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AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

The Papatoetoe Adventist church's youth group "360" organised a week-long community outreach streetball tournament called "Southside Slam," held from March 16 to 21.

Young people in the south Auckland area organised their own teams of three to five players and participated in "Southside Slam" events in Otara (March 16), Manurewa (March 17), Mangere (March 18) and Papatoetoe (March 19). The winning team at each event progressed to the finals, held on the Saturday night at the TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre. The Chronicles—one of the top streetball teams in the United

Kingdom, invited over for the tournament—also picked an "all star" team to progress to the finals.

The purpose of the tournament was to raise awareness of "360" ministries in the community, and invite as many young people as possible to programs conducted by "360" and the Papatoetoe church. It is estimated that contact was made with around 4000 young people through the streetball tournaments and final, as well as through the school visits conducted during the week and "360 Church" on the Friday night.

The idea of the streetball competition
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52 baptised in Vanuatu outreach



The building should serve the church,
not the church the building.

Church is a building

SOMETIMES WHEN WE REPEAT A TRUE statement too many times, we begin to forget the ways in which the statement might be untrue. One such statement is this: “Church is not a building.” How many times have we heard it without pausing to think about what we are saying?

Of course, it is true. Church is a community of believers, a group of people who share a common faith, and work together to practice and share that faith in their wider community.

But this truism is also untrue, because church *is* a building. If you were to ask a passer-by on a busy street of your town or suburb where you might be able to find the local Seventh-day Adventist church, the second most likely answer—sadly, after “I don’t know”—would be to give you directions to a distant (usually) back street, where an often-ageing building waits patiently for the next Sabbath morning.

A church building is a symbol of the church’s presence in its community. It is a public expression of the church’s mission and ministry in this time and place. Of course, the people who comprise a church do not necessarily need permanent or even regular premises to function effectively as a church community—a faith community should not be dependent on real estate—but neither should we dismiss the opportunity and resource that most established churches have in their church buildings.

For church members, a church building

in the context of healthy church life should have a sense of home. A church building is a sacred place primarily because sacred things happen there, as one of the key venues for the shared time and happenings of a community of faith and the regular worship of God. And landmark events in the life of families and the broader church are also often church based, including child dedications, baptisms, weddings and funerals. This solid reality should be respected by members and non-members alike.

But while we have a tradition of dedicating church buildings for their specific purpose, we need to be careful when “guarding” the sacredness of these places, we do not limit their sacred use by limiting their usability. To host community events and use the church’s premises as a base in which, and from which, we can serve our community are also important, sacred uses of our church buildings. The building should serve the church, not the church the building.

We should be focused on using the building—both its sacredness and practical possibilities—not on merely maintaining and preserving it, whether it be old or new. And it is in this way that the church that is “not a building”—the people who make up the church community—should also define the building, rather than the other way round.

Last April, an article in *Architecture NZ* profiling the old building of the Mt Eden Adventist church in Auckland (NZ) provides a good example of this. “The uncom-

promising modern forms of the church are not overly welcoming,” writes Nicole Stock, “and the church has a hard and imposing glare. There’s more than a hint here of old style, God-fearing religion. . . . [But], it must be said, the generosity of the congregation overrides any grimness of the building.”

It sounds just a little like the description of what a church community should be about, offered by the writer of Hebrews: “Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near” (Hebrews 10:24, 25, NLT).

The writer does not urge a church building as part of this formula but in our time and place, especially for existing and established churches, we should not underestimate the role a church building can have as a base for good works in the wider community, and as a venue to meet together and encourage one another. To the extent that a church building contributes to these two aspects of the church’s life and mission, we should value it and even celebrate it as a gift from God and (often) from the generations of faithful church members who have gone before us. Perhaps then we can be less hesitant to admit that, yes, my church is also a building—a solid, physical, practical and sacred presence in our community.

Nathan Brown



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Children's Ministries commences coaching

MANUKAU, NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) has initiated a coaching program for individual churches, aimed at improving their ability to connect with children in their congregations through a stronger integration of the resources provided by the Children's Ministries department.

Kylie Ward, director of Children's Ministries for NZPUC, says, "The idea is that often the way we do children's ministry is to make resources and throw them at churches like confetti. We needed a bridge to bring the resources to local churches from the conference."

Coaching commenced in February in the North New Zealand Conference (NNZC). "NNZC has been running a 'building healthy churches' approach and working on targeting churches to help them become what they need to be," explains Ms Ward.

In discussions with conference president Pastor Eddie Tupai, three churches were chosen to trial the coaching sessions. These sessions focus on connecting churches with resources specific to their needs. "We want to make sure we're really scratching where it's itching for local churches," says Ms Ward.

"Rather than just running a regional

training workshop for everyone once a year, I'll meet with churches and work to determine what will suit them best in terms of resources or further training," she adds. "This way, it can be more tailor made than generic. The important thing is that we're making a connection with churches."

To date, two churches have had the sessions—Mosaic in Palmerston North and Powerhouse in Wellington. Later in the year, a church in Auckland will host a coaching session. Ms Ward will visit the churches two to three times per year. Ms Ward meets with the leadership teams of the churches to examine how children fit in, and how they are supported and included. "I can then make recommendations for how they can make improvements, based on a full understanding of their work," says Ms Ward.

According to Ms Ward, the best way to help children grow into adults with a positive relationship with God is to be a good example, talk to children, include them in church programs and attend training that teaches people how to build the faith of children.

"So far, the churches have been really positive, even though we're currently doing it on a shoestring budget and a prayer!" Ms Ward says. "One of the ladies said it gave her church a sense there was support for them

and a sense of direction. The goal is to help churches grow, not just by providing generic training but by getting in there with them and working out what they need. Once a church has received the training, they can touch base with their coach throughout the year. I may not do all the training but I can point them toward people who can help them further, and get experts in to assist them if and when necessary."

It is hoped the interaction between churches and the Children's Ministries department will assist the department in developing resources in the future. "It's so easy to do things at the administrative level," says Ms Ward, "But is it relevant and meeting the needs of people in churches? If we spend time with them and work out what will help people the most, it's beneficial to both us and them."

Although the initiative is still in its early stages, it is hoped the coaching program will be expanded next year. "It will be interesting to see how it's implemented in individual churches," says Ms Ward. "Hopefully, it will be beneficial in the long run. The goal is to have a team of coaches across New Zealand if this works well but that's just a dream at this stage."

—Adele Nash

More @ www.nnzc.org.nz/children-s-ministries



◆ The Department of Education Services has approved Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre's (KAEC) (WA) application for change of registration to include the Senior Secondary Levels (Years 11 and 12). To cater for its Year 11 and 12 curriculums, the school is implementing appropriate teaching and learning programs that would lead to students receiving

Certificate 2 in **Aboriginal School Based Traineeships in Rural Studies and Office Skills**, as well as certificates in Industrial Skills from the **Central West College of TAFE**. Students are also enrolled in Curriculum Council courses, including English, mathematics, Aboriginal studies and Life skills. KAEC Principal **Anne Tonkin** views this development as a major breakthrough. "Our main aim is to provide learning experiences that will assist students to become ready for the workforce and give them a head start in gaining entry into apprenticeships and other train-

eeships," Ms Tonkin explained. This program allows students to participate in pre-apprentice-type work in Karalundi, engaging in hands-on work for half of each school day. —Romela Sanggalan

◆ **TV advertising** for a free viewing of the *Digging up the Past* videos will screen in **Toowoomba (Qld)** on Channel 7, April 25 to May 3.

