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*The TV workshop involved participants in a variety of vocal training exercises, among other activities and projects over three days.*



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A group of 24 Adventist evangelists have been trained to become better television presenters at the Adventist Media Network (AMN) headquarters from December 9 to 11. During the course, the participants, nominated by conferences in Australia and New Zealand, were given tools, techniques and “tricks of the trade” that will “allow them to reveal the best of themselves to the camera.”

The TV presenter training workshop, organised and hosted by AMN, was conducted by Sydney-based Onion Media Group and sponsored by the South Pacific Division’s Institute of Public Evangelism.

According to Neale Schofield, chief executive officer of AMN, the workshop was designed to broaden the skills and capabilities of the church’s public evangelists. It also serves a secondary aim of increasing evangelistic activities of the Adventist Church throughout the South Pacific.

“At AMN, we are preparing evangelistic media packages for the public and are looking for TV presenters who can communicate on TV,” he says. “Their TV presence, and therefore more noticeable profile, will help when they present at evangelistic programs organised by local churches.”

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on *how* we do what we do.

# Our neo-Amish story

**A** FEW YEARS AGO, WHILE TRAVELING in the United States, friends took us to visit Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. One of the pockets of Amish communities scattered across the US, Lancaster County is famous for its horsedrawn vehicles and farm machinery, picturesque red barns and cornfields, their covered bridges and small, simple churches, quaint handicrafts, home cooking, clothing from a past century, hats, bonnets and beards.

I was reminded of this experience recently while reading the book *Jesus for President*. Writers Shane Claiborne and Chris Haw suggest “it’s easy to imagine the questions of young Amish children growing up: ‘Mom, why can’t we have an Xbox?’ ‘Dad, why do we dress like this?’ ‘Why don’t we have cars?’ And you can almost hear the parents explain, ‘Other children may do those things, but you are special. You are different: you are Amish. You have a different story and live in a different way from other people in this world.’”

In turn, this imagined conversation reminds us of the prompts offered to the Israelites at the time of their escape from Egypt. Moses instructed them to remember God’s actions on their behalf through the Passover, and he suggested a similar question-and-answer sequence, still used by Jewish families to remember their salvation and their set-apartness: “And in the future, your children will ask you,

‘What does all this mean?’ Then you will tell them, ‘With mighty power the Lord brought us out of Egypt from our slavery . . .’ Again I say, this ceremony will be like a mark branded on your hands or your forehead. It is a visible reminder that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt with great power” (Exodus 13:14-16\*).

Claiborne and Haw go on to suggest we should find ways in our lives to remember the specialness of the story of which we are a part, offering the label “neo-Amish” as a way of thinking about who and what we are. Of course, this is not about adopting horsedrawn vehicles, vintage clothing and a religious devotion to facial hair but a determined attitude of faithfulness, living life by different priorities and refusing to just go along with the world around us.

Paul put it like this: “Don’t copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think” (Romans 12:2). Many of us would like this to mean we are given a prescription for our lives, perhaps a life map or a list of solid black-and-white options but life is rarely so simple. While there are things we will and won’t do when we recognise our place in this neo-Amish story—focusing on *what* we do—it has a more immediate impact on *how* we do what we do.

Rather than assuming we should all be missionaries in exotic locations or—with

the literalness of the Amish—adopt a period of some time in the past after which we style our lives, we find ways in which we live by a different story, even in our day-to-day lives. Whatever it is we have before us to do—and no matter how possibly ordinary—we find ways to do it out of the ordinary and beyond the expected. Sometimes in big ways and sometimes in seemingly infinitesimally small ways, we are committed to changing the world.

In this way, our lives become less about ourselves and our individual stories. In the words of Messrs Claiborne and Haw, “the peculiarity of the church [this ‘neo-Amishness’] is not for its own sake but for the sake of the whole creation, for the cities and neighbourhoods in which we find ourselves.”

So as we face the larger and smaller decisions of our lives, ordering our priorities, meeting the opportunities and challenges that come, experiencing the joys, tragedies and ordinariness, we need to remember the story of which we are part. Our faithfulness begins with acknowledging what has been and our sense of identity as people who—as an Amish mother might put it—“have a different story and live in a different way from other people in this world.”

*\*All Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation.*

**Nathan Brown**



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# Church funds new church plants

## WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The South Pacific Division's (SPD) Centre for Church Planting is providing almost \$A300,000 this year for 10 church-plant projects in Australia and New Zealand, five of which are just commencing.

The Centre began four years ago with the appointment of Pastor Wayne Krause as director, and training programs began to prepare church planters and coaches in each conference. Last year saw the first funding help five new church plants begin in Western Australia, Queensland and Sydney. This year sees the addition of five more plants, located in Northern Australia, North New South Wales and New Zealand conferences.

"It is exciting to see some real progress with the groups that commenced last year," says Pastor Krause, "and encouraging to add some new projects that already show good potential."

The funding helps support evangelistic activities, Bible workers and start-up equipment costs for new church plants that are approved and recognised by the local conference. Pastor Mark Wilson from the Cairns church (Qld) is particularly glad they have been granted funding for a new church plant at Edmonton in the south-

ern Cairns corridor, a rapidly-developing area. "The Cairns church itself is strongly supporting this plant with local funds they have raised, as well as people to form the core group," says Pastor Wilson.

In Wellington (NZ), Pastor Bob Larsen will nurture a new church plant in the area, calling itself the "Powerhouse Church Plant." Mosaic is another new group commencing in Palmerston North, led by Pastor Daniel Herrera, and Rhonda Rex is leader of Shoreside Church Plant in Christchurch. In New South Wales, another new group called the Coffs Coast Adventist Community church is continuing to grow with the support of Sally Hall Watson.

Some of the church plants now entering their second year of operation include the Excell Group in western Sydney, a cell-group based church; the new Brisbane Croatian group; a Yugoslav church in Perth; and the ACTS Curtin University Church Plant. The 10 church plants receiving funding from the SPD this year represent a total investment of \$A599,924.

Pastor Krause will help conduct two church plant training sessions later this year, as well as supporting the church plant network of some 20 students at Avondale College, who are learning how to be "planters." The Centre for Church Planting plans



The new Mosaic church plant in Palmerston North, New Zealand.

to develop an interactive website and share information via a newsletter. The Centre now owns the rights to Ron Gladden's book, *Plant the Future*, and has some 1800 copies ready to distribute.

Funding for the church plants this year was allocated by the Centre for Church Planting and Global Mission Committee that met on December 9. "In this time of economic downturn, it is a real challenge to balance the requests for church plant funds with the diminishing reserve that was set aside by the SPD," says Pastor Ray Coombe, director of Adventist Mission for the SPD and secretary of the committee. "However, we want to see the Lord's money active in growing and planting new churches. This is our core mission."—**RECORD staff/Ray Coombe**



◆ On December 13, Warwick church, Qld, congregation were treated to a Christmas musical. Presented by the Warwick Choral Society (pictured), "Celebrate the Child" used narration, solos and a moving blend of carols and modern choruses, woven throughout with classical accompaniment, to tell the story leading up to the birth of Christ. The

30-minute program climaxed with the announcement of the birth of Jesus—the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Following the musical program, the choral society joined church members for a potluck lunch.

—**Mary Fedorow**

◆ **Kauma Adventist High School** and **Taribo church, Kiribati**, ran evangelistic meetings for two weeks at **Tabiang community hall** from September 21 to October 3 last year. The meetings were the first of their kind to be held on the island of **Abemama**.

