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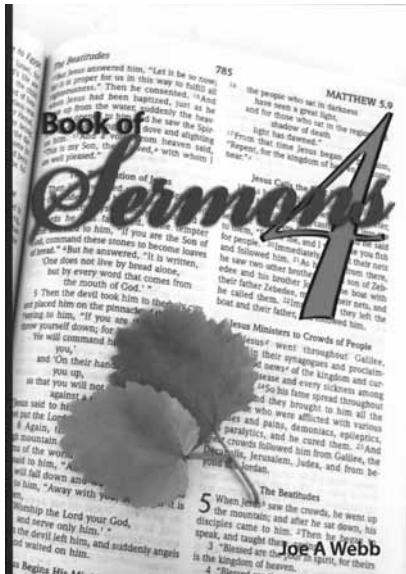
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Signs Publishing Company will receive new press equipment as part of plans to secure the long-term future of the company in Warburton, where it has been based for 103 years.

Long-term future for Signs secured

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

The long-term future for the Warburton campus of Adventist Media Network (AMN), also known as Signs Publishing Company, has been affirmed following an extensive process of review and restructuring. At its July 1 meetings, the governing AMN committee voted to increase book publication, and to purchase a new state-of-the-art printing press and finishing equipment to be based in Warburton.

The renewed focus on publishing—with Nathan Brown being appointed as full-time Signs book editor—will see more books published, printed and distributed, as well as exploring new markets.

AMN is the South Pacific Division's (SPD) communication entity. In July 2006, Adventist Media Centre, the SPD communication department and Signs Publishing Company were amalgamated into a single entity.

Since that time, all communication, media, ministries, creative services, digital media, and audio and video production have functioned in Wahroonga. Accounting, finance, sales of DVDs and CDs, distribution of evangelistic resources, and the print production of RECORD, *Signs of the Times*, *The Edge* and other material have been located in Warburton.

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Joy

As members of the kingdom of God, joy is the native land to which we return.

A REMARKABLE SCENE IN DAVID James Duncan's *The Brothers K* takes place in a Friday-afternoon softball game at an Adventist camp-meeting. One of the story's narrators—Kincaid—is pitching to his Sabbath school teacher, Brother Beal. In a moment of competitiveness, Kincaid launches a fast pitch at his teacher. Beal responds in kind, sending the ball into a distant lily pond for an unofficial home run.

But it's what happens next that changes Kincaid's perception of Beal—and fills a page-and-a-half of description: "About the time he reached second base, a few of us began to notice something odd about the Brother's baserunning. It wasn't hard to put a finger on, either. He wasn't running bases at all. He was *dancing* them."

The crowd of players and onlookers react in various ways but must be won over by Beal's sheer exuberance. Rounding third base, Beal frolics off the softball diamond, circling his fiancée, "at which point the sky got so red and the light so golden that I couldn't even look at her, she was so pretty, and all over the ballfield kids were collapsing from over-laughing."

Beal eventually arrives at home plate and continues "waltzing on it throughout the waves of wild cheering and applause." But not everyone is celebrating. The umpiring pastor judges Beal "out" for leaving the field, telling him "he ought to be ashamed for acting like he was acting in front of all us innocent children."

"But I'm not *acting*, Elder," Beal responds. "This is *exactly* how I feel!"

There are times when life and its goodness should be celebrated with exuberance and energy. It isn't a misprint when the Bible reminds us that there *is* "a time to dance" (Ecclesiastes 3:4*). The stories, instructions and literature of the Old Testament are punctuated with shouts of joy, songs and celebrations—both planned and spontaneous. It seems rejoicing is part of what it means to live life with God.

In the New Testament, much is made of Paul's repeated instructions to rejoice in the Book of Philippians, written as it was from his Roman jail cell. But the way this is often presented, we could be tempted to think Paul rejoiced *only* when in prison. Rather, joy and rejoicing are recurring themes of his letters, mentioned at least once in every one of his books.

It's obvious rejoicing was a way of life for Paul and something he wanted to share with others. "May you be filled with joy," he urged the Colossians (Colossians 1:11). And the Thessalonians were instructed to "Always be joyful" (1 Thessalonians 5:16).

Some believers—and some critics of Christianity—suggest such rejoicing either ignores or avoids the obvious sorrows, disappointments, pain and challenges of life—or even, in some twisted way, urges rejoicing about tragedy. But any belief or practice that ignores or avoids the enormity of suffering and evil diminishes the credibility of Christianity, reducing us to mere grinning idiots.

True joy makes space for true grief. We should never feel bad about feeling bad about things that are bad. But, as members of the kingdom of God, joy is the native land to which we return and the reality that constantly surprises us in goodness, beauty and hope.

And when we sing, dance, create, feel, taste, jump and shout for joy—when we act exactly how we feel without self-consciousness or contrivance, even if only for a moment—we are stepping into the flow of life Jesus described when He said we should "become as little children" as members of His kingdom (Matthew 18:3).

Of course, joy is not just a feeling. It is a practice or habit of life lived with God. But, from time to time, it should bubble out of us as a feeling and expression that might be contagious and even sometimes annoying—in a good kind of way—to those around us.

Joy is always something to be shared. And, as such, joy is a profound life practice the church community can share with the wider world. Rob Bell puts it like this: "The church has nothing to say to the world until it throws better parties. . . . God has given us life, and God's desire is that we live it. It is the job of the church to lead the world in affirming and, more important, enjoying the goodness of Creation" (*Velvet Elvis*).

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However, losses caused by ageing press equipment, in addition to difficult economic conditions, have meant restructuring work could not be delayed. The AMN committee, together with senior management, commissioned an external consultant to research industry benchmarks, establish key performance indicators and ensure a consultative process with all staff was applied during the review.

The AMN committee adopted most of these recommendations on July 1, including the purchase of multimillion dollar printing equipment to be based in Warburton.

Five positions at the Warburton campus were made redundant in the restructure. Redundancy packages have been provided, along with entitlements and the offer of counselling and career support for those affected.

It is hoped that with renewed investment in publishing and printing, the Warburton campus of AMN will operate at leading industry benchmarks.

By the commencement of 2010, the *Signs* and *RECORD* magazines will be published in Wahroonga, and printed and distributed from Warburton. The *RECORD* brand will be expanded to include broadcast and web, as well as print, delivering news and editorial. The print form of *RECORD* will

be published in colour, with further study being conducted into distributing *RECORD* to more areas in the South Pacific.

The number of editions of *RECORD* printed per month is also under review, with a likely reduction in the number of issues. This will be complemented by local conference newsletters, and web and broad-

cast editions.

The Edge faces a somewhat uncertain future and is being reviewed with hopes of seeking funding from alternative sources, and/or finding alternative methods of publishing articles and news for young people in Australia and New Zealand.—**David Gibbons**

New *RECORD* editor appointed

Pastor Pablo Lillo has been appointed to fill the new role of head of news and editorial for the South Pacific Division's Adventist Media Network (AMN). This means he will be *RECORD* editor, as well as heading up the communication team. The team will also produce the weekly InFocus news TV program and provide daily updates on <www.record.net.au>.

Pastor Lillo will be based at the Wahroonga campus of AMN.

He says, "I am excited yet humbled by this pastoral responsibility, which informs, educates and nurtures church members across the South Pacific—en-

gaging them for mission."

Pastor Lillo is currently the communication director for the Greater Sydney Conference, a role he has held since 2005.