◆ **Aore Adventist Academy, Vanuatu**, was honoured on March 27 to receive a visit from the acting head of state, His Excellency **George Wells**.

A large contingent of officials, including **Dominique Morin, MP**, provincial leaders, security and the local press accompanied him. While the main purpose of the visit was to present some books to the school library and to speak to the student body on the role of Head of State, he was interested to be taken on a tour of the school's gardens. He commended the school for its extensive planting program and the fact that the school's farm machinery is well maintained.—David Rogers



A series of evangelistic meetings in Port Vila resulted in 52 baptisms on March 28.

Vanuatu outreach results in 52 baptisms

PORT VILA, VANUATU

A series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Rennie Ngwele, associate director of Adventist Health Ministries for the Vanuatu Mission, in the Port Vila suburb of Erakor Bridge resulted in 52 baptisms on March 28.

“Most of these people had no Seventh-day Adventist background,” says Mr Ngwele.

Mr Ngwele began working at the administrative office of the mission at the beginning of this year and was previously active in lay evangelism.

With training in the medical sciences, Mr Ngwele combined practical health messages with doctrinal and prophecy messages for his outreach program. Attendees responded positively to the program.

Pastor Kevin Isaiah, director of Sabbath

school and personal ministries for the mission, assisted with the baptisms and says, “The new members will join churches across Port Vila.”

“Although the church faces many challenges in Vanuatu, it is continuing to grow and has the highest membership per capita in the South Pacific Division,” says Pastor Damien Rice, general secretary and ministerial association secretary for the Vanuatu Mission. “It’s encouraging to see the commitment and effort of our pastors, mission staff and church members in sharing Jesus and the Adventist message with the people of Vanuatu.”

A series of training events are planned to nurture new believers and develop other fledgling church companies into effective centres for church ministry.

—RECORD staff/Damien Rice

Youth summit seeks renewed ministry vision

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

A weekend summit in Sydney later this month will assess the status of local church youth ministry in Australia and New Zealand. About 100 representative are expected to address the current challenges facing ministry to young people from April 24 to 26, and contribute to “a new charter for senior youth ministry,” according to Pastor Gilbert Cangy, director of youth ministries for the South Pacific Division.

“We are bringing together people who are known to have a passion for and are actively involved in youth ministry, as well as inviting a significant number of young people themselves,” Pastor Cangy explains. “But we are also seeking broader input, so young people and church members who wish to make a contribution should talk with their conference youth leaders and delegates in the lead-up to the summit.

“We want to plan for a better future for senior youth ministry in the local church, and develop structures in youth ministry that will facilitate and foster the discipling and mobilising of young people for God’s service.”—Nathan Brown



◆ On March 18, a group of **Noosa Christian College (Qld)** high school students and teachers set off on a Noosa River adventure. Together with **Kerry Richards** from Natureline Kayaks, they launched at Elanda Point on Lake Cootharaba and paddled up to Harry’s Hut via Fig tree Point. Camping for two nights, they visited Cooloola Sand Patch, and

paddled and walked approximately **40 kilometres** over the three days. Students enjoyed playing spotlight and having a camp singalong in the evenings with music leader **Michelle Frith**.

Secondary teacher and trip coordinator **Nigel Hobson** said, “Our students have had an experience they will never forget. It has been a very successful trip.” Despite some rain, they all returned safely to Elanda Point.—**Georgina Hobson**

◆ Students at **Riverside Community School (Perth, WA)** recently



raised more than **\$A600** to support survivors of the recent Victorian bushfires. One of the fundraisers was a “**Crazy Hair Day**,” where students made a donation to wear their hair anyway they liked. “A number of students showed great creativity with some very interesting results,” says school chaplain **Brad Flynn**. “The students have been very

proactive in responding to the bushfire tragedy. With support from staff and parents, the students themselves explored and planned for ways the Riverside school community could give our support in practical ways.” Students and parents also signed the **Australian Prime Minister’s Bushfire Register Book** to express their sadness over the Victorian bushfires.—**RECORD staff/Brad Flynn**

◆ On March 22, **Pastor Dave Hamilton** was awarded with a plaque “For Ten Years of Out-

DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ APRIL 18—UNION INSTITUTIONS OFFERING ◆ MAY 2–9—ADVENTIST HEALTH WEEK

“Follow the Bible” inspires children’s study guide

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

In conjunction with the General Conference’s “Follow the Bible” initiative, Adventist Children’s Ministries in the South Pacific Division (SPD) has introduced *GodLink*, a Bible-study guide for children aged six to 12.

GodLink encourages children to read a Bible passage each week and matches the current GraceLink Sabbath school curriculum used in local churches. *GodLink* is separated into two parts, one for those in primary Sabbath school (aged six to nine) and another for children in the junior Sabbath school (aged 10 to 12).

The Bible-study guide teaches children how to read the Bible, gives them prayer ideas and shows them ways to share God with others.

“*GodLink* has passages for the entire year and has been designed so it can easily fit into the Bible as a bookmark,” says Julie Weslake, director of Children’s Ministries for the SPD. “Parents can help their children use it as an extra resource to teach Bible-study skills and help them develop the habit of reading the Bible.”

“Follow the Bible” is an initiative spon-



The South Pacific Division’s Children’s Ministries department has released *GodLink*, a Bible-study guide for children.

sored by the General Conference and its divisions to stimulate a deeper interest in reading the Bible. It features a multi-language Bible travelling to countries around the world, aimed at encouraging people to recommit to a study of God’s word.

The journey commenced in the Philippines on October 11, 2008, and will conclude at the opening of the General Conference Session in Atlanta, US, in July, 2010.—*Melody Tan*

Parents who would like a copy of *GodLink* can contact their church’s Sabbath school teacher or Children’s Ministries department in their conference or mission.

Fulton College ordains female elder

TAILEVU, FIJI

On February 29, Fulton College saw the historic ordination of Fuamatu Jessie Luteru, head of the education department and the first female elder to be ordained at the college. Mrs Fuamatu is the second female elder ordained in Fiji.

Her ordination will provide an extra support option for the 100 single female students and other women at Fulton College, according to Bruce Potter, the college’s property and development officer.

Mrs Fuamatu was supported at the ordination service by her husband, Kofi. Their children, Angelina, Loimata, Tyson and Analita, who currently live in Cooranbong, New South Wales, travelled to Fiji to be present at the ordination.

