**

The annual Media Evangelism offering that will help fund the Web Network Project will be collected in churches today.



◆ The tragedy that left hundreds of thousands homeless or dead in Burma (Myanmar) was made more real to the students of **Carmel Adventist College, WA**, in a recent assembly. **Moo Poe** (pictured left) is a Karen student who fled from Burma to Australia a few years ago as a refugee, and spoke of her home country and the persecution she and her family have

endured. She also wanted Carmel to help those in her home country trying to survive the devastation. In response, Carmel students had a free-dress day to raise much-needed funds that could be used by the Adventist Development Relief Agency. More than **\$A1400** was collected to go toward those in need. **Pastor Glenn Townend**, WA Conference president (pictured right) thanked students for putting the needs of others first when he visited the College in June.—**Gavin Williams**

◆ Two members of **Warwick**

church, Qld, have been voted onto the leadership team of the Country Women’s Associate (CWA) in Queensland. **Betty Flint** is the incoming president of Emu Vale CWA. **Jenny Whitshed** is the secretary of the Emu Vale branch and the divisional secretary of the Border Region. The CWA helps improve conditions for country women and children, especially in rural and remote Australia.—**Ursula Borgas**

◆ On June 25, students at **Brookdale Adventist School, WA**, were able to give a little of their time for



their community. They helped plant more than **600 native trees** and shrubs in Fletcher Park, Wungong. The seedlings were raised by a local nursery, using seeds gathered from the same site. “It was a great afternoon and an excellent way for the students to demonstrate their caring toward their environment,” says principal **Tanya Hort**.—**RECORD staff/Tanya Hort**

NZPUC pumps churches up for prayer

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) has called for church members to unite in prayer as part of worship services on August 2, in response to the rising costs of fuel prices, mortgages and rent in the country.

“New Zealanders, and many people around the world, are facing one of the toughest times in history,” says NZPUC president Pastor Jerry Matthews. “The rising cost of fuel has had a snowball effect on costs of living everywhere. Families are struggling to cope financially and it’s time the church sought the Lord in prayer collectively.”

The focus for prayer on this day will not only be for relief for families who are struggling financially but, also, for advances in alternative-energy sources and more responsible use of the world’s natural resources.

The NZPUC is asking church members to commence praying at 11.30 am (NZST). The invitation is also extended to church members in the South Pacific Division and around the world.

“This is a global crisis and we welcome as many people to pray as possible,” says Pastor Matthews.



Church members are being called on to pray about petrol prices.

The event will also be an opportunity for the church to connect with its local community through practical means. Churches are encouraged to ask members to bring canned food and blankets to church, and organise for the collection to be forwarded to local charities or food banks.

A forum has also been set up to enable church members to go online, in order to discuss and share practical ways to help local communities. Resources to help with the promotion are also available for download.

“We want to show the community that we’re praying Christians, who love our country and care for people,” says Pastor Matthews.—*Melody Tan*

More @ <http://tinyurl.com/5r8vtu>

Adventists part of SI week of prayer

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

The Solomon Islands Christian Association launched the country’s National Week of Prayer, at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Kukum on June 30. The service was conducted by members of the local church.

The week of prayer ran from June 30 to July 8, with programs conducted each day from 7 am to 8 am at the national showground. A prayer chapel was also run at the grounds, with people praying throughout the day and evening for the Solomon Islands. The event ties in with the Solomon Islands’ “Year of the Bible,” launched in February this year. Prayer sessions were also conducted in the evenings, on the special stage set up at the showgrounds for “Year of the Bible.”

Other programs during the week included the “Reaffirmation of peace and reconciliation” ceremony at Lawson Tama on July 2, along with the launch of a Pidgin Bible on July 6, at St Barnabas Cathedral.

Martha Matzke, of Solomon Islands Translation Advisory Group, said the launch of the Pidgin Bible is an important achievement for the country, as it will give people access to the Bible in a language they easily understand.—*Solomon Star News*



◆ Over nine weeks, primary school students at **Central Coast Adventist School (CCAS)** have collectively run more than **4000 kilometres**, raising **\$A4186** in sponsorship. Children from K to Year 6 raised the money to support Variety, The Children’s Charity. CCAS primary teacher **Brenda Lambert** (pictured) and **Robyn Cockburn** (manager of Sanitari-

um Café, Brisbane) will again be driving “**Candy**,” their cupcake car, in the Variety Bash this year. They will drive approximately 4000 kilometres, with more than 100 other cars, to South Australia and Victoria, visiting many schools and taking gifts to many children along the way. In addition to raising sponsorship by running, other students have taken the initiative to raise additional funds in support of this cause. **Tayla Hunt** and **Rebecca Maini**, students in Year 5, raised \$A110 by coordinating a jelly-bean guessing competition at school. Students in Year

3 planned lunchtime novelty events, such as “The Cupcake Tin Coin Toss,” “Ten Pin Cupcakes” and “Pin the Cherry on the Cupcake.” These activities raised a further \$A80.—*Brenton Luchow*

◆ Recently, 15 students from **Avondale Primary School, NSW**, travelled to Sydney to compete in the **Sydney Academy of Chess competition**, which was part of the **Education Expo**. The team, made up of students from Years 2–6, made a strong component of the 300 students entered from other schools. **Jonathon Ginn** (10)

and **Keldan Chapman** (12) both achieved outstanding results, winning five of seven games. Keldan was also awarded first in the 12-Year Age Division. The students put in their best efforts and demonstrated high levels of sportsmanship. Apart from the opportunity to challenge skills and gain competitive experience, students enjoyed the day.—*Susan Rogers*

◆ Young people from **Eight Mile Plains church, Qld**, were recently joined by other Brisbane youth for **Camp Connect**, on the

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ JULY 19—MEDIA EVANGELISM OFFERING

New ministry for men in Western Australia

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A new men's ministry network in the Western Australian Conference hosted its first official planning meeting on June 28 at the Fremantle Adventist church, to decide on the ministry's mission and goals.

