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## Health outreach reaps rewards

*Malaita, Solomon Islands*

Adventist church leaders in the Solomon Islands say a spiritual revival is sweeping through the north of the country's most populated island, Malaita.

In one weekend, more than 150 baptisms were held in various locations, with local leaders saying they want their entire congregations to join the Church.

The unexpected events occurred after a small Adventist team of local health professionals visited Fa'alau Village for two weeks to provide basic medical and dental services.

The team was led by Dr Silent Tovosia, Solomon Islands Mission health director, and Dr Kaeni Agiomea, an Adventist anaesthesiologist from the National Referral Hospital. Together

they treated about 450 patients, many of them suffering from bakua, a fungal skin condition. Two dentists and one technician from Kilu'ufi Hospital in Malaita, provided care for dental patients during the second week.

The largest denomination in the area is the South Sea Evangelical Church (SECC). However, the congregation at Fa'alau is part of a large breakaway segment of the church that separated after their pastor, Michael Maeliau, began preaching in support of the seventh-day Sabbath. The SECC community requested that the Adventist Church run meetings to explain the Bible truth while the medical team was at Fa'alau.

The local Adventist congregation coordinated the night programs, which featured singing by church youth and preaching by Pastor Mauta Kemuel, who came from Auki—the capital of Malaita—with a small evangelistic team. The preaching focused on salvation and last day events.

People from surrounding villages

came to participate in the program. Numbers started at 300 and kept climbing each night to 500. There was much excitement among the people throughout the two weeks and a great hunger for God's Word.

After the first baptism of 78 people, the paramount chief of the village indicated his desire to convert the SECC church into an Adventist church. He himself wants to have Bible studies and be baptised.

And, similarly, a Baptist church pastor who came for medical help and attended the meetings has requested Pastor Kemuel convert his congregation to an Adventist church. Conversations are continuing with both leaders.—*Dr Silent Tovosia with Kent Kingston*



Dr Silent Tovosia (with tie) stands with Pastor Zacchaeus (SECC) and his sons after their baptism.



Dr Tovosia treats a child with bakua, a fungal skin condition.

## Break out of church!

*Wahroonga, New South Wales*

It started in Nepal. It bounced to the US. And it pinged from one side of Australia to another like a pinball. What was it? Wayne Blakely's RECORD article "Abide with Me". How did it happen? An Aussie living in Nepal shared the article on Facebook. And within a few hours, a global discussion with more than 100 posts and counting was underway.

And it's not just Adventists who are joining the discussions. A partner in one of the top 10 law firms in the US posted on Facebook how much she loved a recent RECORD editorial. She's never been to an Adventist church, but she's enjoying an online

fellowship with our church. Ex-church members are also reconnecting with our community by reading RECORD articles shared on Facebook.

And why not? After all, the RECORD is full of great news stories about what remarkable Adventist Christians are doing all across our region and around the world, it has stimulating features, thought-provoking opinion pieces and candid discussions. And at its heart, it's all about uplifting our Lord and the message He's entrusted to us.

**RECORD:** *It's not just for people in the pews anymore!* Because now it



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## Baptizvah

James Standish

Have you ever been to a bar or bat mitzvah? It's the ceremony during which the Jewish community recognises that a boy or girl has come of age. I'd known generally what the ceremony involved before one of my close friends invited me to his son, Zak's, bar mitzvah at a Reformed synagogue in Maryland.

Walking into the synagogue was very similar to walking into church—even to the point of catching the eyes and exchanging smiles with friends scattered throughout the congregation. I sat down next to one of my buddies from law firm days, and the service began. The rabbi kindly began the service with a description of the preparation that had gone into the service, the aspects we would experience during the service and the meaning of each aspect.

As he described the preparation, it became clear that Zak's preparation for this day had been rigorous. It involved learning Hebrew, preparing a sermon, and studying the faith with an unusual depth for a boy on the cusp of turning 13. When Zak got up, he first read a fairly long section of the Bible in Hebrew. Then he gave a sermon on the prohibition of bearing false witness. It wasn't trite patter, but rather a deep and complex examination of Abraham's lie to Pharaoh about his wife, Sarah.

Before the service was over, Zak had publicly proclaimed his intent to follow his forefathers in the Jewish faith. The way that he said it—with such obvious pride and confidence—was inspiring. The boy was now a man—a Jewish man—who intended to be a strong, confident, proud member of the community, a Jewish man who was very publicly and lovingly embraced by his community.

That evening after sundown, his parents threw a party. It was a fabulously joyous and elaborate affair—something like the combination of a wedding reception and a 21st birthday party. There was no doubt that this was a day Zak would never, ever forget. A day rich in meaning and symbolism. A day that would anchor him in the faith and secure his identity. And a day of great love and joy. It was a day that was, from beginning to end, all about Zak committing himself to his faith community.

I've thought of that bar mitzvah often, and asked myself what we could learn from it. After all, it was ceremonies

like this that ensured Judaism survived 2000 years after the destruction of Jerusalem in often the most brutally hostile cultures. We shouldn't ignore what they have to teach us. I've particularly contrasted the bar mitzvah with the way we celebrate baptisms in our church, which tend to be sandwiched between preliminaries and the sermon. I think we can, and should, do much better.

I hope that should my own girls choose to be baptised, that their baptism will be the focal point of our church's worship service on the day—not just a prelude to the sermon. I hope that they will, like Zak, be invited to read Scripture to the church, and then deliver a sermon on their spiritual insights. I hope they will have an opportunity to affirm in their own words, in front of the entire congregation, what Jesus means to them and that they plan to remain in the faith all their life.

In short, I hope the entire community will focus everything they have on that day to let my children know just how important they are to the future of our faith. And then after sundown, I want to throw the biggest party they've ever had to celebrate their coming of age and their affirmation of faith.

And I don't just want it for my children. I want it for every person who takes the monumentally important, brave, joyous decision to give her or his life to Christ in baptism. No Adventist baptism should be a mediocre footnote in a foggy memory, when we as a community can ensure it is the biggest, most profound and memorable day in life. Baptism is a public act to reflect a private decision. Let's take a page from the book of the Jewish community and ensure our services and ceremony recognise the weight and import it deserves.

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## God's Mysterious Work

Neale Schofield

Since arriving at the Adventist Media Network, I've experienced so many things—big and small—that have unexpectedly contributed to our mission. Sure, some people might put all of these events, people and circumstances down to coincidence or luck—a little good fortune or a bit of a break. They may even attribute it all to good management, a professional team or adept leadership.

I know that's wrong.

We don't always understand how God works, but there is one thing I've learned: prayer works. That is why I begin every day seeking God's guidance and His blessing. I know how weak, how vulnerable, how completely helpless we are without Him. And that it is only through Him that anything of worth can be done.

Take for example the wonderful news we received recently. It involves an issue we've been laying before our Lord for months. And yet, when it came—it felt like it came in a flash. The Australian Government has officially recognised the cultural contribution Adventist Media Network makes to Australian society. This may seem like a small thing, but let me explain the process and ramifications of this, and I think you'll agree something remarkable has happened.