In early March, Fulton College staff were advised Mrs Fuamatu had been granted her Masters in Education by the University of Auckland.—*RECORD staff/Bruce Potter*



Fulton church pastor Fred Taito congratulates Mrs Fuamatu.



standing Service” to motor racing at the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide, SA. This award was presented by Roger Johnson on behalf of Sports Chaplaincy Australia (SCA). Pastor Hamilton (pictured (right) with Garry Coleman, Australia’s senior motor racing chaplain) is pastor of Mt Barker Family church and Paralowie International

church, as well as being a member of the SCA, looking after officials, drivers and teams on the SA racing circuit. “The reason I am involved in motor racing ministry is because there is a huge need in that ‘market place’ environment,” he says. “I felt God called me to be involved and motor racing is my preferred sport. I used to be a flag marshal—so all these things combined placed me in a unique position to minister in and to the people of the motor racing industry.”—*RECORD staff/Dave Hamilton*

◆ A new facility will help Hope Channel television network compete on a global stage with more efficiency and productivity, church officials said during a groundbreaking ceremony on March 24. Since its launch in 2003, the Hope Channel network has operated out of a basement studio at the General Conference, Silver Spring, Maryland, US. A new \$US5 million, multiple-use building with 3000 square feet of studio space and room for six sets is expected to change that. General Conference president Pastor Jan Paulsen marked the occa-

sion by using a 31,751-kilogram excavator to dig into the south lawn on headquarters property as church vice-presidents and construction company representatives used hand shovels to break ground. The new studio will help producers increase the quantity of programs with room for multiple standing sets. The studio will also be able to link with the 50 Adventist media centres around the world. The building is scheduled for completion within 300 days, says Bob Lemon, General Conference treasurer and building committee chair.—*ANN*

“Southside Slam” a success for Papatoetoe

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was born out of Pastor Eddie Hypolite, a youth minister from London, mentioning “The Ballers Club” basketball ministry at his local church in south London at the 2008 North New Zealand camp-meeting.

Pastor Hypolite, Pastor Paul King-Brown, “urban preacher” Jermaine Wong and The Chronicles, flew in from England to be part of the event, and were greeted at the airport by Kapa Haka. The Kapa Haka group was made up of members of “360” and provided a unique welcome for their guests by performing a traditional Haka in the arrival hall of Auckland’s International Airport. “I have never seen anything like that before in my entire life. It was amazing,” said Mr Wong.

The Chronicles shared a message called “Your name, your game,” which tells young people about the keys to success, what makes a true team player and sharing the love of Jesus at schools in the south Auckland area, including Sir Edmund Hilary Collegiate and Tangaroa College. Mr Wong also shared his poetry, which carries deep spiritual messages and was appreciated by the students. Pastor King-Brown also spoke



Pastor Eddie Hypolite, who was one of the guest speakers for the “Southside Slam” events.

to students about the difference Jesus can make in their lives.

Shannon Seyb, a member of “360,” says, “So far more than 150 young people have signed up to join ‘360 Life,’ and many more turned up to check out ‘360 Church.’ A group of inviters in their orange T-shirts stood at the end of the church driveway waving invitations to the many pedestrians who were on their way home after being at Polyfest in Manukau City that day.”

Pastor Hypolite was the guest speaker for “360 Church” and shared a message about God using people, regardless of the situation they are in, to bring others to Christ if they are willing to be used. Ms Seyb says, “His message was so compelling that 25 people responded to his call to follow Christ.”

—RECORD staff/Shannon Seyb

More @ www.papsda.co.nz/360/

UN “defamation of religion” measures trouble experts

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, USA

Adventist religious liberty proponents worry a new United Nations resolution that broadly seeks to protect religious ideologies may do so at the expense of individual freedoms of expression. The non-binding measure, passed by the United Nations Human Rights Council on March 26, is the latest in a series against hate speech and “defamation of religion” that began in 1999, when Pakistan first called for such a resolution.

With their decade-long history, resolutions against “defamation of religions” seemed well on their way to legal entrenchment, according to Barry Bussey, director of Legislative Affairs for the General Conference. He says, “In international law, if a custom is followed long enough it can become a norm. Such norms then become codified and become law.”

Mr Bussey is troubled by the resolution’s “vagueness.” With no universally-acceptable definition of “defamation of religions,” the International Religious Liberty Association believes the resolution will be largely subjective, based on the “sensitivities” of the hearers.—ANN staff

◆ **Three Seventh-day Adventist families** are among the 14 victims killed in a March 22 airplane crash in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Butte, Montana, US, 150 metres from the runway. All three families were members or regular attendees at congregations in Northern California; the three husbands were long-time friends who had attended both church-owned **Pacific Union College** and **Loma Linda University**. The victims have been confirmed as **Dr Erin Jacobson**, an ophthalmologist; his wife, **Amy Feldkamp Jacobson**, a dental hygienist; Loma Linda University

alumni **Dr Michael L Pullen**, his wife, **Dr Vanessa Feldkamp Pullen**, a pediatrician and Amy’s sister; **Dr Brent Ching**, a dentist, his wife, **Kristen**; and all of the seven children onboard.—ANN

◆ **A Norwegian church** used **lemon-flavoured cola** instead of water in a baptism ceremony after its taps were temporarily turned off because of freezing temperatures, daily newspaper *Vaart Land* reports. **Priest Paal Dale**, from the town of Stord, west of the capital Oslo, improvised during a recent cold spell

by dabbing the lemon fizzy water on a baby during a baptism ceremony. “It had gone flat,” Dale was quoted as saying by the newspaper. “Only the lemon smell made this unusual.” Dale said the child’s family were informed about the switch only after the ceremony because the priest “had a need” to inform them about the lingering lemon scent.—Reuters

◆ More than **100,000 Britons** have downloaded “**certificates of de-baptism**” from the internet to cut ties with the **Christian faith**. Some of these **atheists** argue that

they were baptised when they were too young to make the decision and now that they’re able to make a choice, they want to renounce their Christian baptism. “We now produce a certificate on parchment and have sold 1500 units at three pounds (\$US4.35) a pop,” said National Secular Society president Terry Sanderson to Agence France-Presse. Britain’s de-baptism movement has spread to Spain, where a man has gone to court to have his baptism record erased, according to the *International Herald Tribune*. —Christian Post.com

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Signs printing apprentice recognised for excellence

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

A printing machinery apprentice at Signs Publishing Company received four awards for excellence at the Printing Industry Training Awards for Victoria on March 25. In the final year of his apprenticeship, Jarrod Knight was also a finalist for Victoria's Apprentice of the Year.

The awards recognised both workplace performance and training course achievements. "It was unexpected but I felt honoured to be recognised for the hard work I have put into it," says Mr Knight.

Now part of the Adventist Media Network, Signs Publishing produces printing work for Adventist entities around the South Pacific Division. It also prints the church's publications, such as *Signs of the Times* and *RECORD*. "I see my job as something that contributes to the church and its work," says Mr Knight, "and I appreciate the working environment at Signs."

Signs Publishing's production manager



Apprentice of the Year finalist Jarrod Knight (left) with Signs Publishing production manager Ray Portbury.

Ray Portbury says Mr Knight has been diligent and hardworking throughout his apprenticeship. "In each year of his apprenticeship, he has achieved the required competencies well ahead of schedule," he says.

"Recognition of Jarrod in this way is also recognition that the church's printing operation at Signs Publishing is of a high standard when compared with the wider printing industry, so we are all proud of his achievement," he says.