The idea for the new ministry was conceived at the conference's Easter campmeeting. A men's breakfast has been held at the camp for the past few years and this year, a group of men met to consider increasing the amount being done for men in the conference.

WACMEN—standing for Western Australian Conference Men's E-News—was one of the ideas put forward. The concept is a monthly email newsletter, designed to link church men throughout the state and provide support to them.

Danny Bell, who works for All Families Mediation and Counselling services and as part-time chaplain at the Bunbury primary school, edits the WACMEN newsletter. He chaired the first meeting and presented a basic mission model.

Mr Bell says, "The model was discussed and refined to reflect a basic two-pronged approach: to reach out and take the gospel to all men—be they church or non-church—and assist churches in reclaim-

ing and retaining their men, so they become partakers of the community of faith and not just spectators."

This will involve such things as annual WACMEN camps, encouraging Adventist men to invite non-church friends to attend and providing a social environment in which men can get to know each other. "A recent interdenominational study found only 35 per cent of men said they had a best friend in the church," says Mr Bell.

The "Buddy Board" section of the WACMEN newsletter has become popular and acts as a "social calendar" to inform readers of events happening at various churches. "A recent camp, organised by a group of men, proved to be an inspiring time," says Mr Bell. "Something as simple as talking around the campfire was an anticipated event each night and many felt they got to know each other better. This is at the heart of what WACMEN is all about. Jesus' example was to befriend others by meeting their needs, then bidding them to follow Him. We like to think that at WACMEN, we are following this model."

The over all response to the newsletter has so far been "really good." Mr Bell says, "We've got around 100 subscribers but that's growing rapidly."



WACMEN meeting attendees (from left to right) Kurt van Zwol, Danny Bell, Brad Flynn, Andrew Skeggs and Murry Dunstan.

And there are plans for a men's ministry tent at the Western Australian Conference's campmeeting next year. Pastor Bell sees women's and men's ministries as things that can run parallel to each other. "This isn't a tit-for-tat thing," he says. "But as I wandered around camp, I felt there was a real need. We're pretty excited about this development."

He encourages other churches, conferences and individuals to work on ways to connect men with the church, and one another, to form a network of people working with common goals. He says, "God will guide for sure."—Adele Nash

More @ <http://www.wacmen.blogspot.com>



beach at Tallebudgera on the Gold Coast, Qld. The presenter for the weekend was Darren Vaoutua of Edens Landing church, who said he wanted to reflect the Three Angel's messages (Revelation 14:6-12). The group was challenged to wake up and choose whether they would serve God—no matter what. One person made a decision for God truly

for the first time, while three others acknowledged they had not been as faithful as possible and recommitted themselves to God. They connected nature to their individual spiritual experiences and shared with the group. There were games till late. Campers discovered more about each other while posting bios and photos on the "Old School Facebook." Several commented they had met people they considered new friends. —Marisa Ansell

◆ Seventh-day Adventist chorale singers in London say collaborat-

ing with the Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, UK, is a chance to forge both musical and spiritual bonds. The London Adventist Chorale (LAC) spent three days in April with the Cambridge University-based choir, recording a choral work that merges the groups' respective African American and Anglican musical traditions. "Let the Sound of Freedom," a 14-piece song cycle for two choirs composed by LAC principal conductor Ken Burton, was originally performed last year in celebration of the bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act in the

United Kingdom. When broadcast on BBC Radio, the collaboration drew the attention of English composer and chorale conductor John Ritter, among other musicians and record labels. Blending spirituals, close harmony and gospel with English choral influences, the cappella work features lyrics drawn from memorable speeches and quotes from historical and political figures associated with peace, justice and freedom, such as Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa and Gandhi. The choir performed for Queen Elizabeth II in 2002.—ANN

“Kids Rally” success in South Australia

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number of churches and Prescott College helped supervise the children, in groups of five or six, during the activities. Liz Hill, volunteer director of Children’s Ministries for the South Australian Conference, says, “If it weren’t for them, we wouldn’t have been able to do the kids program.”

“The ‘Kids Rally’ this year was a time that brought many together for fun,” she adds. “God is so good for giving us His blessings, and having great kids and the support of great people and speakers made this day the best.”

Pastor Edgren conducted a storytelling workshop on the Friday night before the rally, with 20 participants gaining much from the workshop to enhance their storytelling abilities, in order to help share Jesus with children and others. “Working with Liz and her team was amazing!” Pastor Edgren says. “It was a well organised and exciting program for both the children and their parents.”

Pastor Colin Renfrew, Sabbath school and Personal Ministries director for the South Queensland Conference, also conducted a special forum for parents during the “Kids Rally.” The theme of the forum was “Forming spiritual life in our children,” and it provided an opportunity for parents of the children attending the

rally to explore spiritual guidance. More than 20 parents attended.

Pastor Renfrew says, “My goals for the afternoon included connecting parents one-on-one, offering practical tips that work and examining parental tasks of spiritual development. Most parents are driven by hectic schedules of work, school, homework, managing the household and so on, and rarely have time to sit together, especially without their children. I wanted to provide time for them to get to know each other a little, maybe establish some new networks of friendship and support.”

Parents participated in gender-based small group activities and brainstormed practical ideas they could implement with their families. Pastor Renfrew also shared with them some of the things he and his wife have put in place to encourage spiritual development in their own family.

“The heart of my presentation was to remind parents of the tasks that are ours in developing spiritual life within our children,” says Pastor Renfrew. “It’s important to assist people to discover their purpose, clarify core biblical perspectives and guide them to a healthy, balanced perspective by providing basic conditions and benefits in their life. We want people to live productive, meaningful lives.”

—Adele Nash

Hills College ELC passes accreditation

CASTLE HILL, NEW SOUTH WALES

Hills Adventist College’s early learning centre (ELC) has passed its first accreditation, reaching the top standard of “high quality.”

In May, the centre was graded on seven quality areas, including health, nutrition and hygiene, and programming and evaluation, to ensure the standards of care provided to children remain at a high level. The ELC team were “ecstatic” about the positive feedback and school principal Greg Hinze says, “This is beyond our expectation.”