Pastor **Kabata Toakai**, director for youth ministries for the **Kiribati Nauru Mission**, presented with help from the school chaplain, **Pastor Ari Niumataiwalu**. More than **150 people** attended the meeting most nights. A spiritual program was also run at the school for a week. Staff, students—of whom about 90 per cent are non-Adventist—and local church members joined hands in prayer and spiritual nurturing. Some students witnessed in the community on the Sabbath afternoon. After the meetings, 45 people were baptised with 40

people still wanting Bible studies.  
—**Suluweti Niumataiwalu**

◆ The health department of the **Stanthorpe church, Qld**, recently held an **international dinner** for everyone who attended a **cooking demonstration class** during 2008. Stanthorpe has members from many different countries and each nationality was represented by at least one dish. Members of the **Anglican church**, who hire the church building each Sunday for their worship services, were also invited.  
—**Mary Fedorow**

# Land development to boost Avondale

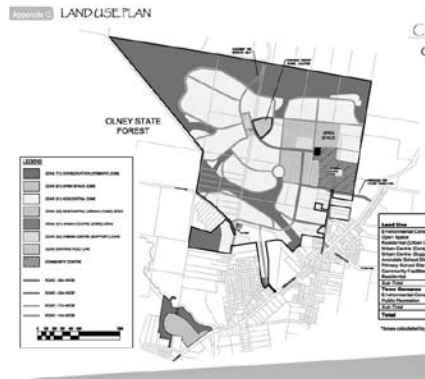
## COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Avondale College officials say the December 5 approval of a \$A1 billion public housing project on land owned by the Adventist Church in Cooranbong will secure the future of the college by funding its first endowment. Beyond providing financial security, the endowment is expected to help move the college toward university status, said Francois Keet, Avondale's vice-president for finance.

In an interview shortly after the New South Wales state planning minister approved the project, developer Keith Johnson said the move was the "best use" of church assets. The 350-hectare plot, slated as a conservation zone, would have drained millions of dollars in church funds to meet and maintain conservation standards, he said.

Mr Johnson said he has been fighting bureaucratic red tape for nine years to get the land rezoned for housing. "It's rewarding after so many years to see this outcome. I think it's a win-win situation for everybody," he said.

According to state planning minister



*The concept plan for the North Cooranbong development, which has now been approved.*

Kristina Keneally, the 10- to 15-year project is expected to provide 2500 new houses and 5000 jobs in the area.

Construction is expected to begin early this year, said Mr Johnson. "We're planning to have our first houses on the market by the middle of the year." Avondale College will have to wait slightly longer to benefit from the project. Speaking "realistically," Mr Johnson ventured the school would begin seeing the expected financial returns within five years.

"It will take a huge burden off the finances of the college," said Mr Johnson. "If [Avondale] invests wisely, it's a future for Adventist education in this [region]."

—David Gibbons

# Fulton celebrates 2879th graduate

## SUVA, FIJI

Fulton College celebrated its 62nd graduation since its inception in 1941 on December 7. Some 106 students graduated from theology, education, and business courses, making a total of 2879 graduates in the college's history.

A former principal of Fulton College, Dr Nemani Tausere, delivered the baccalaureate address in which he reminded the graduates that preparation for service was the real purpose of education. This was in line with the class motto, "Educated to serve."

Dr Glyn Galo, deputy vice-chancellor of Pacific Adventist University (PAU), also participated in the ceremony, presenting degrees to those whose courses are accredited through PAU.

Plans are underway to relocate Fulton College. Funding this project will be assisted by camp-meeting mission offerings in 2009, and the Thirteenth Sabbath offering in the final quarter of this year.

—Bruce Potter



*Dr Nemani Tausere congratulates business graduate Joyce Navala.*



◆ Alexandria resident **Berenice Elton** (pictured) has received an **Outdoors Recreation Industry Council of New South Wales** award in recognition of almost 15 years of contribution to the industry. Mrs Elton, a member of the **Woollahra church**, has been the leader of the church's **Pathfinder group** since 1990. As Pathfinder leader, Mrs Elton

organises five camps a year for the young people. She also conducts a variety of activity-based lessons, such as taking the Pathfinders to parks to learn about birds and orienteering. Mrs Elton is also the district director for Pathfinders, looking after six other Pathfinder clubs in the **Greater Sydney Conference**. A full-time nursing unit manager at the **Sydney Adventist Hospital**, Mrs Elton says being involved in Pathfinders takes up all her spare time but she hasn't "thought about stopping yet."

—Melody Tan

◆ **Macquarie College, NSW**, featured on **NBN News** for their initiative in the **Collect-a-Can project** on December 1. The college collected more than **4500 cans** and other staple food items for two local charities, with one enthusiastic Year 8 student single-handedly collecting more than 300 cans.



The **Samaritans charity**, who received half of the collection, said this donation from Macquarie College was a direct answer to prayer, following crisis meetings over their lack of food stuffs in the lead up to Christmas.—**Sharlene Guest**

◆ **Millmerran church, Qld**, organised a "Thankyou" program on **December 13** to praise God. The program focused on acknowledging God for His undeserved love and kindness to the lives of individuals, families and the

# Interest rate cuts not good news for church

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The recent fall in interest rates in Australia is not good news for everyone, says Rodney Brady, chief financial officer of the South Pacific Division (SPD), and will have an impact on the finances of the church as a whole.

Interest income across the whole division is expected to decline by more than \$A15 million over the next year and will affect all church organisations, including local churches, schools, aged care facilities, conferences, missions and other institutions. The SPD itself is planning for several million dollars less in interest income available to support capital projects, institutions—such as Avondale College, Pacific Adventist University and Adventist Media Network—and the mission regions in the next financial year.

“The media tends to focus on homebuyers and how lower interest rates benefit them,” says Mr Brady. “However, those with savings are going to receive less income. There are many retirees who depend on interest on their savings and superan-

uation as their main source of income.”

Mr Brady says if church members receive less interest income they will pay less tithe on that income. “The SPD has lower risk investments that are capital secure and earn interest while waiting to be spent. The general investment strategy has been not to put capital at risk to chase capital gains,” he says. “So while the church did not have its annual budgets exposed to the stock market downturn, it now has less investment income due to lower interest rates.”

Interest is an important source of non-tithe income to the church for capital projects and expenses that cannot be supported from tithe. While interest is not the main source of income for local churches and other church organisations, they use interest income to help provide additional funds for operating budgets or to purchase assets.

“Lower interest rates are a normal part of the economic cycle but have fallen much faster than we would have anticipated,” says Mr Brady. “The cost to the SPD budget of its personnel is less than 15 per-

cent of available funds and no changes are planned that will affect SPD staff, other than the ongoing requirement to operate as efficiently as possible. The anticipated effect of lower interest rates

will be less funds available to distribute for special appropriations on non-recurrent expenses or capital projects, and for the ongoing support of other organisations. We do not want to overreact at the moment but we do need to monitor what happens with tithe, interest rates and other income in the months ahead.”

However, despite economically difficult times, SPD officers remain optimistic that church members will continue to support the church and its mission into 2009.—Melody Tan

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Rodney Brady, chief financial officer, South Pacific Division.

community. People came from **Toowoomba, Goondiwindi, Oakey** and the local community to give thanks to God. **Neil Watts**, president of the South Queensland conference, spoke during the program with the title “What a God! Is our praise enough?” Pastor Watts called the congre-



gation's attention to God's love for undeserving humanity. The president of the Historical Centre in Millmerran, **Keith Caldicott**, who attended the program with his wife and son, said, “I've never been to such a gathering . . . such wonderful talk was very informative and good.” The local **Presbyterian community** (pictured) presented a number of items with the children from the Central Adventist church in Toowoomba.

