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San to build integrated cancer centre

Wahroonga, New South Wales

On March 29, Sydney Adventist Hospital (the “San”) conducted a special function in connection with its capital campaign to assist with building a new, fully integrated cancer centre.

Former Australian prime minister, John Howard, gave the keynote address for the event, which was attended by many influential members of Sydney’s north shore community, including Paul Fletcher, the federal MP for Bradfield.

In his comments, Mr Howard praised the Seventh-day Adventist Church, stating, “I admire the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its commitment to Christianity in action.” He singled out the leadership of Dr Barry Oliver, president of the South Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists, and Dr Leon Clark, CEO of the Sydney Adventist Hospital, for particular recognition.

The event focused on the need to provide integrated care to cancer patients. At many hospitals, cancer treatment involves a bewildering range of options, provided in disparate locations in an uncoordinated manner.

Commenting on the San difference, Jane Ewins, a cancer survivor, said, “When I was ill, I was feeling sick and dealing with the aftermath of treatment . . . I had no idea what I was going to do. I felt like I was ‘lost in transition’ . . . on the edge of a huge abyss. Luckily, after that I found the San. You come here and your body can be treated but people here are also interested in you as a human being . . . it really did save my life in many ways.”

Dr Clark made the case to support what will be “a

unique and significant facility, for the cancer sufferers everywhere whose lives we hope to improve and save”.

He went on to say, “Our model builds on what we already have and provides everything you would expect—a world class, purpose-built, dedicated space, with state-of-the-art technology where cancer patients can access everything they require.”

In the integrated centre, clinicians meet to coordinate care, the care is provided on one campus, and there are experienced team members whose sole responsibility is to ensure patients have a caring human being they can rely on for advice, comfort and understanding. While this is already happening at the San, the new centre will provide a vast improvement in the facilities and capabilities.

It will be one of the first fully integrated cancer treatment centres operated by a major private hospital in New South Wales, and will provide a resource for the entire Pacific region. —James Standish



Former prime minister, John Howard, with Dr Barry Oliver.

Photo: Graham Evans Photography

Table Talk builds faith over dinner

Sydney, New South Wales

A new resource designed to build faith during family meal times has been dedicated in Sydney.

Table Talk is a box containing a set of conversation starters based on the four important faith themes of the Gracelink children’s Sabbath School curriculum—grace, worship, community and service. Each day, children can choose a card that fits their Sabbath School lesson to initiate family faith-building conversations.

Participants at the New South Wales, Home Grown, Children’s Ministries Expo gathered around a table and prayed for the many families the resource will reach and dedicated the project to God.

Research states very clearly that eating together is far more than just consuming food. Eating together reduces at risk behaviour such as alcohol and drug use, and produces healthier and happier children. Faith develops, spiritual values are transferred and family identity is strengthened, when families use meal times to build relationships. The meal table should be technology free and provide quality time to talk and share. In Deuteronomy 6:4–9, God told Moses to ensure families intentionally used their daily routines

and rhythms, such as sitting together, to pass faith on to the next generation.

Table Talk is already capturing the interest of families not only in Australia but also in New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands.

Dr Linda Koh, from General Conference Children’s Ministries, has requested that boxes be sent to every Division around the world.

Table Talk was written by the Australian Children’s Ministries directors and Amanda Bews. It was sponsored and produced by the Department of Children’s Ministries of the South Pacific Division.

It is available from Adventist Book Centres for \$A14.95. —Julie Weslake



Children’s ministry team dedicates resource.



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Remembering the Anzacs

James Standish

Every morning I pass my district's four-sided war memorial. On three sides the names of those who served in World War I are etched in stone. The fourth side lists

the names of those who never returned. It's painful to read through the list and see people with the same surname, side by side. Were these brothers? Fathers and sons? Cousins? The memorial doesn't say. But what is clear is that in what was at the time of the war a little town on the edge of the world, World War I exacted a horrific price.

My district is not atypical. From a population of only five million at the time, more than 400,000 Australians served in the "Great War". Almost 156,000 were taken prisoner, gassed or wounded, and more than 60,000 died. Of a population of a million New Zealanders, more than 100,000 served, over 16,500 were killed and 42,000 were wounded. The scale of the commitment and loss to our young countries is almost unimaginable.

And yet, although most of us can quickly recite the rationale behind World War II, or any of the subsequent conflicts in which our region has been involved, we may struggle to summarise what World War I had to do with our nations, why it was fought, and what was accomplished—beyond inflicting human misery on an industrial scale. It is almost unbelievable to us now that all these Australians and New Zealanders suffered and died because a student assassinated an Austrian archduke in Sarajevo.

And yet, as a result of a string of almost impossibly unlikely events, the Anzacs found themselves on that rocky Turkish peninsula roughly 14,000 kilometres from home. And at Gallipoli thousands of Aussies and Kiwis made the ultimate, and ultimately futile, sacrifice. Maybe it is that futility that makes their sacrifice all the more poignant.

Years after the end of World War I, Ataturk (Mustafa Kemal), who led the Turkish forces in defence of Gallipoli, spoke with affection about the Anzac troops who died there:

"Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives . . . You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehments to us where they lie side by side now here in this country of ours . . . you, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land. They have become our sons as well."

It's a beautifully moving statement of reconciliation between combatants, but it raises questions. If Turks could speak with such affection of our troops, why were we fighting in the first place? What was accomplished? What tough questions should have been asked before the nations of the world fell into this cataclysmic conflict?

It's seldom popular to question wars at their outset. After all, everyone wants to be a patriot. And, for men particularly, there's a natural machismo that accompanies wars. But the people who actually experience war are often the most cautious. US Civil War general William Sherman put it this way: "It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell." The first US chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Omar Bradley, defined war as "wretched debasement of all the pretences of civilisation". It's a sentiment echoed by many returning servicemen and women.

As Christians, we're called to be peace-makers. This doesn't mean we're wimps, utopian dreamers or dangerously out of touch with reality. It does mean that we should be a voice for reason; a voice designed to put the brakes on precipitous rushes to war. It means we should look for common ground and recognise that our enemies are just as human as our families. It means we should, as Ellen White put it, always keep in mind that the devil "delights in war . . . it is his object to incite the nations to war against one another".

The Anzacs were promised that World War I was the "war to end all wars". The most profound way we can honour their sacrifice is to make that promise a reality.

James Standish is communication director for the South Pacific Division.

Ambitious members building church

Mt Hagen, Papua New Guinea

Due to increased membership and a desire to modernise, Avi Highway church in Papua New Guinea has embarked on an ambitious building project for 2012.

The old thatched roof church will be replaced with a state-of-the-art facility that will have Hope Channel and 3ABN dishes, decoding and multimedia equipment built into the facility, according to building chairman, Elijah Hon.

"We are privileged to have church members who are willing to venture into this project, even though it is an expensive exercise," Mr Hon said.

The church estimates the project will cost K500,000.

Danny Koroka, a building inspector with the PNG Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project, designed the building. Originally an architect from PNG University of Technology, Mr Koroka said, "Each time I come home on my breaks I see the church members trying to engage in this project. I was compelled to lend my support."

The church has not made any financial commitment to Mr Koroka but he says he will put in all his skills to build the house of the Lord until its completion. "I feel that this is my contribution to the church for the great work the churches are doing in preserving the moral principles of our society," he said.

The church members contribute in cash, as well as their time, skills and energy, to make sure that the project takes off and is built within the set time. —Andrew Opis



The team are keen to start building.

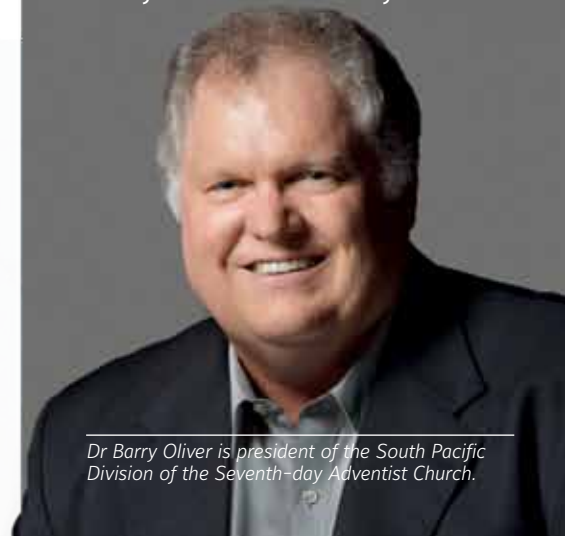
Women in leadership

Erna Johnson is the director of Adventist Women's Ministries for the South Pacific Division. She was born and raised in Iceland. She met her husband Eddy (a minister) at Newbold College, and together they have served the Lord for nearly 40 years. They have two married children (Terry, the youth director for Western Australia, and Vanessa, an ICU nurse), five grandchildren and three adopted grandchildren.

