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Dr Branimir Schubert, vice-chancellor of Pacific Adventist University (PAU), and other visiting dignitaries at the official launch of PAU Community Radio Station 97.9 2G FM.



Church celebrates 110 years

PAU marks 25th anniversary

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Pacific Adventist University (PAU) celebrated 25 years of providing education to students from around the Pacific and beyond on the weekend of August 28 to 30. More than 1500 past and present staff, students and friends of the university gathered from around the South Pacific Division (SPD) and further afield to celebrate the milestone.

Dr Branimir Schubert, vice-chancellor of PAU, says of the weekend, "It was a time to meet old friends, remember the past and acknowledge the many blessings we are enjoying today. It was also a time to dream about the future."

PAU was established as Pacific Adventist College in 1983, and given a charter as university by the Papua New Guinea (PNG) government in 1997.

PNG Governor-general Sir Paulias Matane gave the opening address on the Friday evening. Michael Ogio, minister for higher education, research, science and technology for the PNG government, joined the celebrations on the Sunday for the official opening of PAU Community Radio station, 97.9 2G FM. Mr Ogio gave a speech highlighting the contribution PAU makes to PNG and other Pacific islands societies.

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“Of making many books
there is no end . . .”

Recommended reading

MY CHOSEN RULES:

- Only one book per author;
- Arranged in alphabetical order by author;
- Books must have been read by me; and
- Naturally, a listing does not mean endorsement of everything in the book.

Thus, this works a little bit like the acknowledgments or bibliography at the end of the book. So if you want to read more, let me recommend:

The Bible
The Poverty and Justice Bible
From the Heart by Roy Adams
Consuming Faith by Tom Beaudoin
Jesus Wants to Save Christians by Rob Bell and Don Golden
Searching for a God to Love by Chris Blake
The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
On the Move by Bono
The Myth of a Christian Religion by Greg Boyd
Finally Comes the Poet by Walter Brueggeman
Telling the Truth by Frederick Buechner
Seeking a Sanctuary by Malcolm Bull and Keith Lockhart
Speaking My Mind by Tony Campolo
What Would Jesus Deconstruct? by John D Caputo
The Irresistible Revolution by Shane Claiborne
A Peculiar People by Rodney Clapp
Esther: A Story of Courage by Trudy Morgan Cole

Life After God by Douglas Coupland
Falling Man by Don DeLillo
The Idiot by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
The Brothers K by David James Duncan
Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster
God, Godel and Grace by Clifford Goldstein
Priceless by Bradley Trevor Grieve
The Innocent Man by John Grisham
Thinking Theologically by Fritz Guy
The Prophets by Abraham Joshua Heschel
Flickering Pixels by Shane Hipps
It Takes a Church by Gary Hopkins and Joyce Hopp
Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
The Year of Living Biblically by A J Jacobs
Embrace the Impossible by William Johnsson
unChristian by David Kinnaman
No Logo by Naomi Klein
If I Were the Devil by George Knight
Travelling Mercies by Anne Lamott
Culture Jam by Kalle Lasn
The Horse and His Boy by C S Lewis
The Good Life by David Matzko McCarthy
A Generous Orthodoxy by Brian McLaren
The Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning
Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller
The Peacemaking Remnant (edited) by Douglas Morgan
Sabbath by Wayne Muller
Unleash the Dream (edited) by Andy Nash
Everlasting Gospel, Ever-Changing World by Jon Paulien
The Silent Church by Zdravko Plantak
New Way to be Human by Charlie Peacock
Amusing Ourselves to Death by Neil Postman

The Chosen by Chaim Potok
Believing, Behaving, Belonging by Richard Rice
Gilead by Marilyn Robinson
How (Not) To Speak of God by Peter Rollins
Beyond Greed by Brian Rosner
The End of Poverty by Jeffrey Sachs
Mission in Metropolis by Monte Sahlin
The Trouble With Paris by Mark Sayers
The Promise of Peace by Charles Scriven
It's Really All About God by Samir Selmanovic
Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger by Ron Sider
An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor
Messiah by Jerry Thomas
Escape from the Flames by Alden Thompson
Free of Charge by Miroslav Volf
Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing by Ellen White
The Divine Conspiracy by Dallas Willard
50 Facts that Should Change the World by Jessica Williams
The Turning by Tim Winton
The Paradise of God by Norman Wirzba
Surprised by Hope by N T Wright
The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey
 (Almost) anything published by Signs Publishing Company.

“Of making many books there is no end . . .” (Ecclesiastes 12:12, NIV).

Nathan Brown



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New stories project launched with AUC's stewardship focus

YARRA VALLEY, VICTORIA

A new collection of stewardship stories is one aspect of a year focusing on stewardship in the Australian Union Conference (AUC), launched at a meeting of stewardship directors on August 26.

"AUC leadership have designated 2010 as the 'Year of Stewardship Emphasis' for the church in Australia," says Pastor Roger Govender, director of stewardship for the AUC, "and these meetings were an important step in planning and preparing for this, as well as launching some of the initiatives that will be highlights of the year."

With the theme "Stewardship Inside Out," Pastor Govender says the year of stewardship will focus on developing the understanding of church members and leaders of "stewardship as a lifestyle lived in union and partnership with God."

"While we are concerned about changing giving patterns and members' financial support of the church," Pastor Govender explains, "our focus for next year is more toward spiritual stewardship rather than financial giving where, as a result of biblical stewardship, an increase in financial

giving would be a natural consequence.

"This is an opportunity for church members to carefully consider the current issues in giving and stewardship as radical discipleship—the applied Lordship of Jesus Christ. These two areas are critical to the life and ministry of the church."

As part of the meetings, Signs Publishing Company's book editor, Nathan Brown, launched the collection of stories for a new volume of "Ordinary People" stories with stewardship directors. Mr Brown has compiled and edited two previous volumes: *Ordinary People—Extraordinary God* (released in 2005) and *Ordinary People—Faithful God* (2007).

"These two books have been well-received by many readers," says Mr Brown, "and we thought it an appropriate opportunity to work on another such collection for release early next year as a contribution to the AUC's Year of Stewardship Emphasis.

"We are hoping to publish as many as 60 stories from across the South Pacific Division, so please send us your stories."

So what is a stewardship story? "A stewardship story"—as defined for the original collection—"is a personal experience from your life in partnership with God: the jour-



Directors of stewardship from conferences around Australia launched a new stewardship stories project at their recent planning meetings.

ney, the disappointments, the joy, the struggle, the blessings and the hope in Jesus."