He has also been the conference's associate youth leader and a church pastor.

The editorial team has been part of AMN's communication department since January. Most of the remaining editorial staff in Warburton will either be moved to Wahroonga at the beginning of 2010 or face redundancy.

Pastor Lillo will transition into the new role during August and September, and spend time in Warburton working with the existing editorial team.

An interview with Pastor Lillo is available at <www.record.net.au>.



Pastor Pablo Lillo, the new *RECORD* editor.



◆ **Dorrigo church, NSW**, invited the **Adventist Book Centre (ABC)** display to visit their church. As there are not enough members to make the trip financially worthwhile to the ABC, the decision was made to use the opportunity for outreach by advertising the display in the local newspaper. It was advertised for four weeks

before the display. Church members also placed posters on local noticeboards. On **June 21**, though it was pouring with rain, 13 non-members came to the sale and they all purchased religious books. One woman said she had put an ad in her church bulletin about the Christian book display at the Adventist church. All who came appreciated the effort made by the ABC in bringing and displaying so many books. Some even asked if they would come again.

—**Graham Chesher**

◆ Senior students from **Carmel Adventist College, WA**, were placed in the top 10 out of 100 teams competing in a recent **science competition**. The **annual titration competition** requires students to **measure out and mix exact volumes of solutions to determine their precise concentration**. By finishing seventh, the Carmel students qualify for the state finals and will compete to see who goes on to represent WA in the **national championships** later this year. The competition attracted a wide cross-section



of Perth schools, including selective private colleges as well as state and independent Christian schools. The top 10 schools were distinguished by the fourth decimal place and one drop can make all the difference. Pictured from left to right: Françoise Mushimiyanana, Daniel Gorry and James Gosling.—**Gavin Williams**

Sanitarium's Kitchen celebrates first year

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

After its first year of operation, Sanitarium's gourmet vegetarian cafe Kitchen, located on Eagle Street in Brisbane's CBD, has just launched its new winter menu and reports experiencing strong growth, with more than 1200 customers coming through the cafe each week.

Deb Peralta, manager of Kitchen, says, "Some customers come in two or three times in the same day. Larger groups are now booking as well, and there's a real mix of men and women. Often on Thursdays and Fridays, it's not uncommon to have 50 people actually book tables."

Feedback from customers has been positive, with Ms Peralta reporting that customers are "excited" at how Kitchen is growing. "We feel very much a part of the community," she adds. "Many people engage us in conversation about their lives and all our regulars are greeted on first-name basis."

One of the main aims of Kitchen is to bring life to the Sanitarium Health Food Company's wholefood focus. Ms Peralta says, "Many people ask questions about Sanitarium. This often leads to conversations about our ownership by the Adventist

Church, and the mission and humanitarian work undertaken by the Church."

Kitchen takes its name from Ellen White's comments on the importance of teaching people about healthful cooking and food in their own kitchens. "It's not possible for us to go to all of our customer's kitchens," says Ms Peralta. "So instead, we invite the guests to our kitchen, where they can enjoy wholesome foods, relax and—if they're interested— inquire about our mission and programs.

"The original pioneers of Sanitarium were known for their courage. We're trying to reflect that courage as we embark on this powerful new opportunity to fulfil our mission, positively impacting the lives of individuals within our community."

Ms Peralta reports a number of customers have told staff members how the cafe has inspired them to make changes to their diets. "People have been delighted by the quality and flavours of our food," she says. "We get many customers telling us how they have been reducing or entirely cutting out meat from their diet. People talk to us each day about how surprised and delighted they are they have discovered us."—*Sharyn Brady*

More @ www.sanitarium.com.au

RECORD farewells behind-the-scenes team member

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

Cheryl Anderson has retired from Signs Publishing Company after more than 36 years.

She has been the mailing clerk for magazines produced by Signs—particularly RECORD—for the past 32 of those years.

"Although 36 years is a long time, I've really enjoyed my time here," says Mrs Anderson. "I'll miss doing the mailing out but not the occasional 4 am start. RECORD has only been late twice in the time I've been sending it out—once due to sickness and the other, a couple of weeks ago, because the stitcher broke."

Nathan Brown, RECORD editor, says, "I've always been scared of Cheryl! We like to make sure we get RECORD done on time so she doesn't have to get up early to mail it out! We really appreciate the contribution she's made to RECORD."—*Adele Nash*



Cheryl Anderson sending out RECORD.



◆ Year 12 students at **Avondale School, Cooranbong, NSW**, were recently showered with support from their peers. With trial exams only weeks away, stress levels had mounted and workloads built up to a climax of assessments at the end of Term 2. A "care package" was put together by Avondale's Year 8s and given to each of

the HSC students. Each package consisted of a beautifully-wrapped collection of homemade biscuits, accompanied by an encouragement card. The consideration of the younger students for the Year 12s was greatly appreciated.—*Susan Rogers*

◆ It was graduation time for the Whangarei (NZ) "Chippers" on June 11. **Pastor Ken and Loraine Curtis** hosted a successful **CHIP program (Coronary Health Improvement Project)** with 12 people in attendance.

Everyone has shown 100 per cent support every night and have achieved significant results. One attendee had great trouble walking just around her home with a stick. Now, she has walked more than a kilometre to the local supermarket and back.—*Garry Hallmond*

◆ **Thirty-eight happy "seniors"** recently returned from an action-packed 17-day tour of **Victoria and Tasmania**. This is the fifth annual tour organised and led by **Pastor David Lawson**. The group spent time on the two Sab-

baths worshipping with fellow Adventists in Shepparton, Vic, and Launceston, Tas, churches. The tours are run at cost to give retired church workers and some Adventist friends a cheap holiday with quality accommodation and travel. Highlights of this most recent tour included a visit to the **Great Ocean Road; Wine Glass Bay; a Gordon River cruise; Sovereign Hill; Port Arthur**; a ride on the **Murray River** aboard the **SS Canberra** Paddle Steamer at **Echuca**; and a solemn visit to the ruins of the bushfire tragedy at **Marysville**, where the

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“Grey nomads” meet in northern NSW

STUARTS POINT, NEW SOUTH WALES

Flooding and stormy weather didn't deter more than 260 “grey nomads” from attending the first-ever camp-meeting specifically for those aged over 60 at Stuarts Point Campground from May 22 to 30.

The Grey Nomads Camp was organised by the administration of the North New South Wales Conference (NNSWC) with the aim of providing a venue for social and spiritual contact for “senior citizens” who like to travel.

More than 280 people had registered but flooding in a number of towns in northern New South Wales delayed the arrival of 18 attendees, and two other groups marooned at Yamba were unable to get through the flood waters at all.

The camp-meeting was themed “Through the years” and focused on Hebrews 13:8, which says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” The camp also featured special worships, prayer times and workshops with information on health, wellbeing and practical caravanning tips.