The accreditation assessor was particularly impressed with the interaction between staff and children, and the respect that was shown to them. “I’d like to recognise and thank Chanel Maletin and Janet Reiger for establishing the centre,” says ELC director Rochelle Weiss. “Without the hard work of our staff, and the prayer and support of many people, we wouldn’t have been able to achieve our high standard.”

Accreditation is a quality-improvement process based on a set of guidelines developed through various agencies, including the Australian government and early child educators, and is directly linked to child care benefits. The next accreditation review will be conducted in 2010.—Claudia Martin

◆ A Seventh-day Adventist pioneer in **pediatric neurosurgery**, who overcame childhood poverty and achieved worldwide renown, received the **highest civilian award** bestowed by the **United States** on June 19. **Dr Ben Carson Sr** was awarded the **US Presidential Medal of Freedom** for his outstanding contributions to medicine and his motivating influence on America’s young people, **US president George W Bush** said during a morning ceremony in the East Room of the White House. Perhaps best known for his successful efforts in separating con-

joined twins and controlling brain seizures in children, Dr Carson is chief of pediatric neurosurgery at the **Johns Hopkins University Medical Institutions** in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr Carson, an inner-city Detroit native, overcame poverty, crime and violence to become “a scholar, a healer and a leader,” President Bush told the audience. —ANN

◆ The **Church of Sweden** will carry out **drive-in weddings**, lasting about seven minutes, at a car rally in a bid to make marriage more accessible. Undaunted by soaring

fuel prices, **36 couples** have applied to get married at a gathering of auto enthusiasts in central Sweden, says priest **Jerker Asterlund**, the scheme’s initiator. “Weddings are getting more commercialised and that is not something we have any interest in. We would like to make things simpler and more down-to-earth when people get married,” he said.—Reuters

◆ **South Carolina** is being sued to stop it from becoming the first American state to issue **Christian-themed car number plates** that carry the words “I believe” and the

image of a cross. **Americans United for Separation of Church and State**, a “religious liberty watchdog” based in Washington, DC, claims the plates violate the US Constitution by giving “preferential treatment to Christianity.” The lawsuit has been filed on behalf a multi-faith group of clergy, including two Christian ministers, a humanist pastor and a rabbi, as well as the Hindu American Foundation. They argue that by issuing the plates, the state “discriminates against citizens of other faiths because it fails to provide a comparable expressive outlet.”—Catherine Elsworth

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Mission leaders complete leadership training

SUVA, FIJI

The Fiji Mission's leadership team recently completed a four-year course in leadership development through Pacific Adventist University. The program was conducted by the South Pacific Division's department of leadership and professional development.

Two women were among the 11 graduates of the program and have become part of the pool of leaders in the mission, including mission president, Pastor Aseri Suka, who also graduated with the group. Other members of the group were teachers, pastors, administrators, departmental directors and secretaries.

"It's been a great blessing for us to have this program conducted here in Fiji for the past four years," Pastor Suka says. "This was a great vision by our leaders to conduct the course locally, to train people for future leadership in our mission.

"This course has helped us to see our role as leaders, and also the importance of having a vision and gaining the confidence of



The 11 graduates of the training program.

the people you are leading. It broadened our vision to see the importance of leadership in an organisation."

The Fiji Mission is working toward being recognised as a conference in the near future, and Pastor Suka believes the leadership training has prepared people to take on roles of responsibility for this purpose in the future.

"The role and type of leadership is very important," says Pastor Suka. "But whatever the style, a leader needs to be seen to actually be leading while remaining kind, compassionate and just. Like Christ, a servant leader doesn't deny the need for strength and the ability to confront wrong wherever it occurs."—*Adele Nash*

CCAS staff and Year 12 students connect

ERINA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Central Coast Adventist School (CCAS) recently celebrated the third year of its mentoring program "The Link." The program was initiated by the chaplaincy department of the school and provides a support system for Year 12 students in the lead up to their final exams.

CCAS staff volunteer themselves to be paired with a Year 12 student, who they spend time with on a regular basis. The informal partnership and the way it works differs between each staff member and student but the staff and their "link" students generally catch up during free periods at school.

The students can discuss hopes, dreams, aspirations and fears with the staff members, who can offer encouragement and support in the months leading up to the Higher School Certificate (HSC). Students report finding "The Link" offers them unique and useful support.

Colin Raethal, "The Link" program co-



Students and staff have the opportunity to meet on a regular basis.

ordinator, says, "As adults, we all remember the impact of significant teachers and mentors during our school years. It was more about who they were than what they taught. It was more about relationships than subject content. 'The Link' program is an opportunity to connect each student with a mentor—someone who's been there before—to support HSC students."

Year 12 coordinator at CCAS Hayley Ferris says, "The students really thrive on this, and respond so positively to the affirmation and inspiration."—*Brenton Luchow*

Fulton College finds potential new site in Fiji

NADI, FIJI

The future of Fulton College in Fiji is looking more secure, following the discovery of land the school can relocate to 15 minutes' drive north of the international airport at Nadi.

Fulton College has 200 students and was established in 1940, on the eastern side of the main island. However, the original land-owners have won a court order that orders their leased land to be returned to them, meaning the college must relocate. The college's future was uncertain for a number of months following the court's decision.

A search committee found and recommended the 65-hectare site, located at the foot of the Sabeto Mountains. The owner has agreed to lease the land for 99 years, with an automatic renewal of the lease every time it expires.

Roads, buses, a police station, medical post and post office already exist at the site, along with electricity, mains water supply and telephone services.

Currently, sugar cane is planted on the large, flat areas that would be suited to playing ovals and agriculture, and sloping areas on the property have the potential for buildings and residences.

The South Pacific Division's midyear meetings are expected to endorse the relocation, and donation, offering and fundraising appeals will be planned.—*AMN staff*

More about the Fulton College lease case can be read at <<http://news.adventist.org/data/2007/1185462808/index.html>>.