The task is huge: "To find the time to be everywhere I'm asked is impossible! I can see challenges facing our women across the Division and when invited to talk to them I struggle to say no to their invitations." Erna is especially concerned about abuse both inside and outside the Church. "Seeing and hearing about abused women within our churches both saddens and angers me. The challenge for us is how to educate our members about God's abhorrence of any violence towards any of His children."

Erna believes that God values every one of His children. "It's my joy and privilege to educate and encourage women to use their gifts and talents for God's glory. In the book *Evangelism* (p 469), Ellen White states that 'When a great and decisive work is to be done, God chooses men and women to do this work, and it will see the loss if the talents of both are not combined'. This is my mission, to educate both men and women. A joint ministry is what God wants for His Church."

Thank you for your wisdom and your passion Erna. Our prayers are with you and those whom you serve.



Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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Thanksgiving

When the country was in the grip of drought in 2008, Australian Christians were praying for rain. Now, after four years of flooding rains, the River of Life Thanksgiving Tour has remembered to give thanks. The group has travelled through formerly drought-stricken areas praising God for answered prayers. —*Australian Heart Ministries*



Christians targeted

Local church sources report that 90 per cent of Christians have left the embattled Syrian city of Homs. Armed Islamists have gone from door to door demanding Christians leave immediately, and without taking their belongings. Other Christians have fled the violence of their own accord, taking the total number of displaced Christians to 50,000. —*Agenzia Fides*



Mass action

In just 10 days, 20,000 young Adventists have blitzed Lima, Peru, with Jesus' love—planting trees, building low cost housing, donating blood, distributing literature and assisting evangelistic meetings where 5000 people were baptised. General Conference youth leaders want to use the same model for youth action across the world. —*Adventist News Network*



Marmageddon!

Marmite shortages, brought on by the temporary closure of Sanitarium's earthquake damaged Christchurch factory, have sparked a national "crisis" in New Zealand and a media frenzy. NZ general manager, Pierre van Heerden, has cautioned against panic buying and says Kiwis should spread their Marmite thinner until shelves are restocked in early August. —*RECORD staff*



Pugilist priest

Fighting Father Dave Smith has smashed an unofficial world record by boxing for 120 rounds straight. In an eight-hour period, the Sydney Anglican minister took on 30 sparring partners, including boxing champions Anthony Mundine and Solomon Haumono. The event raised more than \$10,000 for the parish's youth and martial arts centre. —*Holy Trinity Anglican Church*



Feud ended

In El Salvador, Catholic leaders have played a crucial role in brokering a truce between the country's two most dangerous drug gangs, "MS-13" and "Barrio 18", who approached the Church for help. After the agreement was reached, the murder rate dropped immediately from 14 to five deaths per day. —*The Tablet*



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Young people share Jesus with big cities

Sydney, New South Wales

More than 100 Seventh-day Adventists gathered in Sydney on March 24 for the sole purpose of sharing the love of Jesus with the general public.

The group, mostly young adults from Cooranbong and Sydney, spent three-and-a-half hours talking and praying with passers-by at Circular Quay. A few participants brought guitars, and with a choir, provided music over the course of the evening.

"It has been really good to see our young people out here, actually wearing their faith on their sleeve," said Pastor Nick Kross, youth ministries director for the South Pacific Division, who attended the event. "When you go in a public arena like we're doing here tonight, you're actually making your faith real. You're doing what Jesus did."

The gathering was the first event for the "I Will Share Jesus" movement. Participants dressed in red T-shirts and tops, and over the course of the night distributed approximately 2000 items, such as Bible literature and *Steps to Christ*, to strangers. Many more conversations were shared with people who did not want the materials.

"We will never know the results of what's happened tonight," Pastor Kross said. "This side of the kingdom we will not know. But what I do believe is that when you give out God's Word, it always comes back, always bears some fruit somewhere."

While the ministry's effect on strangers may remain unknown, the event has had a positive impact on its participants.

Courtney Sowman posted on the "I Will Share Jesus" Facebook page: "Something I struggle with every day is whether or not I am sure if Jesus Christ is the Lord I want to serve for eternity. It was last night in the quiet space of my own head and the lovely Sydney Harbour Bridge that I gave my life to Christ . . ."

The "I Will Share Jesus" movement is based on a similar program being run in Melbourne. Two "I Will Preach For Jesus" events took place in the city earlier in March. The United Kingdom-based Preaching Place: The Final Messengers, a 24-hour on demand Christian social network, is backing this witnessing initiative. All are Adventist ministries.

The Preaching Place Australia team is planning for an "I Will Preach For Jesus" event in Brisbane city this month. The "I Will Share Jesus" movement is looking to Newcastle as the next destination for outreach.

More information can be found at <www.iwsj.org> or visit <www.preachingplace.com>. —Linden Chuang



'I will share Jesus' participants (in red) talk with Sydney young people.

Photo: David Geoffrey Gosling Photography

Exciting chapter for book centres

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Adventist Book Centres (ABC) in Papua New Guinea (PNG) achieved a 42 per cent increase in sales in 2011.

Stores in Central Papua Conference (in and around Port Moresby) recorded a 50 per cent sales growth, with sales reaching K1.5 million for 2011.

Literature evangelists in the region also achieved sales of over K500,000. A 50 per cent growth rate was also seen for outlets in New Britain/New Island, while stores in Sepik, Madang Manus and Western Highlands recorded increases of between 23 and 50 per cent.

"We are very excited about the growth," said Adventist Media Network chief financial officer, Glen Reed. "It's nothing short of phenomenal, especially when considering ABCs [in PNG] started from nothing 10-15 years ago."

Record surpluses were achieved for almost all PNG ABCs. The sole exception was the Western Highlands outlet, where a small deficit was posted.

Several initiatives have assisted in the rise in book sales:

- In November 2011, Central Papua Conference treasurer, Max Lassah, went on live radio to promote the ABC

Open Day.

- Family Life Ministries last year also ran a live six-week television series in PNG featuring various books and titles available from ABCs.

- PNG Minister for Health, Jamie Maxtone-Graham, is also a regular customer of the ABC in Boroka. He writes a health column in the national newspaper and often sources quotes from Seventh-day Adventist publications. He is a Christian but not an Adventist.

There are currently nine ABCs in PNG. A new outlet in Morobe will start serving the province this month. Plans are being made for an additional store in Central Papua as well as the Eastern Highlands. —Linden Chuang



ABC at CPC office, Port Moresby.



Scholarship success

A Pacific Adventist University (PAU) student is one of six winners of the Archer Leadership scholarship. Fourth-year education student, Kathleen-Joy Ratnasingam, received her award on February 24. Last year two PAU students were recipients of the scholarship, offered to final-year tertiary education students. The Kokoda Track Foundation, based in Sydney, Australia, runs the program.

Father and son ordained

Lakeside Adventist church (NSW) member, Calvin Hunter, and his son, Caleb, were ordained together as elder and deacon, respectively, in a moving family experience on February 11. Caleb's sister, Jasmine, coordinated the service and led the praise team. Pastor Clive Nash offered the ordination prayer.
—Monica Nash

Addicted 2 Jesus

For the month of March, Lilydale Adventist church (Vic) youth were "Addicted To Jesus" (A2J). The A2J program saw participants give up addictions such as Facebook, chocolate, takeaway food, television, mobile phones and video games for a month, allowing more time for Jesus, friends, reading the Bible and praying.—Julia Sherar/Camilla Christian (photo)



Pastor Beck ordained

Pastor John Beck was ordained at Swan Valley Adventist church, WA, on December 3. During the ordination service, John paid tribute to his sons (Glyn, Andrew, Johnathan and Justin) and his wife, Annette, who passed away in 2004 after battling cancer. Following his time in prison and his subsequent conversion in the mid-1980s, John, a Kalgoorlie native, has ministered in Aboriginal communities across Australia. He now serves as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries director in South Australia.—Don Fehlberg/Eric Davey/Steve Piez

Pedal power

Thirty-six students from Avondale School (NSW) participated in the All Schools Triathlon at the Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith, in March. All 22 teams from Avondale finished the course and recorded times, which not many schools were able to achieve.
—Susan Rogers

"Aunty Girlie" turns 102

Sylvia Nobbs celebrated her 102nd birthday on March 18. "Aunty Girlie", as she is commonly referred to, is a mother of seven (six sons, one daughter) and a dedicated member of the Adventist Church on Norfolk Island. She is known around her community for her kindness and hospitality, as well as her "legendary" cooking.—Lyndon Schick



Help to recover

Approximately 40 people attended a Depression Recovery program at Gosford Adventist church, NSW, in March. Avondale College of Nursing lecturer, Linda Cloete, along with Dr Errol Thrift, hosted the event, which featured DVD presentations by Dr Neil Nedley from the United States. About 50 per cent of participants were church members. Other attendees were from the local community.