"We are looking for stories of people choosing Jesus as Lord of their real-life situation," adds Mr Brown. "It isn't just about money but can relate to any aspect or experience in your life that involved a conscious decision to follow God and the consequences—both positive and negative—that flowed from that.

"Now that so many people have had the opportunity to read the first two books, we hope there will be many more who will be encouraged to share their experiences."

—RECORD staff

For more information on submissions, see advertisement on page 15. *Ordinary People—Faithful God* is available from Adventist Book Centres.



◆ **Central Coast Community Church, Wyong, NSW**, has a weekly **Kids' Church** program that has been running for seven years for children aged 4–12. A recent program focused on being prepared for life, with each adult wearing a **bucket** on their head. The concept was that life is a series of incidents, both good and bad, and we can be prepared by

having a knowledge of God and recognising His voice. Each child made their own prayer bucket, where they could write the names of people they love, who were sick or didn't come to church. All activities centre around a common theme each week—the same theme featured in the "**big church**" sermon. This ensures that both parents and children hear the same message each week. The theme is also discussed in one of the Sabbath school classes, as well as in a curriculum studied by small groups throughout the following week.—*John Sanburg*

◆ **More than 100 Prep-Year 2/3 Heritage College (Vic)** students performed their biannual musical recently at the **Town Hall Drum Theatre, Dandenong**. "**Go Noah!**" is a musical that follows the biblical story from **Genesis 6–8** with a few unexpected twists! Through performing this concert, the students learnt about faith, trust and developed their personal relationship with God. The leading roles, Noah (Zachary Weedon) and Mrs Noah (Klare Duke) sang the heartfelt songs with confidence and



performed the contemporary script with flare. Some of the highlights were the **colourful animal costumes** and the **huge ark** created by technology teacher **Scott Camps**. Parents, grandparents, staff, friends and community members, who filled the theatre were thrilled with the evening's performance.—*Maleesa Pascoe*

Saving the Great Barrier Reef through vegetarianism?

BERKELEY VALE, NEW SOUTH WALES

An impressive line-up of celebrities are supporting the third annual National Vegetarian Week (NVW) by making a “Pledge to Try Veg.” They hope to boost awareness of the effect of meat consumption on people’s health and the environment, and to raise vital funds to help save the Great Barrier Reef from destruction due to climate change.

Australian cricketer Brett Lee, world surfing champion Stephanie Gilmore and head of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Dr Rajendra Pachauri are among those who have made a pledge to support NVW, with TV and radio personality Sami Lukis leading the charge as this year’s campaign ambassador.

“Pledge to Try Veg” is the theme of NVW, which will run from September 28 to October 4. Australians are encouraged to make a pledge, either to try or increase their plant-based meals, or commit to eating vegetarian food for the week. For each pledge, \$A1 will be donated to the Great Barrier Reef Foundation to help fund research into protecting the national icon from environmental threats.

The Sanitarium Health Food Company is involved in NVW again this year, and according to Newspoll research commissioned by them, seven out of 10 Australians are now eating plant-based meals regularly. The national survey of 1200 adults also showed a continuing trend in the belief that eating less meat and more plant-based foods improves overall health.

Sanitarium-accredited practising dietitian Angela Saunders says, “Including more plant-based foods provides a number of health benefits, including protection from common lifestyle diseases, such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and some cancers.

“People on plant-based diets eat more fruits, vegetables, grains and legumes, which are naturally low in fat, and so manage their weight more easily. These foods also contribute more fibre, helping us feel full and reducing the need for unhealthy snacking.”

Part of NVW this year aims to raise awareness of how meat production negatively impacts the environment. Livestock produce a significant amount of methane and the production of meat consumes significantly more resources than plant-based products.—*Sharyn Brady*

More @ www.vegetarianweek.com.au

Summit promotes UN, faith-based organisation unity

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN, US

Nearly 40 leading faith-based organisations (FBOs), including the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), met at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City in August to discuss the importance of greater cooperation between the United Nations Population Fund and FBOs in order to better meet the needs of the developing world.

Representatives from attending FBOs emphasised the importance of sharing training and knowledge. Working together to find answers to important issues, including maternal health and gender-based violence were also discussed. A need for user-friendly, evidence-based information was also highlighted to help faith-based communities in their role as advocates.

“We were very pleased to take part in this discussion,” said Charles Sandefur, president of ADRA International. “As a FBO, we are called to meet the needs of the world’s most vulnerable. Through an even closer partnership with the UN and other FBOs, there’s no limit to what our efforts can accomplish.”—*Nadia McGill*

More @ www.adra.org



◆ **Avondale School, NSW**, recently entered their new prospectus in the **Centre for Marketing Schools Prospectus Competition**—and **won!** Judged on a range of requirements, Avondale received specific compliments due to the fact that the design, text and photos in their prospectus were all done in-house. Some particular qualities that stood out

included the prospectus’ ability to grab parents’ attention, ease of reading, a strong design element and uniqueness.—*Susan Rogers*

◆ For the first time in its long history, the annual **Prescott College (SA) Choir trip** to Lilydale, Vic, has seen the formation of a mass choir of more than 100 voices. Students from Prescott College, **Lilydale Adventist Academy** and **Nunawading Christian College** joined together to lead the worship service at **Wantirna church** on August



15. Earlier that morning, the Prescott Choir also sang during the early worship service at **Lilydale church**. It was a busy but highly-successful weekend. Students also participated in a combined rehearsal and visited the **Queen Victoria Markets** during their quick-fire trip across the border. The program is set to grow in 2010, with a

combined concert planned for the Saturday night.—*Bradén Blyde*

◆ The **South Pacific Division (SPD)** has connected with women from **Tubuai**, the administrative capital of the **Austral Islands, French Polynesia**. With a population of 2000 and a strong Protestant church presence, the community has generally been wary of programs conducted by churches of other denominations. **Erna Johnson**, director of Adventist Women’s Ministries for the SPD, and **Vasthi Lilloux**, direc-

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PAU marks 25th anniversary

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Money collected from the June 6 PAU offering helped fund 2G FM. “2G” stands for “To God,” says Dr Schubert. “The motto is derived from Psalm 97:9, where it says to exalt God above all the earth.”

The radio station will be staffed by volunteer students and staff members of PAU, and will broadcast Christian music and programs on social and religious issues. It aims to uplift the values of a Christian lifestyle. “This station will become the ‘voice of PAU,’ extending our ability to impact on the community,” says Dr Schubert.