Yes, in some nations obtaining recognition from the government is a straight forward process. Not in Australia, where cultural trust status is highly prized. In fact, our petition for the status went all the way to the Prime Minister's office for approval. We have always had a dream that Adventist media would reach into every corner of society—including our highest echelons—but I never dreamed it would happen this way!

The recognition is also a very practical answer to prayer. You see, not only did the Australian Federal Government recognise the cultural contribution of AMN, it granted us the right to create the AMN Cultural Trust—a trust that can receive tax-free donations.

Once again, in some nations, nonprofit entities receiving tax-free donation status is routine. Not in Australia! I see this as yet one more remarkable answer to prayer.

So, today, if anyone wants to support Adventist Media—from Signs Magazine through to It is Written Oceania, from Hope Channel to the Discovery Centre and everything we do in between—for the first time in history they can make a tax-deductible donation to the AMN Cultural Trust.

For once, no matter our politics or nationality, I think we can all agree with the Australian Government's decision! Because, Adventist Media not only contributes to Australian culture, but it does so in the best and most important way. It produces media designed to inform, inspire and to uplift our culture. And that has to be the greatest contribution any creative arts organisation can make.

As some of you know, my time at Adventist Media hasn't all been smooth sailing. Just a few months ago, I had a major seizure and was involved in a serious car accident—and my car was totalled. There have been plenty of other challenges as well, including the grief of seeing my mother die from cancer last year. That is the story of everyone living in this sinful world—the Bible stories make that clear. As far as I'm concerned, Christ can't come soon enough!

But until He does, I will be on my knees, experiencing the embrace of our all-loving God. And every day until then, I'm privileged to see Him working all around me.

*Neale Schofield is chief executive officer of Adventist Media Network.*

## “And worship Him who made . . .”

Sometimes people ask, “What is distinctive about Seventh-day Adventists?” While we hold in common with other Protestants much of our understanding of the teaching of the Bible, there are some things that stand out as uniquely Seventh-day Adventist. For example, today it is rapidly becoming unique to Seventh-day Adventists that we honour God as Creator and Re-Creator. Although this may surprise us, it should not. After all, we are commissioned to proclaim as part of the first angels' message a call to “worship Him who made heaven and earth. . . .” What is more, as part of that proclamation we honour Him as Creator by honouring the memorial of His creative power and glory: the Sabbath.

Our faith and practice are grounded in the teachings of the Bible. The Bible clearly affirms God as Creator (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3; Psalms 95:1-7; Isaiah 40: 28-31). In fact, He is distinguished from other so-called gods, as the Creator God. The Bible clearly affirms that based on His power at work in the original creation, He is the re-creating God (John 3:16; Revelation 21:1-5). The power to recreate a life and a world is clearly contingent in Scripture on the power demonstrated in the original creation.

We diminish this distinguishing mark of Seventh-day Adventist theology and practice at our peril. At a time when it seems that secularist and nominal Christian alike are downplaying the creative power of God, Seventh-day Adventists are called to stand up and be counted. To be true to our mission and our special identity we do not have any other alternative but to worship Him who made and makes all things.



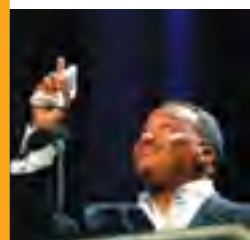
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**Health and hope**  
Church and political leaders officiated at the opening of the Adventist Church's fourth medical school at Babcock University in Nigeria. The other three are in the United States, Mexico and Argentina. Adventist neurosurgeon, Dr Ben Carson, attended the inauguration, at which the medical school was named in his honour. —ANN



**Guides Dump God**  
The Australian Girl Guides replaced the commitment in the Girl Guide promise to "do my duty to God" with the commitment to be "true to myself". The move was made to make the Guides, "more inclusive". However, excluding God is not seen as inclusive by many Australians.



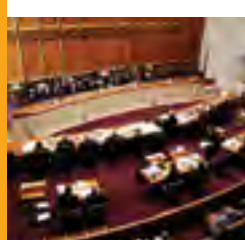
**Historic step**  
America's largest Protestant body elected its first African-American president during meetings at New Orleans last month. Reverend Fred Luter will now head up the 16 million strong and traditionally white Southern Baptist Convention, which was founded in 1845 after a split with northern Baptists over the issue of slavery. —Mercury News



**Glittering prize**  
Crystal Cathedral, Southern California, will soon be a Roman Catholic place of worship. The landmark mega-church building was completed in 1981 under the direction of televangelist Robert Schuller. Due to falling attendance and financial difficulties, the congregation was forced to sell. The Vatican has approved renaming the building "Christ Cathedral". —OC Register



**Movies with meaning**  
Queensland-based media ministry, Heritage HM, has successfully negotiated a deal that will see faith-based films screening in mainstream theatres. Since July 8, Hoyts cinemas in Australian capital cities have devoted two Sunday sessions to Christian movies, including a Billy Graham biopic and a New Zealand comedy/drama called *Holy Roller*. —www.faithonfilm.com.au



**Church and state**  
After months of deliberations, the High Court has ruled that, although there are no breaches of religious freedom involved in the Australian Government's National School Chaplaincy Program, the government erred in not processing the funding arrangement through parliament. The government is exploring new funding models so the chaplaincy program can continue. —ABC

## Combined churches celebrate independence

Preston, Victoria

Melbourne's Samoan Adventist churches gathered at the Preston Shire Hall on June 10 for a thanksgiving service celebrating the 50th anniversary of Samoa's independence.

Members of the local Samoan community joined in celebrating the anniversary, which highlighted God's love and guidance upon Samoa and her people, and remembered the sacrifices made during the peaceful protest that cost the lives of members of the Mau (Voice) Movement under the rule of New Zealand at the time.

Six choirs participated in the service singing gospel hymns. Leaders from each Samoan Adventist church took part in the service by encouraging the attendees to be faithful to God in service to others. Themes shared on the night were love, faith, compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Pastor Eddie Vaafusuaga Erika, the main speaker, summarised all the themes shared by the head elders. He quoted the words uttered by Mau Movement leader Tupua Tamasese Lealofi III in his dying moments during the

protest, "My blood has been spilt for Samoa. I am proud to give it. Do not dream of avenging it, as it was spilt in peace. If I die, peace must be maintained at any price." Pastor Erika linked this to the price Jesus paid to free humanity from sin.

The service provided an opportunity for the local Samoan community and church family to share stories from the past and reflect on how far they have come through the grace of God. —Anthony Sofo



Samoan church elders at the thanksgiving service.

## Adventists committed to cleaning up Fiji

Suva, Fiji

Seventh-day Adventist young people are heeding the government's call for a cleaner Fiji. Hundreds gathered to pick up rubbish around the capital city on June 3. The clean-up lasted from early morning until midday as participants made their way through Suva City to Albert Park.

The initiative was part of the Adventist Church's "Clean Suva—Clean Fiji" community project, which will see church members and youth spend the last day of every month for the next four years cleaning up areas designated to them. The project is a direct response to Suva City Council's "Keep Suva Clean" campaign that took place earlier in the year.