—Andrew Opis

◆ The Emerald church com-

pany, **Qld**, held its first **Carols by Candlelight** program for the community on December 5. It was advertised through the local paper, a local radio station and by distribution of personal invitations. The **Central Queensland News** sent a photographer on the night and the following Wednesday's edition



of the paper carried a full page of colour photographs. Music was provided by the **Hayward Band**. **Lisa Dalton** told the story of Jesus' birth, which was interspersed with the singing of carols and special music. Approximately **100 people**, including many from the community, attended the program. Representatives from **Avalon**, the **local Blue Care Aged Care facility**, attended and were presented with small gifts, which the church ladies had prepared for the residents of the facility.—Peter Jaensch

# New mission projects approved for 2009

## WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

**T**welve new Global Mission projects have been added to the 34 continuing projects in the South Pacific Division (SPD) that targets new people groups and establishes an Adventist presence in previously unentered areas. The Centre for Church Planting and Global Mission Committee, which met on December 9, authorised the transfer of SPD and General Conference (GC) funds to help these projects proceed.

The 46 projects in 2009 represent a total investment of \$A1.36 million, of which the SPD is contributing \$A295,928 and the GC is contributing \$A399,617. While 40 projects had previously been approved at the October meeting of the Global Mission committee, an additional five projects from the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference and a late urgent request from South Australia were recommended to the GC for funding in 2009. Further project requests are also expected from Papua New Guinea.

"There are some very exciting and challenging initiatives among the new projects," says Pastor Coombe. "They include a

long-term strategy for commencing work among Muslim communities in southwestern Sydney; a plan for reaching Indians in Auckland (NZ); another friendship fishing project at Onotoa Island in Kiribati; a church plant for Nukuni village on the most south-easterly island of Fiji, called Ono-i-Lau; a new church plant in Matangi village on East Bellona in the Solomon Islands; another multi-ethnic church group at Queens Park in Perth, called the 'All Nations Church'; and the opportunity to commence work and plant a church at Coober Pedy (SA)."

This SPD funding was greatly assisted by a recent anonymous donor, who gave \$A100,000 to support Global Mission in the South Pacific. The Annual Sacrifice Offering contributes directly to Global Mission Funds at the GC but members can contribute by including a donation to Global Mission in tithe envelopes.

"We are grateful for the sacrifice and generosity of our church members who support the mission of the church with their donations but we also appreciate the dedication of pioneer laymen and women who open up these new areas," says Pastor Coombe.—**RECORD staff/Ray Coombe**

# Evangelists develop on-screen presence

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Mr Schofield also said AMN will be producing DVD sets of the evangelists' programs.

"[This workshop has made me realise] that I was not being myself and as relaxed as I should be," says Pastor Greg Evans, a presenter on Hope Channel and 3ABN's *Nature's Lesson Book*. "I have learned to be more natural and to smile."

"Some of the participants of the workshop will go on to receive further individual training on a long-term basis, to become significant and major presenters for the next 10 to 15 years for our various ministries," says Mr Schofield.

AMN is planning to host a similar workshop in March to train participants in hosting and news-reporting techniques.—**Melody Tan**



Evangelists from around Australia and New Zealand took the opportunity to develop their preaching and presenting skills.



◆ In November, 17 **Solomon Islanders** graduated with a **Certificate in Leadership** from **Pacific Adventist University, PNG**. They are the third cohort to complete the journey and are better equipped to offer the leadership the church so desperately needs. New cohorts in PNG, Vanuatu, and French Polynesia are now underway.—**Barry Gane**

◆ God's creative and restorative power is a "compelling" motive for Christians to impact their communities, said General Conference president **Jan Paulsen** during a holiday address to church members worldwide. Drawing from a biblical picture of renewal in the Book of Isaiah, Pastor Paulsen said God's power is not limited to the promised "new Earth" but "begins now—even in incomplete and feeble ways." That message of hope can create community where there seems only to be divisions, relationships where

there is separation, hope where there is fear, peace where there is anger, and life where there is destruction and death." Such "radical" expressions of faith, Pastor Paulsen said, depend upon a "shared humanity."—**ANN**

◆ Two paintings that hung in a **Yorkshire parish church, UK**, for almost **100 years** have been identified as 15th-century masterpieces. The rare Italian works by the early Renaissance master **Sano di Pietro** have been valued at more than **\$A650,000**, reports the **Daily Telegraph**. They

had hung unrecognised in the **Lady Chapel at the Church of St John and St Mary Magdalene, Goldthorpe, South Yorkshire**, since it was built in **1916**. But the 1.5 metre panels were sent for valuation during a recent refurbishment of the church and were found to be among some of di Pietro's largest works outside Italy. The current **Earl of Halifax** said his great-grandfather donated the paintings but their worth had been forgotten over the years. The pictures are currently on loan to the **York Art Gallery**.—**Ananova**

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# Lectures share research on 1919 conference

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

Two lectures at Avondale College invited Adventists to replace decades of controversy with effective understanding of the context, content and results of a conference held by Adventists in Washington, DC (US), during 1919. The lecturer, Dr Michael Campbell, pastors three churches in Montrose, Colorado (US), and delivered the lectures on November 15.

Three years of coursework helped Dr Campbell assemble the scholarly tools he used during another three years to research and write his Doctor of Philosophy dissertation, “The 1919 Bible Conference and Its Significance for Seventh-day Adventist History and Theology.” His 305 pages of historical analysis were completed during July of 2008 for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University.

The 1919 Bible Conference was set in a watershed era as Fundamentalism was rising and its prophetic conferences were impacting North American Christianity and Adventism. The 1919 event was epochal for Adventists, coming as it did soon after the end of Ellen White’s 70-year ministry and the crises of World War I. According to Dr Campbell, “the significance is that it gives

us insight into our Adventist identity. The 1919 conference shows us the birth of two different ways of approaching inspired writings—that has shaped and continues to shape just about every theological conflict within our church.”

His dissertation summarises an important aspect of the conference: “Several speakers, most notably W W Prescott, emphasised the importance of progressive revelation. Truth is progressive and Adventists needed a Bible Conference to continue to mine the depths of God’s Word, they argued. Adventist thinkers were feeling the pressure of a number of doctrinal conflicts that made it advantageous to discuss theological issues candidly yet behind closed doors. The 1919 Bible Conference was ultimately an opportunity for leading thinkers in the church to seek both theological unity and spiritual revival.”

According to Avondale College senior research fellow Dr Arthur Patrick, who hosted Dr Campbell’s lectures, the key questions relate to what the Adventist church can learn from this experience. “To read such a comment is to activate important questions,”



Dr Michael Campbell.

comments Dr Patrick. “Who were the participants and what did they say? What were the ‘truth’ issues, then and now? After almost 90 years, does the conference agenda still matter, anyway? Why has 1919 been so incendiary?”

“The first answer to the last question is simple: two stalwart believers who probably partic-

ipated in the conference—there is some ambiguity in the extant evidence!—soon waged a pamphlet war, claiming the 1919 discussions compromised Adventism and led it toward the deadly ‘omega of apostasy.’ The second answer concerns the present. Similar charges are still being levelled by stentorian voices.”

Working toward some answers to these questions, an appendix to Dr Campbell’s dissertation identifies 65 attendees, their job descriptions and ages at the time they met between July 1 and August 1, 1919. He separated the main conference, at which all 65 attendees theoretically participated, from the smaller group of about 18 administrators, Bible and history teachers who conferred after the close of the main event.

Dr Campbell laments in his dissertation: “It is regrettable that only a fraction of what could have been recorded has been preserved.” But more than 1300 pages of transcripts are available for study, as well as a consensus statement, articles and books written by participants, plus a growing number of historical reflections. “So Dr Campbell’s oral and written reports can be read in the light of this primary documentation,” say Dr Patrick.

Following the lectures, Dr Campbell’s dissertation has been added to the Avondale College Library. The two lectures are available from the Ellen G White Seventh-day Adventist Research Centre. “They offer a succinct introduction to Fundamentalism and its impact on Adventism, as well as the 1919 Bible Conference and its outcomes,” says Dr Patrick.—**Nathan Brown/Arthur Patrick**

Dr Campbell’s dissertation is reviewed more fully at <<http://sdanet.org/atissue/white/patrick/campbell-review-1919.htm>>.