—**Nathan Brown**

Adventists support Earth Hour in SPD

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Many Adventists around the South Pacific Division (SPD) supported Earth Hour on March 28 by switching off the lights and other electrical equipment in their homes for an hour that night.

Dr Barry Oliver, president of the SPD, described Earth Hour as a "great opportunity" for Adventists to demonstrate support for creation care and responsible energy consumption, and urged church members to participate in the event.

"Seventh-day Adventists hold the responsibility to care for creation as core to their beliefs," Dr Oliver said. "We are reminded of God as our Creator, and celebrate worship of our Creator and Redeemer every week as we worship on the seventh day."

Hope FM in Fiji was the first Christian

broadcaster in the country to sign up for the campaign this year. Suva, where Hope FM is based, was the first city to "switch off" for Earth Hour.

"As an organisation, we're committed to serve the public in its broadest sense," says Semi Francis, media development officer for the Fiji Mission. "Our role is to encourage our members and listeners to be better stewards of what God's entrusted us with."

Although Hope FM continued to broadcast its programs throughout Earth Hour, all non-essential items of electrical equipment and lights were turned off. Prior to the event, Hope FM interviewed Earth Hour representatives in Fijian, Hindi and English.

Earth Hour began in Sydney, Australia, in 2007, and allows individuals to reduce personal carbon footprints while participating in a global event.—**RECORD staff**

Mixed results for Adventists in Queensland election

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

The two Seventh-day Adventist members of the Queensland parliament had mixed fortunes in the state election held on March 21. Both members of the Queensland Labor government, Phil Gray narrowly lost his Gold Coast seat of Gaven, while Desley Scott increased her vote in the southern Brisbane seat of Woodridge, confirming the seat as one of the "safest" in the Queensland parliament.

Mr Gray was elected at the previous state election in September, 2006, but suffered a decline in his vote of almost 4 percent, similar in magnitude to that experienced by the Labor government across the state, which was sufficient to see the seat go to his Liberal National Party challenger.

But going against this trend, Mrs Scott increased her primary vote by about 1 percent in the seat she has represented since 2001. A member of the Springwood Adventist church, she credits her success to the significant benefits the Queensland government has brought to her community in the past few years and her involvement with the people of her electorate.

"There are a myriad of issues here [in my electorate] and I am like a social worker in the community," says Mrs Scott. "So I'm just out there enjoying it. If you can come to work every day and do the things you love doing, it's fantastic. So I'm really comfortable with my role."

"My faith underpins the way I relate to people," she says, "and I put a lot of effort into how I can help them."—**Nathan Brown**

For an extended interview with Desley Scott, see next week's issue of RECORD and "InFocus," on Hope Channel or online at <www.record.net.au> from May 1.



Desley Scott, member for Woodridge in the Queensland parliament.



LAA builds character

BY DAVID JONES

WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED AT LILYDALE Adventist Academy [LAA], I was terrified,” says Katherine Johnson. “I was the only person from my primary school to attend the Academy and I felt like I didn’t fit in because everyone else already knew people.”

But during her years at LAA, Katherine made lifelong friends and began a personal relationship with Jesus. “The friends I made, and the 2007 choir tour to South Australia and Western Australia, had a massive impact on my life. I saw how much our music moved the audiences and the amazing impact we had in bringing people to tears.”

After four years attending LAA, Katherine moved to Sydney with her family. But at the end of 2008, she returned to the school and was baptised during the school’s closing exercise program. “My baptism had

to be at LAA because that’s where the journey started, where my main influences had been,” Katherine says.

Now Katherine’s decision is also having an influence on her family. “My mum and stepdad are attending church with me at Fox Valley church in Sydney,” she reports excitedly. “My mum is going to Bible studies with the pastor and my stepdad volunteers in the kitchen. This has been a massive change in our lives.”

Samantha Walker is busy studying commerce at Melbourne University. She graduated from LAA in 2006 but is still an active part of the school, volunteering her time and expertise at the school’s various events. “Mum and Dad chose the Academy after looking for a school that supported the values they considered important. They were impressed with the friendly atmosphere and personal care LAA offered.” Samantha recalls, “I was made to feel I was valued as a person by the staff. The friendships and memories are a significant part of the fabric that makes me who I am today.”

Nathan Hall graduated from LAA in 2002, and studied engineering at Monash University. In 2006, he deferred his study to be a volunteer at Lilydale Adventist church. Since then, Nathan has exhibited his sense of mission, raising funds for children in Cambodia through

International Children’s Care. Reminiscing about his time at LAA, Nathan is positive: “Not feeling weird or pressured about my beliefs was significant in my spiritual development. In fact, it was cool to be spiritual, to be involved in worship and chapel. This helped me deal with adolescence, as my belief structures were nurtured and supported by my peers and teachers.

“The school also encouraged leadership and community. I felt I could contribute and my input was valued and considered,” Nathan says.

Lilydale Adventist Academy’s vision is “Character . . . through nurture, learning and service.” Principal Ben Thomas believes, “Character is the essence of a person. It is the desire of the Academy to nurture the development of each and every child into an adult that contributes to their community. Character is the one thing we take to heaven with us. Here at LAA, we deliberately embrace programs that enhance character development.”

This kind of nurturing of students occurs at various levels. Weekly chapel programs and the annual Festival of Faith are highlights. Year level coordinators and roll-mark teachers are assigned student groups to provide pastoral care. The Middle School program eases the transition from primary to high with a curriculum designed to engage student learning. Year 9 has a specially-designed outdoor education curriculum and life skills program, which



Katherine Johnson (left) was baptised by then-LAA chaplain Pastor David Erickson late last year.

challenges students and builds resilience. Year 9 students also have the opportunity to complete the Bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

LAA has a proud tradition of academic success and every year, a high percentage of VCE students receive well above the state average. In 2008, Jamison Judd received an ENTER score of 99 from his studies. Each and every student who desires to attempt VCE studies is encouraged and supported to do so without fear of “academic culling.” The school has continued to progress with an exciting curriculum and facilities that enhance the learning opportunities of students. The development of facilities—including Library Resource Centre, Art and Technology, and Information Technology capabilities—have all been focused on maximising the learning experience.

Looking beyond personal needs and being of service to others is a priority at LAA, and is essential for character development. Recent initiatives, for example, include the Middle School students combining resources to send a shipping container to the “Deal Thy Bread” orphanage in Kenya. Ongoing service activities include a “Breakfast in Schools” program, and STORM Co trips to Swan Hill and Moe during the September school holiday period. In 2008, five students from LAA joined students from Nunawading Christian College on a fly ‘n’ build trip to Vanuatu.

LAA is proud of the impact it has made on the lives of its past and present students. While our core business is education, our core mission is leading students to a meaningful relationship with Jesus. It is our privilege to provide an environment of learning, nurture and service that will challenge and build character in every student. **R**

David Jones is Middle School coordinator and marketing director for Lilydale Adventist Academy, Lilydale, Victoria.



LAC feels like “home”

BY JULENE DUERKSEN-KAPAO

OVER THE PAST FOUR DECADES, Longburn Adventist College (LAC) has been home to many young people. Individuals have trained for mission, service and general contribution to their communities. LAC has a rich heritage, one that every student adds to over the years.