Suva City evangelism committee chairman Malakai Niulevu, aware of the Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath, was happy to see the youth making the most of their Sundays. "While some youths would see it as their free day, others are willing to spend it working," he said. —Fiji Times/RECORD staff



## 380 attend Bible boot camp

Cooranbong, New South Wales

North NSW Conference, ARISE and Avondale Memorial church worked together to host 380 participants in a two-week, Spirit-filled training program, known as Bible Boot Camp (BBC).

This practical instruction on how to share Scripture in a compelling and God-centred way was an inspiration to the hundreds of people who attended nightly.

"The purpose of BBC is to give our members the necessary instruction and inspiration to feel more confident sharing their faith," said Matthew Parra, director of evangelism for North NSW Conference. "It's important for the participants because it helps them to enter into the joy of the Lord, the joy of winning souls."

This was, in fact, the second Australian Bible Boot Camp. The first was held at Kingscliff church, NSW, in 2011 where 250 people were instructed on how to share Christ and the truths that communicate who He is. The instructors this year were Ty Gibson, Jeffrey Rosario, David Asscherick and Matt Parra. —RECORD staff/Matt Parra



Matt Parra was one of the presenters at the Bible Boot Camp.

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## Bibles delivered on 4000km trek

Wiluna, Western Australia

Three men have embarked on a 4000 kilometre trip to distribute Bibles to remote desert communities in far east-central Western Australia and across the border into South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Glen Cooke, an Indigenous man from the Warburton (WA) area, Brenton Lowe, a literature evangelist unit leader from Perth, and Pastor Keith Godfrey, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM) director for the Western Australian Conference, set off on April 24.

They took with them a trailer filled with new CEV Easy to Read Family Bibles especially designed and printed for Indigenous people by the Bible Society in collaboration with ATSIM.

They also took free literature, posters and DVDs.

The cost of the trip was sponsored by Rossmoyne church, the Bible Society, the Australian Union Conference and WA Conference.

Clinton Farmer donated the use of his business vehicle as back-up support. Glen Cooke, a non-Adventist, volunteered his time to be the guide.

The purpose of the trip was to give friendship and spiritual support and to build bridges between the Adventist Church and these remote communities.

More than 100 Bibles and Jesus posters were sold and hundreds of other items were distributed. The team also had an opportunity to take worships in some homes along the way and give Bible studies with leaders from other denominations.

The trailer, which broke down three times, became a way for God to guide the tour. After one breakdown, two passers-by sat for a Bible study on the roadside. The chairperson of the township of Wingelina (NT) welded the trailer back together for the cost of two Bibles and some Jesus posters. —NewsWest/Keith Godfrey



Recipients of the Family Bibles.



## Experts give vegetarian diet tick of approval

by Jarrod Stackelroth



An Australian-first scientific research review published in last month's *Medical Journal of Australia*, has dispelled a number of commonly held notions about vegetarian diets.

The 40-page review aims to provide up-to-date evidence and practical advice to general practitioners and dietitians/nutritionists across Australia on how vegetarian diets can provide adequate amounts of important nutrients such as protein, iron, zinc, omega-3 and vitamin B12.

Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing and Adventist Health sponsored the papers. The authors include three dietitians/nutritionists from Sanitarium (Angela Saunders, Michelle Reid and Melinda Ramsay) and three from Sydney Adventist Hospital (Carol Zeuschner, Dr Jenny Posen and Dr Bevan Hokin). Dr Winston Craig from Andrews University (US) and Sue Radd, dietitian/nutritionist and presenter on *InFocus*, were also involved.

Sanitarium organised a media event to launch the journal, attended by *Medical Journal of Australia* editor, Dr Ruth Armstrong. The event was hosted by Dr Darren Morton from Avondale College and included a vegetarian luncheon, a panel discussion and a cooking demonstration by Maddison Fox, dietitian/nutritionist from Sanctuary Sanitarium.

Respected dietitian/nutritionist, Dr Rosemary Stanton, who wrote an accompanying editorial to the research papers, also presented at the event. She said scientific evidence showed a well-planned, plant-based diet could meet the nutritional needs of adults and children while reducing the risk of health problems such as cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, hypertension and obesity.

The review puts to rest the widespread assumption that a vegetarian diet is likely to lack protein and iron, and that it's not suitable for pregnant women or children.

"The average Aussie eats significantly more protein than is required by the body. A plant-based diet easily supplies the body's needs and meets daily requirements," Dr Stanton said.

The review reveals that iron needs can be easily met by a plant-based diet. Vegetarians who follow a balanced diet are not at any greater risk of iron deficiency anaemia than those on an omnivorous diet.

Dr Stanton said there were no significant health differences in babies born to vegetarian mums, and plant-based diets could offer many advantages to pregnant women including a reduced risk of excess weight gain. When meals are planned well, there is no notable difference in the growth of vegetarian children compared to children consuming meat-based diets.

"Eating more plant-based meals is a good recipe for our own health and that of the planet. Diets dominated by wholegrains, legumes, nuts, seeds, fruits and vegetables are almost certainly the way of the future," Dr Stanton said.

Three of the authors, Dr Kate Marsh, Carol Zeuschner and Angela Saunders, also had another article, "Health Implications of a Vegetarian Diet: A Review", published in hard copy in the May-June edition of the *American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine*.

Jarrod Stackelroth is assistant editor of RECORD.



## OPENING HIS WORD

Gary Webster

### The experience of Bible study

Tough times can threaten the very core of our faith. How do you hold to God when difficulties seem to be piled as high as mountains?

#### 1. Understand the Bible's perspective on tough times:

- Every one of God's children encounters trials and problems.
- God still loves us no matter what the situation or its cause.
- God will never abandon us, but will get us through, bringing good out of such times.
- God allows trials to help us grow into His likeness as we lean on Him.
- God sometimes allows trials to bring us back to Him.
- God uses our trials to bring others to Him.

**Read** 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 11:36-38; Hebrews 12:2,3; Romans 8:35,38,39; Romans 8:28; Philemon 3:10; Daniel 3:24,25; Hebrews 13:5,6; Romans 8:28,29; Hebrews 2:10; Hebrews 5:8; Hebrews 12:5-7; 2 Corinthians 12:8-10; 1 Peter 1:6,7; 2 Chronicles 33:9-13; Daniel 2:3,6; Philemon 1:14.

#### 2. Pray

This is not a cliché. Great people survived tough times through prayer. **Read** 2 Chronicles 20:1-29; Daniel 2:13-19; Esther 4:7-17; Luke 22:40-44; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

#### 3. Contemplate Christ's death

**Read** Hebrews 12:1-4.

#### 4. Seek support from other Christians

**Read** 2 Corinthians 1:4; Galatians 6:2.

#### 5. Claim God's promises to be with us and to see us through

**Read** 1 Corinthians 10:13; Isaiah 43:1,2.

*Pastor Gary Webster is director of the Institute of Public Evangelism.*



## OPINION

Maryellen Fairfax

### Teenagers and religion

The world today is filled with more distractions than ever before. The media and technology are the main things influencing nearly all teenagers, providing fast impact entertainment and social connectedness. How can the Church compete with this?

As a result of messages in the media, teenagers believe that they are not 'good enough' and that their happiness depends upon the latest phone, a perfect body and lots of money. This, as well as the shallow connection teenagers experience through social media (one where real human communication is often neglected), is creating a world in which teenagers find themselves 'lost'.