## “Adventists to pray for Obama”: GC president

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

The world’s 25 million Seventh-day Adventists will unite in prayer for the success of US president-elect Barack Obama, according to General Conference president Pastor Jan Paulsen.

“We pray that God will give you strength and wisdom to meet the unprecedented challenges of our time,” Pastor Paulsen wrote in a letter sent to Mr Obama, the first African-American elected to the position after the historic November 4 vote. The letter was read aloud to delegates at the 29th Annual Pastoral and Evangelism Council, a gathering sponsored by the regional conferences of the North American Division.

In his letter, the text of which was read aloud by Pastor Harold Lee, retired president of the Columbia Union Conference, Pastor Paulsen told Mr Obama he wished to “express warm congratulations on this historic occasion” and assured the Illinois Senator “the prayers of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church are with you.” In the letter, Paulsen noted the church’s global reach, with activities in more than 200 countries.

Pastor Paulsen said he hoped Mr Obama would have “a daily experience of God’s presence” as he tackles the challenges of the present age, and said, “we stand as ready partners” in implementing Mr Obama’s goals for health and educational progress.

—**Mark Kellner/Adventist Review**

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# Hindson Awards 2008

BY NATHAN BROWN

AS SOMEONE INTERESTED IN WORDS, I recently realised something that should be obvious about two words we use regularly in the context of church. Prompted by something I was reading, it occurred to me that *communication* and *community* have a lot in common.

As anyone who remembers high school English should be able to recall, words as similar as these probably come from common origins and thus are linked in their meanings. So perhaps it's no dazzling insight but the interaction between communicating and community is worth thinking about.

It works both ways—a significant role of communication is to create community and an important part of community is communication. And that's what RECORD is about, communicating to the wider faith community of which we are part and, by doing so, building a stronger community.

That's why at the beginning of each year, we editors pause to honour—with our annual Hindson Awards—what we consider to be some of the best contributions to the community and communication that has been RECORD in the past year. And the Hindson Award winners for 2008 are:

## Best devotional article

- Karen Collum, "The saddest funeral," August 2.

A poignant piece of writing, combining prose and poetry, "The saddest funeral" addressed one of the hard questions of faith—how do we relate, particularly in death, to our loved ones who seem to have rejected God? Prompted by the death of the writer's grandfather, the article offered both honesty and hope, culminating in an affirmation of the goodness of God.

## Best feature article

- Glenn Townend, "The team," July 26.

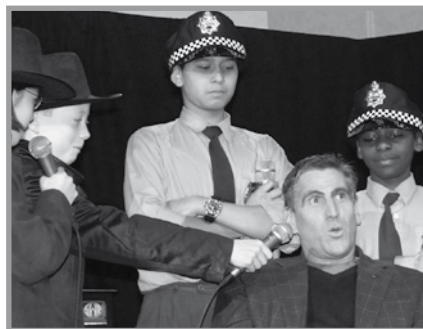
Drawn from his experience of travelling with a group of pastors from Western Australia after ministers meetings at the beginning of the year, Pastor Townend told an engaging, entertaining and thought-

provoking story. After narrating their misadventures with a healthy element of suspense, this article emphasised the team element among a group of pastors and the wider church in encouraging one another, bearing one another's burden and representing God to the world.

## Best practical feature

- Christine Miles, "Local church: The Haven, Nelson, NZ," February 16.
- Mark Baines, "Attention, church shoppers!" June 28.

These two articles did a good job in quite different ways. Christine Miles' profile of The Haven church in Nelson (NZ) was part of a series of articles profiling healthy local churches. As such, the article collects the good things that particular church is doing and offers them as a demonstration of some of the things churches can be. But where that article shows, Mark Baines' article on "church shopping" tells—and tells it straight. Reflecting on his own experience as a self-confessed church drifter, "Attention, church shoppers!" challenged readers to commit to a local church and become part of the solution to church consumerism.



## Best news photo

- Tania Calais, "Melbourne schools unite for worship," September 27.

This photo captures a moment at the "combined Schools Day of Worship" that immediately grabs a reader's attention and leads them to want to find out more. Whether Pastor Nick Kross was playing a role or had just been genuinely surprised, the photograph captured the moment well.



## Best news article

- Reno Paotonu, "Wellington hosts ASANZ convention," August 23.

This was a solid news story, grabbing the highlights from an obviously action-packed student convention. Submitted with photos and quotes from leaders, this was a news story worthy of its cover space.

## Best letter

- Ron McGrath, "An apology," May 17.

The Letters pages of RECORD is about interaction, sharing perspectives and learning from each other. Ron McGrath modelled this well, both in his initial letter—"Another loss?" (March 15)—and then in his apology, addressed to Dr Ray Roenfeldt of Avondale College. As Mr McGrath commented, "It seems it is not too late to learn at 82."

## Best contribution to *The Edge*

- Tony Knight, "Ask a youth leader," *The Edge* 70–73.

Published six times a year as a supplement to RECORD, *The Edge* has continued to grow in the past year, particularly with the filming of 26 episodes of EDGE TV for Hope Channel as part of Project Hope in Australia. Another significant addition has been Pastor Tony Knight joining the cast of regular contributors to *The Edge*. Pastor Knight's "Ask a youth leader" columns have added a solid, thoughtful and practical dimension to the magazine, addressing questions of how young people can become more involved with church, sharing their faith and other issues. We have appreciated Pastor Knight's contributions and the work, experience and enthusiasm he has put into them. **R**

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.





# Healthier you: 3 ways in 7 days

**A**S WE ENJOY THE BEGINNING OF A new year, it is a good time to think about changes we want to make to help us live healthier, happier lives.

So where do you start? Try making changes that give you an immediate benefit because they will inspire you to keep going. We have made suggestions round three areas: moving, playing and eating. Just pick one option from each section, challenge yourself to do it for a week and feel the positive difference.

## Move

- **Walk**—Get up half an hour earlier and go for a walk around your local neighbourhood.
- **Cycle**—Whether it's out in the fresh air or indoors on an exercise bike, get cycling!
- **Game on**—Use the longer summer days to enjoy an evening game of soccer with the family or join a local touch football team.

## Play

- **Have fun**—Plan seven fun activities to do for the week. Try kite flying, a trip to the beach to build sandcastles or go tenpin bowling.
- **Read**—Re-read your favourite childhood book.
- **Create**—Buy yourself a canvas and some paints and spend the week working on a piece of art.

## Eat

- **Go for 2 and 5**—Enjoy at least two serves of fruit and five serves (or half cups) of vegetables each day. Don't just think of vegies for dinner, snack on carrots or capsicum, and try to include salad with lunch.
- **Be water wise**—Replace all of your drinks, including fizzy drinks, coffee and tea, with at least two litres of water each day for seven days.
- **Love legumes**—Include a serve of legumes each day. Try chickpeas in salads, have a family veggie burger night, enjoy hummus with raw vegies, have baked beans for a snack, and include lentils in your favourite soups and casseroles.

After making these small changes, you will find that even after just seven days, you are feeling lighter and more energetic. **R**

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## Baked vegetable and white bean salad

- 3 large zucchini, cut diagonally**
- 1 yellow capsicum, halved, trimmed and thickly sliced lengthways**
- 1 red capsicum, halved, trimmed and thickly sliced lengthways**
- 4 plump baby eggplants, cut into 3 slices lengthways**
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and halved lengthways**
- Olive oil cooking spray**
- 400g can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained**
- 125g cherry or grape tomatoes, quartered**
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley**
- 50g low-fat feta cheese, crumbled**
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil**

1. Place vegetables and garlic into a large non-sticking roasting pan. Spray with oil, tossing gently to evenly coat vegetables. Roast, turning once, in a preheated 200°C oven for 30–35 minutes until tender.
2. Meanwhile, to make white bean salad, place cannellini beans, tomatoes, parsley, feta and 1 tablespoon oil in a bowl. Gently toss to combine.
3. Arrange roast vegetables on serving plates. Top with white bean salad. Drizzle with remaining oil.
4. Serve with baby rocket leaves and wholegrain bread rolls. Serves 4.