The potential new site for Fulton College is at the foot of the Sabeto Mountains.

What I didn't know I didn't know

BY CANDICE JAQUES

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD THE SAYING “The more you know, the more you realise you don't know.” It's about learning that something is more complex than you had previously understood and realising there is still much more to learn.

Prior to my involvement with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Australia, I thought I knew all there was to know about ADRA, its work and its annual doorknock appeal. And I often hear this same thought from others. When I meet supporters at campmeetings or other church functions, I often hear them say, “I already know all about ADRA.” But after sharing more about ADRA—where we work, how we work and why we work the way we do—I then often hear, “I had no idea!” They realise—as I have—that we didn't know how much we didn't know.

I've learnt so many great things about ADRA and its work. So, with the ADRA Appeal about to roll out around Australia, I thought I'd share some of what I now know I didn't know about ADRA and the appeal.

100 per cent of donations go to projects—sometimes

I used to think 100 per cent of all donations to ADRA went to projects. But, like

all other charities with tax deductibility, ADRA is required to support, monitor and report on both its projects and fund usage to governments, peak bodies and donors. Meeting these needs brings expenses like salaries, accounting and auditing services, rent and insurance—expenses every business has. That's why, for all general donations to ADRA Australia, at least 90 per cent of donations go to projects, with the remaining funds going to support services such as those mentioned. Of course, as has been the case for many years, 100 per cent of donations specifically given to the annual ADRA Appeal goes directly to projects (support services for this campaign are funded from other sources). However, it's also great to know that the percentage we use from donations for support services is one of the lowest in the industry.

The ADRA Appeal funds development projects, not disaster response

When it comes to responding to international disasters, ADRA needs to have funds already on hand to provide an immediate response, instead of waiting for donations to come in to provide support in times of crisis. With a disaster-response fund already set aside, the ADRA Appeal is used to fund development activities that address the root causes of poverty, such as illiteracy and unemployment. ADRA Appeal donations from Australia are currently directed toward community development projects, specifically in Australia and the Pacific. (On occasion, some ADRA Appeal funds are used for small-scale disaster responses in Australia.)

ADRA is mandated to respond to the poor, not to evangelise

Prior to commencing work at ADRA, I assumed it engaged in evangelistic activities. However, I've learnt that the Adventist Church established ADRA with the man-



date to meet the needs of the poor, regardless of their ethnic, political or religious affiliation, without discrimination for or against Adventists and with no strings attached. This is in keeping with what we see of Christ's humanitarian work. For example, in Luke 17, Jesus healed 10 lepers, expecting nothing in return. He simply healed out of compassion, mercy, justice and love.

Many ways to support the ADRA Appeal, but doorknocking the best

Research* shows that doorknocking is far more likely to elicit a donation than other forms of direct appeal, such as telephone requests, letterbox drops or public collections. Bringing an opportunity to support the poor right to someone's door makes giving convenient, and most people are happy to be approached this way and respond favourably. I've also learnt that asking for a specific amount (for example, \$10) raises more than if I say “anything you can spare will help,” because this can prompt people to just give spare change.

Even though doorknocking is still the most successful form of direct appeal, I've also found there is no end to the creativity of ADRA supporters in finding other ways to raise money for the ADRA Appeal. Groups and individuals have organised garage sales, concerts, walk/run/bike-a-thons, trivia nights, open gardens, auctions and many other activities to raise money for ADRA. It's important to remember that, due to new requirements, any fundraising activities for ADRA Australia or its ADRA Appeal, other than the annual doorknock, must be registered. Visit <www.adra.org.au/getinvolved/> to learn about fundraising for ADRA Australia and to download the activity registration form.



ADRA Appeal donations are used to support community development activities in Australia and overseas that address the root causes of poverty.

Volunteers always needed—at home

Although there are a few interns and long-term volunteers working abroad for ADRA, the main source of staff for ADRA's international projects are paid development professionals, most of whom are nationals or who live in-country. International community development and emergency management is a specialised line of work, and requires specific expertise and training, along with a long-term commitment to the projects.

But I've also learnt ADRA volunteers are crucial to our work here in Australia. Community centres, at-risk youth intervention activities, op shops and so much more exist here in Australia, mainly because of the commitment and generosity of thousands of volunteers. Volunteers are also vital to raising money to support ADRA's projects, and are the reason the ADRA Appeal raises more than \$A1 million in Australia every year. If you're an ADRA volunteer, thank you so much for your support!

A network presence in 125 countries—partnerships with 14

The international ADRA network is made up of independent ADRA offices that collectively provide a presence in 125 countries. Each ADRA office operates autonomously from each other and is subject

to the rules and regulations of the country they are in. To abide by these regulations and ensure donations are being distributed as intended, each ADRA office only supports development projects in formal partnerships with other ADRA offices. The only ADRA office that has a formal partnership with the entire network is ADRA International, the network's headquarters, situated in the United States. ADRA Australia currently has formal partnerships with 14 ADRA offices in the Pacific, Asia and Africa, including Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Nepal, Cambodia, Mongolia and Malawi. Therefore, ADRA Australia currently transfers development project funds only to its 14 partners. (In the event of a significant, international disaster, ADRA Australia can, at the request of ADRA International and at ADRA Australia's discretion, transfer specific emergency response funds to any ADRA office.)

God doesn't just recommend caring for the poor, He requires it

There are more than 2000 verses in the Bible about God's concern for the poor and disadvantaged. When Isaiah wrote about true fasting (Chapter 58) as God desires it, he explained that it is about breaking the chains of injustice, setting the oppressed free, sharing food with the hungry, pro-



Volunteers find creative ways of supporting ADRA, including bike-a-thons, garage sales, concerts and trivia nights.

viding shelter to the homeless and clothing the naked.

In Matthew 25, when Jesus talked about the criteria used to determine who will enter the kingdom, He said it was in how people had treated the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and imprisoned. When James wrote about faith in action in Chapter 2, he included the important work of responding to the needs of the naked and hungry. And when John defined love as self-sacrificing in 1 John 3:16-18, he pointed out that it would be manifested in how much compassion we show to those in need.