I believe that the Church has an important role in making a difference for young people. It's important to reach out to teenagers and give them a sense of belonging.

How do you make a church environment one where teenagers will want to spend time learning about God? Well, begin with establishing these following four things in your church:

- 1) Personal attention**—The fear of not being accepted is heightened in the teenage years, often causing low self-esteem. It's important that youth leaders, pastors and other role models give personal attention and genuinely befriend young people.
- 2) In-depth Bible study**—Often studies of the Bible only 'skim the surface', discussing social issues that are not of great significance. Such an approach to the Bible underestimates teenagers' intelligence. Teenagers need in-depth Bible study; something they can sink their teeth into to discover who God really is, and His purpose for their lives.
- 3) 'Today' focused worship**—Face it, no teenager wants to sing hymns with words like 'thy', 'thou' and 'thine'. Nevertheless, most teenagers don't want to attend a rock concert every Sabbath either. A balanced music choice is very important—if teenagers like the music, they will come back.
- 4) Fun—Church should be a fun environment where teens can enjoy themselves.** No teen is going to come back to a boring church! Whether it is weekend socials, a game, outreach opportunities or a funny story, it's important to engage teenagers in something they will remember and enjoy.

*Maryellen Fairfax is a Year 10 student who did work experience at RECORD.*

## OPINION POLL

What is the ideal age of baptism for those who have grown up in the Church?

7-10  
 11-13  
 14-17  
 18+

*Opinion? Comment? Send a letter to <editor@record.net.au>.*



## R HEALTH FEATURE

with Cathy McDonald

### Winter warming activities

Winter is a great time to indulge in different activities that take advantage of the season, such as skiing, rugby, soccer or netball. Staying active during winter can help prevent the weight gain many people experience when the cold weather sets in and warmer weather activities stop.

If you're not an outdoor person, especially when it's cold, try doing some indoor activities like hiring an aerobics or zumba DVD from the video store or library and have some fun in the lounge with your kids or a friend. You could also try lifting hand weights or stationary cycling with an exercise bike. Squash is a great indoor activity for winter or all year round as you get a great cardiovascular workout while having lots of fun.

If you are a regular walker in summer, but find it too cold, wet or dark in winter, try moving your workout to an indoor shopping centre. Some large centres have quite a large floor area that allows you to get your step count up for the day.

If you do enjoy rugging up and facing the cold, why not try something new this winter? Team sports like rugby, netball, soccer and basketball are great exercise, a good social outlet, and having others to exercise with boosts motivation. Or for some really wintery fun, why not head to the snow fields for some skiing or snowboarding?



### Pumpkin, chickpea and spinach satay

Preparation time: 25 minutes

Cooking time: 25 minutes Serves: 4

**FAST FACT:** Chickpeas are high in soluble fibre which can help in maintaining healthy blood sugar and cholesterol levels.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 teaspoons peanut oil</li> <li>1 onion, chopped</li> <li>2 garlic cloves, crushed</li> <li>2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger</li> <li>1 long red chilli, seeds and membrane removed, finely chopped (optional)</li> <li>700g pumpkin, peeled, chopped into 2-3cm chunks</li> <li>½ cup vegetable stock</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x 165ml can reduced-fat coconut milk</li> <li>2 cups cauliflower florets</li> <li>½ cup crunchy peanut butter</li> <li>1 tablespoon soy sauce</li> <li>2 teaspoons brown sugar</li> <li>1 x 400g can chickpeas, rinsed and drained</li> <li>¼ cup chopped coriander</li> <li>60g baby spinach leaves</li> <li>Boiled rice, to serve</li> </ul> |
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- Heat oil in a large saucepan and cook onion for 4-5 minutes until soft. Add garlic, ginger and chilli and cook for 1 minute, stirring to combine. Add pumpkin and stir to combine.
- Pour in coconut milk and stock, bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 8-10 minutes until pumpkin is just cooked.
- Add cauliflower, cover and cook for 3-4 minutes until cauliflower is tender. Add peanut butter, soy sauce, sugar and chickpeas, stir to combine and heat through. Stir in coriander and spinach leaves.
- Serve satay with rice.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE:** 1635 kilojoules (390 Calories); Protein 18g; Fat 23g; Carbohydrate 30g; Sodium 921mg; Potassium 1235mg; Calcium 112mg; Iron 3.6mg; Fibre 12g.

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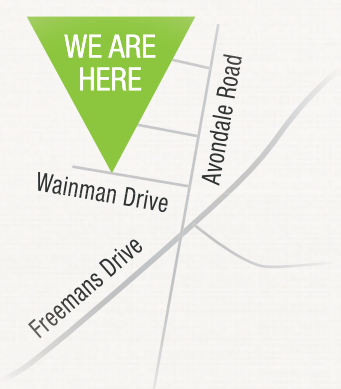


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**Prostate danger**

Blokes, it's your day today. Partners read on, for he needs lots of pushing on this topic.

We're talking about that little organ called the prostate. It's a great thing in younger life: the size of a walnut that sits under the bladder, it produces seminal fluid, a vital ingredient that transports sperm.

From around 14 to 50 it behaves itself but then it starts to go crazy. It can get bigger, reducing bladder capacity and squeezing the urethra. This is called BPH, short for benign prostatic hypertrophy. Apart from requiring several nocturnal toilet visits, poor pressure when urinating and an after dribble, there's nothing much to worry about. Or is there? With age, the risk of cancer rises abruptly. Some grow rapidly, spreading quickly, while others grow very slowly.

Prostate cancer kills more guys than breast cancer kills women. As soon as symptoms occur, see your doctor. A PSA blood test will be ordered. Normal results measure between one and three. Above this indicates cells are rapidly growing. Most are non-cancerous, but a check by the doctor is needed. If the surface feels rough, an ultrasound is ordered and this will indicate whether prostate cell nests are occurring. A needle biopsy gives an accurate answer. Options vary depending on what kind of cells are identified.

An aggressive prostate cancer that's out of control can kill within six months, and it's horribly painful. Don't delay.

*Unwell? Go to <docwright.com.au>. Enter symptom and click for immediate help. If symptoms continue, see your doctor.*

**MY MINISTRY IDEA**

One Sabbath a month, Sydney Adventist College (SAC) senior students and teachers serve the Redfern community in Sydney, NSW, through a lunch and activity program.

The ministry involves conducting God-based activities with the children and young people who attend, preparing lunch for a number of local adults and children who would not otherwise have a nutritious meal, making new friends and participating in a casual worship service.

Many of the people who benefit from this ministry have experienced very difficult situations in their lives and in some cases are still battling issues like addictions, family violence and discrimination.

In Matthew 25:35 Jesus says, "I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me a drink . . ." We seek to follow the example of Jesus by ministering to the physical needs of individuals before attempting to meet their spiritual needs.

To ease the suffering of others is a goal of all religions and at SAC we have decided that we want to be a part of the solution, beginning with this ministry in Redfern. —John Jackson



**Digital thunder**

by Jared Madden

I WAS SURFING IN THE LATE AFTERNOON SUN AT Avoca beach, when I noticed a storm to the south. Maybe I should have surfed into shore immediately, but I love storms. They showcase the real power of nature and the Creator. And this storm was a majestic sight—a massive line of dark angry clouds swallowing the sky.