Per Serve: 963kJ (230 Cal); Protein 11g; Total Fat 12g; Saturated Fat 3g; Carbohydrate 14g; Total Sugars 6g; Sodium 150mg; Potassium 740mg; Calcium 130mg; Iron 2.9mg; Fibre 9g.



# Your vote counts

BY SHEILA RELIHAN

**W**HAT A POLITICISED TIME THE past year or so has been! Rallying to the catchcry of “a time for change,” voters in Australia, the United States and New Zealand voted out their long-standing party-led governments in favour of the respective oppositions. New brooms have been commissioned to sweep away the cobwebs of previous bureaucracies and overturn unpopular legislation.

Although it is not our intention to rake over the ashes of party politics, for good or ill, these events have absorbed our nations’ attention for much of this period. It would even be fair to say that together with the worldwide financial situation, political elections—both in the South Pacific and abroad—successfully outstripped celebrity gossip and global warming as the hottest topics for comment in every branch of the media.

Each citizen was aware that the political future of our nations rested in the hands of those entering polling booths. But we should not forget that the right to vote is a privilege enjoyed only in those countries that operate according to democratic principles. With multiple parties to choose from, we are somewhat “spoiled for choice,” whereas citizens living in totalitarian states or under other forms of despotism are afforded no such opportunity to express their preferences. Within this past year, many such people paid with their lives in pursuit of the right to do so.

However important it is for us to make informed decisions regarding which political party most deserves our vote—or even whether to vote at all—there is one election in which we are all required to “vote.” It involves issues far more relevant, and more encompassing, than those in any local or foreign electoral process. It is, in fact, the

greatest, most important election ever!

This election has to do with the decisions we make in the spiritual realm. Intriguingly, some aspects of the race for political power with which we have become familiar are, to some extent, paralleled in the spiritual arena.

## Challenging God’s authority

Most of us are familiar with the biblical record of Creation, the fall of humanity and the great controversy between Christ and Satan—at least, in broad outline. It is incomprehensible to the human mind that an angelic being so greatly blessed, so highly favoured as was Lucifer, could so intensely lust after power that he would seek to challenge the authority of omnipotent God. But the astonishing reality is that this is indeed what occurred—and sin had its origin in heaven, no less.

With an arrogance born of inordinate pride in the gifts with which God had so richly endowed him, Lucifer conducted a rebellious campaign for the hearts and minds of the angels—and successfully recruited one-third of them. On his expulsion from heaven, Lucifer—now known as Satan—set his sights on the Edenic pair on the newly created Planet Earth.

As the acme of God’s creative activity, He made human beings, bestowing on them the supreme compliment of being formed in His own image, and accompanied this with a further gift: the power of choice. How it must have grieved the Creator’s heart when, with the deception of Eve and complicity of Adam, Satan succeeded in introducing sin into this world—and with it, the prospect of eternal destruction, the price of their choice, for “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23\*).

Since then, every person born has been inextricably caught up in the resulting cosmic controversy. There are only two protagonists: Christ and Satan. And, one way or another, every individual is called upon to cast their “vote” in favour of one or the other.

And the issues at stake are what is right or wrong, truth or error, good versus evil, eternal life or eternal destruction. We have the opportunity—indeed, privilege—of choosing eternal life. It’s all about making choices.

But God had a choice to make, too. He could have resolved the problem quickly by simply wiping out the rebels, whether angelic or human, or dealt with the problem of sin in some other peremptory manner. But such would not have been in harmony with God’s character, for the basis of God’s authority within the universe is love, as God Himself is love.

## A God of love

At Sinai, God honoured His chosen people—the Israelites—by making a covenant with them, identifying Himself as “the Lord, your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the land of slavery . . . showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments” (Exodus 20:2, 6), and revealed Himself to Moses as “the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin” (Exodus 34:6, 7).

In Isaiah 56, the Lord includes among those to whom He will reveal His righteousness those who hold fast to His covenant, keep the Sabbath without desecrating it, keep their hands from doing evil and choose what pleases Him.

Toward the end of his life, after leading his people into the Promised Land, Joshua presented them with this challenge: “Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

Over thousands of years, both before and after the Israelites entered the Promised Land, the battle has raged relentlessly between the forces of good and the forces of evil. All too often, accommodation to the lifestyles and practices of the surrounding idol-worshipping nations lured God’s people into idolatry and lawlessness until no perceptible difference remained. This threat is very present in today’s world as well—and we all need to be aware of this ever-present danger.

Time and again a loving, yearning God sent prophets to draw His people back to the right paths, to pure, unadulterated worship. On rare occasions, the people heeded their message. All too often, however, they did not, and persecuted or put to death those who bore the Lord’s message. Hear the pathos as God pleads through the prophet Ezekiel: “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel? . . . And if I say to the wicked man, ‘You will surely die,’ but he then turns away from his sin and does what is just and right . . . he will surely live; he will not die” (Ezekiel 33:11-15).

By contrast, only a satanic spirit could generate the defiant response of apostate Israel to God’s message through Jeremiah: “We will do whatever we want. We will burn incense and pour out liquid offerings to the Queen of Heaven just as much as we like” (Jeremiah 44:17, NLT).

## God’s great plan

But way back in the Garden of Eden, faced with our first parents’ wrong choice, God produced a plan—the first and most important long-term plan on record—that Peter tells us was in place “before the crea-

tion of the world” (1 Peter 1:20) and in the first recorded promise, God assured the repentant couple that He Himself would “put enmity” between the serpent (Satan) and the woman, and between his offspring and hers (see Genesis 3:15).

Thus God accepted the challenge posed by Satan, turning an otherwise hopeless situation into one of hope for fallen humanity: “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

## By going through with that terrible humiliation and suffering—in dying our death—Jesus secured not only our eternal salvation but also our elevation to the closest kinship with God.

Furthermore, the next verse resoundingly tells us: “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him” (John 3:17). This concept is reinforced in John 5:24: “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him that sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”

This plan reached fruition at the cross of Calvary where, in an unprecedented act of magnanimity, Jesus identified Himself with our lot to the fullest extent. By undertaking to pay the wages of sin for us, He Himself faced the spectre of eternal destruction in our stead. In fact, the prospect of eternal separation from His Father was so appalling to Him that, in the Garden of Gethsemane, He pleaded three times, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me: yet not my will, but yours be done” (Luke 22:42).

During the wilderness temptation, Jesus was offered all the kingdoms of the world and everything His eyes beheld—if only He would fall down and worship Satan. His response was “Worship the Lord your

God and serve him only” (Luke 4:8). For your sake and mine, Jesus chose to walk the path of ignominy and shame, rather than accept the “easy way” Satan offered Him. And as such, He is “the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2).

By going through with that terrible humiliation and suffering—in dying our death—Jesus secured not only our eternal salvation but also our elevation to the closest kinship with God. Recognizing this, we can say with John, “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!” (1 John 3:1).

## The cosmic voting

As a result of this, God placed His vote for Jesus. “Therefore,” says Paul, “God exalted Him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).

And God invites us to “vote” in the same way. When we sing hymns like “I’d Rather Have Jesus than Silver or Gold” or “Take the World, but Give me Jesus,” we effectively place a large voter’s mark beside His name on the cosmic voting paper.