Dr Steve Cassimy from the Greater New York Conference (US) was the guest speaker for the camp-meeting. Dr Cassimy spoke on a number of topics, including

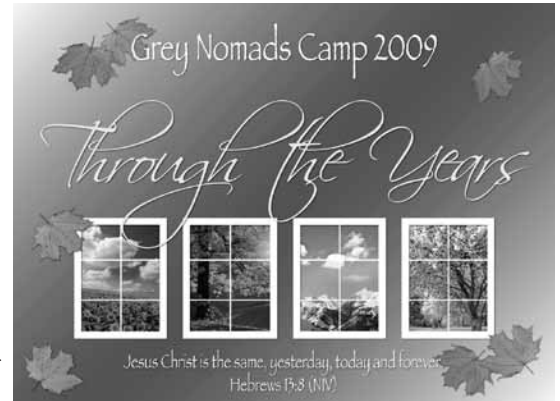
God's purpose for sorrow, knowing that Christ will be victorious, Joseph not allowing temporary situations to define him in the Bible and following Jesus like a disciple.

Other speakers for worships, workshops and Bible studies included Pastor Gordon Smith, Pastor Owen D'Costa and Dr Percy Harold.

Dr Barry Oliver, president of the South Pacific Division (SPD), delivered a special presentation for the church service on May 23. He told attendees of the Grey Nomads Camp about developments in many areas of the SPD. Pastor John Lang, president of NNSWC, also spoke to attendees and described plans for the proposed boarding school for Indigenous students at Currowah, in western New South Wales.

That night, a trivia night was held in the dining room, which allowed attendees an informal opportunity to participate and develop a sense of community.

On the second Sabbath of the camp-meeting, the civic choir and band from Coffs Harbour supported Don Roy and his music team in a “hymnfest” in the afternoon, and provided a concert in the evening.



The inaugural Grey Nomads Camp, recently held at Stuarts Point Campground, was attended by more than 260 people.

Sharlene Guest, director of communication, marketing and public relations for NNSWC, says, “The conference was proud to host this special event for retirees and looks forward to continuing the camp again in 2010. The event proved to be an excellent opportunity for seniors, baby boomers and pre-retirees to meet and fellowship together.”

Plans are underway to ensure there will be accommodation available at Yarrahapinni to guarantee those without caravans or tents will be able to attend future Grey Nomad Camps.—**RECORD staff/Sharlene Guest**

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group paused to offer prayer for those still mourning the loss of so many relatives and friends. The big question on the minds of our participants was, “Where to next year?”—**David Lawson**

◆ The winner of \$A5000 in the *Logan West Leader's* “Live Local, Shop Local” promotion will keep her promise to give the money to a good cause. **Jane Walker** of Chambers Flat, Qld, made a promise to God as she submitted her one and only entry in the promotion: “Lord, if I win this, I'll give it all away.”

Surprised and excited by the win, Ms Walker is sticking to her promise and will be giving her prize money to the communities she has already invested time and money in. Ms Walker travelled to the Solomon Islands last year with a group from the **Logan Reserve church**, where she helped set up a medical clinic.—**Logan West Leader**

◆ A group of **Adventists in Germany** spend their Sabbath mornings on **Twitter** but instead of zoning out in church, they are **posting the sermon** 140 char-

acters at a time. The Twitter sermons are the first of their kind in the country, according to German newspaper **Bild**. Twitter, a microblogging and social networking service, is used for everything from sharing what someone had for breakfast to breaking the latest news. For **Martin Haase**, Twitter is a tool for sharing God. The former communication director for the **Euro-Africa Division** said in today's culture, it's normal to be on the internet all day long, wherever you are. He has been heavily involved in creating and

promoting the **Schlosskirche** (Castle church) Twitter account. Ultimately, they hope to have a group of church members and up to four pastors involved in the Tweeting process. A whole sermon consists of between 120 to 140 tweets. Right now, **66 people** are following Schlosskirche on Twitter. Most of the followers are not members of the Adventist Church. The Bergisch Gladbach Adventist church and Staonline, a German Adventist media outreach organisation, are also assisting the Twitter sermons.—**ANN**

Fourth Book of Sermons released

NAMBOUR, QUEENSLAND

Dr Joe Webb has released *Book of Sermons 4*, which follows on from three previous compilations released in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Dr Webb says he felt led to produce the books, as he has a “great burden” for resourcing lay preachers.

“We need to do all that’s possible to support and equip these faithful lay preachers,” he says. “Many of them have expressed their appreciation for these sermons, and relate how they make the sermons their own or model their own outlines after those in the book.”

Dr Webb says the first *Book of Sermons* was produced to “test the waters” and he hadn’t planned to add further titles in the series. However, he had numerous requests to produce more of the books and says he will continue to do so as long as there is demand. The books of sermons also cater to requests people make for sermon notes.



Dr Joe Webb has recently released *Book of Sermons 4*.

Printed by Signs Publishing Company, *Book of Sermons 4* has a limited run of 200 books. Previous books in the series have sold out within months, with most copies being purchased by lay preachers.

For those who are nervous about presenting a sermon to a congregation, Dr Webb believes it can be “coped with.” He suggests spending time with God, knowing the sermon material well, preaching it at home before delivering the sermon to the congregation and timing the sermon.

All money raised from the sale of *Book of Sermons 4* will go to Nambour church’s STORM Co (Service To Others Really Matters) group, who visit Goondiwindi (Qld) every year. A manuscript for a fifth book of sermons is currently being prepared by Dr Webb. He also writes short articles with tips and ideas for lay pastors.

—Adele Nash/Kev Gray

Contact Elsie Scott via <restart@linkt.com.au> for distribution details of **Book of Sermons 4**.

PAU signs MoA with 3ABN

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On May 28, a memorandum of agreement was signed between Pacific Adventist University (PAU) and 3ABN Broadcasting Network PNG, which will allow PAU to transmit its FM radio signals to and from the 3ABN tower on Burns Peak. The PAU radio station is believed to be the first Adventist station in Papua New Guinea, according to Dr Branimir Schubert, vice-president of PAU (“PAU strives for BEST,” Feature, May 30).

PAU will be responsible for the purchase, installation and maintenance of the equipment used for their radio transmissions, as well as the costs of their electricity and insurance. They will also allocate one hour per week for 3ABN PNG programs.—Vagi Vele

More @ www.pau.ac.pg



Dr Branimir Schubert and Aho Baliki, a 3ABN Network PNG representative, seal the 3ABN agreement with a handshake.

◆ An **Italian priest** caught driving while over the **alcohol limit** pleaded to police that it was only because of the **Holy Wine** he had drunk as part of the **mass**, Ansa news agency reported. Police rejected the priest’s excuse and revoked his driving licence anyway. Now the 41-year-old priest is set to appeal against the ruling, saying his alcohol consumption was not “voluntary,” since it was part of the Catholic ritual in the four masses he had celebrated during the day. He was caught coming off the **Milan-Turin motorway** with a blood alcohol level of 0.8 grams —

above the authorised limit in Italy of 0.5 grams.—AFP

◆ A church has apologised after allowing **Wimbledon tennis fans** to park on top of graves. **St Mary’s church** in Wimbledon Village, UK, charged those attending the championships £20 a day to park in its **cemetery**. The money goes to three charities. The church said cars were allowed to park on the graves of people whose descendants cannot be traced but this year, some were put in wrong places. Parking in the graveyard has now been stopped as a result,

reports the BBC. **Melanie Allcock**, who parked in the cemetery, said: “We were told: ‘Go and reverse between these gravestones.’ I thought: ‘This is very odd.’ But we did it and went to Wimbledon.” —Ananova

◆ **Pastor Ken Pagano** told parishioners to bring their unloaded guns to **New Bethel Church** in Louisville, Kentucky, US, reports the BBC. He organised a service celebrating the **right to bear arms** after church members voiced fears **President Obama** could tighten gun

control laws. “We are wanting to send a message that there are legal, civil, intelligent and law-abiding citizens who also happen to own guns,” Pastor Pagano told the congregation. He also held a **handgun raffle**, and provided information on gun safety. A coalition of religious groups and campaigners held a rival gun-free event at the same time on the other side of Louisville. “I think many people find the idea of wearing guns to churches or any sacred space deeply troubling,” said organiser **Terry Taylor**.—AP

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“Drug Action Month” at CCAS

ERINA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Central Coast Adventist School (CCAS) took a significant step toward addressing drug and alcohol issues by running a “Drug Action Month” during June.