This is the greatest and most profound of all the things I have learnt since getting involved with ADRA: that God is not merely interested in the poor, He is intensely passionate and extremely vocal about meeting their needs in real and tangible ways. And He doesn't just recommend we care for people in need—He requires it as an expression of our Christianity. The cause of the poor, sick, hungry, homeless and hurting is very close to God's heart, and one of the most remarkable ways of revealing His character of love, compassion and mercy to a hurting world.

What I didn't know . . .

This is just some of what I didn't know I didn't know. Perhaps you've learnt something, too. And hopefully, after learning more of the depth and quality of ADRA and its work, you feel better informed and more inspired to share ADRA's story with others. **R**

*Giving Australia: Research on Philanthropy in Australia, October 2005

Candice Jaques is communication coordinator for ADRA Australia.

Got a little time to make a big difference?

For just \$A28, you can provide an adult in Papua New Guinea with the opportunity to learn to read and write. Imagine changing someone's whole life, simply by giving just a few hours.

You can make a big difference to poor communities locally and overseas by volunteering a little time to the ADRA Appeal, which runs in Australian regions from August 2 to December 1, and in New Zealand from October 18 to 26.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of the ADRA Appeal," said ADRA Australia's acting chief executive officer, Harwood Lockton. "We're asking every Adventist who is able, to participate in the ADRA Appeal. Many people are desperately waiting for the help your collecting can give."

ADRA Appeal volunteers raised more than \$A1.3 million in Australia and more than \$NZ65,000 in New Zealand last year. ADRA Appeal donations are used for a range of national and international community projects that alleviate poverty.

"Each dollar collected for the ADRA Appeal means that in Australia, for example, more at-risk youth become resilient through appropriate intervention activities and, overseas, more adults can support their families because they have literacy skills," said Mr Lockton. "The ADRA Appeal is our one campaign of the year where 100 per cent of the donations received go directly to projects, since appeal expenses are met from another source. Collectors can feel confident that every dollar they raise will directly impact those in need."

To volunteer for the 2008 ADRA Appeal in Australia or New Zealand, contact the ADRA Appeal coordinator at your church or conference office.

Diabetes in kids

MORE THAN 246 MILLION PEOPLE around the world are living with diabetes. This number is growing fast, particularly among children. But is there anything we can do to prevent it?

The impact of diabetes on the Australian community was highlighted in a new report, released on June 24 by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). The report states that diabetes is becoming more common, with prevalence at least doubling in the past two decades. The World Health Organisation predicts that type 2 diabetes among children will increase by 50 per cent in the next 15 years.

This past week (13 July to 19 July) was National Diabetes Week in Australia. Dr Gary Deed, president of Diabetes Australia, says the increased prevalence of diabetes is attributable to lifestyle risk factors, such as tobacco smoking, high blood pressure, being overweight, obesity and lack of physical activity.

Diabetes is the condition in which there is too much glucose in the blood. We need glucose because it is our body's main source of energy. But there needs to be a balance—it's not good to have too much or too little.

Insulin is the hormone that helps keep it

at the "just right" level. Unlike type 1 diabetes (where the pancreas doesn't make any insulin), type 2 diabetes (where insulin is produced but isn't used effectively by the body) is a lifestyle disease—and is preventable. The rapid increase in diabetes among children is thought to be because of the significant problems of poor diet, inactivity and being overweight.

In fact, the majority of children diagnosed with type 2 diabetes are overweight at the time of diagnosis, and this excess weight is often due to a diet high in fat, heavily processed and containing little fibre.

So what can we do to protect our kids from diabetes? Children—and adults for that matter—who are active, maintain a healthy weight and enjoy a nourishing diet, including a variety of fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, legumes and wholegrains, are less likely to develop type 2 diabetes.

So by enjoying whole foods—mostly plant based—and being as active as possible, you will be well on the way to protecting you and your family. If you are concerned you or your children might be at risk of diabetes, talk to your family doctor.

Sanitarium's tips:

- Maintain a healthy weight by eating plenty of fruits and vegetables. Add dried



fruit to lunchboxes and keep frozen vegetables handy in the freezer.

- Include foods rich in wholegrains, such as wholemeal bread, brown rice, wholemeal pasta and wholegrain cereals.
- Stay active and make exercise part of your daily routine. Schedule "park afternoons" and block out space in your diary for walking and bike riding. Or, for older kids, try an exercise class. **R**

If you would like some ideas for healthy recipes or advice on encouraging a healthier diet among your family, please give us a call on 1800 HEALTH (Australia) or 0800 100 257 (New Zealand), and speak with one of our team of dietitians. We also have a "Healthy Eating for Diabetes" leaflet, which we are happy to send. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you would like a free copy of our Everyday Essentials cookbook, you can order it online at <www.sanitarium.com.au> or by calling 1800 HEALTH (1800 432 584) in Australia.

In New Zealand, you can order your free copy of Everyday Essentials by calling 0800 100 257 or emailing <nutrition@sanitarium.co.nz>.

**Sanitarium Nutrition Service,
Berkeley Vale, New South Wales.**



Individual vegetable burgers

- 1 small carrot, grated
- 1 small zucchini, grated
- 400g can lentils, drained and rinsed
- 1 small can corn kernels
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp tomato chutney
- 1 tbsp chopped chives
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp oil
- 6 medium bread rolls
- lettuce leaves
- 6 tomato slices
- 6 cheese slices

1. Combine carrot, zucchini, lentils, corn

kernels, breadcrumbs, mayonnaise, egg and chives in a bowl and shape into patties. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

2. Preheat a non-stick frying pan over medium heat, add oil and cook burgers in batches for five minutes on each side or until cooked through. Place in oven for five minutes to cook through.

3. Serve on rolls with tomato, lettuce, cheese and condiments of your choice. Serves 6.

PER SERVE: 920 kJ (220 Cal); Protein 8g; Total fat 9g; Saturated fat 1g; Carbohydrate 25g; Total sugars 6g; Sodium 360mg; Potassium 465mg; Calcium 35mg; Iron 2.6mg; Fibre 5g.