Not without reason, the apostle Peter exhorts us to “be all the more eager to make our [own] calling and election sure” (2 Peter 1:10). Let us therefore confirm our “vote” for Jesus by making a joyous and willing commitment to serve Him to the end. As Peter continues, “if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:10, 11). **R**

*\*Unless otherwise indicated, all Bible quotations are from the New International Version.*

**Sheila Relihan writes from Whangarei, New Zealand.**

# What about the students?

PETER BAMFORD, QLD

In the wake of Avondale College Foundation Investments going into voluntary administration (News, November 29), when will Avondale students with Avondale College Foundation scholarships know if they are still able to rely on the scholarships offered to them at the beginning of their studies? Does Avondale College intend to fulfil its commitment to these students?

Every university in Australia offers scholarships and it is through these means that many gifted students are able to realise their full potential. Avondale College needs to show that its students are highly regarded. Remember, they are the future ambassadors and leaders of the Advent movement.

**RESPONSE: BRENTON STACEY, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AVONDALE COLLEGE**

Avondale College has contacted all students receiving a scholarship funded by Avondale College Foundation. The college's Advancement Office has organised two meetings with the students—the first on October 30, the second on November 13—to share information about the voluntary administration of ACF Investments Limited and explain what assistance Avondale could give the students. Avondale has covered the cost of all foundation scholarships for 2008, despite having no obligation to do so—the college and the foundation are separate legal entities. The majority of students are receiving the foundation's Academic Excellence Scholarship, worth up to \$A27,500. These students will now receive the college's Academic Excellence Scholarship, worth up to \$A4500, from 2009. Six students have written to creditors of ACF Investments Limited, thanking them for their investment. The students receiving foundation scholarships, particularly those who chose not to accept scholarships from other tertiary institutions, are disappointed but the overwhelming majority understand why they will not be receiving a foundation scholarship in 2009. Their maturity is impressive.

# My resurrected Saviour

GENNARO COZZI, VIC

In a sense, we might say our salvation was completed at the cross! ("Defining 'sin,'" Letters, December 20). The cross sacrifice would suffice for my sin if I had died the moment my salvation was signed by Jesus' blood. But because my sinful nature is a slave to the law of sin (see Romans 7:25), until I die, I am continuously in need of help. This is when the value of Jesus' resurrection comes in (see Romans 8:1-3). Among all the other benefits, my resurrected Saviour can plead for me because He already atoned for me and, under the mantle of grace, His saving power comes to me, justifying and setting me free, that I may walk in the way of sanctification.

**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.

# Record Roo

Hi kids!  
While Simeon waited in jail in Egypt, Joseph's brothers made the journey back to Canaan. Would their father let them take their youngest brother, Benjamin, back to Egypt with them to save Simeon and prove to Joseph that they were honest?



## Read

The brothers had more to worry about than whether or not their father would let them take Benjamin back to Egypt. When they opened their sacks of grain, they all discovered the silver they had used to pay for the grain was back in their sacks! Now they would be accused of being spies and thieves! Read more about the brothers' journey back to Egypt in Genesis Chapter 43.

## Word Search



JOSEPH  
SIMEON  
BROTHERS  
JOURNEY  
CANAAN  
SACK  
TROUBLE

BENJAMIN  
JACOB  
GOD  
EGYPT  
GRAIN  
SILVER  
TRUTH  
FAMILY

## Colour In

Colour in the picture of Simeon waiting in jail.

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to reside at Te Puna, where Colin is an avocado grower.

*Dyason Kuresa, Pat Downey*

**McLean—Service.** Daniel McLean, son of Andrew and Anna McLean (Box Hill, Vic), and Carly Service, daughter of Greg and Judy Service (NSW), were married on 23.11.08 in Green Cathedrals, Pacific Palms. The couple grew up together.

*Frank Williams*

**Mitchell—Dixon.** David Mitchell, son of Ken and Deidre Mitchell (Brisbane, Qld), and Camille Dixon, daughter of Michael (Kosovo) and Dawn Dixon (Narromine, NSW), were married on 19.10.08 in St Andrews Chapel, Robina, Qld.

*Adrian Raethel*

**Monson—Sermon.** Bevan Monson, son of Lyle and Beverley Monson (Bunbury, WA), and Michelle Sermon, daughter of Phillip and Sandra Sermon (Perth), were married on 28.11.08 in Caversham House.

*Horace Evans, Andrew Skeggs*

**Nooroo—Tuau.** Jonathan Nooroo, son of Ngatupuna and Numia Nooroo (Tokoroa, NZ), and Maine Tuau, daughter of Tino and Linda Tuau (Tokoroa), were married on 21.11.08 in the home of the bride, Tokoroa.

*Phil Laws*

**Roles—Stayt.** Nathan Roles and Sandy Stayt were married 22.11.08 at Queen's Park, Mackay, Qld, surrounded by family, relatives and friends.

*Rick Ferret*

**Rossow—Smith.** Bradley John Rossow, son of Ross and Glennis Rossow (Stanthorpe, Qld), and Sherelle Smith, daughter of Robert and Gwenda Smith (Stanthorpe), were married on 23.11.08 at QCWT.

*R Possingham*

**Smith—Buhagiar.** Garry Smith, son of Russel and Helen Smith (Melbourne, Vic), and Mary Buhagiar, daughter of John and Rita Buhagiar (Melbourne), were married on 26.10.08 in St John Vianney's Catholic church.

*John Maher*

**Smith—Tasker.** Daniel Stephan Nikolas Smith, son of Peter and Margaret Smith (Melbourne, Vic), and Kassandra Jade Tasker, daughter of Ian Tasker (NSW) and Jennifer and Terry Milligan (Geelong), were married on 7.12.08 in the "Rosebank," Ringwood North. The couple met through the church Youth Networks and it was beautiful to see both Ian and Terry give Kassi away at the altar.

*John O'Malley*

**Stevenson—Taylor.** Wayne Stevenson Jr, son of Wayne and Julie Stevenson (Melbourne, Vic), and Keira Taylor, daughter of John (Perth, WA) and Pauline Taylor (Perth), were married on 30.11.08 in Harold Boas Gardens, West Point, Perth.

*Andrew Skeggs*

**Thomas—Burton.** David Hugh Thomas, son of George (deceased) and Edna Thomas (Wahroonga, NSW), and Suzanne Burton, daughter of Bernard Brandstater and Nerida Brandstater (Loma Linda, California, USA), were married 23.11.08 in the Banjo Paterson Restaurant, Glades-

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*Geoffrey Youlden*

**Tinworth—Weitkamp.** Owen Tinworth, son of Don (deceased) and Shirley Tinworth (Craigieburn, Vic), and Kirsten Weitkamp, daughter of Helmut and Monika Weitkamp (Germany), were married on 15.11.08 in the Ascot House, Ascot Vale.

*Morrie Krieg*

**Warbey—Ly.** Derek Victor Warbey, son of Victor and Anette Warbey (Melbourne, Vic), and Helen Ly, daughter of Quoc Vinh and Thai Thi Ly (Vietnam), were married on 7.9.08 in Polish church, Melbourne.

*Tom Turner*

**Warren—Besleaga.** Leigh Warren, son of Leslie Annett and Jo-Anne Lerner, and Adria Besleaga, daughter of William and Mihaela Besleaga (Melbourne, Vic), were married on 23.11.08 in the Tatra Reception Centre, Mt Dandenong.

*Darren Slade*

**Watanabe—Hamilton.** Minoru (Jimmy) Watanabe, son of Keith and Laura Watanabe (Tokyo, Japan), and Debbie Jane Hamilton, daughter of Douglas and Glenda Hamilton (Grafton, NSW), were married on 9.12.08 in the "Church in the Trees" Uniting Church, Morisset. The two recently graduated from Avondale College and will be taking up ministry positions at Albury, NSW.