Youth group cleans up

An Adventist youth group helped the Clean up Australia campaign by spending two-and-a-half hours collecting rubbish along part of the Captain Cook Highway, north of Cairns, Qld, on March 4. The 16 participants included several Papua New Guinea students currently enrolled in a local TAFE. The service was part of the group's Acts of Random Kindness (ARK) project.—Thelma Silva

Ariel's generous gift

Ariel Berry knew exactly what to say when her mother asked her what she wanted for her birthday: "No more stuff!" Ariel, who turned 10 on February 20, did not want any more presents—she simply wanted to raise money for the poor. In the end, she donated \$500 of her birthday money to support her sponsor child, Nula, as well as ADRA's water tank project in Zambia.—Jackie Berry

Is alcohol really good for you?

by Nathan Hawkins

IF YOU'RE CONFUSED ABOUT THE LINKS BETWEEN alcohol and health you're not alone. No sooner does a headline such as "Quit drinking to cut cancer risk" (*Sydney Morning Herald*, May 2, 2011) present a negative portrait of alcohol consumption, than another, such as "Raising a glass a day to lower stroke risk in women" (*Time Magazine*, March 9, 2012) provides an apparent contradiction. We certainly need to go deeper than popular media coverage for clarity about the potential benefits or harms associated with alcohol.

Although difficult, unravelling the real links between alcohol and health is important. Let's consider two areas of health that most often receive attention in the general media: cardiovascular health and cancer.

Cardiovascular Health

Positive headlines about low alcohol consumption are most often published about cardiovascular health. Many of us have probably read or heard someone say "a little bit of alcohol is great for the heart". Unfortunately, those attitudes reflect only part of the picture.

A balanced view of the scientific literature leads to only one conclusion: the data on cardiovascular health is mixed. A number of large-scale, high quality reviews have shown cardiovascular health benefits associated with small

amounts of alcohol consumption. However, equally high quality studies using different (generally more recent) data sets have found no significant cardio-protective effects linked to alcohol consumption. The confusing scientific literature does not make it easy for the average consumer. Adding to the confusion are journalists who often report on small-scale, individual studies, rather than large-scale comprehensive reviews.

Despite the confusing research, there is consensus that:

1. There are no cardiovascular benefits for persons aged under 40 years.
2. People who currently abstain from alcohol use should not begin drinking in order to gain potential cardiovascular health benefits.
3. Any potential cardiovascular benefits can be readily gained from other methods, such as exercise or diet modification.
4. Possible benefits are restricted to cardiovascular health only, and don't take into account numerous other health risks of consuming alcohol, such as elevated cancer risk, high blood pressure, and impaired kidney and liver function.

Cancer

When it comes to cancer, the scientific literature is very

Alcohol is a major carcinogen causing over 3000 new cases of cancer and around 1400 cancer deaths in Australia each year.

clear: alcohol is a major carcinogen causing over 3000 new cases of cancer and around 1400 cancer deaths in Australia each year (according to the Cancer Council Australia).

The International Agency for Research on Cancer and the US National Toxicology Program actually list alcohol as a Class 1 carcinogen, putting it in the same category as substances like benzene, arsenic, asbestos, plutonium and tobacco. Although everyone understands the health dangers of these substances, it is amazing that less than 10 per cent of the general public understand the carcinogenic nature of alcohol.

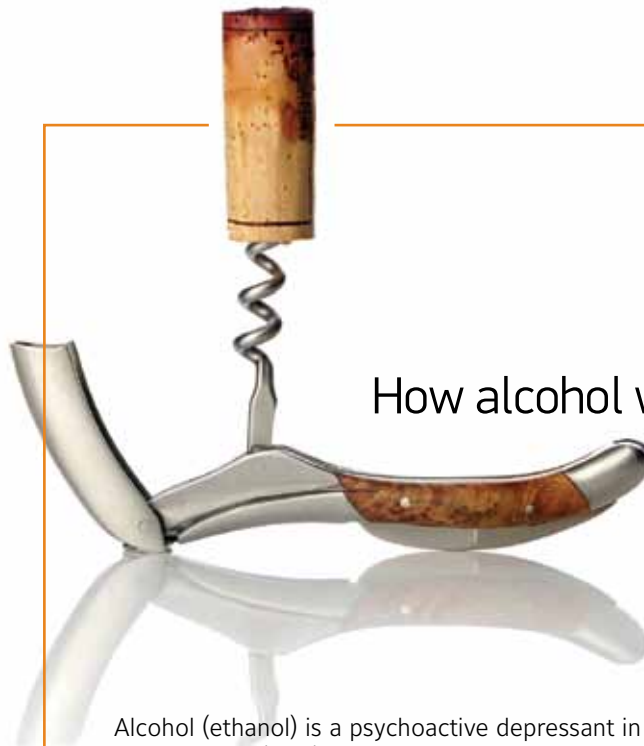
When it comes to cancer, the Cancer Council (Australia) states that there is no safe level of alcohol consumption and the only way to minimise your risk is to avoid alcohol completely. The research is clear that alcohol causes cancer of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, oesophagus, liver, bowel and breast.

Overall Health

When it comes to cardiovascular health and cancer risk it is very clear that no level of alcohol consumption provides an overall benefit to your health. This conclusion can be reached without considering other areas of health that are negatively associated with alcohol consumption including high blood pressure, compromised foetal health, impaired kidney function, brain impairment and liver damage. This conclusion is so clear that industry independent advocacy groups, such as the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education and the Australian Medical Association, have called for alcoholic beverages to carry health warnings similar to tobacco products. These warnings would include messages such as "Drinking alcohol increases your risk of developing cancers" and, "Drinking alcohol damages the young developing brain".

The balance of evidence clearly shows that alcohol is a threat to your health. Even drinking a little bit of alcohol is a poor choice when it comes to your longevity and quality of life. It's time that we avoided alcohol with the same alarm that we avoid asbestos and tobacco. R

Nathan Hawkins is health director for the North New South Wales Conference.



How alcohol works

Alcohol (ethanol) is a psychoactive depressant in the central nervous system (CNS) and can produce similar effects to other CNS depressants, such as sedatives and hypnotics. The effects of ethanol in the brain and body are due to a number of biochemical effects. In the brain ethanol acts on specific receptors, in particular GABAA, which is the brain's main inhibitory neurotransmitter, and glycine receptors. Therefore ethanol can temporarily 'shut down' parts of the brain used for thinking. Ethanol intoxication usually effects the front parts of the brain first, such as the frontal cortex, an area used for rational decision making and moral judgement, followed by the parts of the brain governing motor skills etc.

Long-term exposure to ethanol will change the brain's expression of these receptors, therefore, altering the dynamics of neurotransmission and potentially predisposing the user to a depressed mood.

While ethanol itself can be a problem, its metabolites can also cause significant damage to the body. When alcohol is ingested the body immediately begins to detoxify the ethanol by breaking it down in order to excrete it. However, in so doing, there is commonly a build-up of the toxic metabolite acetaldehyde. Acetaldehyde build-up is thought to be the main reason for the negative symptoms associated with acute alcohol intoxication, including headaches, facial flushing, nausea and vomiting. However acetaldehyde also results in a number of damaging reactions to the body. It reacts with cellular proteins causing cross-linking, a process that occurs in tanning, causing widespread damage and stopping these proteins from working. Acetaldehyde is also acted on by the enzymes xanthine oxidase and aldehyde oxidase, which produce large amounts of free radicals that can cause mutations to DNA, resulting in cancers such as breast cancer.

Dr Ross Grant is CEO of the Australasian Research Institute at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, NSW.

HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright



Q: Is it possible to overindulge on fruit and get fat?