He says after only 48 hours of being on air, the station had already been inundated with phone calls and the “evening dedication” program had attracted a wide audience.

The anniversary celebration’s Saturday



Dr Barry Oliver and Dr Branimir Schubert cut cakes to celebrate PAU’s 25th anniversary.

evening concert was used to test a live broadcast and was well received by audiences.

A number of other dignitaries participated in the celebrations, representing the Australian High Commission, the chairman of the Commission of Higher Education in Papua New Guinea, foreign diplomats and representatives of the business community. Other guests for the weekend included former principals and deans of PAU, as well as former lecturers and administrators.

Dr Schubert says, “The council members also joined us for the occasion and we were very pleased Dr Barry Oliver, chancellor and president of the SPD, and Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, pro-chancellor and general secretary of the SPD, could be among the participants.”

Dr Oliver says the milestone is a significant milestone for PAU and the SPD as a whole. “Graduates from PAU are in leadership positions right across the Pacific. PAU has demonstrated its reason for existence in the lives and contribution of these people. The church in the South Pacific would not be what it is today without PAU.

“The highlight for me personally was listening to the testimonies of past students as they recounted what God had done for them as they attended PAU, and what He continues to do in and through them.”

He adds, “PAU is now becoming our full tertiary provider throughout the island nations of the South Pacific. With its three established campuses at Koiari Park near Port Moresby, Sonoma and Fulton; and developments in the Solomon Islands, PAU will offer quality educational opportunities to generations of Adventist young people into the future. It will have a large part in setting the agenda for thought leadership in the church in the Pacific for years to come.”

As well as the launch of the radio station, the anniversary program provided PAU with an opportunity to unveil a number of other significant projects, including PAU’s academic journal *Davaria* and an interdisciplinary scholarly e-journal; a book on PAU birds, authored by Dr Michael Tarburton; and a 2010 calendar, featuring PAU birds photographed by Bryan Paul.

In his address on the Sunday, Dr Schubert spoke about his dreams for the next 25 years for PAU, saying, “I dare to dream because I can see that what God has achieved at PAU in the past 25 years far exceeds what the ‘early dreamers’ had in mind. . . . If we dream today, let us do so boldly, keeping in mind what kind of God we serve—a God who always exceeds our expectations.”

—RECORD staff/Branimir Schubert

More @ www.pau.ac.pg

tor for French Polynesia, conducted **cooking and sewing classes** in April. The week-long classes started and ended with worship sessions and **20 women**, including the island’s leader, attended. “We just want to share skills and knowledge to help women reach the potential that God gave them,” says Mrs Johnson. In the



afternoons, the group provided free lunches prepared during the cooking classes for friends and family, creating opportunities for fellowship. The program generated so much interest that it was featured in the French Polynesian paper *La Dépêche*. —Melody Tan

◆ The **Castlemaine church group, Vic**, claims to have one of the most **dedicated attendees** in the South Pacific Division. **Neville Lee** is not a church member but walks **13 kilometres** each **Sabbath** to attend worship. It takes



him two-and-a-half hours and he is on the church steps at just after 9 am.—Graham Sutherland/Peter Watts

◆ **Seventh-day Adventists and friends** from around America gathered on **June 12 and 13** to celebrate the **150th anniversary** of **Roosevelt church, Fulton, New York, US**. The church was built dur-

ing 1858 and 1859 on a block of land purchased for \$US32. It was dedicated on June 17, 1859, and stands as the **oldest SDA church building erected** now in use. The Roosevelt church is the fourth oldest in the US. Guest speaker for the weekend events was **Pastor Merlin Burt of Andrews University, Michigan**. Pastor Burt’s keynote sermon, “**Adventists: A People with a Mission**,” traced the Roosevelt origin back to 1859. He told of the hardships, the disagreements and the understandings that ultimately led to the establishment of the church.—Adventist Review

South Brisbane church celebrates 110 years

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

The South Brisbane Adventist church celebrated its 110th anniversary on August 8. The church was established as a result of a vision had by Ellen White at the first camp-meeting, held in Queensland from October 13 to 21, 1898.

The church was formally organised in 1889, with believers meeting in homes prior to that. On October 14, 1898, a newspaper in the area reported there to be "approximately 175 SDAs living in Queensland." Around 30 of these members formed the original South Brisbane church.

A £100 donation from Mrs White, which was "a donation from me as the Lord's steward," started the construction of the church, which was finished in 1899. The church was first used on March 18 that year, with the formal dedication service on April 1.

A church school was opened at the rear of the church in 1914. It later closed in 1926.

In 1952, a Russian church group began to meet in the church each Sabbath afternoon. The general church membership also saw healthy growth in the 1950s. By 1961, the church membership had grown to 180 people and a new building on a different



Some of the attendees of the South Brisbane church's 110th anniversary program.

street was purchased to cater to this growth.

The church was filled to capacity for the 110th anniversary program, with church pastors and members past and present in attendance. A number of church dignitaries were in attendance, including Pastor Neil Watts, president of the South Queensland Conference. Former church pastors Ray Fraser and Bruce Roberts led the program.

Current pastors Ted White and Joseph Khabbaz were joined in the church service by former pastors Keith Miller, Ian Johnston, Ken Martin and Pastor Watts to bring a message about faithfulness and hope for the future.

Attendees of the program said it was "uplifting" and "glorious."—*Charmaine Davison*

Australian launches new doctorate at Andrews University

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN, US

Andrews University has commissioned a new Doctor of Ministry Concentration in "Discipleship and Spiritual Formation," with Australian lecturer Dr Allan Walshe appointed to lead this new program.