I sat enthralled on my board behind the breakers as the storm advanced over the headland. I was sitting in the literal calm before the storm, content to watch the show as it unfurled.

That was until the ear-splitting explosion of lightning struck the water close to me; so close my hair stood on end. Awestruck and shocked I just sat, watching the sea bubble, boil and glow translucent green. Then another bolt hit the water nearby. I snapped out of my daze and sprang into action, paddling frantically for the safety of the shoreline.

I'm still thankful God protected me against the full force of nature that day. But nature is not the only provider of storms in my life. You see, I'm plugged into a 24/7 storm that I can't seem to get away from. There are messages and media constantly vying for my attention. Emails pour in day and night, Facebook updates silently accumulate, phone calls from anywhere and everywhere, tweets, videos, news and advertising all grabbing my attention and whittling away my personal space. And it's not just me.

We are now at a point where 'digital overload' is impacting our health and relationships. Families sit together in rooms, with each one absorbed in their own screen. Teenagers sit around tables, texting rather than talking. While the beauty of life passes outside our front door, we are engrossed in the unending stream of apps, games and infotainment. We are living in a digital trance.

What we need is a "digital sabbatical". I first heard this term in 2002 just before the social media revolution hit the world. Since then the digital sabbatical movement has been gaining more and more popularity.

A digital sabbatical is a day a week during which

people step away from technology and connect with each other.

US writer and life coach, Andrea Scher, writes in her Superhero Journal blog, "The traditional Sabbath is about setting down work, machines, cars, phones, etc, from sundown Friday night to sunset on Saturday night. It is a time and space that is carved out for family, for connection, for nature. It is a sacred space for stillness, for contemplation, for creativity. It's a pause in the week and a powerful ritual. The modern version of this ritual is in the form of a digital sabbath. It is a space we create consciously, where we step away from our screens and our gadgetry."

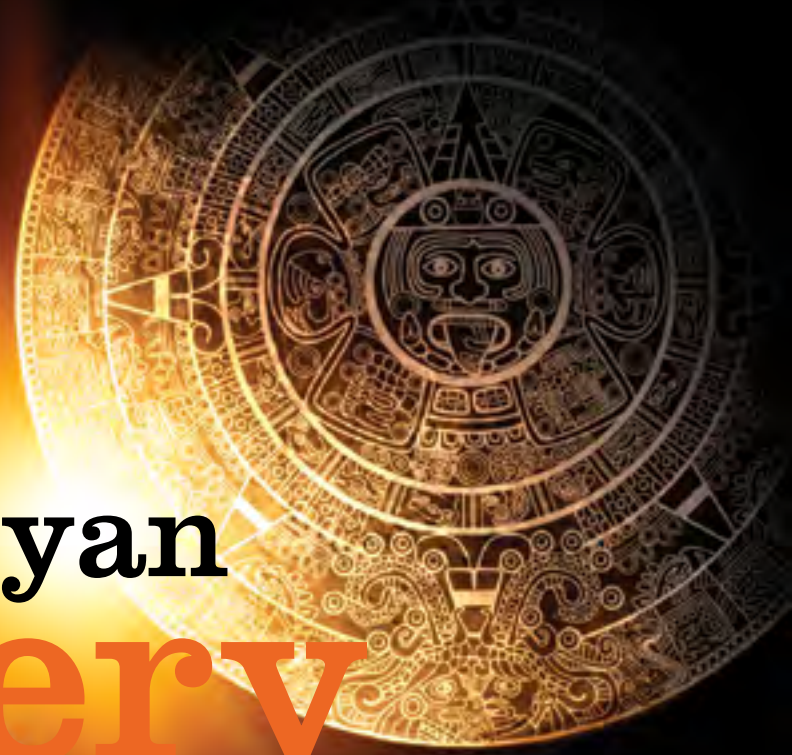
It seems that the world has found an answer to digital overload and ironically it's been sitting in our backyard for generations. The Sabbath is providing real and practical solutions to people who have never even picked up a Bible! Andrea Scher continues, "Whenever I hear the words 'digital sabbath' my ears perk up. Yes! Carving out a space like that, a sanctuary of time that is about connection, real connection—to self, to nature, to each other—makes every cell in me say yes."

Even though I have had the gift of the Sabbath my whole life, I struggle in the storm of constant digital connection. I wonder if I'm the only Adventist who finds it hard to put down those addictive screens—even on Sabbath?

Has the world stolen our thunder by providing a solution back to me that I had the whole time—a Sabbath, a digital Sabbath, or more precisely, a digital-free Sabbath?

Maybe it's time that we abandon our digital gadgets on Sabbath and reconnect with each other; maybe it's time to recognise that our real friends aren't on glowing screens—they are the real people in our homes, our neighbourhoods and our churches; maybe it's time for every Sabbath to become a digital sabbatical. Every cell in my body says "YES!"

*Jared Madden is director of HopeChannel in the South Pacific Division.*



# 2012: Mayan mystery

by Gary Kent

IT MAY SEEM ODD, BUT I STARTED 2012 DREAMING about Mexico. Mexico? Why on earth would any Aussie or Kiwi be dreaming of Mexico at that time of year?

After all, Mexico is experiencing almost unimaginable levels of drug gang violence, is one of the most corrupt nations on earth and is teetering on the edge of the financial abyss. It isn't the kind of place that would seem to be much of a draw to anyone living in a relatively prosperous, secure and stable nation.

And yet I'm not the only one in our region who began the year thinking about all things Mexican. This is because we've finally reached 2012—a year shrouded in mystery and foreboding for many people around the world. And that mystery derives from a Mayan calendar found in southern Mexico.

Who were the Mayans, and why are they the centre of so many western mystics, seekers and new agers?

The Mayans developed a highly complex culture, with elements of enormous sophistication. They invented a complex writing system that some liken to hieroglyphics but which has an element of phonics; they built enormously impressive stepped pyramids; their cities were large and diversified; they were the first to develop chocolate as a food (a mixed blessing!); they developed complex sports; their mathematics were advanced; but in 2012 they are best remembered for their sophisticated astronomy. We'll come back to that shortly.

First, it's worth noting that the Mayan culture was not all about civilised conduct and scientific advancement. The Mayans did not use wheels to transport people or goods, for example. Imagine building towering stone structures without carts, wheelbarrows or pulleys! And yet they did make little children's toys with wheels. It's a mystery why they didn't transfer their wheel technology

from toys to work.

It was in the field of religion that the most repulsive aspect of ancient Mayan culture was practised. In what must have been scenes of almost unimaginable horror and suffering, Mayan religious leaders ritually held the arms and legs of those unfortunate enough to be selected as human sacrifices, and plunged a knife deep into their chests. As the screaming victim writhed in almost uncontrollable agony, the Mayan priest gripped his beating heart and ripped it from his chest cavity and presented it as an offering to their grotesque concept of gods.