A: The answer is yes, but the emphasis is on “overindulge”. Fruit contains “fructose”, or fruit sugar, which is twice as sweet as ordinary table sugar. When absorbed, it is converted almost immediately into fat. Eat enough and it will fatten. But it is pretty hard to eat that much fruit. It’s best to avoid fruit juices, however, because they are comprised of water and very concentrated fructose, and are very fattening.

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OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster



How to make disciples

All genuine Christians are disciple makers—seeking to bring people into a saving relationship with Jesus, and helping them grow into His likeness. It is one of the greatest joys in the Christian life. We bring people to Jesus through a combination of the following:

1. Live faithfully

Faithful daily living, springing from a heart in love with God, has an enormous impact on others. This was especially seen in the lives of Daniel and his three friends. Their faith-filled, loving obedience and devotion to God, enabled God to influence those around them, who were steeped in pagan secularism. Such a love-filled life is the sure result of new birth through the Spirit.

Read 1 Peter 2:12; Daniel 1,3,6; 1 John 4:7; John 3:3,5,9,14-16

2. Do good

Helping as many people around us as possible is a sure way to help them understand the loving character of our God. Be like Jesus—do as much good as you can to as many as you can, and watch what God does through you.

Read Acts 10:38; 1 Peter 2:12; John 13:34,35

3. Share the message of God’s grace

We are all called to share the message of God’s grace. Just “living the life” and “doing good” is not enough. These things lead people to enquire as to why we are positively different to others around us. But the message of Jesus must be shared to help them put their trust in Jesus for salvation. We do this verbally, or through literature or DVDs like *Beyond*.

Read Revelation 22:17; Luke 8:39

There is no greater joy than helping others know Jesus. Christ Himself was excited when He was able to share God’s saving grace with the woman at the well. Let’s decide right now to join Jesus in the greatest and most joyful of all enterprises—“seeking and saving that which is lost”.

Read John 4:32-34; Luke 19:10

Pastor Gary Webster is director of the Institute of Public Evangelism for the South Pacific Division.

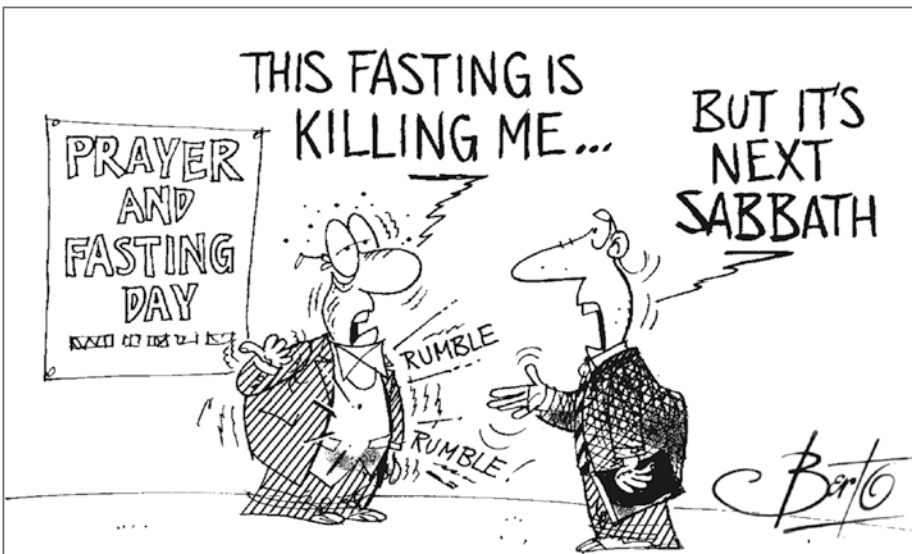
BECOMING AN ADVENTIST

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I am currently serving time in Buimo CIS jail. I have just joined the Adventist faith. I like what I am hearing and seeing. I love the community spirit the Church has. I used to think of the Adventists as a group of fanatics or some kind of legalists.

But now, as have I discovered more truth, even during this short period of time, I know this is where I want to be.

I want to get myself rooted in the truth, so I can share this story with my peer group. They need to know that this life is about more than the gadgets of modern teen life we always see around us. I am planning for baptism soon.





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OPINION

Josh Dye

Beyond baptisms and buildings

Here's a typical question I've received since returning from a One Mission trip to the Solomon Islands in December: "What did you achieve?"

It's a fair question—we like to quantify things. A typical answer could be, "We baptised 50 people through our evangelistic series" or "We built a school for disadvantaged children so they can receive a Christian education". But One Mission Solomon Islands didn't baptise anyone or build anything.

"What will we achieve?" As leader of a team of 14, I mulled over the question before and during the trip. For the record, we organised kids' clubs, conducted soccer clinics, taught English classes, led Bible studies and presented a series of worship meetings. The question frustrated me because I knew I needed to submit plans for the trip to God but felt as though I had to have something tangible to say. It frustrated me because I don't believe we should judge the "success" of mission trips by comparing numbers of baptisms or the size of building projects.

Are baptisms and buildings trophies to show when we return home? If mission trips don't provide any follow-up personal support for new believers or financial support for maintaining new churches, is it responsible to call for baptisms and construct buildings?

Let's look beyond baptisms and buildings to the example of Jesus, who devoted most of His life on earth to mission. Yes, He valued baptism and even buildings, particularly one in Jerusalem—think the clearing of the temple—but He didn't see those as achievements. His one mission? Connecting with people.

Jesus valued relationships above anything else. He blessed, healed and taught to build, restore and strengthen them. So should we.

**Views represented in Opinion are not necessarily those of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.*

Josh Dye organised a One Mission trip from Avondale College of Higher Education.

OPINION POLL:

What is the most significant contribution Adventists make to health:

- Vegetarianism
- Drug/alcohol free
- Anti smoking
- Spiritual/mental/physical balance



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Leading by example

With childhood obesity an ever growing concern, researchers around the world are hard at work trying to find the most effective ways to ensure the future health of our children.

An interesting study has just been published in the US that reinforces a familiar message and shows that, in some ways, the key to treating childhood obesity might not come from directly treating the child.

The study, conducted by researchers from the University of California and the University of Minnesota, looked at a number of variables and their ability to influence weight change in 80 overweight and obese children. Variables included parenting styles, accessibility to healthy foods in the home and parent modelling.

Perhaps surprisingly, the only variable that was found to have a significant impact on weight change in children was parent modelling—parents leading by example. The study found that every one body mass index (BMI) unit of weight loss in the parent was associated with a 0.255 BMI decrease in the child.

There is already a huge list of reasons why maintaining a healthy body weight is a good idea for our own health, but more and more research is starting to show us that our health behaviours don't just affect us—they appear to have an effect on our friends and family.

This might all sound like doom and gloom, but it's not. We often try to tackle our problems by ourselves, but when it comes to weight loss and good health, the research seems to be telling us something: we're all in this together. Through leading by example, we can provide positive environments, supportive of good health, for the benefit of ourselves and our communities.



FAST FACT:
Overweight children are prone to more illness and diseases that may affect their quality of life.



Peach chutney

Preparation time: 30-40 minutes

Cooking time: 1 hour, 50 minutes.

Makes: 2 large or 4 small jars.

- 1.5 kg yellow peaches, peeled**
- 250g honey**
- 500g brown sugar**
- 2 tsp ground ginger**
- 1 stick cinnamon**
- ½ tsp ground cloves**
- 1 tsp salt**
- 3 cups of cider vinegar**
- 2 apples, unpeeled and grated**
- 3 brown onions finely chopped**

NUTRITION INFORMATION PER JAR: 3780kJ (880 Cal); Protein 6g; Total Fat <1g; Carbohydrate 215g; Total Sugars 210g; Sodium 650mg; Potassium 1380mg; Calcium 240mg; Iron 3.0mg; Fibre 9g.

- 1.** When peeling peaches, run your knife down the natural groove of each peach to the stone.
- 2.** Pour over boiling water and leave for a minute. Transfer the peach to a bowl of iced water. The skin should peel readily.
- 3.** Now cut peaches away from the stone into thick slices or chunks.
- 4.** Put all the ingredients into a heavy based saucepan and stir over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Reduce to low heat and simmer for 1 hour and 50 minutes or until chutney thickens.
- 5.** Remove cinnamon stick before bottling into clean, dry, sterilised jars.
- 6.** Seal and store in a cool place away from sunlight. Refrigerate after opening. Once open, consume within one month.