*Ray Roemfeldt*

**Watts—Mahony.** Jared Watts, son of Loren and Sandra Watts, and Rhianna Mahony, daughter of Max and Cheryl Mahony, were married on 18.11.08 in St Patrick's Wedding Chapel, Nulkaba, Hunter Valley, NSW. The couple will take up their appointments at the SDA school in Esperance, WA.

*Horrie Watts*

**Willis—McIver.** Mark Willis, son of Warren and Lynette Willis (Mount Colah, NSW), and Althea McIver, daughter of Robert and Susan McIver (Martinsville), were married on 15.11.08 at Peppers Convent, Pokolbin.

*Ray Roemfeldt*

## Obituaries

**Armstrong,** Hazel (nee Harders), born 24.6.1919 at Subiaco, WA; died 11.11.08

## Weddings

**Cribb—Oliver.** Hayden Ashley Cribb, son of Ian and Sharon Cribb, and Orala Anne Oliver, daughter of Trevor and Helen Oliver, were married on 5.10.08 at Grassy Head beach, Stuarts Point, NSW.

*Mark McNeill*

**Dassie—Orchard.** Jason Eddie Dassie, son of Eddie and Susan Dassie (Noranda, WA), and Ayesha Chanelle Orchard, daughter of Terry and Suzette Orchard (High Wycombe), were married on 29.11.08 in Christ the King church, Beaconsfield. They later enjoyed their first meal together as husband and wife, with family and friends, at Maria's on The Terrace, Fremantle, in Avica Resort, Gold Coast.

**Du Preez—Shackelford.** Hendrik Stephanus du Preez, son of Hennie and Joan du Preez (Brisbane, Qld), and Jenna Catherine Shackelford, daughter of Bruce and Madonna Shackelford (Brisbane), were married on 6.12.08 in Avica Resort, Gold Coast.

*Andre van Rensburg*

**Endicott—Petley-Labonne.** Steven Bradley Endicott, son of James (deceased) and Beryl Endicott (Sydney, NSW), and Lisa Danielle Petley-Labonne, daughter of Neil Petley (UK) and Marie-Angele Labonne (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 16.11.08 in Mitchellton church.

*Ted White*

**Faeteete—Jara.** Lusua Faeteete, son of Ioane and Perise Faeteete (Samoa), and

Veronica Jara, daughter of Marco and Elsa Jara (Sydney, NSW), were married on 30.11.08 in Auburn church.

*Wayne French, Panapa Leulua*

**Gibbs—Rigby.** Benjamin Douglas Gibbs, son of Douglas and Ruth Gibbs (Heathcote, NSW), and Rebecca Alyssa Rigby, daughter of Glynn and Sue Rigby (Morisset), were married on 8.6.08 in Avondale College church.

*Lyell Heise*

**Leaupepe-Frost—Ulia.** Voka Leaupepe-Frost, son of Selepa Faamaile (Auckland, NZ), and Christina Lama Ulia, daughter of Vaelua and Leataosina Ulia (Bonnells Bay, NSW), were married on 23.11.08 in Hamilton church.

*Bruce Manners*

**Low—Rellis.** David Low, son of Irwin and Yvonne Low, and Helene Rellis, daughter of Stephen and Maria Rellis, were married on 28.9.08 in Strathfield church, Sydney, NSW.

*Mark McNeill*

**Martinez—Bussell.** Fernando Ulises Martinez, son of Fernando and Jacqueline Martinez (Sydney, NSW), and Daniela Bussell (Sydney), were married on 23.11.08 in Eschol Park House, Eschol Park.

*David Reilly*

**Maunder—Scott.** Colin Maunder, son of Calvin and Valmai Maunder (Te Puna, NZ), and Michelle Scott, daughter of Lois Winks (Auckland), were married on 30.11.08 at Te Puna. Colin and Michelle met via SDA website for singles and plan

in the Peter Arney Home, Salter Point. In 1939, she married Harry, who predeceased her in 1992. She is survived by her son, Ron (Perth); her daughters, Margaret Lobegeiger (Bickley), Elizabeth Bradshaw (Perth), Patricia Robinson (Montville, Qld), and Roslyn Bylund (Perth, WA); her 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Hazel was a sincere, committed Adventist, devoted to her family and an active supporter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She now rests in Jesus, awaiting His return.  
*Cyrus S Adams*

**Bishop,** Ronald (Ron) William John, born at 5.10.1927 at Katoomba, WA; died 20.11.08 (age 81) in Mercy Care Hospital, Albury, NSW, after a prolonged illness. In 1948, the family tuned into the radio program the "Voice of Prophecy" with Pastor LC Naden. Later, Pastor Joe Dever studied with the family and in due course they were baptised into the Bathurst church. In 1959, Ron married Laurel Todd at Young. He loved nature and all of God's creation and will be sadly missed by Laurel, Wayne, Rowen and Kelly, and three grandsons. He sleeps now, awaiting the call of his beloved Master.  
*Peter Sehm*

**Bright,** Douglas Charles, born 18.2.1915 in Perth, WA; died 13.9.08 in Perth. In 1938, he married Isabel Hicks (deceased). He is survived by his sons, Murray, Russell and Eddie; his seven grandchildren; and his 12 great-grandchildren. The greater part of Doug's life was spent in mechanical workshops and will always be remembered by his family and the many young men of the church as "Mr Fix it." He gladly gave his time assisting in the mechanical repairs, panelbeating and spray-painting of many a car. Doug was baptised in 1960, following an Austin Cook mission. He served as elder and deacon in South Perth and Armadale churches. He was a true gentleman.  
*Peter Fowler*

**Church,** Alfred Sanuel, born in 1917 at Gisborne NZ; died on 10.11.08 in Dunblane Rest Care after a long and active life. He was predeceased by his daughter, Sandra. He is survived by his wife, Glensy; his sons, Bryan, Cliff and Wayne; his daughter, Michelle (all of Napier); his stepsons, Bernard (Korea) and Chris (Gisborne), and stepdaughter, Kathy (USA). As a young man, Alf was an enthusiastic and successful racing cyclist. This was followed by a period of service with the New Zealand army during WWII. From his return from war service to his retirement, he was a self-employed builder.  
*Ron Lewis*

**DeBlick,** Helena Gertrude, born 22.1.1921 in Jakarta; died 5.11.08 in Logan Hospital, Brisbane. In 1946, she married Frank, who predeceased her in 2001. She is survived by Charmaine DeBlick (Sydney). Helen was a woman of great courage who survived life in a POW camp and remained true to her God. Despite her disabling illness, the words of the hymn, "We have this hope" aptly expressed her faith in God.  
*W Flamenco, Bob Possingham*

**Dustow,** Edward John (Ted), born 18.2.1921 at Dannevirke, NZ; died 1.11.08 at Victoria Point, Qld. On 23.2.1975, he married Joyce Oliver. He is survived by his wife (Victoria

Point); his children, Graeme (Kingscliffe), Yvonne Brill (Nevada, USA), Loretta Hawkins (Arizona), and Rosalie Larson (Denmark). Ted was a man who, after dramatic conversion, followed his Lord for the rest of his life. Ted worked as a colporteur in New Zealand for four years before becoming first the assistant leader and then the leader. During this time, he took care of a number of churches. He transferred to South Queensland where he first continued to do literature evangelism, then worked as a sales representative for Sanitarium, travelling all around Queensland until ill health forced him to work locally at Moorooka. Ted was a much loved and appreciated worker for the Lord. His friendliness and wonderful prayers are going to be missed by everyone.  
*Graham Allen, Neil Tyler*