“The aim of ‘Drug Action Month’ has been to reach as many students as possible with the message that they are valued, and deserve a life that is better than what drug and alcohol use offers,” says Nicole Walkinshaw, “Drug Action Month” coordinator.

“Drug Action Month” included chapel presentations, a resource stall at lunchtimes and varied activities run each Friday during lunchtime. Topics included the way drugs and alcohol can affect a person’s athletic ability, how to help keep friends safe at parties, and the potential long-term consequences of drug and alcohol use. Throughout the month, students were encouraged to ask questions and learn about the impacts of drugs and alcohol.

Students were given the opportunity to make posters relating to what they felt was the most important message about drugs and alcohol. Anna Coleman, a Year 9 student, designed the winning poster with the

slogan, “Be the life of the party. You don’t need drugs to have fun.”

The final event for the month was a live band and pancake lunch that has left the school with a small fund to encourage future projects.



Students take part in a pancake lunch at the end of “Drug Action Month.”

Dean Bennetts, principal of CCAS, says, “Too often, we hear about the problems and not enough about solutions. Often, we ignore the problems or falsely assume that these issues are not part of our schools, and the life of our youth and teens. I pray that they were not but the reality is they are. ‘Drug Action Month’ is one way CCAS has been proactive in dealing with

the issues of drugs and alcohol among teens and youth. Despite societal pressures, they do have choices and they can make choices that honour their bodies, themselves, their families and their God.”

Elia Crevar, the secondary school section chaplain, adds, “Addiction to drugs and alcohol takes control of people’s lives and brings about destruction. God’s desire for us is that we live abundant and full lives free from harmful addictions. During ‘Drug Action Month,’ this is what we have been communicating to our students.”—*Nicole Walkinshaw/Brenton Luchow*

Adventist presents paper in parliament

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

On June 23, Gary Christian, honorary secretary for Drug Free Australia (DFA) and member of Gosford Adventist church, presented a research paper on the harmful effects of cannabis to a packed Jubilee Room at Parliament House, New South Wales.

This initiative was held on the United Nation’s Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and is part of an ongoing DFA campaign to provide politicians with accurate information and resist efforts to legalise drug use in Australia.

DFA research has found the serious ad-

verse effects of cannabis (marijuana) use includes “psychiatric disorders, cognitive impairment and progression to other illegal drugs.” The paper cited several researchers who have found links with schizophrenia, depression and bipolar disorder. The effects were more significant when cannabis use commenced in adolescence.

The full DFA paper can be viewed at <www.drugfree.org.au>.—*Malcolm Rea*



Gary Christian.

Hills College student a “junior Einstein”

CASTLE HILL, NEW SOUTH WALES

Nakita Dass, a Year 8 student at Hills Adventist College, recently won ABC TV’s “Junior Einstein Factor” for contestants aged between 9 and 12 years. The show received more than 700 applications and six contestants were chosen for the two age-group finals in May.

Nakita says, “I was really excited, as I love to participate in quizzes and enjoy watching quiz shows on TV.”

The “Junior Einstein Factor” is a spin-off of the “Einstein Factor,” which is for adult contestants. It provides participants with the opportunity to demonstrate their specialised knowledge of a chosen subject, as well as broader general knowledge skills. They also test themselves against “The Brains Trust,” which included journalist Jennifer Byrne.

Nakita’s specialty subject was the life and career of United States president Barak Obama. Her interest in this political subject was sparked by a visit to the US last year but was also a strategic choice, as the Dass family thought it would be a subject others may not select.

At the end of Round 3, Nakita was trailing by 200 points. She came from behind to win by 400 points in the final round. Her final round was so strong that she answered some of the specialty questions of other participants before they did.

Nakita said, “My mum and dad have always encouraged me to have a go and that’s why I went on the ‘Junior Einstein Factor.’ But Hills Adventist College also helped by teaching us a lot about what’s happening in the world, not just what’s in our text books.”—*Claudia Martin*

More @ www.hills.adventist.edu.au



Nakita Dass with Peter Berner, host of the “Junior Einstein Factor.”

Helping build the ark

BY CANDICE JAQUES

CRACK! THE AXE COLLIDED WITH THE tree. The forceful blow sent pulses up Noah's strong arms and his muscles flexed at the resistance of the tough gopher wood. Looking at the gaping wound his axe had left in the trunk of the tall tree, he smiled. Building the ark was Noah's life passion and seeing progress—no matter how small—always gave him pleasure.

In a nearby clearing in the forest, Noah's sons were cutting up the trees they had felled that morning. The smell of sawn wood wafted into Noah's nostrils and he breathed deeply of the fragrance he'd come to love. As he watched his sons work, he smiled—their support meant so much to him.

But, as Noah turned back to take another strike at the tree in front of him, his thoughts wandered further and he became sad.

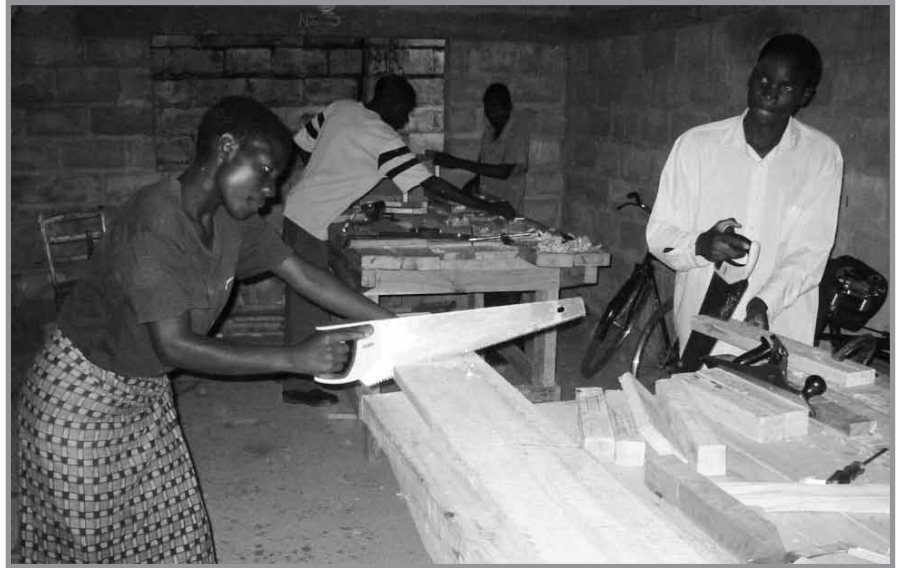
Noah and his sons gained great satisfaction in knowing their efforts were contributing to something bigger and more important than themselves. And Noah wished his neighbours could also experience this same sense of fulfilment. But they had refused to participate—and did not hesitate to give their reasons for not getting involved:

What is a flood? And it will affect the whole world? The problem is far too big to even comprehend!