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Fighting Mac: the Anzac chaplain

by Daniel Reynaud

ASK AUSTRALIANS WHO WAS THE MOST famous Anzac of the First World War and most will probably answer, "Simpson, the man with the donkey". But while Simpson is a household name in Australia today, the soldiers who fought in the First World War would give a different answer.

Rivalling popular generals, such as 'Birdie' Birdwood and John Monash, was an extremely unlikely candidate for the most famous Anzac of the Great War: Captain William McKenzie. McKenzie was chaplain of the 4th Battalion, an enthusiastic Christian minister keen on evangelism and against booze, brothels and bad language. Yet, by the end of the war, he was so popular that it would take him more than three hours to reach the Sydney Town Hall from his office on Goulburn

Street, just three blocks away. People mobbed him just to shake his hand. So who was this clergyman who won for himself the nickname, 'Fighting Mac'?

Scottish born, William McKenzie's family migrated to Australia when he was 15, settling near Bundaberg where the teenage McKenzie soon rose to be an overseer on a cane farm. He grew to be a big man, who loved fighting and abandoned his strict Presbyterian upbringing. But at the age of 19, McKenzie met the Salvation Army and was impressed with their work for the needy. He trained as an officer in the Army, and then served in tough working class towns such as Newcastle and Charters Towers.

When the Great War began in 1914, McKenzie volunteered as a chaplain. He got a frosty reception,

but quickly changed the men's opinion of him. He held short and interesting church parades that attracted up to 2000 men to them. He joined in training exercises, carrying the packs of tired soldiers half his age on long desert marches, digging trenches and doing target practice with them. He organised lively concerts and popular sing-a-longs. At one concert, the rowdy men were out of control until McKenzie jumped on stage, blew a whistle and got instant silence. Apparently, he was a very good boxer, taking part in events he organised. His tireless energy on the soldiers' behalf earned their respect, while his charismatic personality won their love. He was a born leader, with a tremendous sense of humour, a child-like innocence, real integrity and constant cheerfulness.

He also tried to counter the temptations of Cairo by providing wholesome leisure activities. Yet the cheap drink and the brothels attracted many men. And like the other chaplains, McKenzie preached against the brothels in the Wazir district. But unlike other chaplains, McKenzie also acted. He went down to the red-light district at night and literally dragged men out, and put them on a tram back to the camp. He fully expected a knife in the ribs from the brothel owners for ruining their business.

On April 25, 1915, the Anzacs landed at Gallipoli. A couple of weeks later, an impatient McKenzie was allowed to join the fighting men. One of his first tasks was to bury his commanding officer, right on the front line, kneeling close to the ground to avoid becoming a casualty himself.

It was at Gallipoli that McKenzie won the undying respect of the Anzacs. Like other chaplains, he conducted burial services, often under shell fire. But he went the extra mile. Once he tramped all over Anzac Cove collecting enough chocolates for each man. Another time, he spent all night cutting steps into a steep and slippery part of a track, to make it easier for stretcher bearers. The stairs were christened 'Old Mac's Steps' by the soldiers. But his actions at Lone Pine are typical of why he was called 'Fighting Mac'.

On August 6, 1915, McKenzie's battalion attacked the Turks at Lone Pine. The Turkish trenches were deep, and covered with logs and earth. Everyone knew that the attack would be costly. McKenzie should have been in the rear trenches, but instead he was with the men. His diary reads: "Many trembled from head to foot, yet despite it all I felt strangely elated and somewhat excited over the prospects." A soldier recalled that before

they went over the top, McKenzie turned to the men and said: "Boys, I've preached to you, and I've prayed with you, and do you think that I am afraid to die with you? I'd be ashamed to think of myself to funk it when you are up against it here."

As the men charged, McKenzie followed, carrying just a spade. He was to need it: over the next few weeks he sorted the living from the dead and buried 450 men. For his actions at Gallipoli, he was decorated with the Military Cross.

After the battle, McKenzie found the body of a young Scot whom he had led to Christ the day before. In the man's pocket was a letter to his God-fearing mother, telling her of his decision for Christ. Knowing he was dealing with men who might die at any time lent urgency to his work. He wrote: "Last night when talking to the men I was obsessed with the idea and yearned with unutterable longing to lead them to the blessed Saviour. One is very near to the eternal here, indeed all subterfuges are rudely torn aside and one is ever threading on the threshold of the Eternal World and marching in step with the sinister shadow of death."

McKenzie was a spiritual giant, and led something like 2000-3000 men to Christ during the war. Here is what one of his letters records in Egypt: "I realise the nearness of His presence and something of the sweetness and power of His great salvation. I confess that I cried myself to sleep last night or in the early hours of the morning after long meditation over the sacrifices and death of the Christ of God. This I think helped me to read the scriptures and preach the truth better at this morning's parade, . . . when for half an hour some 2000 of us there sang of the Cross and its meaning and pondered over the story once again."

When he returned to Australia in 1918, thousands came to see him in every town and city he visited. In Sydney, his feet never touched the ground from the train to the Town Hall. In following years, at Anzac Day parades, his hand was seen to be bleeding from the sheer number of people who shook it.

Some have said that the Anzacs were not terribly religious. Perhaps so, but McKenzie noted on Gallipoli that many showed an interest in God. He said: "Men realise as never before that the most manly thing to do is to worship and glorify God." R

Daniel Reynaud is faculty dean of Humanities and Creative Arts at Avondale College of Higher Education.

An It is Written Oceania TV program telling this story will air on Channel 7 TWO, FoxTel and the Hope Channel on Anzac Day.



inside health ministry

RECORD interviewed South Pacific Division director of Adventist Health Ministries, Pastor Kevin Price.

What surprised you the most since taking on the role of SPD director of Adventist Health Ministries?

To answer that question, I have to tell you about something truly remarkable. In response to the desperate need for updating and improving our clinics throughout the Pacific, our team launched the Adopt-a-Clinic program. As with all new initiatives, some people were sceptical the program would catch on. But it's more than caught on—it's revolutionising our delivery of healthcare in the Pacific. The generosity and enthusiasm of our church members for helping others is overwhelming.

Today 36 of the 56 clinics have been adopted. Out of the 36, 28 have already either been renovated or totally rebuilt. Six new staff houses have also been built for clinic nurses and 13 new boats with outboard motors have been supplied. We are a people of great love and generosity, but the level of practical Christian love has surprised me—in the best of ways!

That said, we still have 20 clinics that need a church to adopt them—maybe one of the readers of this article will choose to work with her or his church family to complete the list. This is a great opportunity to touch the lives of people in desperate need of the healing ministry entrusted to our Church.

Who is behind the success of the Adopt-a-Clinic program?

The success of the program couldn't have happened without the leadership of my colleague, Dr Chester Kuma, and Mrs Jenny Robson, who handles the complex logistics. But it's not just our team; it is every church and every individual who has raised funds, travelled to isolated locations to work on clinic repairs and the 11 total rebuilds, and the relatively small group of people who generously financially

support the program. And the success of the program is also reliant on our team of volunteers here at Wairoonga who have sourced, packed and shipped over 20 container loads of medical equipment and supplies. We would be running years behind schedule without their invaluable assistance.

How important are Adventist health providers to Pacific communities?

With a few exceptions our clinics are in very isolated and difficult to access locations. Many serve areas where there is no other medical facility. Some are located in areas where the people will never see a doctor in their lifetime. Often the clinic is the only community building for tens of thousands of people. Our clinics are literally a lifeline.

Consider PNG, which has one of the worst infant/maternal mortality outcomes in the world and it is only getting worse. Our nurses are very dedicated and serve their areas to the best of their ability with limited resources. They do make a significant difference. For example, John Bryant, one of our volunteers from Avondale Memorial Church, recently visited Mengino where one of our teams had built a new clinic in 2009. He commented on the number of healthy children there. He was told that before the clinic was established many babies and mothers died in childbirth. But in the past 12 months there had only been one death. This village, and many like it, are thankful to God for sending the caring Seventh-day Adventist Christians to serve their healthcare needs.

Many of our clinics are in extremely difficult to access, remote locations. Often it involves a plane trip followed by a car trip followed by a boat trip followed by a hike for hours. The ongoing success of our clinic upgrade program

has led to us targeting even more isolated and neglected areas. Our Isolated Medical Outposts projects focus on areas where there is high need but very little Adventist work. Recently Dr Kuma joined Pastor Glen Grey and they travelled by boat from the Torres Strait Islands to the Western Province of PNG. Once in PNG, they travelled up river to a village called Arufi. There they chose a site for a new medical outpost. We know that this work is vital to the health of the people in that region, and will break down resistance and open hearts and lives to the Gospel. Under God's power, we can bring both physical and spiritual health to this and other areas forgotten by much of the rest of the world.