Dr Walshe, who has been at Andrews University for almost two years, is a teaching professor in the Christian Ministries department and



Dr Allan Walshe.

currently lectures in spiritual formation and discipleship to all pastors who take Master of Arts (postgraduate) or Master of Divinity courses. He is also the director of the MA Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Assisting Dr Walshe in the new doctoral course will be lecturers including Dr John Dybdal, Dr Ben Maxon, Dr Derek Morris and Dr Richard Davidson, as well as a number of other professors and guest lecturers.—*RECORD staff*

More @ www.doctorofministry.com

◆ The first African-American Seventh-day Adventist chaplain in the US Army, (Colonel) Joseph T Powell, died on August 21. The eulogy was delivered by Pastor Barry Black, US senate chaplain and the first African-American, Adventist and military chaplain to serve in that role. Upon entering the US Army in 1952, Pastor Powell was posted almost immediately to Korea, where he served in an evacuation hospital. He gave character guidance lectures and conducted worship services at the camp stockade and hospital,

as well as the Korean Union Mission compound. He spent many hours in hospital visitation and also worked at an orphanage for blind children. Between active duty postings in the Korea and Vietnam conflicts, Pastor Powell served as a pastor in North Carolina. He helped Martin Luther King Jr organise sit-ins at local restaurants and integrate public schools, and he worked tirelessly to promote equality and justice. Pastor Powell completed several tours of duty in Korea, Dominican Republic, Vietnam and other assignments. He

retired from the Army in 1975.—*Adventist Review*

◆ Newlywed Roman Catholic couples are being encouraged to say a special prayer together before having sex. The specially-composed "Prayer Before Making Love" is aimed at "purifying their intentions" so the act is not about selfishness or hedonism. It appears in the 64-page *Prayer Book for Spouses*, which has been published by the London-based Catholic Truth Society. The prayer implores God "to place

within us love that truly gives, tenderness that truly unites, self-offering that tells the truth and does not deceive, forgiveness that truly receives, loving physical union that welcomes." Paul Hendricks, who is the Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark and sits on the charity's board, said he thought the prayer's inclusion was "brave but good." The book contains prayers for every stage of marriage and family life, including engagement, pregnancy and caring for children and elderly parents.—*Ananova*

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AMN launches music label with song competition

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Adventist Media Network (AMN) has launched Psalter, a new music recording and publishing label.

“The name refers to a book of psalms or hymns,” says Tim Burcham, manager of Psalter. “We want to nurture and grow Adventist music. This could mean anything from organising musicians, releasing their products or running song-writing competitions.”

The launch of Psalter will mean that for the first time, the South Pacific Division (SPD) has a ministry focused solely on the production of Christian music by Adventists in the region.

To celebrate the creation of Psalter, a competition has been organised in conjunction with the Video Production department of AMN. The competition is open to all Adventists within the SPD and submissions close toward the end of this year.

“We are looking for nine original songs

that can be used as part of the new *Search* DVD series. That will be launched next year,” says Mr Burcham. “We are also planning to record and release these songs as an album.”

The themes of each episode of *Search* will be posted on <www.psaltermusic.com>.

According to Jared Madden, manager of Hope TV for the SPD, the new *Search* DVD series will follow the model of the old series, using TV advertising to spark interest from viewers and getting church members to deliver the programs.

“But we are starting production of *Search* version two from scratch. It will feature new scripts and new programs,” says Mr Madden. “The songwriting competition is a chance for musicians to use their music for evangelism, reaching out directly to secular people.”

Mr Burcham has significant musical experience and says, “My dream is to facilitate people in the Adventist Church to create



The Psalter logo.

music for God that is done with the highest standard of integrity. It's my dream for Adventism to find its own voice musically. There's amazing talent in the Adventist Church and we'd love to be able to harness and organise that.

“The Psalter dream also comes from talking with many church members who express the same frustration with there not being a formal, organised system for our musicians to grow and flourish in.”

—AMN staff

More @ www.psaltermusic.com

Tasmania holds first “Women and the Word” conference

HOBART, TASMANIA

The Tasmanian Conference organised its first “Women and the Word” conference in July.

“I have attended ‘Women and the Word’ conferences in Sydney and found them to be very empowering and encouraging,” says Vicki Knight, women’s ministries director for the Tasmanian Conference. “I wanted women and men to come together from all walks of life to be united in Christ, to reach out to community members and invite them to the conference.”

Around 100 women and 10 men attended the conference themed “Open arms.” According to Ms Knight, this theme “typifies the open arms and acceptance of Jesus for all people.”

Guest speakers for the conference included Raquel Arrais, associate director for women’s ministries of the General



The Tasmanian Conference held its first “Women and the Word” conference in July.

Conference; Erna Johnson, director for women’s ministries of the South Pacific Division; and Pastor Robert Granger, director for Adventist Health Ministries for the Tasmanian Conference.

“Women and the Word” conferences have been held annually since 2005 in Sydney, and deal with issues including stereotype and social justice. Ms Knight says there are plans for the Tasmanian conferences to be held annually, too.—Melody Tan

Standish returns to church work

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, US

James Standish, a veteran Adventist religious freedom advocate, will return to employment at the General Conference to serve as the Church’s liaison to the United Nations. Mr Standish has spent the past year as executive director of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, an independent non-partisan US agency advising the White House and US Congress.

Working with the commission gave him a broader understanding of the “inner workings” of government, and what can be accomplished through cooperation and a candid exchange of ideas.

“It’s a real privilege to come back to work for the Adventist Church,” Mr Standish said. “I think the church has so much to offer, from its understanding of religious freedom to its emphasis on education and health care, and its thorough understanding of the gospel.”—Elizabeth Lechleitner/ANN

More @ <http://news.adventist.org>

Snack attack

SNACKING IS AN IMPORTANT PART of an active child's diet. Children have smaller stomach capacities than adults and require food more often. Active children cannot eat enough at one meal to meet their energy and nutrient needs. The "three-meals-a-day" routine will not usually provide enough energy for growing youngsters.

Children generally need to eat about five to six times per day. It has been estimated that snacks provide half to a third of the energy intake for children. Therefore, it is important to provide nutritious snacks.

There is also emerging evidence in adults to suggest regular snacking may result in lower cholesterol and insulin levels, which is associated with lower risks of disease. Snacking on nutritious foods has benefits for both adults and children. But all snacks should be healthy. Biscuits, chips, muesli bars, cakes, lollies and soft drinks are best reserved for parties or other special occasions, and should not be seen as everyday foods.

Snacks can be healthy if they are chosen carefully.

Some sensible snacking tips to ensure snacks are healthy:

- Encourage your child to drink water between meals. Include juice, cordial or soft drink only occasionally.
- Involve children in the preparation of their snacks. It is a great time to teach them basic cooking and food-safety skills.
- Have healthy snack options available and store them in places where children can reach them. Avoid having unsuitable snack foods in the house.
- Snacks need to be scheduled appropriately, so they don't interfere with mealtimes.
- Many commercial snack foods, such as potato chips and chocolate bars, are high

in fat, salt and sugar and contribute to childhood obesity. As a healthy and yummy alternative, try our . . .