Yes, the problem was big—affecting the whole world! Which was why it was even more important for everyone to get involved. Noah and his sons proved that the combined efforts of many could achieve a seemingly-overwhelming task. If only others could see that their contribution would actually make a difference! In addition, Noah's relationship with God had deepened as he worked for Him, and Noah knew the personal benefits for others would be life changing.

Noah, you seem like a nice guy—and sincere. But we're just too busy.

Noah understood how easy it could be to



let day-to-day routines take priority in life. But he had also come to see that the things God valued—such as service and care for others—were the things that made life's daily tasks worthwhile. When he had let go of his own plans and prioritised what he knew to be God's will, the rest of his activities took on new meaning.

The weather is terrible today—and I don't want to be out in it.

This was a valid reason for not being outside. But was it a valid reason for not participating in something God cared about? Noah couldn't change the weather but he didn't let it dictate what he would or wouldn't do with his time.

We don't really know who you are and what you're trying to do. What will my involvement actually achieve?

Noah had tried all he could to share with his community about who he was and his call from God, of the coming tragedy and God's way of escape. He had spent time in town preaching to the crowds, he had posted notices by the city gate, and he had spent countless hours talking with individuals and families. He also shared about the numerous ways—big or small—they could get involved, such as cutting down trees, sawing planks, making nails or painting the ark with pitch.

I've heard about what you're doing and it makes sense. But most of my neighbours have never heard of you—and I'm embarrassed to get involved.

Noah was just as frustrated as the objectors that many more people in the wider community hadn't heard of him or his mission to save people's lives. But Noah had limited ability to share the message more broadly. He was only one man, with one voice, in one location. Noah knew that if others would get involved, they could help spread the word about this important work and reach even more people.

Khreeck! The knife, held in steady hands, slices through the top of the cardboard box. As John opens the flaps and looks inside, he smiles. An ordinary church member, John has an extraordinary passion—serving others and helping the poor. And inside this box lies the resources he will use to do this. John volunteers his time to coordinate the ADRA Appeal at his local church. And, although he realises his is just one role in the great challenge, it gives him pleasure to know he is part of it.

At a nearby table, John's friends sort ADRA Appeal resources. As he looks at them, he smiles, pleased with their faithful support.

But as he turns back to open the next box, his thoughts travel further and he becomes sad.

John and his friends are pleased their efforts are contributing to something bigger than themselves. And he wishes fellow church members could also experience this same sense of fulfilment. But they don't participate—and do not hesitate to give their reasons for not getting involved:

What is extreme poverty? And it affects more than one billion people? The problem is far too big to even comprehend!

Yes, the problem is big indeed—affecting one-sixth of the world's population! Which is why it's even more important for everyone to get involved. John, his friends and others like him around the country prove that the combined efforts of many can actually accomplish something big.

Last year, the ADRA Appeal in Australia raised approximately \$A1.2 million; and most of this came from individuals simply knocking on one door at a time, asking for donations. If only others could see that their contribution will make a difference! In addition, John believes their relationship with God will deepen as they step out in faith.

John, you seem like a nice guy—and sincere. But we're just too busy.

John knows how easy it can be to let weekly activities, such as household chores, work and social plans, make him too tired to participate in the ADRA Appeal. But he has also come to see that the things God values—such as service and care for others—make life's daily tasks worthwhile.

The weather is terrible today—and I don't want to be out in it.

John knows that poor weather makes walking outside uncomfortable. But he can't change the weather. The only thing he can change is his attitude. He has decided that he won't let the weather dictate what he will or won't do with his time. When it's wet, he has a raincoat and umbrella. When it's hot, he puts on sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat. When it's mild, he praises God for a great day!

We don't really know what ADRA is and what it's trying to do. What will my involvement actually achieve?

John uses as many methods as he can to

share about ADRA's work and the tragedy that poverty is wreaking on the lives of children, parents and communities *every day*. He gives short presentations at church, directs people to ADRA Australia's website, provides copies of ADRA's newsletter, hands out copies of the ADRA Appeal brochure and shows them countless ADRA articles from church magazines. He also explains that the involvement of others will make a massive difference to someone's life.

He points out that a donation on the ADRA Appeal as small as \$11 can support the education of a child in a women's refuge in Australia; that \$28 can help a parent in Papua New Guinea learn to read; and that just \$40 can provide a vulnerable family in southern Africa with a farming pack. ADRA's work makes a difference to the lives of thousands of people every day—and helping them is so easy!

I've heard about what ADRA is doing and it makes sense. But most of my neighbours and wider community have never heard of ADRA—and I'm embarrassed to get involved.

ADRA realises there are many people who have never heard of the agency or its mission to support the poor. ADRA wishes more people knew about this important work but it has limited resources to reach the wider community.

As a charity, ADRA has prioritised the needs of the poor and doesn't have a budget for advertising. In Australia, TV advertising can cost as much as \$A8000 for *one* 30-second slot. In addition, ADRA doesn't have the budget to employ full-time staff to constantly pursue the competitively sought-after free news coverage that can occasionally be gained through media relations activities.

But ADRA knows that if more of their supporters get personally involved in the ADRA Appeal, they can help spread the word about this important work as they knock on doors, and talk with neighbours and other community members.

The Bible doesn't record Noah's need for supporters to help build the ark. It doesn't mention the conversations he may have had with the people around him at that time.

But we do know God had a passion for Noah's community. He told of the approach-

ing tragedy and was providing a way of escape. And we know God called someone to do something about it. God called Noah to care for these people and complete the task of providing for their survival. So Noah pursued that call. Noah stepped out in faith and didn't allow other things to hinder his commitment to what he knew God wanted.

The Bible also doesn't record ADRA's need for supporters to help with the ADRA Appeal. It doesn't say anything about knocking on doors to ask for donations. But we know God has a passion for our communities—especially for people in desperate need.

There are more than 2000 verses in the Bible recording God's feelings about poverty and justice. We know from these words that God is deeply passionate about the poor and disadvantaged. There are terrible tragedies taking place in poor countries all the time:

- Every day, almost 16,000 children worldwide die from hunger-related causes;
- More than 50 per cent of Africans suffer from water-related diseases, such as cholera and infant diarrhoea;
- More than 10 per cent of Australian children live in poverty; and
- About 13,000 children under the age of five die every day in sub-Saharan Africa from poverty-related causes.

But God has provided a way of escape! In many Bible passages—including Micah 6:8, Matthew 25:31-46 and 1 John 3:16-18—God is calling His people to care about the poor and disadvantaged. He is calling each of us to participate in the task of providing for their survival: "Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy" (Proverbs 31:9).

What is your response to God's call? Will you let circumstances dictate how you use your time? Or will you—like Noah—step out in faith and commit to what God wants?

You *can* change the lives of people in need! **R**

To find out how you can get involved in this year's ADRA Appeal, talk to your church's ADRA Appeal coordinator or contact the director of ADRA Services at your local conference office.

Candice Jaques is communication coordinator for ADRA Australia, based in Wahroonga, New South Wales.

Good news for a healthy heart and weight

HEART DISEASE IS THE NUMBER-ONE cause of death among both men and women, yet it is largely preventable through food choices and weight management. Unfortunately, some high-protein diets, with their emphasis on animal protein, can reduce weight but actually increase heart-disease risk by increasing LDL (bad) cholesterol. So is there an alternative?