How glad I am for a loving Saviour who died for me, rather than a vengeful concept of false gods who require me to suffer sadistic torture at the hands of cruel men! And yet here we are today and some actually adore the Mayan depraved distortion of religion, and reject our loving Saviour. What a remarkably strange world we live in.

As noted earlier, while all these aspects of Mayan culture are interesting, it's the Mayan fascination with astronomy that continues to enthral many.

Though it is not certain, there is evidence that Mayans were the first culture on earth to discover that the Orion Nebula is not a singular solid mass. They built relatively advanced observatories. And they created calendars. Complex, intricate calendars. All remarkable achievements. And it is their long calendar that has the mystics murmuring.

The Mayan Long Count Calendar is built around base 20 counting. I won't go into the intricacies, but one of the periods involved (called a bak'tun) probably concludes in less than six months, on December 21, 2012.

If that isn't an auspicious number, what is—21/12/12! (or, as Americans express the date, 12/21/12). Of course, it's only remarkable in our western Gregorian calendar—as the Mayan calendar had 18 months a year, not 12. So, using the Mayan calendar system there is no special numeric alignment of 1s and 2s. But why let that get in the way of hype?

Our astrological industry is in overdrive over 2012. Some are claiming December 21 is when the Earth will collide with the Sun in a cataclysm for the ages. Others claim it will be the beginning of a mystical new age of cosmic convergence. Others suggest that if you stop by and lay down your hard-earned money for insights into life after 21/12/12, you will be able to stare deeply into the future of this world, and the world to be . . .

But who would fall for all this mumbo jumbo? Certainly not sophisticated, well-educated people today. Not us!

Not us? Have you looked in the back of the newspaper or popular magazines lately? It's astounding how many

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advertisements there are for psychics, astrologers, seers and mediums. You can rest assured there's plenty of money in this wicked business—even in modern western nations. Maybe, most particularly, in modern western nations.

Our pseudo-intellectual chattering class told us that the destruction of Christianity would result in an age of reason. Instead, the systematic destruction of Christian faith in our media and public institutions has not resulted in an era of rational enlightenment. Quite the opposite. When knowledge of the true God is lost, society is wide open for the most preposterous counterfeits. And our society has fallen hook, line and sinker for age-old occultist practices.

Fortunately, you and I have the Bible. There are many passages that warn us away from the pernicious nonsense that is deceiving our culture. I think my favourite is found in Isaiah 8:19:

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?"

So why was I thinking about Mexico at the beginning of this year? Is it because I've been duped into placing credence in an ancient calendar? No! It's because I know how effective these kinds of deceptions can be for modern people. I've seen it time and time again when I've led evangelistic efforts. Our cities are teeming with genuine people derailed by spiritualism and astrological mysticism. These are people who are seeking something spiritually fulfilling, but are searching in the wrong place. I think of those hundreds of thousands—probably millions—and my heart breaks.

But thanks to the Lord, we don't have to sit by exasperated and powerless. We have a way to get the other side of the story out. A way to bust the myths and preach the truth. God has given us a voice and the means to get the truth out.

That is why earlier this year we went to Mexico and filmed programs that expose the fallacies underpinning the 2012 myth, and explore God's truth found in His inerrant Word. The programs are going to pique people's interest at just the right time, they will scratch people precisely where they itch, and for some, they will be the first step on their journey to find the Redeemer.

The devil set out to use this year for his purposes. But God has a plan for 2012 that is far greater. Each one of us has the opportunity to do our part to reach out to our society in 2012.

*Pastor Gary Kent is speaker/director for It Is Written Oceania. He is indebted to online sources, including Wikipedia, for information in the piece.*



# Investing for the future

RECORD recently sat down with Kevin Jackson, director of the Health Food Department of the South Pacific Division, to discuss the future direction of health food in markets increasingly dominated by multinational corporations.

**RECORD:** How have the operations you lead been able to survive and thrive in the intensely competitive market they operate in?

**Jackson:** Our fortunes have always depended on God's blessings and the willingness to adapt as the market changes. Today, we are one of the few locally-owned companies in New Zealand and Australia that have managed to not only remain competitive, but to grow our market share against the huge multinationals that compete against us. But we can't rest on our past success. Our future depends on our willingness to innovate and invest. Today, we're working on innovations in technology, foods and community services that will not only bring health benefits but will proactively assist in the management and reversal of disease.

**RECORD:** I've heard about food that can prevent illness, but what do you mean by foods that treat illness?

**Jackson:** We are currently seeing a massive convergence happen between food, pharmaceuticals and health. This trend is partly driven by the growth of lifestyle diseases in society, like obesity, diabetes and heart disease. Our competitors such as Nestlé have already identified this trend and are rapidly investing in medical and functional foods. That is, foods that are specifically designed to treat and reverse these lifestyle diseases. This is a natural space for us to move into as we can use our extensive knowledge of the goodness of plant-based diets and nature's superfoods.

**RECORD:** The entities you lead have made significant investments in technology companies—what do these have to do with food?

**Jackson:** Our entities have a proud history of being innovation leaders with world-first products. Over the next 10 years we will launch to market a range of new plant-

derived products that stay true to our core philosophy and also confer very tangible health benefits and outcomes.

To move into this arena we have formed a number of alliances and partnerships with leading academics and universities around the world, and over the past few years made significant strategic investments in organisations with cutting-edge technologies in a variety of fields. These investments will allow us to stay competitive, have unique products for our Australian and New Zealand markets, and move more rapidly into the emerging market of medicinal foods. We will utilise technology that we have internally developed and patented ourselves while joining it with new technologies. Already these investments are starting to reap exciting results with potential food products and also some new pharmaceutical-based products likely to be taken to market in the foreseeable future.

**RECORD:** Isn't this risky?

**Jackson:** The most risky thing we can do is do nothing—as multinational firms move in and as the industry structures change, many locally-owned brands are being forced to exit the market. Of course, as with all new products and investments, some will create substantial returns and some will not. We have made a number of strategic investments, and some offer more promise than others, some are at an early phase of development, others are more mature. Overall, we are very pleased with the aggregated performance of our investments.

Industry statistics tell us that 80 per cent of new food products launched fail within the first three years. But that didn't stop us creating innovative new products that are now market leaders. Thankfully we have a far better rate of success than the overall industry. We have always taken the stance that it's necessary to make a variety of investments in new products, new techniques and new technology, even if we know that some of the commercial results will not do as well as others. We carefully analyse our options before implementing our strategies. I can give you examples where we've got it wrong over the years, but fortunately there are plenty of examples where we have got it right. And, overall, the growth of our operations over the past two decades is testament to the wisdom of our approach.

It's also very helpful that we have, throughout our history, maintained a very conservative financial posture—we have a very low debt compared to our assets. This gives us room to operate without being afraid that any one wrong move will endanger the operations. Our strong financial

position, combined with our innovative strategies and willingness to take decisive steps to remain competitive, have resulted in strong growth and financial stability. And I expect that growth will continue. We have a clearly defined innovation path to ensure it does.