Suggestions for healthy snacks:

- Vegetable sticks, with or without a dip such as hummus.
- Fruit smoothies—freeze the leftovers for healthy iceblocks.
- A platter of fruit pieces to share—add fruit yoghurt as a dip.
- Fruit or vegetable kebabs.
- Pancakes or pikelets—add dried fruit or banana for something different.
- Fruit loaf, bran muffin or savoury muffin, such as a "cheese and semi-dried tomato muffin" (see recipe on this page).
- Popcorn.
- Cheese sticks.
- Baked beans on wholegrain toast.
- Toasted wholegrain sandwiches.
- Wholemeal English muffins—these can be used as a base for homemade mini-pizzas.
- Pita or Lebanese bread, filled with salad and a slice of cheese. **R**

If you would like to speak to a qualified dietitian for credible and practical advice about health and nutrition, or would like a free copy of our Healthy Eating for Kids brochure, you can call us at the Sanitarium Nutrition Service on 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).

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Cheese and semi-dried tomato muffins

1 cup low-fat cottage cheese (250g)
 1/3 cup parmesan cheese, finely grated
 1/2 cup wholemeal plain flour
 1 cup almond meal
 1 tsp baking powder
 1/2 cup low-fat semi-dried tomatoes, chopped
 4 Tbsp chopped basil
 1/2 cup water
 3 eggs
 1/4 tsp salt
 1/4 cup parmesan cheese, finely grated, extra

1. Place cottage cheese, parmesan cheese, flour, almond meal, baking powder, tomatoes, basil, water, eggs and salt in a large mixing bowl. Stir to combine.
2. Spoon the mixture into a lightly-greased nine-hole muffin tin and scatter with extra parmesan.
3. Bake in a hot oven (200°C) for 20 minutes or until set and golden brown.

Per serve: 760 kilojoules (180 calories) Protein 13g. Fat 11g. Carbohydrate 6g. Sodium 270mg. Potassium 250mg. Calcium 130mg. Iron 1mg. Fibre 2g.



The four-year itch

BY CLAIR EARLS

YOU'VE PROBABLY NOTICED IT'S SEPTEMBER. The days are lengthening, trees are budding and spring is in the air. But something else happened on September 1 that you probably didn't notice. "Calling season" started—and your pastor is up for grabs.

Many pastors and their families anticipate this time of year with about the same enthusiasm ducks have for hunting season. For the uninitiated, it is the time when conference presidents and committees look around the other conferences and pick out the pastors they want to work for them. It is an involved process with various rules and levels of committees but eventually, the pastor gets the phone call to say that he or she is in the sights.

The months of September, October and November are nervous ones for your pastor and his or her family. Calling season may come and go without the phone call to move out of a conference but then comes the conference executive committee, when the final placement of pastors within a conference is decided. It is a time of stomach butterflies and twitchy nerves, a time when any phone call from the conference office is treated with suspicion, and when plans are made to be broken.

So, how long has your pastor been at your church? Most of you could count the years on one hand. We jokingly refer to it as the

"Great Advent movement," in which pastors who have stayed in one place for more than five years are seen as the exception rather than the rule.

I am married to a pastor. We have not yet stayed in one place for more than four years. Maybe next year we will break that trend. But I don't know yet—calling season hasn't finished.

I do know, however, that many pastors' families suffer from a three- or four-year itch. Maybe it is a conditioned trait because we get moved around so often. But about now, the grass is starting to look greener somewhere else. There is a certain level of excitement about moving: a new town, possibly in another state; new house; new curtains; and, if we are lucky, maybe even a new friend or two. Who knows, maybe the next church might even be close to some of our family.

While we might dread the thought of that phone call from the conference office, it can also be the easy way out. It scratches the itch and takes the responsibility off us.

But nothing good comes from moving for the sake of moving. Perseverance pays off. We might be making a tiny difference, even if we can't see it yet. If we move, we and the church have to start all over again. There will be six months of just getting to know people and trying to figure out what is happening before we can make any

meaningful contribution in the new place.

I know the arguments. I use them on myself when I feel like it would be easier to just start again. That's been often lately. But an experienced pastor once put it like this: "If you move between churches every two years, at the end of 20 years you don't have 20 years' experience—you have two years' experience repeated 10 times."

If your pastor has been around for three or four years—or more or less—now would be a good time to let him or her know that you appreciate what has been done. Now would be a good time to take notice of what happens in your church and get involved if you can. Now is the time to speak up and help scratch the itch. Don't let your pastor go just because he or she is discouraged and too tired to resist a move.

But in the meantime, as I fill out school enrolment forms and plan our Christmas holidays, I do so with the constant niggling doubt of whether we will even be here next year. Should I do a spring clean and tidy up all my cupboards, or will it all get done in a couple of months when the removalists do their thing?

I think I will clean out my cupboards and hope. Maybe the itch can be scratched in some other way this year. **R**

Clair Earls is a pseudonym.

Sean Locke

The need to read

BY STEVE PARKER

AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, I HAVE had a library—by my definition, owning two or more books. And, for as long as I can remember, I have read widely. By *widely*, I mean I have always read outside my own world view—books that present me with different perspectives than what I currently believe or have heard before.

As I have travelled my life journey, many of these books have led to changes in my thinking—some minor, some radical. Without my reading, I would not be where I am today. But changes in thinking worry some people. On a number of occasions, I have had people tell me that reading widely—particularly things that are “in error”—will lead me to destruction. I have been warned that I can be lost by what I read. Dire predictions have been made that I would follow the same path as others who have ended up giving up on things that my “counsellor” believes are *essential* to salvation. And if I changed my mind on something, I was told it wouldn’t have happened if I hadn’t read so much.

I can remember an evangelist who came to my home city to give a talk to the youth—as I was at the time—about the creeping new theology “threatening” the church. During his talk, he referred to a book that was an examination of the Adventist belief system. When I went up to the evangelist after the talk to get details of the book, so I could read it myself, he refused to tell me. He said one had to be strong in the beliefs of the church and the Bible before he or she could read the book safely. I was very angry that someone should presume to filter out what they thought I should or should not read because they feared I would be too “weak” to read it. The evangelist didn’t even know me! And the irony was that I searched for it even harder.

This advice not to read anything because



it might lead me astray has led me to think deeply about the whole issue of reading widely—particularly reading material that challenges what I think. Is it OK to deliberately read what may challenge what we think and believe? Not only do I think it is OK, I believe it is essential to deliberately and carefully read widely and engage with “dangerous” ideas. There are a number of reasons for this.