My life verse—Part 2

BY NICOLETTE EARLS

IT IS MY USUAL HABIT TO READ RECORD as I sit in church, waiting for the worship service to begin. But on Sabbath, April 26, I had several people to catch up with, so I didn't get to pore over the magazine until later that afternoon—which was a very good thing.

I love the editorials. And when I saw that David Edgren had penned it, I laughed. His previous editorial had sparked “Letters to the editor” for weeks.

The first three paragraphs were a good read. I'd done the Adventist-high-school-education thing and knew about early morning worships and visiting speakers. Then he headed into a description of pornography and the life verse that inspired him to rise above its clutches.

It was fortunate I wasn't sitting in church. Hot, angry tears overflowed. I fled to my room, flung the magazine as far as I could and threw myself on the bed. “God, why don't you open my husband's eyes? How long must we live like this? Only You can change him.”

Thinking back, I think my mother did a good job of raising me. She is the one to be credited with instigating a regular family worship time, morning and evening, from the day our family embraced the Seventh-day Adventist message.

My father, too, was a positive influence. He was the one who warned me of the weakness of “men of the world,” advised me on appropriate dress and behaviour, and gave me a small screwdriver with which to “defend” myself when I left home to live in the wide open spaces.

Together, my parents taught me about the evils of pornography. They wanted the best for their “little girl” and they taught me what to look out for.

So, a couple of years into my marriage, it



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came as a surprise to discover that the man who had pledged to love me and no other for the rest of our lives was not as upright as I had hoped.

After an argument to end all arguments, he promised to get rid of the magazines. And he did.

I thought the battle was over. We had no spare money for trash. But then came the internet.

He had a problem with pornography. I was determined it wouldn't be a problem in our marriage. I would love him right out of any desire to view pornographic images. I would pray for him. I would be a model wife and I wouldn't judge.

But there was, without a shadow of a doubt, another woman in our bed.

As I grew older, I realised I couldn't compete. My husband was lost to the pin-up girls.

Was addiction to pornography a biblical reason for separation? I didn't know—and I didn't want to find out. And with children in the equation, I preferred to keep their father in their lives than turn everything

into a complete wreck.

But how much pornography was too much? We couldn't agree. I thought any viewing was too much; he thought I was a prude.

Should we go to counselling? He thought not. He didn't have a problem and he was discreet. The problem, he said, was only as big as I wanted it to be.

So we rumbled on—the three of us.

Only one thing keeps me from wallowing in endless self-pity and gives me the courage to love my husband, regardless of this addiction. For years, it has been the same verse David Edgren uses to overcome temptation: “My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only He will release my feet from the snare” (Psalm 25:15, NIV).

God loves me.

God loves me regardless. I am precious to God. And I will keep my eyes on Him, because only He can take my focus away from the disappointments of this world. **R**

Nicolette Earls is a pseudonym.

What the church needs now

BY PEDR JONES

CANNONS ROAR . . . MISSILES WHISTLE THROUGH THE AIR . . . horrific explosions . . . dust settles . . . human life ebbs away . . . sorrow and grief tear the hearts of family and friends. Anger, born of the grief, ensures the cycle continues and man's inhumanity to man continues its destructive cycle.

We live in a world at war, within a universe at war. Some have named it the "great controversy" or, more recently, "the cosmic conflict." The reality: war! Then we should not be surprised at the attacks from without the church. Indeed, we are told to expect them: "Then the dragon became angry at the woman, and he declared war against the rest of her children" (Revelation 12:17*).

However, to provide respite from this ongoing battle, God has provided a place of sanctuary, a place of safety and peace, a place where all can come to find encouragement and security. No—it is not a physical building, neither a bunker nor an exclusive club. It is you and me—brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, God's temple on earth—His church. Paul calls us the "body of Christ." It was established by Jesus Himself for the blessing of His family. Jesus gave only one identifying mark of this family: "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples" (John 13:35).

In a dark world, full of selfishness and hatred, shines His church—a holy nation, a people of service and love. A church where Christ is lifted up so He may draw all people to the light of this love. A church where we all, as Peter admonishes, "show respect for everyone. Love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God. Show respect for the king" (1 Peter 2:17).

What a tragedy when the darkness of the world enters this sanctuary. When instead of encouraging, we criticise or berate. When we take umbrage at the slightest offence, instead of recognising we all have "bad hair days" and, in love, forgive our brother or sister. When self is centre and all others are fair game—our leaders, the left, the right, anyone who differs from me because "I have the truth"—clang! (see 1 Corinthians 13: 1).

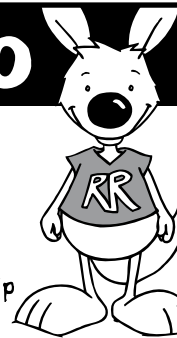
How it must break our Lord's heart to know that some for whom He shed His blood have turned away because those who claim to be "disciples of Christ" have denied Him by their coldness and indifference. Some years ago, the songwriting team of Burt Bacharach and Hal David wrote the song "What the World Needs Now is Love." The lyrics of this tune are true but where can the world get this love? Only from the source of love, God, for God is love (see 1 John 4:8).

Is it possible that our lives here in this "war zone" could have more joy and meaning if we each became channels for God's love and heeded Peter's admonition? **R**

*All Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation.

Pedr Jones writes from Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.

Record Roo



Hi kids!
Back in Bible times, it was the parents' job to find a suitable partner for their child to marry. Abraham was getting very old, so he asked his servant to help him find Isaac a wife...