Is there still a need for expatriate doctors and nurses in the Pacific islands?

We have an expatriate doctor heading up medical services at Atoifi Hospital but there are also excellent national doctors doing vital work in many areas. We've been invited by the PNG government to take over the management of government hospitals there. Assuming this goes ahead, we will be looking for PNG national Adventist doctors to lead out in the delivery of medical services across the PNG system. But we will also be keen to have visiting doctors, nurses, dentists and other health professionals from Australia, New Zealand, the USA and other countries to provide specialist surgery, medical procedures and training. I am currently looking for Adventist dentists to make short trips to our hospital in the Solomons and to our clinics—let me know if you're interested! The truth is that in many areas of the Pacific the needs are very large and, as a result, there are very broad opportunities for both locals and expats to serve.

Where do you see the Adventist Church's health work going in the future?

We want to keep following Christ's example of combining health and healing with teaching and preaching. Health ministry is a well-proven method for effective outreach and positive community impact. We need to find new and fresh ways of integrating our health ministry with the overall ministry of our Church. I believe we will need to look more and more to trained

lay church members and Adventist health professionals to take a leading health promotion role.

One program that Dr Kuma and I are putting a lot of effort into is what we are calling the Health Promoting Churches Initiative. This is really big. It is the first time we as a department have attempted a Pacific-wide health coordinated outreach. It revolves around our churches becoming centres of influence for health in their respective communities. We see this as including health promoting schools, clinics and hospitals as well as church congregations.

The needs are great—the potential for Adventist Christians to work hand-in-hand with the Lord to meet them is limitless!

Hope for Arufi Village

Many villages and communities in the South Pacific are so isolated and remote in their locations that they just do not have easy access to medical services such as an aid post or a rural clinic. In fact, many island rural community dwellers will never see a doctor in their entire lifetime.

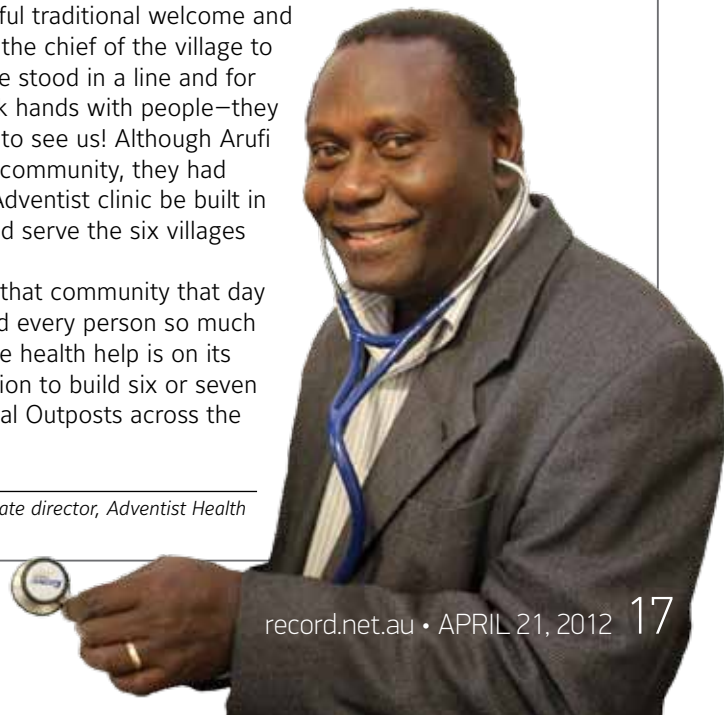
It was my privilege recently to visit Arufi Village in the Western Province of Papua New Guinea with the intention of establishing an Isolated Medical Outpost there. We had in our team representatives from the Papua New Guinea Union Mission and from our regional office in the Torres Straits.

Arufi is a very isolated community consisting of approximately 500 people who live in the border area between Papua New Guinea and Indonesian Irian Jaya. They are mostly subsistence farmers, eating food from their bush gardens and living a simple life. By world standards, they would be considered one of the poorest people on earth. Although their health challenges are huge they do not have a medical facility in the area. In fact the closest clinic to Arufi is two days walking distance and many sick people just do not make it in time. Malaria, pneumonia, meningitis and many other infectious diseases are the major killers of both adults and children. Many children have never been vaccinated and pregnant mothers in the area have never had the privilege of good quality antenatal care.

It took us four hours to travel to this village by boat. We were greeted on arrival by a wonderful traditional welcome and immediately led by the chief of the village to a nearby school. We stood in a line and for the next hour shook hands with people—they were just so happy to see us! Although Arufi is not an Adventist community, they had requested that an Adventist clinic be built in their community and serve the six villages within their region.

Our presence in that community that day brought to each and every person so much hope. Hope because health help is on its way! It is our intention to build six or seven new Isolated Medical Outposts across the South Pacific.

Dr Chester Kuma, associate director, Adventist Health SPD.





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RECORD REWIND

Lester Devine

Temperance warrior

Sarepta Myrenda Irish Henry (1839–1900) was a writer, speaker and early leader of the American Temperance Movement. Born into a Methodist family, Mrs Henry became a leader in women’s ministry and was a Seventh-day Adventist in her later life.

Widowed with three small children after 10 years of marriage, she supported her family by teaching and with her writing. In time she became a national evangelist for the Women’s Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) until her health failed in the late 1880s. After becoming almost an invalid in the early 1890s, she became a patient at the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

With advanced heart disease and essentially bedridden, this fervent Christian was miraculously healed while a patient there, and shortly afterward spoke with all her old vigour to an audience of some 2500 in the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

But it was not all easy for her; she had struggled for a time over the Sabbath issue and initially did not accept the Spirit of Prophecy. Later, however, she came to value highly the life, ministry and writings of Ellen White, coming to understand that these messages to the Church were a ‘telescope’ which brought spiritual things closer to her and helped her grow as a Christian. This led to Mrs Henry seeking counsel of Ellen White, then living in Australia, who strongly encouraged her to resume her evangelistic and temperance ministry in America.

So Mrs Henry resumed her WCTU work—but this time as a new Adventist. Concerned about the state of Adventist women, whom this dynamo of activity considered “apathetic, untrained and uninvolved”, and encouraged by further letters from Ellen White, she established a Women’s Ministry for the General Conference, which in turn granted her a ministerial licence in 1898. Back to her full schedule of speaking appointments, Mrs Henry also wrote many articles for the *Review and Herald* and other journals until her sudden and unexpected death in January 1900 while attending General Conference meetings.

Mrs Henry’s very good friend, Ellen White, was also a powerful speaker on temperance issues, and both women were in huge demand as speakers to other faith communities as well as to Adventists. Unlike other renowned speakers on the subject at the time, surprisingly, Ellen White largely left the health benefits of a temperate life for them to cover and focused in her speaking and writing instead on the importance of the spiritual benefits of a healthy (and alcohol-free) lifestyle. In essence, she took the position that there was a strong connection between human physical and spiritual health, and that, ideally, to be clear-minded and the most perceptive spiritually, one needed to be in optimal health and growing toward that end was the fundamental purpose of a temperate lifestyle.