This year, our offering is going toward improvements to the dormitories. Many former students would remember their dorm “home” and may be surprised to see that not much has changed over the years. The dormitories were built in 1967, and are now 40 years old and in need of refurbishment.

In January this year, LAC was blessed to have Sylvia and Russell Lawrence do a huge amount of work in the dorms and around the school. The time they gave meant dorm rooms had fresh paint, along with a clean new look. About 20 rooms have been refurbished but we still have a lot of rooms to work on plus the corridors, wash rooms and worship rooms. Our aim is to

systematically upgrade the dorms.

It is important that students feel at home while they study at LAC. The dorms are the hub of school life, especially on the weekends, so this offering will be important in making this a reality.

One special project in the boys dormitory is a new courtyard. Pavers, old benches and clothes lines were removed, and the ground broken up and tilled for grass to be planted. The students were keen to get on board and see their courtyard transformed from a dry and unusable space to freshly-tilled land, planted with grass seed. Many have said they don’t always get to see projects through so this will be different—from start to finish, they have played a key part.

We thank you for your support of LAC and your contributions to this special project. **R**

Julene Duerksen-Kapao teaches Bible at Longburn Adventist College, near Palmerston North, New Zealand.

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Eat less red and processed meat to live longer

A NEW STUDY HAS FOUND THAT PEOPLE who eat large amounts of red and processed meat die younger. Funded by the United States government, the research is the largest study of its kind ever conducted. It examined the diet and lifestyle of more than half a million people over a 10-year period, and found that people who ate the most red and processed meat, including pork, have a 30 per cent increased risk of death, compared to people who ate the least.

The researchers suggested the increase in risk of death among red- and processed-meat eaters may have something to do with the type of iron in meat, the type of fat, or the cooking and processing methods.

Taking into account other risk factors, like smoking, family history of cancer and weight, the researchers believe that around one in 10 deaths could be prevented if people simply ate less red meat.

This latest study adds to a growing body of evidence that diets high in red meat contribute to disease. In contrast, diets based predominantly on nature's whole plant foods—including fruits, vegetables, whole-grains, nuts, seeds and legumes—have been shown to reduce disease risk and extend both length and quality of life.

Our advice:

Avoid processed meat.

This is only one of many studies showing that people who eat processed meats like sausages, salami and bacon have the highest risk of developing cancer, so it's a good idea to avoid them. Try replacing them with more salad, legumes and vegetables.

Eat less red meat.

If you do eat meat, try to eat less. One idea is to increase the vegetables and legumes in your pasta sauces or try vegetable fritters instead of hamburgers. Another idea is to start with one meat-free day each week and increase the number as you become comfortable with cooking different meals.

Eat more plant foods.

By focusing your diet more on fruits, vegetables, wholegrains, nuts, seeds and legumes, you feel better and are likely to live longer as well, according to the research. **R**

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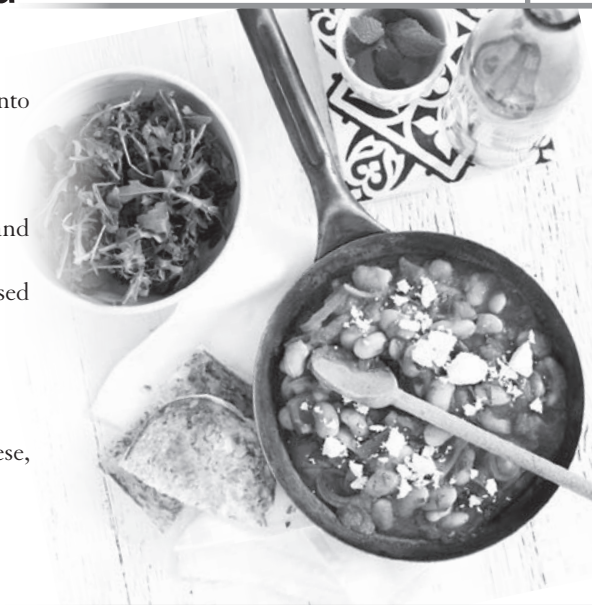
Greek-style butter beans with rocket and garlic bread

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large red onion, halved and cut into thin wedges
- 3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 690g jar tomato passata sauce
- 4 vine-ripened tomatoes, peeled and chopped, with seeds removed
- 2 x 400g cans butter beans, rinsed and drained
- ½ cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 2 tbsp oregano leaves, chopped
- 50g wild rocket leaves
- ⅓ cup finely-grated pecorino cheese, parmesan or feta

Grilled garlic bread

- 6 slices crusty wholegrain bread
- olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, halved lengthways

1. Heat oil in a large, deep saucepan over medium heat. Add red onion and garlic. Cook, stirring often, for 3–4 minutes until tender. Add tomato sauce, tomatoes, beans and herbs. Cover and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Uncover and cook for a further 15–20 minutes until thick. Season to taste.
2. Just before serving, toss through rocket. Sprinkle with cheese. Serve with grilled garlic bread, or with rice or risoni.



Grilled garlic bread

Brush bread slices on both sides with oil. Grill until golden and crisp. Rub with cut-side of garlic cloves while bread is hot. Serve immediately.

Tip: Use Turkish Bread as an alternative to the garlic bread, warming in the oven until just crisp on the outside.

Per Serve: 1144kJ (290cal); Protein 11g; Total Fat 8g; Saturated Fat 2g; Carbohydrate 36g; Total Sugars 14g; Sodium 840mg; Potassium 190mg; Calcium 165mg; Iron 3.7mg; Fibre 9g.

Message from Lilliput

BY MALCOLM FORD

THIS YEAR IS THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY of Charles Darwin's birth and also the 150th anniversary of the publication of his famous book, *On the Origin of Species*. It is a year full of significance for evolutionists, which they will take full advantage of. Although I was not previously aware of any "evolutionary" connection, I recently re-read that popular classic satire on 18th-century English society, *Gulliver's Travels*, and a new link began to emerge.

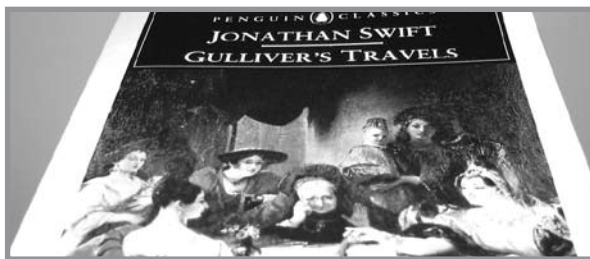
Of course, Swift's story can be read on two levels. It is essentially a ferocious satire, exposing the intrigue and corruption of a sophisticated Anglo/European society. But it has also been read by generations of children in its more popular, expurgated and illustrated version.

However, studying it from a different perspective, it can be viewed as illustrating, in a unique way, the anthropic principle. The anthropic principle compares human beings with the way they appear adapted to their environment. Certain evolutionists—Richard Dawkins, for example—like to use an example of this principle when they postulate millions of universes "out there," with ours as the one that was just precisely right for evolution to "happen."