**RECORD:** Who oversees the strategy and strategic investments?

**Jackson:** All of our strategic decisions, including strategic investments, are made by the relevant boards of directors, with their representatives chosen from church and lay representatives. It's a deliberate process that requires significant analysis, and at times, substantial discussion. I'm

not going to pretend this isn't complicated stuff. It is. But it's also absolutely necessary. I can give you many New Zealand and Australian brands that haven't survived globalisation. We have not only survived, but we are growing in this intensely competitive world. And for that, I am deeply grateful for the blessing of God and the collective wisdom and insight of our boards of directors.

**RECORD:** What do you see in the near future?

**Jackson:** We are at an exciting phase of development and I believe some of our new, innovative products will be sold globally. In fact, we are already in active discussions with multinational companies who have approached us for the licence rights to these products outside of Australia and New Zealand.

**RECORD:** You've piqued our interest—can you give us a description of exactly what the new products will look like?

**Jackson (laughing):** No I can't! We are in a competitive marketplace; you know I can't spill the beans on our new products before they launch! You'll hear about them soon enough, and when you do, I am sure you are going to be as excited as our board and our management team is.

But seriously, with all the complexity and the quickly changing world we're dealing with, the most important factor in our success is never changing. I am always thankful God continues to bless our organisation and we see evidence of His leading in our business on a daily basis. Against the odds, we're still here and I am confident He will continue to lead and bless us as we commit our plans to Him.



## RECORD REWIND

Arthur Patrick

### When San nurses gave their lives

We refer to Christians who died for their faith as martyrs, literally "witnesses". I am deeply impressed by San nurses who, engaging with a multitude of cultures, demonstrated their faith by lives of loving service. I am even more fascinated by those whose commitment to service cost them their lives, like Norman Wiles.

After studying at the Australasian Missionary College, Norman and Alma Wiles married in 1914 and hurried to the Wairoonga San—to acquire some basic knowledge of tropical diseases and their treatment.

Posted to the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu), they were alone as Europeans amongst thousands of people divided into independent tribes speaking a variety of languages. By 1920, the Wiles' task was to develop a new mission station on the west coast of the island of Malekula. When fighting broke out among the Nambus tribes, Norman brokered an end to the conflict.

Norman arrived home on April 28, exhausted, and told Alma he had blackwater fever, a virulent form of malaria. Alma's diary for the next few days tells a harrowing story simply, disarmingly, yet with intense pathos.

By Wednesday, May 5, 1920, Norman was dead. "Now it seemed that my wall of protection was torn from me, and I was open to everything with none to help me bear," Alma wrote.

A new shirt made do for a shroud. Surrounded by people she could barely communicate with, Alma buried her husband. With a few belongings, she set out on a journey by boat, on foot and by canoe for the island of Atchin and the comforting support of European missionaries.

Against her will, Alma Wiles was dissuaded from further service in the New Hebrides. After additional nurse training she "gave her life in service in Nigeria and New Guinea", dying at Loma Linda, California, in 1980, at 86 years of age.

\* Martin Johnson was one of the first to make films of wild animals in Africa. He was killed in a plane crash. He made a film about his time among the Big Nambus tribe, called *Among the Cannibal Isles of the South Seas* (1918).

Dr Arthur Patrick is an honorary senior research fellow at Avondale College of Higher Education.



Norman and Alma Wiles and the Big Nambus tribesmen. This photo was taken by Hollywood photographer Martin Johnson, who visited the New Hebrides about 1917.\*

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**Kids' Space** **HI KIDS!**

HANNAH AND ELIZABETH WERE OFF ON THEIR TRIP TO THE TRINACRACLE BY SHILOH.

HANNAH WENT TO THE TRINACRACLE TO PRAY FOR SOMETHING SHE WANTED BADLY. IN HER PRAYER SHE PROMISED GOD THAT IF HE WOULD GIVE IT TO HER SHE WOULD GIVE IT BACK TO GOD AND THE OLD PRIEST ELI GAVE HER WHAT SHE PRAYED FOR.

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT HANNAH PRAYED FOR?**

Guessing much of the bubbles below is correct.

**FIND A WORD**

CHILDREN  
ELIZABETH  
PRIEST  
SON  
HANNAH  
BABY  
PRAY  
SHILOH  
SAD  
TRINACRACLE

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### Gladys turns 90

Gladys Hampton, a member of Deloraine church (Tas), recently celebrated her 90th birthday. A special Sabbath luncheon was held to honour Gladys, who loves a festive occasion, still enjoys good health and attends Sabbath School and church every week.—*Cedric Trower/Tasda*



### Equestrian excellence

Avondale Adventist School student Tahlia Ellam won Primary Reserve Champion in preliminary dressage at the Hunter Valley Grammar School Equestrian championships (NSW) in April. She also received a first and third in show jumping. Avondale was also represented at the Hawkesbury Show, where Naomi Murray and her horse Ridgeview Maximus finished first in their class in the junior 1.05 metre show jumping.—*Susan Rogers*



### Girls shine

Forty-two girls attended an AUC Women's Ministries 'Shine' conference at Livingston church (WA) in May. The conference, aimed at 12 to 17-year-old girls, was organised by Sharon Witt from *Teen Talk*. Topics such as 'Body Perfect' and 'Cyber Girl' were covered from a biblical perspective. The girls also had fun decorating journals and sharing experiences.—*Christine White/NewsWest*



### Voice-activated shoelaces

Eight primary students from Nunawading Christian College were recently invited to attend a workshop run by the Design Foundation at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre (Vic). The aim of the program was to encourage children to improve the world through design. Grade 3 student Nicholas Bowman spoke in front of 1000 people about developing 'voice-activated automatic shoelaces' to help kids who cannot tie their own.—*Peter Michalski/IntraVic*



### Anniversary celebration

Para Vista church celebrated its 25th anniversary on June 23. The special Sabbath program included a fellowship lunch, where an anniversary cake was cut by long-time members Marlene and Colin Clarke. An afternoon program of praise by Pastors George Hirst, Will Grobler, Jim Zyderveld and David McKibben completed the day.—*Christine Cassells*



### Healthy food discovery

Esperance Christian Primary School kindergarten and pre-primary students were placed runner-up in a healthy foods competition run by Goldfields Population Health in WA. Photographs of artistically presented fruits and vegetables impressed judges, and the students came away with a prize package that included everything needed to start a vegetable garden.—*NewsWest*



### Mighty Marmite moment

A formal dinner and auction were held at Gold Coast Central church auditorium (Qld) on June 16 to raise funds for the new Pathfinder club. A five-course meal was served, followed by an auction. Pastor Sean Berkley raised \$125 from a single 250g jar of Marmite. A total of \$6270 was raised, which will help children from struggling families to attend an upcoming camp.—*Faye Garrick*



### Sweet poison

A display by two Avondale Library staff members has encouraged others to remove sugar from their diet. Lynette Frazer and Sharon Kenealy's 'Sweet Poison' display illustrated the sugar content of processed foods. Lynette has lost 13 kg in seven months and Sharon is now free of headaches after cutting back on sugar. Inspiration came from David Gillespie's book of the same name.—*Brenton Stacey/Lagani Gairo*



### Where it all began . . .

A Heritage Day was held at North Fitzroy church in May to celebrate the establishment of the Adventist Church in Australia. The program included a service, lunch, re-enactments, and horse and carriage rides. Scenes were re-enacted in front of buildings such as the Echo Publishing building, the health food agency and the house in which Ellen White stayed.—*Phyona McMahon/IntraVic*

## APPRECIATION

Sibilla Johnson and the family of the late Arthur Allan Johnson would like to say a sincere and personal thank you to their friends and acquaintances for their support during the time of Arthur's illness and passing, as well as for the flowers, cards and messages. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. We look forward to resurrection day.