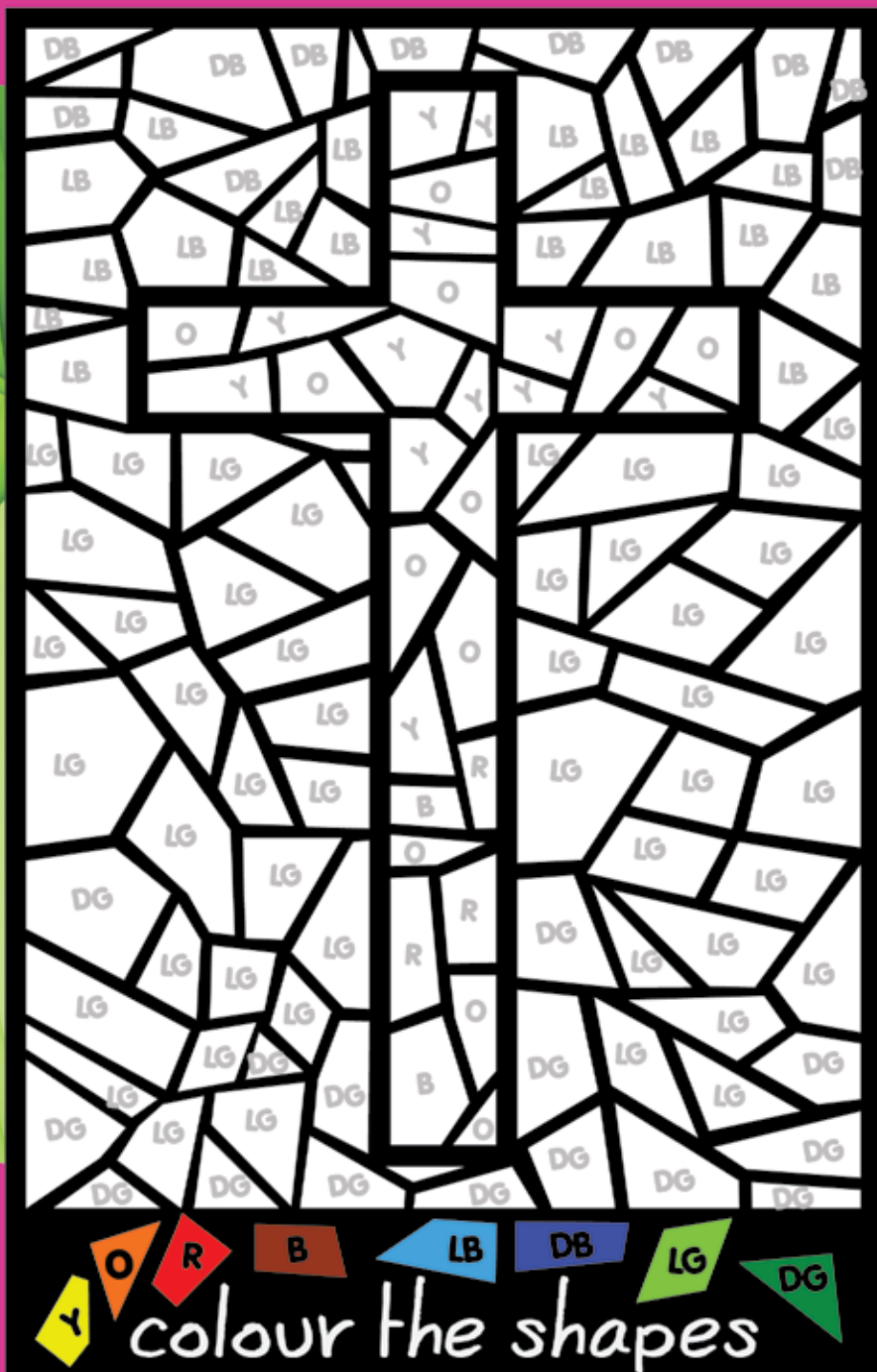
Dr Lester Devine is director emeritus of the Ellen G White/Adventist Research Centre at the Avondale College of Higher Education.

Kids' Space



Talofa*
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It's important to remember that Jesus died for our sins.
He did this because He loves us and wants us to be with Him in heaven.



Memory Verse: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
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Worship Message: We serve God when we share His love with others.

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The North New South Wales Conference's annual Grey Nomads Camp for 2012 will be held at the Adventist Convention Centre, Stuarts Point, NSW from 4—12 May, 2012. The event is open to Grey Nomads from across Australia, and is an excellent opportunity for retirees to meet and fellowship together.

Dr Roy Adams, a former associate editor of the *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World*, is the guest speaker for the 2012 Grey Nomads Camp.

A special concert with South African tenor Manuel Escórcio will be held on Saturday night, 5 May at the camp. Three of Manuel's 27 recordings have achieved gold status and one has gone platinum.

On-site accommodation is available for private caravans and tents for Grey Nomads Camp. Application forms for the camp can be downloaded or filled out by following the links found at <http://nnsw.adventist.org.au>.

Applications close Friday, 27 April.

For more information about Grey Nomads 2012, contact Debbie Head on (02) 4944 3220 or email debbiehead@adventist.org.au.



R MY CHURCH

BUSSELTON, WA

For the past five years our church members have supported a stall during the annual Busselton Festival.

On one of the evenings during the week-long festivities, the centre of Busselton becomes a shopping mall. When we first applied for a stall we were given one in a laneway where the Busselton ADRA Op-Shop is located.

This year, with the support of our local church members, we cooked 300 potatoes and enough coleslaw and tomato-based bean

sauce, cheese, garlic butter and sour cream to feed the crowds. We raised just over \$800 for the local church. In the past the funds raised have gone to Pathfinders, PA equipment and a fly'n'build.

Each year a different group of people helps out and this year we had some exceptional young people (and some older ones too) in the team. They had fun serving over 250 hot potatoes to many satisfied customers. We have a loyal following of people looking for a healthy, vegetarian meal each year.

Busselton church and the organising team would like to thank each person who helped this year and we would like your assistance again next year as we serve our community through this program.



R MY MINISTRY IDEA

"We heard about it a bit late," says Norman Hurlow, senior pastor at the Papatoetoe Seventh-day Adventist Community Church in the south of Auckland, "so we really didn't have time to let the other Adventist churches in the area know about it."

But, late or not, more than 60 volunteers from the Papatoetoe church, aka Papsda, rolled up their sleeves for the annual "Servolution" weekend (March 22-25), along with 45 other congregations of various denominations around the Auckland region.

"The idea is to get all Christian people together over a weekend and flood the community with acts of service," Pastor Hurlow says. He describes the approach as "intentional and directed"; a way to "impact the community with kindness".

The Papsda volunteers helped out at soup kitchens, handed out clothes in poorer areas and cleaned up rubbish in areas where people can't do it themselves.

Auckland residents caught the Servolution bug three years ago, when LifeChurch Manurewa took on the challenge of putting "love thy neighbour" into action. —Kent Kingston



WEDDINGS



Bartido—Estrada. Nolan Tadena Bartido, son of Regino and

Sarah, and Melissa Rose Estrada, daughter of Nestor and Ruchel, were married 19.2.12 at Blacktown church. They will make their home in Sydney, NSW.

Alex Penman



Deeks—Smith. Doctor Andrew Deeks, son of Jennifer and

David Deeks (Bristol, UK), and Kelly Smith, daughter of Pam and Mike Smith (Perth, WA), were married 12.2.12 at Margaret River's Secret Garden, Margaret River.

Steven Goods

Etwell—Lawton. James Byron Etwell, son of Rodney and Natasha Etwell (Sydney, NSW), and Cassie Ellen Lawton, daughter of Phillip and Ursula Lawton (Sydney), were married 4.3.12 at Wetherill Park Spanish church.

Nick Cross

Holden—Kania. Dean Holden, son of Peter and Kirsten Holden, and Anna Kania, daughter of Stanislaw and Marzena Kania, were married 4.3.12 at Secret Garden, Mount Dandenong, Vic. Dean and Anna had their photos taken at Sky High and celebrated their reception there as well.

Dave Erickson



Goossens—Bilson. Paul Joseph Goossens, son of Miles and

Carol Goossens, and Stefanie Hanni Bilson, daughter of Steven and Hanni Bilson, were married 22.1.12 in Lismore church. Paul and Stefanie met at high school five years ago and are now both in their fourth year at Avondale College, studying teaching. They have settled in Coorabong, and are looking forward to their life together.

Paul Geelan



Skinner—Tutor. Darren Wayne Skinner, son of Lucy and Wayne

Skinner (Epping, NSW), and Abigail Tutor, daughter of Louise and Con Tutor (Greenbank, Qld),

were married 19.2.12 in Wahroonga church.

Turaganivalu—Bryant. Lakepa Turaganivalu, son of Peniasa and Ana Turaganivalu (Fiji), and Emily Bryant, daughter of Steve and Sally Bryant (Lismore, NSW), were married 9.1.12 in Lismore church. Lakepa and Emily are setting up their home in Sydney.

Paul Geelan

OBITUARIES

Anderson, Beeck Neville, born 9.9.1920 in Katanning, WA; died 4.2.12 in Albany. He married Dorothy Mills in 1943 and they were happily together for 68 years. He is survived by his wife; and children, Julie Meyers (Coorabong, NSW), Geoffrey (Katanning, WA) and Pamela McRostie (Perth); eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Neville will be sadly missed by family and

friends. He was always a true gentleman to everybody and a great lover of animals and birds. A large funeral testified to his wide influence on many people.