When one considers the concept of the *Travels*, in which Gulliver is shipwrecked on the fictional South Pacific island of Lilliput, inhabited by 15-centimetre tall "humans," the potential for grotesque comedy is obvious. But through the quill of Jonathan Swift flows a stream of subtle invective, which invests the satire, yet does not stifle the layers of humour.

As the sole survivor from his wrecked ship, Gulliver swims to the shore of an island. But even at this early point of the story, a peculiar problem arises. The stormy Pacific Ocean responsible for Gulliver's inauspicious arrival on Lilliput had—at some imaginary distance from the island—to become the Lilliputian "sea." And there had to be a gradual scaling down of the meteorological and oceanic conditions to allow for this subtle change.

To the Lilliputians, a real Pacific Ocean



storm with huge waves and cyclonic winds would have been a catastrophic tsunami, which would have wiped out Lilliput and the neighbouring island of Blefuscu. However, Swift does not attempt to give a "scientific" explanation of the complications of interlocking the real world with the Lilliputian world; this is not a necessary device in a satire.

Yet the whole physical, economic and commercial world of the Lilliputians had to be scaled down to the size of the inhabitants. They were a miniature "replica" of the citizens of an English city, set in the rural surroundings of the island. The juxtaposition of Gulliver—the "Man Mountain"—into the complex Lilliputian society becomes the theme around which the foibles of the English aristocracy, in particular, are exposed.

But the more the reader becomes attuned to comprehending the twin-world views, the more one begins to realise these world views are both dependent on the size of real people and Lilliputians. Gulliver is too big for the Lilliputians and the Lilliputians are too small for Gulliver. At every level at which they try to accommodate each other's "world," extreme compromises have to be made.

The Lilliputian and Blefuscan societies are out of sync with Gulliver's size, needs and behaviour, and he has to suffer the embarrassment of trying to adapt to their micro-world in order to survive with some sense of dignity. The Lilliputian world was effectively "designed" for them. The size of their largest trees for their use in building implements, houses and ships had to be in proportion to themselves, their size and strength. Their agricultural resources—animals, fruit and plants—and the natural climatic conditions—wind velocity, tidal action and rainfall—were all scaled down to fit their lifestyle requirements.

In telling this story, it was essential for Swift to "design" every aspect of Lilliputian and Blefuscan society to be able to function as a coordinated entity. So is it any less a requirement

that our human society should be designed to fit our world?

Toward the end of the story, Gulliver builds a boat to return to England and asks the Emperor of Blefuscu if he can take a Blefuscan back with him. The Emperor refuses permission. However, he does allow a few sheep and cows to be taken.

One can imagine the kind of strict arrangements that would have to be made in England to protect these miniature creatures from rats, cats and dogs. How would they compare with a horse?

Swift's imagination and the predicament he describes illustrate the importance of governing the interrelationships between species. Humanity's ability to control the living environment is determined by their intelligence, and comparative size and strength. These factors are not the result of the whims of chance. They are the result of Creative design.

In the Bible, Genesis describes the sequence of God's creative acts in which everything was designed to be centred around God's supreme creative work on the sixth day—human beings. Everything was "very good" (see Genesis 1:31).

How could a blind, purposeless, chance phenomenon like evolution be responsible for all the billions of complex, proportionally-coordinated facets of life on earth and produce the natural marvels we see about us? It is difficult to argue that scale relationships are accidental expressions of a mindless process. Swift had to adapt his micro-world in proportion to the size of his Lilliputians, just as God has designed our world around us. **R**

Malcolm Ford writes from Whangarei, New Zealand.

Is there room for me?

BY YVONNE STEWART

IS THERE ROOM FOR ME IN THE CHURCH OF MY BIRTH?

I believe in the Creator God, who made me in His own image.

I find myself “creative,” too.

I’m sure He has made me to enjoy beauty, grandeur, freshness, innovation, new melodies—my symphony of praise.

Is there room for me in the church of my youth?

I believe in a God who has plans to prosper and not harm me, plans to give me hope and a future, when I seek Him with all my heart.

I don’t know how to do that, so I follow what everyone else does—

but it hardly seems “me.”

My whole heart seems more passionate than lukewarm.

Hours and days pass into years.

My gifts and talents and energies are used, invested and spent.

Is there room for me in the church of my maturity?

I know my sins have been forgiven.

My life is hid in Him and I am seated in heavenly places.

In the house of my Father there are many rooms, but is there room for me here?

My God calls me to worship Him with all my heart, in spirit and in truth—

to go home and tell my “family” how much the Lord has done for me,

His mercy, His compassion.

Is there room for me in this choir on earth?

I hear the echo of eternity:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

Is there room for me? **R**

*Matthew 11:28, NIV.

Yvonne Stewart writes from Camberwell, Victoria.

Record Roo



Hi kids!

Moses had his work cut out for him. God had already told him that He would deliver the Israelites from Egypt but it would take a long time and a lot of miracles to change Pharaoh’s mind.

Bible Texts

The _____ said to _____ and _____, “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘_____ a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your _____ and _____ it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a _____.” Exodus 7:8, 9 NIV
Yet Pharaoh’s _____ became _____ and he would not _____ to them, just as the _____ had said. Exodus 7:13 NIV

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Historical relevance

KEN LAWSON, QLD

Regarding “The greater danger” (Letters, March 7), it was Nietzsche who distinguished between three kinds of history: the monumental, the antiquarian and the critical. Each related to life in its own way, with consequent advantages and disadvantages.

Antiquarian history—which wishes to preserve and revere—has value for life in “tending with care that which has existed from old,” preserving for knowledge and dignity in history’s “palimpsest” even the “trivial, circumscribed, decaying and obsolete.”

The antiquarian veneration of the past is a valuable corrective for any nation that is “given over to restless, cosmopolitan hunting after new and ever-newer things.” The disadvantage, however, is that the “antiquarian sense of a man, a community, a whole people, always possesses an extremely restricted field of vision.”

Most of what exists it does not see, and the little it does see it sees up too close; it cannot relate what it perceives to anything else, and so lacks discrimination and sense of proportion. Antiquarian history will reject and persecute anything in history that is new and evolving, because it regards the new as insufficiently revering the past. Antiquarian history “mummifies” life.

On the other hand, Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10, NIV). Will it be the 28 Fundamentals we judge people by, or will it be the all-pervasive, all-sufficient Christ Jesus, whose “loving kindness is better than life?” Will the creed continue to lull us into a false sense of security?

Prophecy’s gifts

JENNY BUCKLER, VIC

I much appreciated the past quarter’s Sabbath school lessons on “The Prophetic Gift.” I have seen God’s special blessing when *Spirit of Prophecy* guidelines are followed. The final lesson of the quarter’s memory text says, “Believe His prophets, and you shall prosper” (2 Chronicles 20:20, NKJV). I believe this is very much true.

During the 1970s, I was privileged to be a

staff member at the Warburton Healthcare Centre. During this period, the administration, in running the centre, endeavoured to follow the Lord’s instructions given through the writings of Ellen White. The Lord’s blessing was there and it was a joy to see many guests respond positively to the spiritual influences.

We can thank God that His love and protection from Satan knows no bounds for us sinners . . .