First, it is an essential part of thinking critically to expose oneself to alternative perspectives. Whenever I restrict myself to reading only what agrees with my current position on something, I am less likely to counter the products of my own potentially-erroneous thinking. I enrich my own understandings with the results of other people’s thinking.

I knew an Adventist who once told me he didn’t read anything except the Bible—no commentaries, no books, although I think he also read Ellen White’s books. Reading

commentaries and books about the Bible can never replace actual Bible reading. But reading other people’s ideas about the Bible leads us into a conversation with other Christians—and non-Christians—that challenges our prejudices, biases and bigotry.

Isolating ourselves from others’ thinking can lead to extremism and, ironically, erroneous conclusions. Reading allows us to participate in the great stream of Christian conversation that has been going on for centuries and draw on that wisdom, helping us to correct or confirm our course.

Second, reading widely helps guard against those who filter information to promote conformity. One of the marks of cultism occurs when information is controlled by those in power who wish to guarantee the conformity of their followers. Knowledge can be dangerous. It often leads to the questioning of the status quo and, therefore, can become a threat to those who operate

from a privileged position of power. Reading widely and seeking alternative views provides a broader source of information that helps us to put things into perspective—a perspective that sometimes uncovers spiritual abuse or bondage through ignorance.

Throughout history, dictatorships have sought to control their subjects through the manipulation of information. We see it today in countries like China, which tries to suppress information through restricting free access to the internet. It also occurs in more subtle forms when, out of fear of “contamination,” we limit our own reading to that which reinforces the party line. The antidote is to deliberately read widely, looking at perspectives that disagree with our own.

Some may argue that reading “error” opens us up to the adoption of that error. However, the advice not to read “error” for fear of being led to believe error suffers from two problems.

First, it assumes that what is to be read is error before it has been investigated. This is a fundamental flaw in thinking, prejudging the quality of something before giving it a genuine hearing. The term we have for this type of thinking is *prejudice*. If we genuinely believe we need to pursue truth, then we need to do so with integrity and fairmindedness.

One of the greatest ironies I have observed within Christian communities is that of wanting to convince others of the truth of Christianity without being open to new truth themselves. It is impossible for someone to choose Christ without them doubting their current belief system and opening themselves to the possibility of other ways of viewing things. So how can we expect others to be open to new perspectives if we are not ourselves?

When we shut down any possibility of discovering truth by avoiding reading anything that doesn't agree with our positions, we have no right to expect anyone else to listen to what we have to say. How can we be led by God's Spirit if we close ourselves off to listening? Reading widely is one way we listen to the vast wisdom of others—not to accept everything we read but to think critically about the basis of those other ideas.

And this leads to the second problem with the idea that we should avoid reading “error” for fear of being led into error. The problem is not so much with *what* we read. The problem is *how* we read. Most Christians I have come across who have a fear-based approach to what they read have not been educated in how to read critically. You can often identify this problem by examining the basis of a person's certainty for their beliefs. They are often based on proof-texting Scripture—accepting something solely on authority or on seriously inadequate information.

In my view, uncritically reading what one considers truth is just as bad as uncritically reading what one considers error. We desperately need to teach people how to think critically—how to examine evidence, evaluate arguments, interpret Scripture and use well-tested principles and methods. Mindless acceptance of “truth” and mindless acceptance of “error” are two sides of the one counterfeit coin.

So reading widely with a critical eye is one of the healthiest, exciting, challenging things we can do to support our growth in understanding. To be a safe reader is to be a wide reader. **R**

Steve Parker writes from Adelaide, South Australia.

Record Roo



Hi kids!

The Bible tells us that Moses was a 120 years old when he died on Mount Nebo. Moses was never going to enter the Promised Land but from the top of the mountain, God showed him the whole land.

Bible Text

“Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt – to Pharaoh and all of his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of the Lord.” Deuteronomy 31:23, NIV.

Word Search

Find all the bold words from the Bible text in the puzzle below.

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Colour In

Colour in the picture of Moses on Mt Nebo.

A generous church

GLYNN WARD, VIC

I write to you as an ex-Adventist, having spent the formative years of my life within your community. Despite falling by the wayside, I've always held the utmost respect for those with true conviction. The reason for my letter is one of heartfelt gratitude to the Adventist community following the Victorian bushfires in February.

In simple terms, we lost every possession we ever had, left with nothing more than the clothes we were wearing—not even a wallet for identity. We were lucky to escape our burning home with little more than a few days of respiratory discomfort and some mental scars that run deep.

It's now six months since the fires and our lives are slowly returning to "normal." During this time, we've benefited from the enormous generosity of the Australian community and, in particular, generous support from the Adventist community, including individual church members.

While I've had the opportunity to personally thank some, I have not taken the opportunity to thank all who, in some way, contributed to the support of those affected by this catastrophe. We remain survivors and look forward to rebuilding in an area we love. But moving forward has been greatly simplified by the support of the Adventist community.

Thank you for your convictions and generosity in helping those caught up in the aftermath of "Black Saturday."

A play on words?

GRAHAM STARK, QLD

I commend the writer of "No/what difference?" (Letters, July 25) for showing much wisdom for her age in asking, "What is the difference between ordination and being commissioned?"

I would have to say there isn't a difference, as it's only a play on words by the church leadership to avoid the issue of ordination of women pastors.

It's high time that the conservative hierarchy in the church conceded the fact that women must have equal rights and opportunities to serve God in His church, and cease the discrimination against them.

If God called Ellen White to lead our church through its inception, what right have the male chauvinists in the church to place obstacles and hindrances when God calls for dedicated women to be pastors in the church today?

Why has valuable space in our church magazine been devoted to someone so insular and inward looking?

Red herrings

RAEWYN JONES, WA

I'm frustrated once again after reading "Role distribution" (Letters, August 1). For a long time, I have been reading articles expressing people's points of view on this subject, with Bible texts quoted to support certain arguments, sometimes misquoting scripture (see 1 Timothy 2:12).

The master deceiver will create anything to keep God's people busy with "red herrings." The ordination of women is a typical example of contention brought to the minds of those who are obviously too busy to get on with the work God has left us to finish.

Our commission is to spread the Three Angels' Messages and to prepare a people to stand in the last days. I cannot for the life of me think that those of the remnant would be entertaining the thought of disputing gender roles. I cannot imagine it brings honour and glory to God when everyone decides above God's Spirit who shall and who shall not.

They see our zeal

GENNARO COZZI, VIC

I was elated to read "Finding faith in China" (*Adventist World*, August 8), the interview with Pastor Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, on his recent visit to China, a country beset by its political and religious convictions. It's important to recognise that God is responsive to our prayers—His will is always accomplished no matter the means.