Researchers from the University of Toronto introduced the Eco-Atkins diet as a high-protein alternative for people who wanted to lose weight but were conscious of the impact of their food choices on their health and the environment.

In their latest research on weight-loss diets, they have found a significant reduction in LDL cholesterol, as well as significant weight loss, when animal foods like meat and dairy are replaced with soy, nuts, fruits and vegetables. Other high-protein diets, like the original Atkins, achieved weight loss but also increased LDL cholesterol, therefore increasing the risk of heart disease.

While the high-protein approach for weight loss isn't for everyone, this study is consistent with a body of research that shows plant proteins, like soy and nuts, are protective for heart health. In addition, findings published in March from the US National Cancer Institute report found that 11 per cent of deaths in men and 16 per cent of deaths in women could be prevented if people decreased their red-meat intake. Other research shows that women

who get their main source of protein from plants were 15 per cent less likely to be overweight.

Our advice:

Meat-free Monday: If you, or someone you know, are looking to cut down the amount of meat you eat, start by having one meat-free meal each week and gradually incorporate more days. Even if it's meat-free lunches, it's a great start!

Choose plant proteins: Replace meat with legumes, such as chick peas, baked beans, lentils and soy. Toss tofu through stir-fries and choose unsalted nuts as a healthy snack. **R**

To help with ideas on how to decrease your meat intake and include more plant-protein foods, we've developed a seven-day meal plan that we'd love to share with you. It contains recipes like our red lentil and tomato soup (featured right), as well as a Moroccan chickpea salad, spicy pumpkin and lentil tagine, and Greek-style beans with rocket. We'll send it to you with a free copy of our Food for Health and Happiness cookbook. To order, visit <www.sanitarium.com.au> or call 1800 673 392 (in Australia) or 0800 100 257 (in New Zealand). Alternatively, you can email us at <nutrition@sanitarium.com.au> (Australia) or <nutrition@sanitarium.co.nz> (New Zealand).

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

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Red lentil and tomato soup

1 tbsp oil
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed
2 tsp ground coriander
2 tsp ground cumin
500g packet dried red lentils
7 cups water
850g can chopped tomatoes
415g can tomato soup
2 zucchini, grated
1 tsp salt (optional)

1. In a large saucepan, heat oil and sauté onion, garlic and spices.
 2. Add washed lentils, water, tomatoes and soup, and bring mixture to the boil.
 3. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes.
 4. Add zucchini and salt, and simmer for a further 5 minutes.
- Serves 6.

Per Serve: 1460 kJ (350 Cal); Protein 23g; Total Fat 6g; Saturated Fat 1g; Carbohydrate 45g; Total Sugars 10g; Sodium 146mg; Potassium 1070mg; Calcium 135mg; Iron 7.5mg; Fibre 14g.

The gospel within reach

BY NATHAN BROWN

APPOINTED CHIEF EXECUTIVE officer of Adventist Media Network (AMN) about a year ago, Neale Schofield is enthusiastic about the potential of media to share the gospel, and the progress being made in bringing together the church's various media ministries. He recently shared these reflections with RECORD.

How do you see the progress of AMN in the past year?

I think there has been a latent energy toward the mission of the church, just waiting to pull things together and move forward. So it's been a really supportive team in that respect. We are excited that we have a clear direction about spreading the gospel and bringing Christ to the community.

So what's new about this new direction?

Probably that it's a little broader. Media ministries in the past have been primarily *Signs of the Times* and Adventist Discovery Centre. We have expanded these ministries and have created some new ones.

But, from an AMN point of view, the last thing we want to do is just be out there talking on media. We want to be able to connect right through to local churches, so church members can be part of the Adventist Media Network. It isn't just a TV program.

How do AMN's media ministries support the local church?

The primary role for AMN in relation to the local church is to have primary contact with people local churches cannot reach. Media can get into homes that local churches might not otherwise get to. It creates a whole new range of people who come into contact with the church. We can then nurture a relationship with them through our Bible school and through programs—whether on a website, TV or whatever—and as we establish the relationship over

time, we can introduce and connect them to a local church.

So does a local church just sit and wait for AMN to do this?

We need our church members involved in supporting the different evangelistic projects we have. For example, church members can be involved by visiting people

with *The Search*, distributing letterbox cards for the Discovery Centre, or supporting us financially. A number of these ministries are either fully or substantially supported by donations from church members. *Signs of the Times*, for example, is largely supported by church members, rather than the church organisation funding it. It Is Written is fully funded by church mem-

AMN's media evangelism at a glance

Adventist Discovery Centre:

"About 10 per cent of all baptisms in Australia come through the Adventist Discovery Centre. With such a broad range of courses, the Discovery Centre continues to appeal to different people—it might be archaeology, "Taking Charge of Your Life" or full-on Bible study—and we're continuing to expand the range of courses available. We're also growing the online presence of these courses, accessible to people all over the world."

Dial-A-Prayer:

"We've also brought back Dial-A-Prayer. We have seen a real desire among church members to have the Adventist church lead the way in helping people through prayer."

The Search:

"We're creating a new series of *The Search*. The current series was produced about 10 years ago, so in the next 12 months, we plan to film a new series of *The Search*, which has probably been one of the most successful evangelistic resources the church has had in the past decade."

Signs of the Times:

"With *Signs of the Times*, we are building on what is already a great magazine. But we're expanding this ministry to include Bible studies, evangelism programs, TV programs and other resources that enable us to have somebody take a magazine and connect all the way through to a local church."

Hope Channel:

"Recently, we visited Papua New Guinea (PNG), Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, where we are working toward having Hope Channel as the only alternative to the government channels on every TV set throughout the Pacific. We already have licences in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, and we're working for the same thing in PNG. So Hope Channel is very exciting and we are continuing to develop Hope Radio as well."

It Is Written:

"It Is Written (Oceania) started two years ago from nothing and has grown to become the leading religious TV broadcast in Australia. It's on Channel 7 in Australia, Channel 2 in New Zealand, Foxtel and soon to be EmTV in PNG, as well as a number of other smaller channels."

Dominion Music:

"Just a month or so ago, we started a music label, with the working title 'Dominion Music.' The aim is to be able to spread the gospel through music, because music can touch the heart like nothing else can for many people. We are looking for and working with a number of groups to create music to preach the gospel."

Media Evangelism Offering—Today, July 18



Pastor Gary Kent interviewed survivors of the Victorian bushfires in Marysville for a recent special episode of It Is Written.

bers. And Hope Channel receives a lot of support from donors. So church members are vitally important to the success of AMN's media evangelism. Many of the other Adventist media centres around the world have very limited resources. By contrast, we are spending literally millions of dollars on media evangelism, thanks largely to many church members getting behind us, supporting us and funding us to do that.

What do you hope all of AMN's media ministries add up to?

I hope they add up to spreading the gospel in the South Pacific Division and the Adventist Church being at the forefront of media. I recently came across some statistics about what impacts people's values. Years ago, the top influencers were family, church and school. Today, the list is led by films, TV, music, the internet and books—it's the media that is influencing people's values. So we want to be right at the forefront of that, influencing people's values, enhancing people's understanding of God and sharing our unique message through media.

So is giving to support media evangelism a good investment?