**Green,** Allan William, born 25.9.1919 in Perth, WA; died 12.9.08 in Northam. He was predeceased by his children, Stanley (1950), Dianne (1997) and Terry (2002). He is survived by his wife, Margaret; his children, Geoff and Lorraine Green; his 13 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. Allan lived by a simple life philosophy: "be kind and generous to everybody." He played guitar, sang country music and yodelled, entertaining many a stranger with a humour and manner that characterised a man of the bush. His life was spent in Kalgoolie and Northam. Every Sabbath, he sat at the door of Avon Valley church and welcomed everybody with a smile and a handshake that was something to look forward to. His hope was that every member of his extensive family would be present on the Resurrection day.  
*Peter Fowler*

**Harding,** Noel Wyatt, born 3.7.1935 in Hawera, NZ; died 13.10.08 in Karadean Court Rest Home and Hospital, Oxford, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Kath); his children, Carol, Paul, Ronald, Annette and Sharon; his 11 grandchildren (Nigel, Margaret, Karl, Kathryn, Matthew, Thomas, Samantha, Mathew, Steven and Kaleb); and his three great-grandchildren. Noel lived an adventurous life, he loved the outdoors and used his active lifestyle in many roles as part of the Oxford church. He had a love for life and family, and cared for them as a dedicated husband and father. He is sadly missed but both family and friends look forward to the great Resurrection morning when all will be reunited forever.  
*Kevin Varrall*

**Hardy,** Jeffery Samuel, born 2.3.1922 in Sale, Vic; died 15.11.08 at home in Stratford. He married Melba Boucher at Bairnsdale in 1945, who predeceased him in 2003. Jeff is survived by his three children and their spouses, Lyn and Mel Trevena (Dunedin, NZ), Glenise and Norm Hardy (Canberra, ACT) and Clare and Pete Lockington (Brisbane, Qld); his eight grandchildren; and his 10 great-grandchildren. Jeff was noted in the community as an outstanding cattleman and a committed Christian. He longed for the coming of Jesus. He died with assurance in Jesus and awaits the glorious Resurrection.  
*Norm Hardy*

**Hitch,** Clive Maxwell, born 17.5.1931 at Shepparton, Vic; died 23.11.08 in Monash Medical Centre, Vic. On 26.3.1959, he married Shirley Olive June Knight, who pre-

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deceased him on 25.2.00. He is survived by his son, Bradley (Noble Park, Vic). Clive was a keen gardener and specialised in growing orchids. He worked for Coles for 44 years, and was greatly appreciated as a reliable and trustworthy employee. One of Clive's great achievements was to represent Australia in the ice hockey team at the 1960 Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, California, USA. Clive was a true gentleman and will be sorely missed by those who knew him.  
*Darrell Croft*

**Humble,** Joyce Evelyn, born 3.2.1933; died 30.10.08 at Geelong, Victoria. She is survived by her children, Graeme, John, Marion, David, Peter and Belinda; her sister, Pearl; and many grandchildren; great-grandchildren and more than 30 foster children. Joyce is resting next to her husband, Bernie, the love of her life. Joyce was an organist for the Geelong church for many years and helped out in different departments wherever she could. Joyce will be sorely missed by family and friends alike. Her ready smile and work ethic were the trademarks of a godly lady of few words. Resting in Jesus, awaiting the trumpet sound. In the morning, Joyce.  
*John O'Malley, Quinten Liebrandt*

**Johns,** John Mervyn, born 29.7.1922 at Auckland, NZ; died 17.11.08 in Heatherington House, Waihi, NZ. Merv is survived by his wife, Ruth, of 60 years; his children, Barbara and David Fisher (Mt Maunganui), Suzie and Dan Keene (Cromwell) and Robin and Mary (Sydney, NSW). He was also a very special grandad to Nicola, Charlotte, Kate, Rebecca, Mathew and Daniel. Merv was baptised into the Adventist Church in 1947, and served his Lord in

many ways for the remaining years of his life. Merv will be sadly missed by his loving wife, family and all those who knew him. He now rests, awaiting the return of Jesus.  
*Rex Jackson*

**Lamprecht,** Edgar (Ed), born 29.4.1919 at Boonah, Qld; died suddenly 22.10.08. The eldest of three brothers, Ed grew up at Aratula. On 28.11.1942, he married Emily Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Lillingstone. He is survived by his wife (Brisbane); his children and their spouses, Doug and Faye (Bundaberg), Terry and Nancy (Brisbane), Gloria and Graham Higgins (Murwillumbah), Cynthia and Michael Holden (Gold Coast), Darryl and Diane (Gold Coast); his eight grandchildren and his five great-grandchildren. Ed served in the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Signals Section in World War II, seeing active service in PNG. He joined the church after attending a series by Pastor George Burnside in the 1950s and attended South Brisbane church. He and Betty were foundation members of the Mt Gravatt church and Ed was blessed to attend the first worship service in the new church, just prior to his untimely death. He sleeps in Jesus.  
*Mark Pearce*

**Mularczyk,** Anna, born 9.10.1926 at Lviv, Ukraine; died 21.11.08 in Avondale Age Care Facility, Cooranbong, NSW. She was married in 1944 and 1969. Anna's first husband was killed in action in 1944. She is survived by her brother, Phillip (Sydney). Anna was a young woman whose early life was tormented by the vagaries of war in Europe. Anna's brother, Phillip, sponsored his sister as a family immigrant to Australia. This took many years to fi-

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nalise. Anna loved her nephews and nieces as if they were her own children. She loved her Lord even more. She looked forward to a new heaven and earth, where eternal joy and peace will reign.

*Alan Saunders*

**Patterson**, Eunice Leslie, born 12.11.1926; died 9.11.08 at Invercargill, NZ. Leslie is survived by her loving husband, Angus; her sons, Noel, Roger, and Steven and their wives; and her grandchildren and great-grand children. We committed Leslie into the care of Jesus at the Eastern Cemetery to await His call at the Resurrection. A faithful member at rest.

*Victor Kulakov, George Fox*

**Polyvas**, Leslie (Laszlo), born 15.04.1930 at Subotica, Yugoslavia; died 21.11.08 in Toowoomba, Qld. He is survived by his

wife, Elizabeth; his daughter, Eva; and his son-in-law, David. At the age of 6, his parents became Seventh-day Adventists and faith became a special part of his life. On 14.10.1950, he married Elizabeth, and they had 58 happy years together. In 1993, Leslie and Elizabeth moved to Australia and settled in Toowoomba, where he served as a loyal deacon and faithful member of Toowoomba Central church. Leslie will be remembered as a kind and committed Christian gentleman, who loved his God and his family. For the last three and a half years, Leslie's health deteriorated and now he rests in peace, awaiting the call of Jesus and the Resurrection with a new body and eternal happiness in God's presence.

*Douw Venter, Cliff Butcher*

**Thierry**, John born 21.05.1949 in Holland;

died 28.11.08 in Wyong Hospital, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Catherine; and his children, Leanne, Michal, John Jr, James, Rebecca and Robert. John came to Australia with his parents in 1965. He was a member of the SDA Memorial Church in Cooranbong and, for 39 years, was a faithful worker in the Cooranbong Factory of Sanitarium Health Food Co.

*Jan Knopper, Peter Cherry*

**Wilson**, Greg Rex, born 24.4.1976 at Gisborne, NZ, to William and Juliet. Greg was accidentally killed in Gisborne on 19.11.08. Greg is survived by his parents; his twin, Larry; his brother, Brad; and his sister, Manu. Greg's funeral service was held at Pahau Marae, Manutuke, and he was interred at the Taruheru Cemetery in Gisborne.

*Ron Lewis*

**Wilson**, Sylvia Esther, born 17.8.1920; died 30.10.08 at Invercargill, NZ. She was predeceased by her husband, George, in December 2006, after 60 years of marriage. She is survived by their six children, Brian, Ivan, Kevin, Joe, Elvina and Sharyn, and their spouses; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sylvia was a tireless worker in the church over the years. After the church service, we committed her into God's care at the local crematorium. She awaits His call.

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