Bible Text

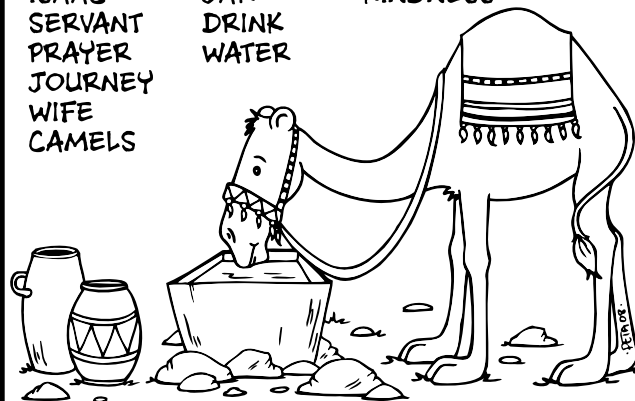
I want you to _____ by the Lord, by the God of _____ and the God of _____, that you will not get a _____ for my son from the _____ of the _____, among whom I am living, but will go to my _____ and my own _____, and get a wife for my son Isaac.
Genesis 24:3,4, NIV

Word Search

Read the whole story in Genesis Chapter 24. Find the words from the list in the puzzle.

B G D X G X H S E W C V Z U N
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ABRAHAM
ISAAC
SERVANT
PRAYER
JOURNEY
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Kind of laws

LEOPOLD HAMULCZYK, VIC

In response to the recent discussion on health and clean/unclean food (“Holy food questions,” Letters, June 21 and “Health or habit?” Letters, June 28), there is a simple reason why the levitical laws on clean and unclean meat stand while the ceremonial law was nailed to the cross.

The ceremonial law “was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come” (Galatians 3:19, NIV) and Christ “abolish[ed] in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations” (Ephesians 2:15, NIV). In other words, the ceremonial law was added because another law—the moral law or Ten Commandments—was transgressed. It pointed forward to the remedy—Christ’s death on the cross—and was abolished at that same cross because it was no longer needed.

The levitical food laws are neither ordinances (rituals), nor did they point forward to Christ’s coming and death on the cross. They are simple dietary laws. Thus, they were not abolished at the cross, in the same way that the prohibitions on incestuous relationships and uncovering the nakedness of one’s family members (see Leviticus 18:6-10) were not abolished. Thus, we are right in insisting pork—along with kangaroo—is still unclean.

MICHELE PASCOE, NZ

I was pleased to read “Health or habit?” in which the writer questions “why we have picked certain levitical laws and have made them an institution, while agreeing with the rest of the Christian world that the other ‘ceremonial laws’ are not relevant today.” First Fruits of Zion—a Messianic Jewish ministry—asks a similar question: “Who is wise enough to know which of God’s commands we do not need to keep?”

The letter’s question pertains to health and rightly points out that we are happy to eat unhealthy desserts while avoiding forbidden meats on the grounds of “health.” But maybe we shouldn’t keep God’s commandments on food for the sake of health. Yes, we get sicknesses from pork; but we also get sicknesses from chicken, which is permitted. It is a question of obedience,

not of health.

We all know we can eat an unhealthy vegetarian diet without breaking any commandments. Our health message is a good one—that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and must be cared for and appreciated. But let us not confuse this with the Bible’s instructions. To eat pavlova is not healthy but not forbidden. To eat kangaroo is forbidden—healthy or not.

I believe we have now sadly assumed an attitude of indifference, perhaps lukewarmness.

GEORGE SCOTT, NSW

The reference to Mark 7:20 in “Holy food questions” has been taken out of context. The situation was not about clean and unclean food, it was about the “traditions of the elders,” particularly about not washing their hands before eating.

It is obvious Jesus was using this for a greater message (see Mark 7:20-23). And, if it was about clean and unclean foods, Peter, who questioned Jesus on this matter, obviously failed to get the message, as we see in Acts 10.

Jesus says nothing here of eating pork chops. This is an abomination to the Lord!

More than “legalist”

PETER JOHANSON, VIC

I appreciated the editorial “More than right” (July 5). If our Christianity has no effect in our day-to-day lives, we are “sounding gongs” and “clanging cymbals.” The dear Adventists, who mentored and encouraged me during my childhood and youth in the 1950s and 60s, believed this. Interestingly but sadly, these resting saints have been branded by many today as “legalists.”

The young presidents

BRIAN TOWNEND, NSW

When I read “Why advertise?” (Letters, June 21), I wondered where the writer found the basis for his listing of what categories of persons never need apply for the position of president in a local conference.

Some of his objections, such as “non-

members,” are obviously justified. But many of the other barriers can be shown from past experience to be invalid. For example, Pastor L C Naden was elected as president of the South New Zealand Conference when he had been ordained for less than four years and was only 33 years of age. At the age of 35, he was called to be president in Western Australia. After many years of radio evangelism, he became gen-

eral secretary of the division at age 48.

At least two—probably four—of the present local conference presidents in this division are under 40, and one was appointed when he was 40.

Of course, all conference appointments are made in accordance with the relevant constitution, which is always subject to revision at a session.

Regaining balance

BASIL FORD, NZ

I recall back in the 1950s and subsequent years, God’s church faithfully preaching and writing in respect of the numerous signs and events in the world that seemed to indicate the near return of Jesus Christ. This was surely as it should have been.

However, these days we rightly emphasise Jesus and His saving grace but appear to show scant concern for the multiplying signs that come to our daily attention. With the abundance of end-time indicators before us not given appropriate attention, I believe we have now sadly assumed an attitude of indifference, perhaps lukewarmness.

The onus is on the church to urgently highlight the signs that are surely harbingers of the most stupendous event this planet will ever experience—the triumphant return of Jesus to save the redeemed.

Note: Views in Letters do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should be less than 250 words, and writers must include their name, address and phone number. All letters are edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author’s original meaning will not be changed. Not all letters received are published. See masthead (page 2) for contact details.

Anniversary

Leslie, Allan and Elva (nee Thrift), were married on 10.3.1948 by Pastor Richards in the old Central Perth church, WA. They recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at their home in Perth. Their four children, other family members and close friends were with them, to enjoy many happy memories and much laughter over



afternoon tea. Many beautiful messages were received by those unable to attend in person. Their eldest son, Roydon, was able to present them with a DVD of their wedding day, made from archived film taken by Percy Peet. Messages of congratulations were presented from the Queen, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries.