It's exciting to see how the Holy Spirit is working in the lives of many, regardless of the obstacles faced in China. I sensed real joy as I read of Pastor Paulsen's emotional and Spirit-filled encounter with people on an incredible journey.

Wasn't this the same warmth and strength the early church experienced some 2000 years ago? I wonder if it's the hardships, poverty and persecution that our Chinese brothers and sisters live with that has brought about their spiritual suc-

cess and growth? This might explain the phenomenal growth in the church in parts of the world where they face similar struggles. Yet those of us in the Western world seem satisfied to live lukewarm lives, as described in Revelation.

I appreciated the simple yet innocent answer Zu Xiu Hua gave to Pastor Paulsen when he asked for her secret to success: "The people come to the teachings, and they see our zeal and the Holy Spirit."

Valuable space

ROB THOMSON, VIC

I totally disagree with "Changing Masters" (Letters, August 8). Why has valuable space in our church magazine been devoted to someone so insular and inward looking as to almost defy belief?

Seriously, "New Man at Jamaica's Helm," (*Adventist World*, July 11) was a positive and uplifting article that gave me hope for what Adventists are able to achieve.

Good preaching

NORMAN YOUNG, NSW

Thank you for "I hope . . . Part 2" (Editorial, August 22). As I was reading it, I initially was thinking, *Yeah, that's telling them*. But by the halfway mark, I was thinking, *I'm sorry, Lord, help me to address this*. And that's what good editorials—and preaching—should do. Thanks for challenging us.

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daughter of John and Colleen Ashton, (Morisset, NSW), were married 19.7.09 at Avondale Airport, Cooranbong.

Raymond Dabson

Mak—Lam. Calvin K Y Mak, son of Yip Cheong and Crainney Mak (Hong Kong, China), and Ruth L T Lam, daughter of Kwok Cheong and Yuk Lin Lam (Hong Kong), were married 9.8.09 in Lilydale church, Victoria.

Isaac Foo

Obituaries

Ashmore, Glenice Valma Jean, born 8.7.1915 at Wellington Mill, WA; died 6.7.09 in Bunbury Regional Hospital. On 16.6.1943, she married Joe in the old South Perth church. Joe predeceased her at Mee-lop in 1973, after being taken by a freak wave. She is survived by her children, Merilyn Findlay, Rosalie Hardy, John, Leslie Colette, Terrence and David. Glen was a devoted Christian wife and mother, grand and great-grandmother. She was practical, energetic, loved cooking and had a great sense of humour. She had a key role in establishing the Narembeen church. She faithfully loved and served her Saviour and now rests, awaiting His return.

Keith Godfrey

Bajusz, Janos (John), born 14.10.1926 in Hungary; died 15.4.09 in Sydney, NSW. In 1963, he married Helen (Sydney), who survives him. John and Helen were baptised together in Woollahra church in 1981. John trained as a motor mechanic, then at 18, with the onset of WWII, he was imprisoned in Russia for two and a half years. After the war, John worked as a mechanic until the Hungarian revolution, when he escaped and immigrated to Australia in 1957. John's life story was so fascinating that Goldie Down felt compelled to author his biography, which was published as *Feed Me Well, Ilona*. John was a Christian gentleman and committed follower of Jesus, dedicated to his church. He was always happy and never complained, even though he suffered ill health for a number of years. He will be missed by all who knew him. See you again at the Resurrection.

Gary Kent

Bartlett, Hilda (nee Vartan), born 10.5.1916 at Dannevirke, NZ; died 15.7.09 in Victoria Point Adventist Retirement Village, Brisbane, Qld. She is survived by her husband, Pastor Selwyn Bartlett; her two children, Judy and John, and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. Hilda's grandfather, from Armenia, escaped to Scotland, completed a medical degree and went to Palestine as a medical missionary. Hilda's father, Benjamin, was born in the hospital her grandfather established in Nazareth. Hilda was an only child. She trained as a nurse at what is now Sydney Adventist Hospital and, while studying, met and married Selwyn, who was training to become a medical missionary. Throughout their 39 years of ministry, Hilda was a wonderful support to her husband. She was a woman of many talents and wrote a regular cooking column in the RECORD for years, cooked for camp-meetings and camporees, gave health talks and initiated the first Adventist Nutrition School in Australia. Hilda was gracious, caring and deeply loved by all. Her faith and trust in Christ was supremely important to her and this was evident in her dedicated life of service. She was a true mother in Israel, and died peacefully with her faith confident and trustful. Hers was a remarkable life well lived. She sleeps in Christ.

*Chester Stanley, Keith Grolimund,
Neil Tyler*

Bottrell, Allan Desmond, died 18.6.09 and was buried in Numurkah, Vic, on 23.6.09. He is survived by his wife, Jessie; his sister, Alma; and his three children, Terry, Shirley and Murray. His family gathered together to say farewell to Allan at a service which filled Numurkah church. Allan's memory will be held high, not just by his family but by many friends in both church and community. Growing up in the Colac area of Victoria on a farm, Allan loved the land and animals. His life spanned a varied career, which included working for Pilkington Glass and Ford, felling trees, dairy farming and also managing a nursing home at Dora Creek, NSW. Allan and Jessie moved to Numurkah in 1977, working on a local dairy and for a funeral business. Allan is now resting, like his daughter, Gwenda, awaiting the paradise Jesus has prepared for us all.

Russell Bryan

Burn, Heather Takipo, born 27.2.1937 in Nuku'alofa, Tonga; died 12.5.09 in Sutherland Hospital, NSW. Heather is survived by her husband, John; and her daughters, sons, brothers and sisters, and grandchildren. Heather was the eldest daughter of Sione and Emelinefinau Kite, pioneer Adventists in Tonga. She was educated at Bula Adventist College, Tonga, and Longburn Adventist College, Auckland, NZ. Heather served as head deaconess and elder of her church at Caringbah, Sydney. She lived by God's word, sharing her faith with all she came in contact with. She kept her traditional ties with both the Tongan community and her church. Heather passed away with the hope and knowledge in her heart of a joyful resurrection with Jesus her Lord. Heather will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Chris Manthey

Appreciation

Ashmore, Glenice. The family of Glenice Ashmore would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their kind words of comfort, cards and flowers on the death of our mother and Nanna.

Collard, Kavitha. Pamela Collard and Leigh Glasspell want to thank you for all your prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, meals and support following the loss of our beautiful daughter, Kavitha Collard, on 10.7.09. Please continue to pray for us.