I believe it is. This support will go directly into the media evangelism of the church. That could vary from internet evangelism through to publishing Adventist books, mainstream TV and radio work. The culture within AMN is to ensure the finances we receive go to the pointy end of evangelism. We prioritise projects we feel have the most potential to discover keen interests for the gospel.

What potential do you see for media evangelism?

In a sense, it is limitless. Technology is changing so fast. Recently, I was in an airport watching what the people around me were doing. There were five or six people reading books or newspapers, about four people using their computers, then about eight people on their phones. All the different technologies available mean we can have the everlasting gospel never more than an arm's length away from anyone. This is unprecedented and enables the gospel commission to be fulfilled through media like never before. The potential—literally—is to take the gospel to the whole world. **R**

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.

Record Roo



Hi kids!
Only some of the explorers sent into Canaan were happy about being sent back to claim it for the Israelites. Why were they scared to return and fight?

Bible Text

...“We can't _____ those people; they are _____ than we are... All the _____ we saw there are of a _____ size...”
Numbers 13:31-33, NIV.

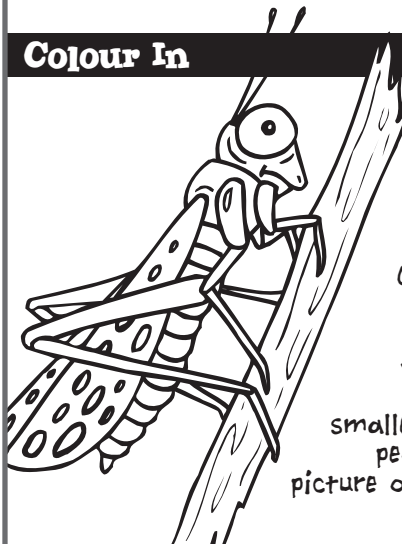
Word Search

Find the words from the list in the puzzle.

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Colour In



The explorers thought that the giants living in Canaan would look upon them as though they were grasshoppers, because they were smaller than their own people. Colour in the picture of the grasshopper.

More to Wahoonga

JOHN G ANDERSON, NORFOLK ISLAND

There are two aspects of the proposed development of the Wahoonga estate (“Property priorities,” Letters, June 20) that need proper consideration in light of the original intent of the estate.

First, the natural resource. It is planned to preserve 52 per cent as bushland, which is commendable. Not many people realise the area includes a rare vegetation community and significant habitat for fauna species. Excessive development could impact on the latter.

Recent hospital design architects and reports have highlighted the fact that there are important healing connections that humans have with nature. The landscape should be part of the therapy. This amenity of the estate should be recognised for its value in this context.

The other aspect regarding the hospital is that the current emphasis is on clinical medicine. Adequate facilities should be included in the development for a broader approach to medicine with more options for patients.

A good example is “The Lighthouse” project at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, which will incorporate a wellness centre, including complementary and alternative therapies.

A proper consideration of these aspects would provide a better wholistic approach to health and wellbeing, in accordance with the original objectives of the hospital in Wahoonga and in line with 21st-century expectations.

A double centre

RON ROACH, SA

I am baffled why “Was Jesus a legalist?” (Feature, May 23) was printed in RECORD. The article was defensive, emotive and argumentative.

I empathise with the author’s desire for a resolution of the problem that dogs the church over the relationship between grace and law. But though right in his desire, the article narrows the problem to his own point of view by trying to equate the gospel of grace and the requirement of

obedience within the context of “the law as Jesus taught it”—not on “His faith” in the Father’s love for His lost sheep.

The article urges this in the name of Adventism’s “unique” contribution to “keeping the commandments and the faith of Jesus” (see Revelation 14:12). Along with making an idol of the Bible, we must not be tempted to make an idol out of the contribution of our uniqueness to Christian belief.

The turn of the 20th century is replete

Perhaps this is what happens when the priority of grace is equated with or seconded to obedience.

with authors and publications, such as Dwight Moody’s *The Way to God* (1891, preceding Ellen White’s *Steps to Christ*, 1892), James McConkey’s *The Surrendered Life* (1903) and S D Gordon’s *Quiet Talks on Power* (1907), which see Christian truth revolving around a “double centre”: the blood that cleanses from sin; and the Spirit who empowers against sin for life and service. Whereas Adventism relates the righteousness of Christ to the law, the broader Protestant church conjoins Christ’s righteous offering with His Spirit living in our hearts.

A recent Sabbath school lesson noted how, as Sabbathkeepers, “we are often accused of trying to work our way to heaven” and asked, “How is it that the commandment devoted to rest has been turned into the New Covenant symbol of works?”

You can lay this perception at the feet of Sabbath lawbreakers or you can ask “Why are loyal Adventists perceived in this way?” Perhaps this is what happens when the priority of grace is equated with or seconded to obedience.

At the cross, there is obedience, justice and equity. But the cross pre-eminently displays God’s mercy, love and forgiveness; things that could only be hinted at from Sinai. Just as the sun is one focal point of the elliptical orbit of the Earth, so also is the righteousness of faith dominant over the obedience of law in Christian experience—dominant, not exclusive. Right living is crucial in God’s worship and in His service but the priority of the righteousness of faith over obedience to the law must be assured.

Congrats and thanks

GLEN WOOSLEY, QLD

My wife and I have just returned from the first Grey Nomads Camp, hosted by the North New South Wales Conference (NNSWC). It was a challenge to get there due to the flooding of all the river systems in the area. Once there, we couldn’t get out until the flooded rivers subsided—not that we wanted to leave.

We did not know what to expect but what a blessed time we had—not too many meetings, relaxed atmosphere, meeting friends from times past, and making new friends. The speakers were excellent and held the group captivated.

We congratulate NNSWC for hosting this event. We can thoroughly recommend the camp. Judging by the response from attendees, I am sure there will be another “Grey Nomads” camp in 2010. If so, don’t miss it!

Sporting temptation

ELVA PHARE, NZ

I have noticed a number of recent news items in RECORD, reporting the sporting successes of church young people (see June 6 and June 20, for example).

The books *Education* (page 210), *Christ’s Object Lessons* (page 54) and *Messages to Young People* (page 205) speak against involvement in sport. For example, “Their sports and games open the door to a flood of temptation” (*Messages to Young People*, page 382).

Remember 1 Corinthians 10:31: “Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (KJV).

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Weddings

Ford—Laude. Trevor Albert Ford, son of Albert and Joan Ford (Brisbane, Qld), and Marichu Laude, daughter of Caesar and Necitas Laude (Ozamis, Philippines) were married 21.6.09 in Logan Reserve church, Brisbane, Qld.

Miroslav Stilinovic

Maloney—Brown. Raymond Thomas Maloney (Munro, Vic) and Jennifer Brown (Munro) were married 14.6.09 in Victoria Park, Sale. The ceremony was conducted in beautiful surrounds with family and friends wishing them well.

Ian Gilroy, John O'Malley

Svensson—Gordon. Leif Alf-Inge Svensson, son of Alf and Edie Svensson (Galston, NSW), and Gail Hannah Gordon, daughter of Stafford and Hannah Gordon (Seven Hills), were married 21.6.09 in Parramatta church. The couple will reside in Seven Hills.

Alex Penman

Obituaries

Abbilitt, Fredrick Laurence, born 30.4.1934; died 20.5.09. Fred served in the police force and lived and worked in Northern Tasmania. His funeral was held in Burnie. Fred came to love and enjoy his Bible, *The Great Controversy*, and many other EGW books through the loving care of his wife, Maxine. Fred died peacefully and confidently with a knowledge of his Saviour and the desire to meet his Jesus on Resurrection day. A powerful testimony was shared by his wife and many people were encouraged to hear the Bible truth on the state of the dead. A powerful witness in grief.