James Alagappan

Jones, Bertha (Betty) Jean (nee Thorpe), born 24.1.1927; died 17.7.11 in Glen Craig nursing home, Albany, WA. She married Jack Hooper and they had one son. Jack predeceased her and she later married Bill Jones on 11.9.1958, who predeceased her on 9.12.1999. She is survived by her son, Paul; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Betty nursed in Wongan Hills for many years. She was a great animal lover and at one stage had 10 cats. Betty was a long-time faithful member of Albany church. Her eyesight deteriorated over many years and although she was almost blind at the end of her life, she loved

listening to tapes about her Lord Jesus.

James Alagappan

Kumar, Carole Anne (nee Carlson), born 11.8.1938 in Sydney, NSW; died 28.2.12 in Ashley Lodge Nursing Home. She was predeceased by her husband, Reg, in 1990, and her brother, David, in 2000. She is survived by her sister, Elaine Bennett (Dubbo); and her two children, Michael and Amanda (Sydney). Carole spent all of her early life in Sydney. After receiving her secretarial certificate at Avondale College in 1955, she was called to Greater Sydney as secretary to the president where she remained for the next 13 years. After two years as president's secretary in Fiji and following her marriage to Reg, she returned to Sydney where she worked as a medical secretary before retiring in 1997. She was a faithful

POSITIONS VACANT

■ **Monitoring and evaluation officer—ADRA Solomon Islands (Honiara, Solomon Islands).** This role supports the Youth Engagement and Livelihood Project (YELP) in Honiara, Solomon Islands, and will include activity planning, monitoring, reporting, networking, evaluating project progress as well as mentoring nationals. The contract is initially planned for one year with a possible one year extension. The position is based in Honiara. For further information on how to apply and to obtain a job description, please contact Alison Young at ADRA Australia on (02) 9489 5488 or email <ayoung@adra.org.au>. Applications including a letter addressing the essential criteria and latest CV, should be forwarded to Human Resources, PO Box 129, Wahroonga NSW 2076, Australia or by email to <ayoung@adra.org.au>. Applications close **April 22, 2012.**

■ **Program officer—ADRA Australia (Wahroonga, NSW).** The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is seeking a qualified professional to join the National Program team. The successful applicant will need to work with a variety of stakeholders including church conference and local committees of management. Duties will include management of compliance of the ADRA national projects, assisting in the delivery of training, providing assistance in the development of policy manuals, and gathering and maintaining statistics for the National Program Department. This position requires significant domestic travel. Contact Alison Young, ADRA Australia, phone (02) 9489 5488 or email <ayoung@adra.org.au> for a job description and details of how to apply. Applications close **April 27, 2012.**

■ **Dean, School of Science and Technology—Pacific Adventist University (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea).** The Seventh-day Adventist Church is seeking applications from highly experienced and qualified persons for the position of Dean of the School of Science and Technology at Pacific Adventist University (PAU), commencing July 2012. This exciting senior position requires a leader capable of inspiring staff and students alike, with a strong academic and science background and significant teaching and leadership experience. The dean will provide strategic direction and scientific leadership, while fostering ongoing excellence in teaching, research and other professional activities related to the school. The dean will also support and advise the deputy vice chancellor on matters related to science and technology. Since a proportion of the dean's load involves teaching, it is therefore desirable that the person will hold an advanced qualification in the area of environmental science, physics or a related field. For further information and a detailed job description, please contact the human resources department at PAU on (675) 328 0200 or email <humanresources@pau.ac.pg>. To apply, please send your letter of application, CV and references to: Human Resources Seventh-day Adventist Church (Pacific) Ltd, Locked Bag 2014, Wahroonga, NSW, 2076 Australia; or email <hr@adventist.org.au>; or fax to (02) 9489 0943. Include with your resume, three work-related referees, copy of educational qualifications and a character reference or contact information for your local church pastor. The appointing body reserves the right to fill this position at its discretion. Applications close **April 30, 2012.**

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member of the Galston church. Never one to complain, she always showed more concern about those around her. Carole's life was one that revolved around her church and family.

Barry Wright

Larsen, Arnold Albert, born 19.12.1931 in Putaruru, NZ; died 12.1.12 with his family around him in Nelson. On 6.12.1955, he married Margaret Vosper in Nelson. He is survived by his wife (Nelson); his children, Celia (Gold Coast, Qld), Pastor Bob (Whakatane, NZ), Graeme (Nelson), Annette, Sharon and Patricia (Auckland); 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He lived an adventurous life, enjoying the mountains, sailing, flying and gardening. Throughout his life he kept a strong faith in the Lord and now awaits the great resurrection.

Grant Burton

Poland, Maureen Patricia (nee Dew), born 7.5.1934 in Perth, WA; died 24.2.12. In January 1956, she married John Poland, who predeceased her. She is survived by her children and their families, Leon and Leanne Poland (Ipswich, Qld) and Deborah (Brisbane); and grandchildren, Jared, Danika, Naomi and Cameron. Maureen lived a contented life sometimes under difficult circumstances. She was unselfish in helping others and very sacrificial in living for her children. Handing it all over to the Lord was Maureen's way of dealing with life.

Steven Goods

Potter, Margaret Helen (nee Bodey), born 25.11.1950 in Victoria Park, Perth, WA; died 7.10.11 in Albany. On 7.1.1974, she married William Potter. She is survived by her husband (Hyden); children, Matthew (Albany), Emma (Perth), Helen (York) and Daniel (Esperance); and one grandchild, Kruize. For 11 years Margaret valiantly fought cancer. She loved her garden, and showed concern for other people. Right to the end she displayed her expertise in flower arranging in churches and in mission programs. She is sadly missed. Don't say with sadness she is no longer here, but say with joy and gratitude "she was".

James Alagappan

Wackerling, Georgina Emily (nee Thackham), born 11.12.1927 in Townsville, Qld; died 27.2.12 in the Mater Hospital, Brisbane. On 8.8.1950, she married Wallace Charles Wackerling. She is survived by her husband (Murarrie); her children and their families, Judith (Lismore, NSW), Desmond (Goodna, Qld), Heather (Alexandra Hills) and Yvonne (Newmarket); grandchildren, Clinton, Matthew, Blade and Owen; and her sisters, Hetty and Daphne. She will be sadly missed by us all.

Bob Possingham

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Albury and Wodonga churches are hosting a reunion celebrating over 75 years. Sunday, April 29, 2012 from 10:30am at Border Christian College multipurpose building. Correspondence and RSVP <reunion@alburyadventistchurch.org.au> or 0414 548 058.

Para Vista church 25th anniversary. Former members and pastors of the Para Vista (SA) church are invited to join with the church in its 25th anniversary celebrations on Sabbath, June 23, 2012. To obtain the full Sabbath program and notify of your intention to be present, please contact Dan Heidik (08) 8263 2562 or <dheidik@bigpond.com>.

Request for information about missing members. Parramatta church is trying to get in touch with inactive members on its roll and would be grateful to receive information of the whereabouts of the following people so that contact can be re-established with them: Phillip Alexiou, Robert T Allen, Belinda Andrews, Paul Barton, Maria Blemith, Fiona Claridge, Carolyn Cole, Peter Ferguson, Nga Frethey, Kenneth Grundy, Dominique James, Steig Johnston, Julie Kumar, Raphael Lee, Margaret Maalat, Dennis Madjorevic, Robert Mangelsdorf, Kaylene McKay, Frank Meerstadt, Tony Micalef, Joelle Paletua, John Paton, Janette Paton, Jane Powell, Marcel Pratt, David Rara, Judith Reid, Andrew Stewart, Lody Stewart, Rawhiti Tapara, Donna Tapara, John J Taylor, Bronwyn Watson and John Mark Yeman. If you have any contact details for these individuals,

please contact Pastor David McKibben on (02) 9484 5153 or email <davidmckibben@adventist.org.au> or Marilyn Sedgwick on (02) 9688 2467 or email <merilynsedgwick@adventist.org.au>.

Norfolk Island church homecoming. Open to all past and present members, pastors and friends. June 9, 2012. Bounty Day celebration weekend. Program: 10am to 12pm and a potluck lunch the Norfolk way. Connect—Reconnect—Reunite. For more information, contact: Lance Weslake, Australia: +612 96296585; Ian Summerscales, NZ: +64 9000000; or Ken Nobbs, Norfolk Island +6723 22131. For all travel arrangements please call/visit: Tel: +6723 22781 <www.aaanorfolkisland.nf>; Tel: +6723 22502 <www.travelcentre.nf>; Tel: +6723 22195 <www.burntpinetravel.nf>.

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