Weddings

Derrick—Bolinger. Levi Charles Derrick, son of Bryan and Juliane Derrick (Murwillumbah, NSW), and Whitney Lee Bolinger, daughter of Rusty and Gayle Bolinger (Fresno, California, US), were married 11.1.09 in Amore Gardens, Currumbin Valley, Qld.

Bryan and Julian Derrick

Hosken—Ashton. Jeffrey Allen Hosken, son of Bruce and Lesley Hosken (Mulbring, NSW), and Kathryn Jane Ashton,

Clifford, Pastor Roy Edmed, born 18.8.1925 at Cape Town, South Africa; died 7.6.09 at Cooranbong, NSW. Roy's wife of 45 years, Mildred (Tarr), predeceased him in 1994. He is survived by his only child, Beverly (Oregon, US); his grandchildren, Leri (Taiwan) and Duane (England); his brothers, Gerald and Bert (Sydney, NSW); and their families. Roy's father, Pastor F G Clifford, had come from England to serve the church in South Africa until, in 1954, he was called to be the president of the then Australasian Division. Roy graduated from Helderberg College's Commercial (Business) course and went on to serve the church in Southern Africa, soon taking leadership positions on conference, union and division levels. While he was Secretary of the Trans-Africa Division, he was called to the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Trans-Australian Union in 1980. He later became the Division archivist, a position he held until retirement. Roy was highly respected for his wise counsel, integrity and fairness. Though trained as an accountant, his interest in theology, history and biography enriched his gospel-centred preaching. Roy's life was a window to the fruits of the Spirit, and we laid him to rest with the confidence that "when Christ, who is [his] life, appears, then [he] also will appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:4).

Garth Bainbridge

Grabecka, Danuta Anna, born 29.8.1935 in Poland; died 20.6.09 at Jan Juc, Vic. Danuta loved her family and had four children, James, Michael, Caroline and Phillip. Danuta loved Jesus and was always ready to stand for the truth. Her life was a real testimony of joy, grace and inner strength that she demonstrated on many occasions. Her faithful Christian attitude, her deep love and care, her optimism, and her strong character made her faithful until the end. Danuta will be greatly missed by her close family and her Hughsedale church family.

Richard Araya-Bishop

Greaves, Reginald Charles, born 22.8.1917 at Gisborne, NZ; died 15.2.09 in Mildura Hospital, Vic, of a stroke. On 26.12.1948, he married Ruby Kultz, who predeceased him on 15.4.1999. He was also predeceased by his son, John, on 12.6.1974, and his daughter, Janet Coutts, on 17.3.02. He is survived by his son, Ken (Curlwaa, NSW); and his daughters, Val Lecordier (Perth, WA) and Joy Casson (Dareton, NSW). He came to Australia in 1947. He had a number of occupations, including trucking, farming and carpentry, and was the head elder of Bowral church for eight years.

Graeme Chapman

Hewlett, Dell, born 18.2.1916 in Perth, WA; died 19.11.08 at Albany. Dell was a quiet and unassuming person who loved her family and her Lord. She is survived by her five children; her 14 grandchildren; and her 25 great-grandchildren. We miss her, and look forward to seeing her again when our Lord returns.

Kathleen Bylund

Manners, Paul Desmond, born 20.12.1931 at Wallaroo, SA; died 14.6.09 in Royal Adelaide Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne (nee Simms); his sons,

Wayne, Tony and Chris (all of Tickera); and his daughter, Evette Johnson (Kadina). Paul was a friend to all. The twinkle in his eyes, his unselfish nature and his enjoyment of a joke made him a much-loved man.

Glynn Slade

Passfield, Athol Desmond, born 23.4.1937, died unexpectedly 1.5.09 in Port Macquarie Hospital, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Marie; his son, Steven; and his daughters, Karen and Rachel, and their families. Athol was a caring, helpful man whose life blessed many people in the Kempsey church and community. His family's request that his funeral be an evangelistic service revealing to all in attendance the reason for his hope and his attitude to life, is a fitting testimony to his Christian faith and example. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Barry Satchell

Sattler, Gotthard Vinzenz, born 26.3.1921 at Graslitz, Czechoslovakia; died 29.7.09, aged 88 years. He is survived by his wife, Rosa (Adelaide, SA); his sons, Manfred (Adelaide), Gerhard (Darwin, NT) and Johannes (John) (Adelaide, SA); his stepson, Franzl (Munich, Germany); and his daughter, Edeltraut (Adelaide, SA); his 16 grandchildren; and his two step great-grandchildren. No longer in our lives to share but in our hearts he will always be there. Awaiting the Lord's return.

Will Grobler

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family and a friend. Drinks and nibbles provided. This year will highlight the problems and experiences of schooling the children, and the hardships and sacrifices made by the parents (and especially the mothers) to ensure their children were educated. Please contact Ken Boehm on (02) 4365 3033, mobile 0408 072 313 or Warren Martin on (02) 9489 5907; email <warrenjmartin@hotmail.com>.

Victorian Conference Constituency Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the next regular constituency meeting of the Victorian Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held in Seddon Seventh-day Adventist church hall, 21 Hotham Street Seddon on November 8, 2009. The Constituency Meeting will commence Sunday morning at 8 am and conclude at 5 pm. Delegates will be appointed in harmony with the constitution. The business of the constituency meeting will include presentation of administration and departmental reports, financial statements for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, all business as required by the constitution and all matters as arising from the Regular Session of 2006 and the Special Session of 2008.

Doug Batchelor to feature at Evangelism Convention '09. This initiative is to inspire and equip people to be soul winners and proclaim the everlasting gospel to the world. Featuring Pastor Gary Kent and other experienced local speakers, this exciting conference will include powerful messages, informative workshops, inspiring mission reports and cutting-edge evangelistic resources. Held at the Darling Harbour Convention Centre Sydney from October 23–25, 2009. Only \$A130 per person, which includes access to all sessions and workshops. For information and to register, please visit <www.fountaininthecity.com>.

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Notice of meeting. Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the Avondale Foundation will be held at 9.30 am, October 25, 2009, in the Administrative Building, Avondale College, Freemans Drive Cooranbong NSW. All members are invited to attend.

Young church, NSW, 80th anniversary, November 28, 2009. All past pastors, members and friends are invited to this special day. Memorabilia, photos, etc accepted. Contact clerk Pat Willett on (02) 6227 2265.

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