Don’t give in to sin

ERIC HORT, WA

In view of the letters over the past few weeks regarding the matter of sin, it has always been my understanding that sin is:

1. What we have in us. Romans 4:12, 19 and 1 John 1:8, 10 explore this. The concept of sin in us is amplified by the fact that Jesus had no sin in Him, as we are told in 1 John 3:5. We are all knotted and twisted up inside, with a bent to evil—our sinful nature—and our need is of a Power outside ourselves to defeat the devil and his temptations.

2. Also what we do—after yielding to Satan. Our sinful nature doesn’t licence or excuse what we do. Nowhere in the Bible does God condone it.

First, then, we are all sinners. Paul said he was the chief. We are born this way. This is our status. We’re sinners by name and as a noun. Second, sinners (noun) through God’s grace have no need to keep sinning (verb) just because we are. It’s our standing before God that concerns Him, rather than our status. He loves sinners—He hasn’t got anyone else to love on earth, after all—but hates the nasty things we do.

As a baker, I like to think King Solomon gave us the “recipe” for eternal life in Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14—to be on the right side of judgment—and Paul wrote the method, or how to follow the “recipe,” in Ephesians 6:10-18.

We can only stand against the devil by putting on the armour of Christ’s righteousness. But sometimes, we are only inclined to think of Christ’s saving power and not His keeping power—His grace. It is this power that keeps us sinners standing, rather than falling again.

Romans 14:23 tells us our unbelief in God’s power to save completely from sinning (and Satan) provokes Him to anger and prevents us from entering the Promised Land. However, we can thank God that His love and protection from Satan knows no bounds for us sinners, as we’re told in 1 Corinthians 10:13.

On holy ground

LANCE GRIGGS, QLD

Let us take off our shoes when we contemplate the nature of God, because we are surely on holy ground (“Worshipping Jesus—the ‘eternally blessed God!’” Feature, March 21).

The Jews asked Jesus in Solomon’s porch if He was the Christ. He told them, “I and my Father are one” (John 10:30, NIV). Philip then asked Him to show them the Father to satisfy them, to which Jesus replied by asking Philip how they could not know Him when He had spent so much time with them, as anyone who had seen Him had also seen God.

These are clear statements. However, Jesus did not choose to define to us the mystery of godliness, for it is to remain beyond our comprehension in this life. He gives us what we need abundantly for our salvation, though.

And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world and received up into glory.

The secret things belong to God but those things which are revealed belong to us and our children forever, so we might “do all with the words of the law.”

Why? Because our hearts are knit together with loving Him.

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Weddings

Armstrong—Vogel. Aaron Dean Armstrong, son of Deborah Armstrong (Fingal Head, NSW), and Kimberly Louise Vogel, daughter of John and Maree Vogel (Ipswich, Qld), were married on 1.3.09 at The Glades Golf and Spa, Robina.

Sandor Gazsik

Bastian—Mulemba. Brock Bastian, son of Eric Bastian (Cooranbong, NSW) and Lyn Bastian (Lilydale, Vic), and

Moseni Mulemba, daughter of Humphrey Mulemba (deceased) and Rodia Mulemba (Lusaka, Zambia), were married on 8.3.09 in the Fitzroy Gardens, Melbourne, Vic.

Edwin Totenhofer

Brodie—Tangman. Todd Johnathan Ross Brodie, son of John and Maureen Brodie (Sydney, NSW), and Nadine Melissa Tangman, daughter of Guy and Gladys Tangman (Sydney), were married 8.3.09 in Wahroonga church, Sydney.

Gilbert Cangy

Henderson—Brownie. Dennis Brownie, son of Pastor Edward (Ted) (Auckland, NZ) and Ngairie Brownie (deceased), and Leanne Henderson, daughter of Ewen Greville (Grev) and Lilian Henderson (Whangarei), were married on 8.3.09 at Whatitiri, Whangarei, Northland.

Kylie Ward

Meehan—Hergenhan. Aaron James Meehan, son of Phillip and Tracey Meehan (South West Rocks, NSW), and Robina Kaye Hergenhan, daughter of Rex and Wendy Hergenhan, (Bega), were married on 15.3.09 in Tilba Tilba Historic Open Sanctuary church, Tilba Tilba. Aaron and Robina will begin married life at Epenarra Station, NT.

Jeff Parker

Robinson—Evans. Troy Nathan Robinson, son of Robert and Sandra Robinson (Bendigo, Vic), and Tereen Narelle Therese Evans, daughter of Greg and Suzanne Evans (Christchurch, NZ), were married on 30.11.08 in Wahroonga church, NSW.

Lloyd Grolmund

Obituaries

Borresen, Bruce Olaf, born 1.9.1942 at Atherton, Qld; died 4.3.09 at Glass House Mountains, of Lymphoma. On 9.10.1966, he married Barbara Green. He is survived by his wife (Glass House Mountains); and his children and their spouses, Scott and Jennifer (Kariang, NSW), and Kym and Adam Coe (Cooran, Qld). After a courageous 15-month battle with cancer, Bruce passed away peacefully at home with his loving family nearby.

R Possingham, R Borresen

Coulston, Evan James, born 24.12.54 at Monto, Qld; died 1.3.09 at Rockhampton. On August 16, 1981, Evan married Debbie Warren (deceased, 2008) and had four beautiful children: Natasha, Dion, Aliesha and Blake. He was the proud grandfather of Nicholas and beloved son of Alwyn (deceased) and Freda; cherished brother of David, Rosalie, Gordon and Margaret; loyal friend of many; and faithful son of Jesus Christ. Evan was a dedicated father, faithful church member, and generous businessman who loved his family, his friends, his church and his God. Evan was laid to rest on 9.3.09 in Rockhampton and sleeps in Jesus, awaiting His Return. He is sadly missed.

*David Edgar, Neil Tyler
Andy Krause*

Dickins, Louisa Grace (nee Coyne), born 6.4.1921, at Preston, Qld; died 25.2.09 at Nambour. On 1.6.1942, she married Norman George Dickins at Stanmore, Sydney, NSW. She was baptised at Avondale College in 1940–1. She was predeceased by her husband on 18.7.04. She is survived by her children, Valerie James (Yarram, Vic), Naomi Caldwell-Cook (Cooranbong, NSW), Heather L'Page (Alice Springs, NT) Brett (Woombye, Qld), and their spouses; her five grandchildren; and her seven great-grandchildren. Lou could

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Rumah Ukan Fly'n'Build—Sarawak Mission, Malaysia. Fly'n'Build volunteers are needed to help build a new church in Sarawak (Borneo). Skilled and unskilled but energetic people are needed July 10–23, 2009. Tasks include bricklaying, rendering, concreting, fitting doors and windows, and painting. An evening devotional series will focus on nurturing these new Adventists. For more information, contact Calvyn Townend at <ctownend@exemail.com.au>.

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turn her hand to anything, and did. She served at Mona Mona Mission for six years, and was church treasurer, dorcas leader and Red Cross volunteer. Loved people, her family and serving the Lord most of all. Looking forward to the great day of reunion.