## OBITUARIES

**Griffiths**, Amanda Michelle (nee Zahmel), born 17.12.1976 in Mackay, Qld; died 27.1.12 from cancer. She married Mark Griffiths in 2006 at College Park church, Adelaide, SA. She is survived by her husband (Mildura); her stepdaughters, Sarah and Emily (Portland); parents, Wendy and Len; and only sister, Alicia (all of Adelaide, SA). Amanda always had a special interest in children, even putting aside pocket money when she was young to sponsor a girl in Bangladesh. In 1999, she started her teaching career at Brisbane Adventist College.

She attended the 2000 General Conference session in Canada as well as StormCo projects in Canada, the United States and Qld. In 2002, Amanda took leave to work in London and during that time she travelled throughout Europe, Asia, Egypt and Africa, and was involved in several volunteer groups. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

*Will Grobler*

**Murray**, Pastor Robert Peter (Bob), born 16.11.1947 in Romford, Essex, England; died 31.3.12 in Kyogle, NSW, from mesothelioma. On 5.3.1978, he married Lyn Robinson at South Brisbane church, Qld. He is survived by his wife; and his daughters, Rochelle (Kyogle, NSW) and Dr Anneliese, and her husband, Mark Perkins; and granddaughter, Sophie (Adelaide, SA). Bob worked for 12 months in an asbestos environment before studying ministry at Avondale. He served as a pastor in the North NSW Conference from 1985 to 1994. The music presented at his service by Dr Robb Dennis was a spiritual inspiration to all. Bob's

## POSITIONS VACANT

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■ **Principal—Adventist Schools Victoria (Lilydale, Vic)** is seeking a highly qualified and experienced principal for Edinburgh Adventist Primary School in Lilydale. Applicants will need to hold a Master of Education and have experience as a principal or acting principal for a minimum of three years or substantive head of school or deputy principal experience for a total period of five years. Applicants will need to demonstrate: support for the mission and ethos of Adventist education; best practice in learning and teaching strategies, understandings and skills in the area of primary education; successful administrative and leadership experience; ability to foster and develop appropriate relationships with staff, students, parents and the wider church and school communities; ability to develop the vision, mission and strategic goals of the school and align them with the broader strategic directions of Adventist Schools Victoria; and an ability to implement processes to manage physical and financial resources in order to effectively deliver the educational programs of the school. Please email a letter of application and CV to: The Director of Education, Adventist Schools Victoria, <brianmercer@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **August 31, 2012**.

■ **Senior accountant-education—South Queensland Conference (Brisbane, Qld)**. This full-time position will become available commencing August 2012. This senior position will be responsible to the chief financial officer for all day-to-day financial transaction processing and reporting within the Education area of the Conference. Applicants should be practising members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and hold tertiary level qualifications, and hold or be eligible to hold CA/CPA membership. Direct and relevant financial management experience as well as excellent communication and relational skills are essential for this position. Written applications for this position, including a detailed resume and references, should be forwarded confidentially to: Chief Financial Officer, Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited, 19 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane, Qld, 4000. Applications close **August 10, 2012**.

■ **Catering supervisor/cook—Adventist Alpine Village (Jindabyne, NSW)**. This position is responsible for the delivery of high quality, healthy food services at the Adventist Alpine Village. For more information please email <ghowie@adventist.org.au>. Please forward all written applications, including your CV, work-related referees and the contact information of your church pastor, to: General Secretary, Seventh-day Adventist Church (SNSWC) Ltd, PO Box 800, Canberra, ACT 2601, fax to (02) 6247 5059, or email to <ghowie@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **August 28, 2012**.

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faith in his Lord and his peace in the face of death was noticed by many people.

*Eric Greenwell, Bruce Roberts, Paul von Bratt, Horace Evans, Ashley Smith*

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**Avondale Alumni Association annual general meeting:** The Avondale Alumni Association gives notice of its 25th annual general meeting. The meeting will be held in Ladies Chapel on the Lake Macquarie campus of Avondale College of Higher Education (582 Freemans Dr, Cooranbong, NSW) on the Friday of Homecoming, August 24, 2012, at 12pm. The association will hold the meeting in accordance with the constitution. The agenda of the meeting will

include: amending the association's constitution; electing the president and the vice-president of the association for 2012/2013; electing at least five members of the association to serve on the association's committee for 2012/2013; receiving the association's report for 2011/2012; and conducting any other business brought to the meeting. Registration is in Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church on Friday, August 24, 2012, from 9.30am to 12pm.

**Annual general meeting of the Adventist Aviation Association South Queensland** will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 1pm at the Pine Rivers Church hall. Exciting reports presented. Lunch provided. Everyone welcome.

## POSITIONS VACANT CONTINUED

■ **Primary teacher and Head of Secondary—Adventist Schools Victoria (Officer, Vic)** is expanding its operations at Heritage College campus in the suburb of Officer. 2013 will see the opening of an early years program (P-2), along with the expansion of the secondary school (7-12). Applications are invited for the positions of: **1. Primary teacher.** Qualifications—Bachelor of Education (Primary). Applicants will need to demonstrate: support of the ethos of Adventist Education; best practice in learning and teaching strategies, understandings and skills in the area of early years; a sound knowledge of the use of ICT in all learning areas is essential; innovation in an open classroom setting. **2. Head of Secondary.** Qualifications—Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Master of Education is desirable. Applicants will need to demonstrate: support of the ethos of Adventist Education; best practice in learning and teaching strategies, understandings and skills in the area of secondary education; successful administrative and leadership experience; ability to foster and develop appropriate relationships with staff, students, parents and the wider church and school communities. Please email letter of application and CV to: The Director of Education, Adventist Schools Victoria, <brianmerc@adventist.org.au>. Applications close **August 31, 2012.**

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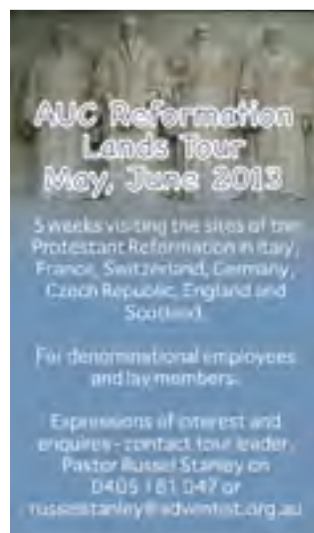
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## VOLUNTEERS

■ **Builders and tradespersons needed for a Fly-n-Build project in Fiji, September 5-18 2012,** to build a church in the town of Marou in response to a RECORD article (November 19, 2011, p 10). We are currently needing trade skilled people in building, carpentry, plumbing and electrical as well as general labourers. For further details contact Anna Downing at Adventist Volunteer Service by emailing <volunteers@adventist.org.au> or phone (02) 9847 3278.



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