Peter McCrostie

Amos, Coral, born 17.5.1954; died 22.4.09 at Tauranga, NZ. She is survived by her mother, Vera (Omokoroa); Elena and John (Te Puke); and Pastor Kevin and Glenda (Newcastle, NSW). Coral now rests in Jesus until the Resurrection. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Pat Downey, Kevin Amos

Bazely, Eileen Beryl (nee Coulston), born 4.11.1912 at Murgon, Qld; died 22.5.09 at Monto. She married Henry Bazely in 1933, and they celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1983. Henry died in 1995. She was also predeceased by her son, Clifford. She is survived by her children, Doris, Allan, Athol, Rita, Melva, Kelvin and Kathleen; her 15 grandchildren; and her nine great-grandchildren. She was born a Seventh-day Adventist and remained faithful to God all her life. She was a talented musician who played the organ in church for many years, and often played for other churches when the need arose. This kind and generous woman will be remembered by many in Monto and the district for her faithful missionary work and for being a loving and lovable Christian.

Volunteers!

Volunteer Team Leader or Small Team—Solomon Islands, to oversee the construction of the Form 7 Building, Kukudu Adventist College in the Western Province of the Solomon Islands. Foundation dug and building materials already supplied. Just needs constructing with locals willing to assist. For more information, contact Lyn at <volunteers@adventist.org.au>.

Volunteer Teachers—Tonga. Teachers required for Tonga in 2010 for 12 months. Mizpah School needs an English, Science and Maths teacher for Form 5. Beulah College needs an English teacher for Forms 5 and 6, and a computer teacher. For more information, please email Sio-saia Vaihola, <svaihola@adventist.org.to>.

Email:

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For more positions, check the web on <www.adventistvolunteers.org>.

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Her family are eagerly awaiting the Resurrection.

Heather Medhurst, Arthur Bath

Bryant, Isobel Muriel, born 4.6.1918; died 30.5.09 at Auckland, NZ. She was predeceased by her husband, Ken. She is survived by her children, Veronica, Virginia, Hillary, Richard, Michael and Sandra; her 22 grandchildren; and her 20 great-grandchildren. Isobel will be remembered for her devout faith, enduring spirit and devotion to her family.

Russell Willcocks

Hosking, Colin Stanley Bruce, born 21.3.1935 in Cygnet Bush Hospital, Tas; died 13.5.09 in the Whittle Ward, Hobart. He was married in the Wesley church, Hobart. He is survived by Vonthia, Calvin, Barry and Karen, and Gayle and Ian Alexander. Colin was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Colin rediscovered the joy of knowing the Lord in his final months, which brought joy and peace for not only him but also his family and friends. The assurance of the Resurrection was precious to him and he now awaits the call of his Master.

Lindsey Wells, Alfredo Campos, Wayne Boehm

Peterson, Alta Mavis (May) (nee Higgins), born 12.4.1923 at Bunbury, WA; died 26.5.09 in Perth. On 26.9.1942, she married Thomas Curley, who predeceased her on 2.3.1977. On 25.8.1991, she married Pastor Maurie Peterson, who predeceased her on 28.11.08. She is survived by her sisters, Lally Gregory (Caboolture, Qld), Rosa Macintosh (Mandurah, WA), Carol Faulds (Capel) and Camille Prowse (Capel);

Positions vacant

▲ **Secretary to the youth department—North NSW Conference** is seeking the services of a secretary to the youth department. This is a busy department involving planning for Summer camps, Pathfinder and Adventurer events, STORM Co, and youth rallies. The successful applicant will: be well organised and self-motivated, willing to participate in youth events, have well-developed people skills, particularly with young people, and be committed to the teaching, values and mission of the SDA Church. The successful applicant will be proficient in Microsoft Office and preferably have a knowledge of InDesign. For further information, contact the Youth Director, Pastor Jeff Parker, PO Box 7, Wallsend NSW 2287; email <jeffparker@adventist.org.au>; or phone (02) 4951 8088. Applications close **July 31, 2009**.

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and her children, Graeme Curley (Mandurah), Tommy Curley (Cairns, Qld), Maxine Duncan (Perth, WA), Richard Curley (Mandurah) and Avalon Whitefield (Mandurah). May was a generous, kind-hearted woman who was passionate about her faith in God and love for her family. She had 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. She was very involved in Mandurah church. She longed for the coming of Jesus and rests until the blessed hope becomes a reality.

Brad Thomas, Daniel Hanbury, Steven Goods

Rodd, Margaret Ellen (Margie), born 9.11.1950 in Perth, WA; died 31.5.09 in Nollamara Adventist Residential Care, Perth. She is survived by her brother, Trevor. Margie lived a full life, bringing much joy, love and laughter to those around her. Cherished daughter of Dot (deceased) and Theo (deceased), adored sister of Trevor and loved companion on the way to Murray, Margie worked at ACTIV Embleton for the past 21 years. She enjoyed bowling, minigolf and animals. Margie loved helping out in Sabbath school at Mt Lawley and North Perth churches. She was known for her quick wit and regal ways. Margie resided at Adventist Residential Care (Nollamara) until her passing.

Brad Thomas, Steven Goods

Rowlands, Nellie, born 21.7.1912; died 12.3.09. She married Evan Henry Rowlands, who predeceased her. She is survived by her sons, Trevor, Edward (Vance) and Jeffery (all of Forster, NSW).

David Kosmeier

Sands, Reginald (Rex), born 25.10.1915 at Rockingham, WA; died 12.6.09 in Jondalup Hospital. On 14.7.1945, he married Joy Shtruck. He is survived by his wife; his son, Peter; his daughter, Penny Fraser (all of Perth); his five grandchildren; and his four great-grandchildren. Rex served in the RAAF in Malaysia and Indonesia, for which he was honoured

at his funeral. He was a faithful, sincere Adventist Christian, latterly attending Osborne Park church. In retirement, Rex did much community service. He was devoted to his non-Adventist family, was a man of prayer, and had strong faith in the return of Jesus and the Resurrection.

Cyrus Adams

Stokes, Grace Helene, born 28.7.1925; died 18.5.09. Her funeral was held in the little town of Forrest, near Smithton, Tas. Grace had seven children, Julie, Murray, Lee, Pamela, Rosemary, Katie and Wilma. Grace became a Seventh-day Adventist through the kindness and committed Christian witness of Harold Smedley, a local Smithton church member. She became involved with her local church and served for many years as church clerk.

Peter McCrostie

Walkom, Eva May, born 24.9.1914 at Temora, NSW; died 29.5.09 in Cootamundra District Hospital. On 28.8.1938, she married William at Cootamundra, who predeceased her in 1983. She was baptised at Cootamundra by Pastor E M Logue. She is survived by her children and their families, Don and Rene (Tuross Head), David and Fran (Canberra, ACT) and Peter (Armidale, NSW). From her childhood, Eva was active in the Cootamundra church. Being one of the founding members, she was loved by all who knew her. Faithfully, she supported the church and its programs right up until a few weeks before her death. Eva now sleeps safely in the arms of Jesus and awaits the trumpet sound of the Resurrection.

Brian Savage

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