Appreciation

Lucas, Robert Harold. Barbara and family wish to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and support after Robert's passing. We are looking forward to a reunion in heaven. Please accept our thanks.

Weddings

Hoare—Phan. Shannon Ashley Hoare, son of Eric and Eryn Hoare (Angle Vale, Adelaide, SA), and Sally Phan, daughter of Phom and Samnang Phan (Parafield Gardens, Adelaide), were married on 20.1.08 at Al Ru Farm, One Tree Hill.

Will Grobler

Scanlen—Sydenham. Gareth Scanlen, son of Fred and Sue Scanlen (Erina, NSW), and Jillian Kirsty Sydenham, daughter of Russell and Myrtle Sydenham (Hanging Rock) were married on 6.4.08 in the Erina church.

Will Grobler

Obituaries

Butler, Ivy Pearl (nee Roy), born 27.1.1916 at Eraring, NSW; died 26.4.08 in Victoria Point Retirement Village Hostel, Qld. She married Mervin, who predeceased her in 2001. She is survived by her children, Dr Alan Butler (Nebraska, USA), and Linley Tapping (Acacia Gardens, NSW); and her four grandchildren. Ivy began teaching at the church school in Victoria Park, WA, as the sole teacher of 33 pupils. She then became a demonstration teacher at Avondale College, where she met her husband. After they married, the couple moved around, with various responsibilities in Australia and NZ. Ivy was a talented person, a keen gardener and a nature lover. She now rests with Mervin in the Redland Bay Lawn Cemetery, awaiting the return of the Saviour, whom she served all her life.

Orm Speck, Judy Fua

Greenland, William Mark, born 4.4.1938 at Mackay, Qld; died 22.5.08 at Mount Isa. He is survived by his brothers, Walter, Alan, Kenneth, Gary and Ronald; and his sister, Frances. Mark was a much-loved and respected "patriarch" of the Mount Isa church. He was the last continually-attending founding member. Mark was a kind and helpful person, with a persistently positive attitude toward life, well loved by those around him. He will be sadly missed.

Malcolm Eastwick

Lucas, Robert Harold, born 6.8.1935 at Kingaroy, Qld; died 17.6.08 in Redcliffe Hospital, Brisbane. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Brisbane); his four children, Janette Bernoth, Rob Jon, Julie Hokin (all of Cooranbong) and Ann Forbes (Balcolyn); his sister, Heather; and his brother, John. Five days before he died, Bob planned a reunion beside the tree of life in heaven. The funeral service was at Caboolture church.

*Lindsay Chinegadoo, Lorenzo Berry
Lewis Parker*

Maevsky, Vladyslav (Wally), born 27.11.1932 in Shanghai, China; died 26.3.08 at Leura, NSW. Wally's parents, (Peter and Lippa Maevsky) were Russian missionaries serving in China. In September, 1962, he married Maria Glesic in Dora Creek church. He is survived by his wife; his children, Angela (Moree), Peter (Cooranbong) and Kevin (Sydney); his eight grandchildren; his two great-grandchildren; and his three sisters, Annette Lees, Helen Rodionoff and Constance Levitch. Wally was a man who believed in his Saviour's return with fondness.

Alban Matohiti, Nathan Tyler

Neuman, Ethel Grace (Kit), born 19.10.1917 at Lismore, NSW; died 4.6.08 at Port Macquarie. On 10.2.1945, she married Walter, who predeceased her in 1995. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Lewis and Shirley (Cooranbong, NSW), and Neroli and Gary Jackson (Port Macquarie); and her four grandchildren, Nigel, Karl, Samuel, and Kyran. Kit was active in the Wauchope church and community for many years. She now awaits the Resurrection.

*Ross Goldstone, Bob Donaldson,
Joseph Maticic*

Rees, Desmond John, born 3.10.1926 at Walsend, NSW; died 29.5.08 in Canberra, ACT. He is survived by his wife, Cath (nee Chalker); and his daughters, Lorraine (Brisbane, Qld), Dianne (Sydney, NSW) and Peta (Canberra, ACT); and their families. Des was a much loved and respected man who now awaits the call of his Saviour on the great Resurrection morning, when he will be reunited with his family.

Ray Hinton, Clansi Rogers

Roy, Ronald Maitland, born 5.12.1913 at Cooranbong, NSW; died 8.5.08 in the Avondale Adventist Aged Care Facility. He is survived by his siblings, Robert (Vic), and Valda Blair (Cooranbong); his children, Don and Barbara Roy (Cooranbong), and Diane Chenoweth (Canberra, ACT); and his four grandchildren; and his five great-grandchildren. His working life in wholesale and retail branches of the Sanitarium Health Food Company in NSW, Vic and Tasmania, extended over 42 years, before his retirement in the Cooranbong

Positions vacant

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district in 1975. He was laid to rest in the Avondale Cemetery beside his late wife, Clorine (Rene), to await the Resurrection morning.

Adrian Craig, Ray Stanley

Turnham, Alan John, born 26.4.1950 at Glen Innes, NSW; died 26.5.08 at Armidale. On 28.4.1973, he married Lynda (Lyn). He is survived by his wife (Guyra); his children and their spouses, Loretta and Eddie Beard (Armidale), Fiona and Darren Martin (Sydney), Kylie and Wade Beard (Ipswich, Qld), Melissa and Kimberly (Cooranbong, NSW), and Alena (Sydney); his brothers and their families, Eric and Helen (Guyra), Ronald and Dianne (Armidale); his sister and her family, Robyn and Graeme Waldron (Bon-albo); his sister-in-law, Alice and Brian Ferris (Armidale); and his three grandchildren. Alan loved his Lord, his family and his life as a farmer. Although cut down in his prime, he looked forward to the great Resurrection day, when all the ills of our society will be no more. A large group of family friends from the farming community gathered at Guyra Lawn Cemetery to lay him to rest. Awaiting the Resurrection morning.

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