Joe Webb, John Rabbas

Morgan, Nora May, born 2.9.1923 at New Norfolk, Tas; died 19.2.09 on King Island. On 18.11.1942, she married Laurie Morgan. She was predeceased by her children, Ruth (1947), Laurie (1948), Helen (1951) and Bill (2009). She is survived by her husband (King Island); her children, Anne Huett (Scamander), Wendy Howson (Paradise Beach, Vic), Ron (Hobart, Tas), Gary (King Island), Jack (King Island) and Noreen Cecil (Maryborough, Qld). Nora was one of the foundation members of the King Island church, formed in 1980, and gave a faithful witness to her faith in Jesus to all who knew her. Along with Laurie, they were awarded Citizens of the Year on King Island and together, they received many other Community Service recognitions. Nora had an amazing gift for making others feel special. She loved her family, her Saviour and His church. She now awaits His call to eternal life.

Barry Whelan

Plantener, Helga Helene, born 17.7.1926 at Hereford, Germany. Immigrated to Australia at the age of 23 with her son, John, and lived for a time in the Bonnegilla Immigration Camp. While trying to care for her son alone in the camp, she was offered accommodation in the home of the SDA pastor in Ballarat. She then

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moved to Adelaide to start a new life and found work with Kelvinator home appliance manufacturers. It was at this company she met Juergen Planterer, marrying him on 13.10.1965. She was a quiet woman and a loyal member of the Adelaide City and Prospect churches. In January 2009, she was diagnosed with leukaemia and endured patient suffering, anticipating the new life the Lord will reward her with when He comes. May that be soon!

Will Grobler

Poile, Kim Sonia (nee Maddy), born 7.5.1968 at Blacktown, NSW; died 19.2.09 in Pindara Private Hospital, Gold Coast, Qld. She was predeceased by her father, Colin. She is survived by her husband, Scott; her son, Mitchell, aged 9; her mother, Jennifer; and her brother, Scott. She was baptised two months before her passing. We are all buoyed by the living Jesus, whose return we so eagerly await.

Peter Stojanovic, Bruce Price

Strawbridge, Winston Henry, born 23.10.1930 at Whangarei, NZ; died 2.12.08 in Palmerston North Hospital after a short illness. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Margaret (Belworthy); his daughters and their families, Anne, Callum, Justin and Talia (Grayson); Carol and Kathy; and Yvonne, Brad, Riley and Taya. Winston joined the church in his teens and spent the rest of his life faithfully serving the Palmerston North church in many ways: he was still teaching a Sabbath school class up to the time of his death. He shared his faith with those he met in his long career as a plasterer and

bricklayer. He was a dedicated family man and his friendly, outgoing personality drew people to him, making friends of all. He was deeply loved by those he leaves behind. We await the Resurrection day, when we will see him again and he will see his Lord.

Anton Van Wyk, William Arama

Sonter, Caroline Muriel (nee Ferguson), born 19.11.1944 at Port Lincoln, SA; died 7.3.09 at Mackay, Qld. She was predeceased by her son, Warren. She is survived by her husband, Bert (Mackay); her daughter, Cheryl (Cooanbong); her daughter and son-in-law, Faye and Damien Horwell (Mackay); and her grandchildren, Mikayla, Rylee and Shylah. Carol's endless generosity shone like a light in her community and she was ever ready to help those in need. In her final days, she eagerly looked forward to being reunited with her loved ones on the wonderful day of Resurrection.

Andrew Jasper, Allen Sonter

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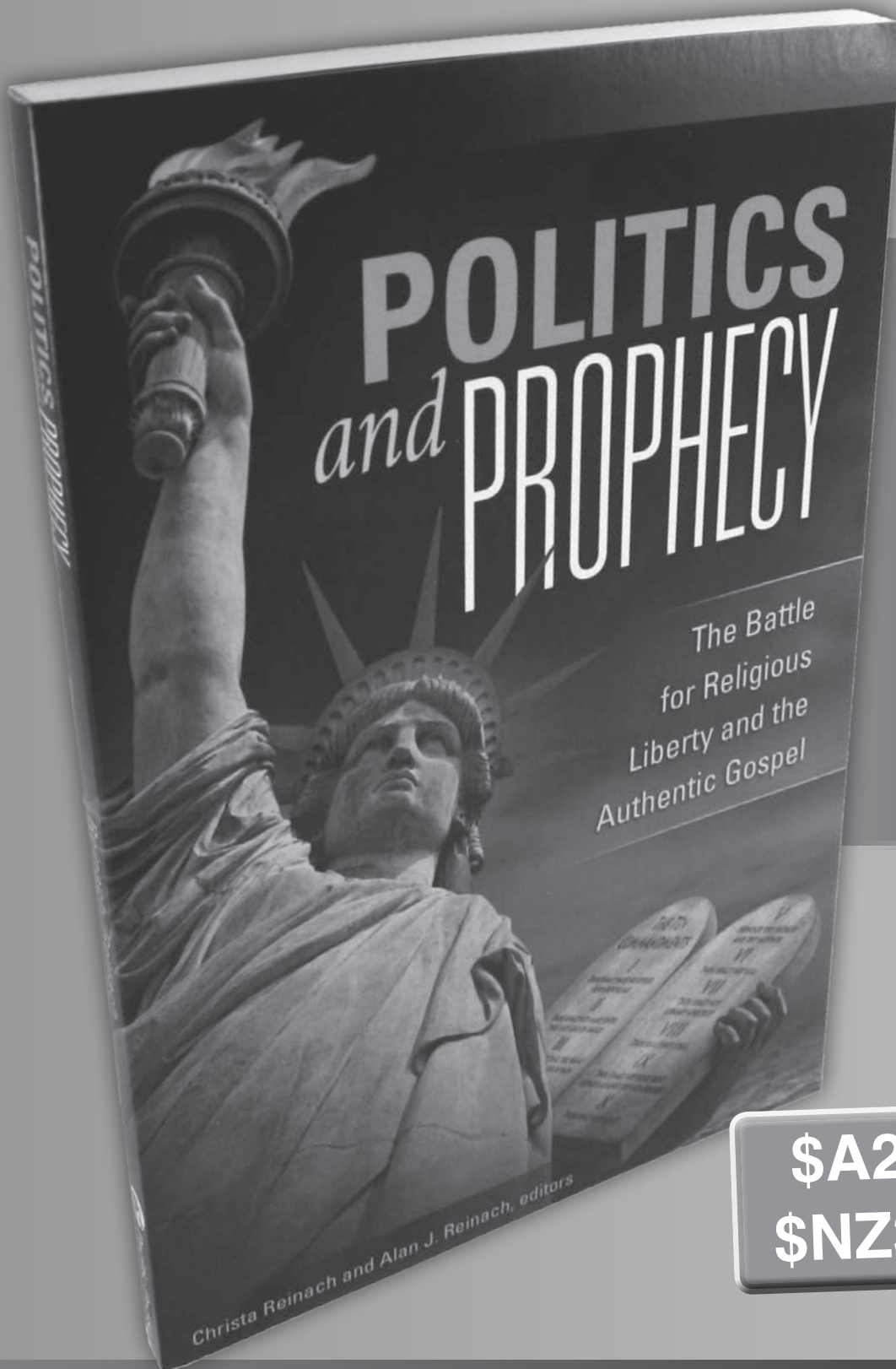
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